



**"O God, let all the
nations praise you!"**

Psalm: 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8



A beautiful couple

"Am I really following Christ or just my own ego?"

Dear Sisters and Brothers In Christ,

We return to the table of the Last Supper this weekend to hear Jesus' farewell speech to his disciples. He has some important things to say (to them and to us). I see two major takeaways. Point one: Jesus wants to know what motivates us to follow him (to come to Church, to serve the poor, etc.). If it is a holy desire to put our love of God into action and be a willing instrument of Jesus' work in the world, then we are on the right track. If not, then what is our motivation? Point two: love is more than just an emotion. Love is a radical commitment to be Jesus to others. This is not always easy. Especially with people who do not show Jesus back to us. As disciples we are called to let the very love of God flow through us. If we fail to do that, we have to ask ourselves, "am I really following Christ or just my own ego?" Excellent food for thought as we prepare for the Ascension and Pentecost.

Peace...

Dcn. Dennis Kelly
Pastoral Coordinator

View all of Deacon Dennis homilies by [clicking here](#)

Sunday Online Mass Schedule

Mass will be hosted LIVE at 10:30 AM online via [Facebook](#) *

* As an alternative to Facebook, you NOW can also attend Mass by joining the Hospitality Zoom meeting [here](#). Join at 10:30 AM for Mass and then enjoy Hospitality immediately following Mass!

Or find the Mass via [YouTube](#)
(Masses posted within 24 hrs.)

The scripture readings for the upcoming Mass can be found [HERE](#)

1st reading: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Psalm 67; 2nd Reading: Rev 21:10-14, 22-23; Gospel: John 14:23-29

Advocates Update

We heard back from Archbishop Etienne this week about our request to extend our closure date to September 1st. The Archbishop has granted our request. This weekend, you will hear from both the St. Joseph workgroup and the Alternative Communities workgroup at Paddy's Place after Mass (to join the presentations online click on the [ZOOM link](#)).



Then on Monday, we will start to decide where we will go once our beloved parish is closed. A survey will be sent by email midday on Monday. You will have until midnight on Friday, May 27th, to complete the survey (it only will take a few minutes to do online). Paper copies will be available from the parish office or by emailing Laura (lauradavidash@aol.com). The time is now to vote on your preference: St. Joseph, Alternative Community, Other Church Community, or None of the Above.

There is much work to be done between now and September 1st. The Advocates will be leading this effort with the assistance of the Pastoral Council, Liturgy Committee, Finance Council and many other groups. Many hands will make for light work as we ready for this sad day.

Laura and her choir are producing a goodbye CD for the community (thanks to a generous donation). Sharie Bowman is creating a book of reflections by our community for community to be distributed to all. We are planning numerous "closing" liturgies in the coming months to allow us all to grieve and attempt to find closure. Our last Sunday Mass will be on Sunday, August 28th.

Next Sunday (Memorial Day weekend), join us for a special goodbye Mass with Maryknoll Fr. Ed Shellito, featuring an opportunity to gather around the altar for the Eucharistic Prayer. Fr. Ed is being transferred by his Society to California. This is an opportunity to say "thank you" to him for his ministry to our community this past year.

Canon Law Workgroup Update

Dear fellow St Patrick Community parishioners,

Reminder – if you have not yet signed a Procurator Mandate Form and feel called to oppose the Archdiocese's decision to merge St Patrick Parish and close our church, **please act now** and raise your voice along with over 100 other parishioners who have already done so:

- Download a copy of the form from our website at:
<https://www.stpatrickseattle.org/news/important-parish-update>
- Sign the form and include two witness signatures (14 years or older)
- Email the form (in Paul Sampson's absence) to john@callofcompassion.org.

Your action now is important because:

- You know we are a vibrant, sustainable parish that carries out the Mission of the Church with commitment, enthusiasm, and compassion.
- We need to demonstrate that we who are directly impacted oppose the injustice of the Archbishop's actions to close our parish without just cause.
- The Council for the Clergy and the Apostolic Signatura who will ultimately decide on the merits of our canon law appeal will take note if a majority of our community members have the courage to speak out.

Check out last week's Friday parish email bulletin for more complete details. Please remember that your signed commitment to an appeal does not conflict with or preclude you from also expressing interest in joining St. Joseph Parish or pursuing an alternative community once St. Patrick's Parish is closed.

Email your signed Mandate Form to John Hale at john@callofcompassion.org, or call him at 206-397-4861 with questions or to arrange for pick up of the original form.

In Christ's Service

The Canon Law Workgroup

Information Required for St. Pat's Parishioner Directory

Parishioners of St. Pat's, we need your help!! To facilitate ongoing communication between parishioners once we are closed we would like to create a Parishioner Directory. To that end, we've launched a page on our website to gather people's current information. Please go to the following link <http://www.stpatrickseattle.org/opt-in-for-directory> and fill out the short Opt-In form to be included in the directory. This will allow us to stay in touch with one another after our parish closure. Thank you for your participation!

Grief Support Group

The Grief Support Group will begin reading Sr. Joan Chittister's book "The Gift of Years: Growing Old Gracefully". We will read and discuss the book one chapter at a time. The first meeting for the book discussion will be Sunday, May 29th at 3:30 PM on Zoom. All are welcome to join us. If you are interested in reading and discussing this book, please email Eileen Murphy at eileenmacmurphy@gmail.com for the Zoom link for the discussion.

Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life (SEEL)

The Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life (SEEL) is a 9 month retreat format of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius that goes from September through May. It is a dynamic program of prayer, monthly communal retreat mornings and individual spiritual direction. SEEL will offer a hybrid retreat in 2022-23 which currently consists of 2 in-person meetings (September and May) and online retreat mornings for the other seven retreat experiences. SEEL is accepting applications **now** for the program starting in late September and offers the retreat at no set fee so that all who are accepted can



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participate. SEEL offers a gentle structure to help you experience God's love and discern God's call in your life. Join us on this transforming pilgrim journey! For more information, please see our website at www.seelpugetsound.org. We will also host an online info session on Tuesday, May 31st at 7 PM - please email info@seelpugetsound.org to get the required Zoom link!

Second Annual Vigil for Social Justice



Join us to commemorate the 2nd anniversary of the murder of George Floyd. There will be time for personal reflection followed by an opportunity to recommit ourselves to working for racial justice. Gather at 6 PM on May 25th at Immaculate Conception Church, 820 18th Avenue, Seattle, 98112. Speakers Jeanette Rodriguez, Ph.D and Michael Ramos, MDiv will facilitate the **"Our Journey - A Vigil for Racial Justice"** We hope to see you there. Sponsored by South Seattle Deanery Racial Solidarity Committee. For more information or questions, contact Deacon Steve Wodzanowski at steve@stjosephparish.org or call 206.322.5970

Prayer Vigil With St. Mary's

St Mary's folks let us know they will be holding a prayer vigil outside the Archdiocesan offices every Wednesday at 3 PM. The address is 710 9th Ave. (Across the street from Skyline Assisted Living). The purpose is to be a visible sign of the people whose parishes the AB has decided to close. St. Pat's parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend. Posters and prayers welcome!

Continuing Engagement Opportunities

We encourage you to attend Sunday hospitality immediately after St. Patrick Mass at 10:30 AM. Hospitality will be hosted by Betsey Beckman and Sandi Tennyson via [ZOOM \(Click HERE for link\)](#) around 11:30 AM.

Dr. David and Ruth Ard host a weekly scripture study group, [Breaking Open The Word](#) on Wednesday afternoons at 4 PM.

Alternatively, join a virtual small Women's group, [Encountering God](#), which gathers online on Thursdays at 11 AM. This is a sixty-minute women's reflection group led by Lisa Dennison and Deanna Tighe.

A new **Games Night** schedule is being developed more information is to come soon.

Saturday Works Party from 9 AM to Noon weekly! Are you available to volunteer? Please email [Mike Wagner](#).

Please email [Deanna Tighe](#) if you have questions about these events or ideas on other ways you would like to engage.

To help with **Sacred Encounters** visit our [Meal Train link](#) or email [Liza Neal](#) to see how you can help.

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