

Tacoma Catholic Parishes of Saint Patrick and Saint Rita of Cascia

December 9, 2018 Second Sunday of Advent



MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m. - St. Patrick

Sunday Masses:

7:30 a.m. - St. Rita

9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. - St. Patrick

Weekday Mass:

Monday, Communion Service - 7:45 a.m. - St. Patrick

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday - 7:45 a.m. - St. Patrick

Thursday - 8:45 a.m. - St. Patrick
(with the school children)

Tuesday - Noon - St. Rita

Saturday - 9:00 a.m. - St. Rita

ADORATION

Monday: 3:00 to 6:45 p.m.
St. Patrick

1st Friday of the month:
7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. - St. Rita

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 9:30 a.m.
St. Rita

Saturday: 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.
St. Patrick



Dear Friends in Christ,

"The word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert...."

The Second Sunday of Advent brings us the figure of Saint John the Baptist, as a voice of one crying out in the desert, preparing the way of the Lord. John is the last and the greatest of the prophets, as he prepares the hearts and minds of the people for the coming encounter with the Lord Jesus the Christ. The call for the people to repent of sin and look forward to the transforming power of Jesus the Messiah was of great importance. With their hearts opened and turned in conversion toward God, the people of the time were able to be open to receive the life, ministry, and teaching of the Lord Jesus. These same people would one day be the first members of the Christian Church after the Lord's resurrection and ascension into heaven.

All of this underscores the importance of being open and prepared ourselves. We prepare for all sorts of things in our lives. We prepare for work and school and family outings and sporting events. But we often don't prepare our spiritual lives for much of anything. The Church gives us this season of Advent to prepare, much like the people of John's day. Before Christmas, we can examine our lives; repent of sin and error; and focus on the ongoing conversion of our lives that is so important to fully receive the gift of Christ at Christmas. I would encourage you to take full advantage of the many opportunities to encounter the Lord in the Sacrament of Reconciliation before the Christmas celebrations. There you will find him waiting with his forgiveness and mercy. It is there where He waits as the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world....and yours as well.

Blessings for the week ahead,

Fr David Mulholland

Calendar

Sunday, December 9: *Second Sunday of Advent*

Mass at 7:30 a.m. - St. Rita

Mass at 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. - St. Patrick

Holy Names Breakfast - After Mass - Social Hall - St. Rita

Choir Practice - 9:15 - 10:45 a.m. - St. Rita

Pregnancy Assistance Weekend - St. Rita

South Sound Choir - 3:00 p.m. - Church - St. Patrick

Youth Group - 5:00 p.m. - Center - St. Patrick

Monday, December 10:

Communion Service at 7:45 a.m. - St. Patrick

Euch. Adoration - 3:00 - 6:45 p.m. - Chapel - St. Patrick

Evening Prayer - 6:45 p.m. - Chapel - St. Patrick

Adult Bible Study - 7:00 p.m. - Center - St. Patrick

Boy Scouts - 7:00 p.m. - Hall - St. Patrick

Foreign Mission - 7:00 p.m. - Center - St. Patrick

Tuesday, December 11:

Mass at 7:45 a.m. - St. Patrick

Mass - Noon - St. Rita

Sodality Potluck - 12:30 p.m. - St. Rita

RCIA - 7:00 p.m. - Center - St. Patrick

Wednesday, December 12:

Mass at 7:45 a.m. - St. Patrick

Office Hours - 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - St. Rita

Mom's Group - 9:15 a.m. - Center - St. Patrick

NO Bible Study - 1:00 p.m. - Rectory - St. Rita

All Councils & Commissions - 6:00 p.m. - Holy Cross

Crafters - 6:30 p.m. - Rectory - St. Rita

Cub Scouts - 6:30 p.m. - Hall - St. Patrick

Choir Practice - 7:00 p.m. - Church - St. Patrick

Thursday, December 13:

Mass with the school children at 8:45 a.m. - St. Patrick

Women's Fireside Bible Study - 6:00 p.m. - Center - St. Patrick

KC Parish Christmas Party - 6:30 p.m. - Hall - St. Patrick

Friday, December 14:

Mass at 7:45 a.m. - St. Patrick

Men's Prayer - 6:45 a.m. - Hall - St. Patrick

Saturday, December 15:

Mass at 9:00 a.m. - St. Rita

Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m. - St. Patrick

Reconciliation - 9:30 a.m. - Church - St. Rita

Reconciliation - 3:30 p.m. - Church - St. Patrick

Sunday, December 16: *Third Sunday of Advent*

Mass at 7:30 a.m. - St. Rita

Mass at 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. - St. Patrick

Choir Practice - 9:15 a.m. - St. Rita

Charity Weekend - St. Rita

Youth Group - 5:00 p.m. - Center - St. Patrick

Confirmation - 5:45 p.m. - Center - St. Patrick

Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 9 -

Mass for the People of the Parish

Monday, December 10 -

Communion Service - St. Patrick

Tuesday, December 11 -

RIP George & Margarite Wolter - St. Patrick

RIP Emily Henderson - St. Rita

Tuesday, December 12 -

RIP Jack Campbell - St. Patrick

Thursday, December 13 -

RIP Nick Beritich - St. Patrick

Friday, December 14 -

RIP Stan Naccarato - St. Patrick

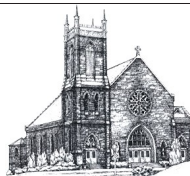
Saturday, December 15 -

RIP Carl Sr. & Frances Benson Family - St. Rita

Mass for the People of the Parish - St. Patrick

Sunday, December 16 -

Mass for the People of the Parish



ST. PATRICK
CATHOLIC CHURCH



ST. RITA OF CASCIA
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Please pray for:

St. Patrick

Joanne Armour
Debbie Christnacht
Joan Christnacht
Dragica Dragovic
Jedd Feliciano
Pearl Fors
Joanne Girolami
John Grant
Geraldine Maniatis
Mark McDonough
Tom McDonough
Juli Norris
Joanie Pavlic
Courtney Rederick
Joe Savage
Dennis Seiler
John Tulare
Raquel Wheeler
Terry Yates
Trevor Yates

St. Rita

Colleen Batinovich
Sr. Mary Buttmer
Teresa Gibbs
Sr. Marilyn Gooley
George Greco
Bruce Harris
Tina & Joe Isakson
Son Lee
Sally Lupino
Chuck Mazza
Sandy Mazzei
Donna Pate
Michael Pfannenstiel
Margaret Pinchak
Daisy Radloff
Jim Riconosciuto
Miriam Sanderson
Joy Viafore
Nelson Williams

Please pray for the repose of the soul of

Terri Jurich

We offer our sympathy, love and prayers to her family and friends in this time of sorrow.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let the perpetual light shine upon them.
May they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.*

Daily Readings

12-9 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Bar 5:1-9/Phil
1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6 (6) Pss II

12-10 Monday, Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26 (181)

12-11 Tuesday, [Saint Damasus I, Pope] Is 40:1-11/Mt
18:12-14 (182)

12-12 Wednesday, Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a,
10ab/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47 (690A), or
readings from the Lectionary for Mass (vol. IV),
the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos.
707-712 Pss Prop

12-13 Thursday, Memorial Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15
(184) 43

12-14 Friday, Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19 (185)

12-15 Saturday, Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13 (186)

12-16 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Zep 3:14-18a/
Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18 (9) Pss III

Prayer Request

Do you need prayers for yourself or someone you love?

It is as simple as asking.

Send us your request and we'll add it to our prayers.

Contact us at:

parish@saintpats.org or 253-383-2783

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Mondays,

3:00 - 6:45 p.m.

in the St. Patrick Chapel.

Please use the J street entrance
at the Parish Center.

1st Friday of the month,

7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

at St. Rita



For your Advent and Christmas planning purposes -

Advent Reconciliation Schedules

Individual Reconciliation Services

After Noon Mass, Tuesday, December 11th at St. Rita of Cascia Church

Communal Reconciliation Services

7:00 p.m., Thursday, December 20th at St. Patrick Church

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

5:00 & 9:00 p.m. at St. Patrick Catholic Church

5:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Catholic Church

Christmas Day

8:30 a.m. at Holy Cross Catholic Church

9:00 a.m. at St. Patrick Catholic Church

10:30 a.m. at St. Rita of Cascia Catholic Church



Lectio Divina for the Second Week of Advent

We begin our prayer:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Grant that your people, we pray, almighty God, may be ever watchful for the coming of your Only Begotten Son, that, as the author of our salvation himself has taught us, we may hasten, alert and with lighted lamps, to meet him when he comes. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

(Collect, Friday of the Second Week of Advent)

Reading (Lectio)

Read the following Scripture two or three times.
Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God.
As it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;
he will prepare your way.
A voice of one crying out in the desert:
“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.”

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. People of the whole Judean countryside and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins.

John was clothed in camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist. He fed on locusts and wild honey. And this is what he proclaimed: “One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Meditation (Meditatio)

After the reading, take some time to reflect in silence on one or more of the following questions:

- What word or words in this passage caught your attention?
- What in this passage comforted you?
- What in this passage challenged you?

If practicing lectio divina as a family or in a group, after the reflection time, invite the participants to share their responses.

Prayer (Oratio)

Read the Scripture passage one more time. Bring to the Lord the praise, petition, or thanksgiving that the Word inspires in you.

Contemplation (Contemplatio)

Read the Scripture passage again, followed by this reflection:

What conversion of mind, heart, and life is the Lord asking of me?

Prepare the way of the Lord. How do I share my faith with others, through word and deed? What can I do this week to help others encounter Christ?

They acknowledged their sins. How often do I seek forgiveness from those I have wronged? How often do I seek God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance? Do I make time each day to acknowledge my sinfulness and ask God's grace to help me do better?

One mightier than I is coming after me. What events or places make me most aware of God's majesty and power? Do I rely on God's grace or expect to do it all on my own?

After a period of silent reflection and/or discussion, all recite the Lord's Prayer and the following:

Closing Prayer:


I will hear what God proclaims; the LORD—for he proclaims peace to his people.
Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him, glory dwelling in our land.
Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss.
Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven.
The LORD himself will give his benefits; our land shall yield its increase.
Justice shall walk before him, and prepare the way of his steps. (Psalm 85:9-14)

Living the Word

This Week How can I make my life a gift for others in charity?
Make plans to receive to the Sacrament of Penance before Christmas.




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JOY TO THE WORLD
HOW CHRIST'S COMING CHANGED EVERYTHING
(AND STILL DOES)
SCOTT HAHN
ladies advent book club
~thursdays~
11.29.18-12.20.18
saint patrick parish center
fireside room 7:00-9:00 pm

ARCHDIOCESE OF SEATTLE

Simbang Gabi
21st Annual
Commissioning Mass



Saturday, December 15th at 11:00 a.m.
St. James Cathedral. Reception to follow.

Social Justice Ministry

WINTER DRIVE
FOR THE HOMELESS
BLANKETS | COATS | SOCKS

Donation bin in the Church Gathering Space



The Sign of Contradiction
The Story of St. Francis of Assisi
Sunday, January 6th
12:20 – 2:00 p.m.
Blue Mouse Theater, 2611 N Proctor St.
Hosted by Saint Patrick Catholic Church & Saint Rita of Cascia

St. Francis is one of the most loved saints in all the world, but do we really know him? Francis was a sinner and a saint who was on a lifelong journey animated by grace. He was a real person with real struggles, temptations, and doubts. He was perhaps, the greatest disciple. When all the world saw him as a fool, he stood as a sign of contradiction.

This film is about presenting a real person, not just some characterization of an animal loving Saint from a distant time. Francis is a person who, like us, searched for purpose and meaning and was often times left empty. It wasn't until he encountered Christ that darkness and confusion were replaced with light and peace.

Our goal is for those who watch the film to be inspired by the life of St. Francis and desire to live for God as he did, as a Sign of Contradiction. Ultimately, this film is about conversion, his and ours!

CCS Giving Tree

Please join the Ushers & Greeters in our partnership with Catholic Community Services as we present our 3rd Annual Giving Tree.

CCS has connected us with children who need our help this Holiday Season.

Each brightly colored-tag on the tree inside the Gathering Space, includes the child's name, age, gender and Christmas wish list.

We're asking interested Parishioners to take a tag, purchase a suitable gift for the child named on the tag and then to return the wrapped gift with the child's name tag to any usher by Sunday, December 16th.

All gifts will be taken to CCS in time to be delivered by Christmas. Please contact Fred Morley at: 253-394-2120 for more details.



Upcoming Retreats at the Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center

DEC 17-19	Silent, Self-Directed Advent Retreat Mass, Adoration & Confession available
JAN 11-13	Engaged Couples' Retreat Fred & Anne Janssen, Steven & Megan Pepin
FEB 1-3	Young Adult Retreat Fr. Kyle Mangloña & Sr. Mary Vianney, MSSR
FEB 15-17	Married Couples' Retreat Fr. John Marie Bingham, OP
FEB 15-17	Shakespeare Retreat Fr. Stephen Rowan, Ph.D.
MAR 22-24	Women's Lenten Retreat Fr. Richard De Lillio, OSFS
APR 12-14	Palm Sunday Retreat Deacon Owen Cummings
APR 15-17	Holy Week Retreat Fr. Caleb Insko, FSSP
MAY 10-12	Women's Retreat Sr. Miriam Heidland, SOLT
MAY 31-JUN 2	Engaged Couples' Retreat Dr. Sarah Bartel & Nathan Bartel
JUN 28-30	12 Step Retreat Dr. Mary Cross & Fr. Jim Harbaugh, SJ



Register today at
PalisadesRetreatCenter.Org



2018 Winter Concert

TODAY, Sunday, December 9th at 3:00 p.m.
St. Patrick Catholic Church

Featuring the works of
Hayden, Mendelssohn, Handel, Rachmaninov, Elgar,
Bach, Faure, Ticheli, Lauridsen, Gjeilo
and several traditional works.



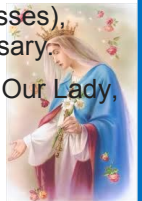
After Masses this weekend,
December 8th and 9th
Parishioner, Isabelle Cooke
will be selling her
knitted and crocheted handiwork...
washcloths, ornaments, potholders.

All donations will benefit Saint Vincent de Paul.

Recitation of the Rosary

During Advent,
Sunday, December 2nd through December 23rd
at 10:20 a.m. (between the Sunday Masses),
we will be having a Recitation of the Rosary.

Join us on the left side of the Church facing Our Lady.
We have rosaries and booklets
for anyone who needs them.



Christmas Casting Call

At the Christmas Vigil Mass on Monday, December 24th at 5:00 p.m., children will present the Gospel story, serve as lectors, carry up the Gifts, and help greet at the door.

We are looking for children ages 5-12 to bring the celebration to life. Children must attend two practices: December 20th & 21st from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

To sign up, email Regina Keller at:
reginamkeller@gmail.com.

We also need parents to assist.
Be rewarded with school volunteer hours, early Mass seating, and priceless Christmas memories.

Join us in this beautiful tradition!



CHRIST IS THE ANSWER

WITH FR. JOHN RICCARDO



Video presentation of Fr. John Riccardo's Talk

Are We Trying to Live a Good Life or Do We Know Jesus?

December 11, 2018 | 7 PM

Holy Cross Catholic Church
5510 North 44th St | Tacoma, WA 98407

If you live within the parish boundaries
of St. Patrick or St. Rita
and would like a ride
please call the Parish Center at 253-383-2783.

Project Rachel

Healing lives touched by abortion

*If the emotional and spiritual wounds
of abortion have been sapping faith,
virtue and joy from your life,
enter a spiritual process for healing
that will change your life.*

Reach out; we can help.

*Come to a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat,
Find healing and peace for your soul.*

Call for information on our next scheduled
Healing Retreat Weekend.
1-800-822-HOPE

Peace starts here

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
TACOMA COUNCIL 809



Annual Parish CHRISTMAS PARTY

13 DECEMBER 2018 @ 6PM

SAINT PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH
NORTH 12TH & J STREET | TACOMA, WA

Our evening will begin with the reciting a decade
of the Rosary followed by dinner & holiday cheer.

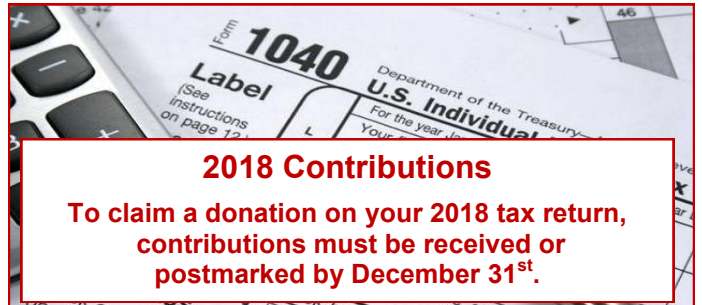
Turkey and ham entree will be served.
Round out the menu by bring a dish to share.
Last names beginning with
A-G salad | H-P dessert | Q-Z side dish.

A guest from the North may stop by with toys for
all the children.

RSVP INFO@KOFCC.ORG



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2018 Contributions

To claim a donation on your 2018 tax return,
contributions must be received or
postmarked by December 31st.

Unsolicited Emails

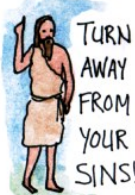
It was recently brought to our attention that some parishioners received emails that appear to be from Father David telling them about people needing financial assistance.

These are scam emails. Here are some tips to help you know whether such emails are legitimate.

1. As a rule, to always check the sender's email address and subject line and be cautious, careful and suspicious.
2. Never click on any attachment from people you are not familiar with.
3. Father David will not initiate an email to anyone except to respond to emails sent to him.
4. Father David will not ask for gift cards or iTunes or other forms of cards that can be monetized.
5. Father David will not randomly ask for financial help via email.

Please don't hesitate to contact the parish office if you receive anything suspicious.

We Joyfully Wait for Jesus



TURN
AWAY
FROM
YOUR
SINS!

Advent is a time of joy, when we happily look forward to the coming of Jesus. Today's Gospel reading tells about how Saint John the Baptist went around telling everyone to repent and prepare for the coming of the Messiah.

An Advent wreath is a symbol of the coming of Jesus, our Light, into the world. It has three purple candles and one pink candle. One candle is lit on the first week of Advent, and one more is added every week until Christmas. Every week it gets a bit brighter because we are getting closer to Jesus' coming at Christmas.

The purple candles stand for repentance- being sorry and making up for our sins. The pink candle represents joy. It is lit on the third week of Advent because we rejoice that the waiting is half over.



Answers to John the Baptist Word Puzzle: straight, rough, God, A PROPHET, crying, prepare, paths, filled, mountain.

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The Kids' Bulletin

Second Sunday of Advent
December 9th, 2018

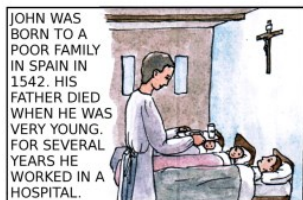


In Advent we hear about Saint John the Baptist, Jesus' cousin, who prepared the way for Jesus' coming. He preached to the people, telling them to repent, and baptized them.

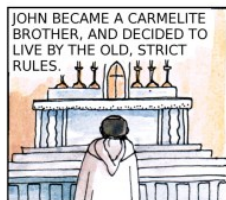
When Jesus came Saint John told the people to follow Jesus because He was the Messiah.

Can you find your way from Saint John to Jesus?

Saint John of the Cross December 14



JOHN WAS BORN TO A POOR FAMILY IN SPAIN IN 1542. HIS FATHER DIED WHEN HE WAS VERY YOUNG. FOR SEVERAL YEARS HE WORKED IN A HOSPITAL.

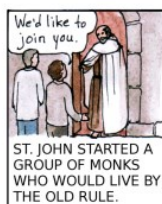


JOHN BECAME A CARMELITE BROTHER, AND DECIDED TO LIVE BY THE OLD, STRICT RULES.



HE MET ST. TERESA OF AVILA, WHO WAS A CARMELITE NUN.

Here's what you can do...

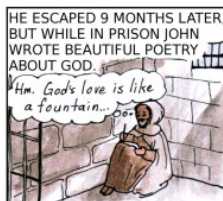


We'd like to join you.

ST. JOHN STARTED A GROUP OF MONKS WHO WOULD LIVE BY THE OLD RULE.



BUT SOME OF THE CARMELITES DISAGREED WITH HIM AND PUT HIM IN PRISON!



HE ESCAPED 9 MONTHS LATER, BUT WHILE IN PRISON JOHN WROTE BEAUTIFUL POETRY ABOUT GOD.

Hm. God's love is like a fountain...



BY THIS TIME, JOHN WAS QUITE SICKLY. HE WAS TREATED BADLY AT FIRST, BUT BY THE TIME HE DIED EVEN HIS ENEMIES REALIZED HIS HOLINESS.

TODAY SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS IS BEST KNOWN FOR HIS WRITINGS. HE TAUGHT THAT WE WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO BE PERFECTLY HAPPY HERE ON EARTH BECAUSE WE ARE MADE FOR GOD IN HEAVEN. NEXT TIME YOU FEEL UNHAPPY, REMEMBER THAT PERFECT HAPPINESS IS WAITING FOR YOU IN HEAVEN!

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Saint John the Baptist Word Puzzle

Here is a prophesy about Saint John the Baptist. Use the words from the list below to fill in the blanks. The letters that are in circles fit into the matching spots at the bottom.

A voice of one ³ out in the desert:
" ⁵ the way of the Lord,
make straight his ² .
Every valley shall be ⁷ and every ⁸ and hill shall be made low.
The winding roads shall be made ¹ , and the ⁶ ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of ⁴ ."

GOD MOUNTAIN
PATHS STRAIGHT
ROUGH PREPARE
FILLED CRYING

What was St. John the Baptist?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8



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Anointing of the Sick	3 rd Tuesday of the month
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**Our mission is to embrace
all who join us,
to nourish ourselves with
the Word,
the Eucharist,
and the Community
in alliance with the Jesuit charism,
and to go forth to proclaim and witness
to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.**

*"Peace is not the absence of trouble,
but the presence of Christ."*

Sheila Walsh

COMMUNITY LIFE

**As Christians we are called to help
the least of our brethren.**

Please consider contributing warm clothing for our brothers and sisters who are struggling with staying warm in these cold winter months.

We will donate them to Nativity House and the I.C.E. Detention Center.

There is a box in the church vestibule where we are collecting jackets, hats, scarves, gloves, sweaters and warm socks until December 16th.

Thank you for your caring and generosity.



ONLINE GIVING

**If you haven't tried Online Giving....
Maybe the time is NOW?!**

To set up an online giving account, visit:

<https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/1149>
and follow instructions to create an online profile.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Immigrants and Refugees

Many of the people trying to enter the U.S. today are fleeing abject poverty, violence, persecution or a combination of reasons.

They are looking for a better, safer life for their families.

Approximately 2018 years ago another family fled Bethlehem, fearing for the life of their child.

What would our world be like today if the Egyptians had put up a wall, not allowing the Holy Family to enter Egypt?

Many of us are first or second generation Americans, our forefathers came here looking for a better life for themselves and their families.

How is that any different from those trying to enter today?

The plaque on the Statue of Liberty in part says

"Give me your tired, your poor.

Your huddled masses

yearning to breathe free.

The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.

Send these, the homeless,

tempest-tossed to me.

I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

(New Colossus by Emma Lazarus)

As Catholics and Christians we need to ask ourselves

"What would Jesus do?"

and act accordingly.

Parish Stewardship 2018 / 2019

Last week's collection - \$2,414.

Year to date - \$58,271

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GIVE THE GIFT OF MASS

Several of our seniors are unable to drive and therefore can't attend Mass.

Would you be willing to provide a ride to Mass for one of our fellow parishioners?

Let us know!

**Give a ride or need a ride?
253-627-4851**



*Santa
visits
St. Rita's*



Do we have your updated information?

New Directory

We are updating our directory and need your help. Wendi Pfannenstiel will be calling everyone to verify their information, or you can email the office at:

office@stritastacoma.org

and in the subject line put new directory.

We would like to have the new directory out the first of the year, please respond as soon as possible.

Thermostat: The thermostat in the church has been programed for the heating season, please do not change it as you could delete the program and cause the system to not provide heat when it is needed. Thank you.

Devotional Candles: To cover the cost of the candle the suggested price is \$5 for the large candles and \$1 for the smaller candles.

Poinsettias

**It's the last week to get your order in
for poinsettias,
either for your home
or to decorate our Altar.
Forms are in the bulletin
and on the back table.**



TRIVA

Under my reign as emperor of the Roman Empire, from 284 - 305 A.D., bishops, priests and deacons were jailed and tortured, Christians massacred, and churches destroyed.

I appointed Maximian as my Augustus, or co-emperor in 286 A.D. Who am I?

A.) King Herod, B.) Pontius Pilot, C.) Nero, D.) Augustus Caesar E.) Diocletian

Answer to last week's question:

The legend of Santa Clause is based on a neared Catholic Bishop from what modern-day country?

A.) Turkey. St. Nicholas was the bearded bishop of Myra in Asia Minor (now Turkey) in the 4th century. He was known for giving gifts and working miracles.

Church of St. Rita of Cascia - Like our Facebook Page!

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ADVERTISER OF THE MONTH:

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ABUSE AWARENESS

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HE IS THE MODEL OF ITS FACULTY AND THE INSPIRATION OF ITS STUDENTS



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WHILE PURSUING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND MODELING HONESTY,
RESPECT, AND SERVICE AS DYNAMIC MEMBERS OF OUR WORLD COMMUNITY.



Join us for
Mass
with the
school Children.
*Thursday
mornings
at 8:45 a.m.
in the Church.*

SCRIP
will be available at
Sunday Social Hour
after the
9:00 a.m. Mass
every Sunday
until Christmas.

when shopping for
Gifts | Groceries | Gift Cards
shop Scrip first!



St. Patrick School
Christmas Program
December 19, 2018
6:30 p.m.
St. Patrick Church



CONGRATULATIONS

to our
7th & 8th grade Lego Robotics team,
Lucky Charms!

They won the Teamwork Award
at last weekend's competition in Auburn
and are headed to the state semi-finals
after Christmas!

**"An education in
the fullness of
humanity should
be the defining
feature of Catholic
schools."**

-Pope Francis

Come and see our servant
leaders of tomorrow in
action today!

Welcome Wednesday
December 12th
Email: school@saintpats.org
to schedule a tour.

REACH Auction



You're Invited!

Saturday, the Sixteenth of March
Two Thousand Nineteen

SAINT PATRICK CATHOLIC SCHOOL
Skip Butler Gymnasium
1112 North G Street
Tacoma, WA

REACH@SAINTPATS.ORG



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ST. PATRICK

Saint Patrick Parish invites all to a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through Eucharist, Prayer and Education, to become Disciples for a World Church.
Revised Mission Statement established March 2017

Welcome Visitors

*Let the Church always be a place of mercy and hope,
where everyone is welcomed...* Pope Francis

Whether you came from across the country or a neighboring parish, with joyful hearts we welcome you and thank you for visiting St. Patrick Catholic Church.

Our parish is a community of believers and a spiritual family that is supportive and loving.

It can be a place to grow spiritually, put your faith in action and to use your gifts of time and talent as disciples of Christ.

For more information about our parish, to register or to ask a question - visit our Welcome Desk in the Gathering Space before and after Mass.

You can also visit our website at: www.saintpats.org or call us at: 253-383-2783

Men's Prayer Group

*Join us Friday mornings,
6:45-7:30 a.m. in the Church Hall*

This Prayer Group is for men of all ages who want to deepen their relationship with God within the context of family life, work and our faith community.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

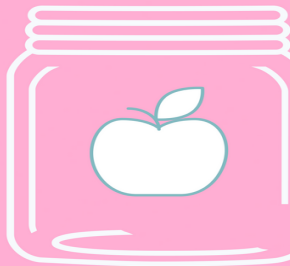
Mondays - 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
St. Patrick Parish Center



December
Food Drive
Baby Food



SAINT PATRICK
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Let's journey together this Advent
text **APP** to **88202**
to download our parish app

Mom's Group

The Mom's Group at Saint Patrick Church is where Catholic mothers can come together and support each other in the aspects of life we have in common - our faith and motherhood.

Moms (and caregivers) of all ages and stages of life are welcome. Join us!
Catholic or Catholic curious? Practicing or not.

**Our play group meets Wednesdays,
9:15 - 10:45 a.m.**

in the St. Patrick Parish Center Youth Room.

**Check our facebook page -
Catholic Moms Group for details.**

Bring your kids, and a cup of coffee or tea!

Our Knights of Columbus Council is actively recruiting new members.
If you are a Catholic man 18 years or older please consider a vocation serving others as Jesus did.

Those interested please email,
Mike Prichard at: mprich56@gmail.com or
Joe Devlin at: Joe.Devlin@kofc809.org



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.



STEPHEN
MINISTRY

Stephen Ministry

*Going through a tough time -
emotionally or spiritually?
Struggling with a crisis or just feeling down?*

Consider letting a Stephen Minister help.

A Stephen Minister is a member of our parish who is trained to listen, care, encourage, pray and walk along side you during difficult times. It's confidential and free.

Contact Stephen Ministry at: 274 - 4110 or
stephenministry@saintpats.org

You'll receive a response within 48 hours.

Please call 911 if it is an emergency.

God reveals Himself to us
through His Word.



And we don't want you to miss a single
one. If you have trouble hearing the
Mass, we have hearing aids available
for you to use.

Ask an usher or greeter for a device.
They will gladly help you!

Liturgy Line - Why No Gluten Free Hosts?

The Vatican has stated that hosts that are completely free of gluten are invalid matter for the celebration of the Eucharist. Hosts valid for consecration must be made with some degree of wheat.

St. Patrick Catholic Church does offer low gluten hosts. Anyone desiring to receive such should approach the celebrating priests down the center of the aisle and verbally request the host.

Acknowledging that even the lowest amount of gluten can be harmful to someone with Celiac Disease, it is important to remember that receiving the Precious Blood from the cup alone is still a complete and valid reception of Eucharist and includes the recipient in full communion with the rest of the congregation.

"As Long As It Takes"

We often get asked "how long do we keep people's names in the Prayers of the Faithful at Mass?"

The short answer is "It Depends." A more accurate answer is: **"As long as it takes."**

In this earthly life, we really won't know for certain the efficacy of Intercessory Prayer.

Nevertheless, as a faith community we often find ourselves on both the offering and receiving end of such prayers.

Who's to say whether our prayers at Mass keep those who are ill with us for an additional time;

or whether knowing we are praying for them inspire and strengthen them to battle their illness;

or whether the prayers provide comfort to their family; or whether the value of the prayers lies with the "pray-ers" who experience the simple comfort and joy of being able to pray for the well-being of someone else.

So keep praying for one another . . . for **"as long as it takes"** to achieve whatever purpose it may serve.

Send us your prayers through our parish prayer line, or scribble it on a piece of paper in our prayer box on the way into Mass, or light a candle near the Mary Altar.

Pray without ceasing. . .