

# Tacoma Catholic Parishes of Saint Patrick Holy Cross & Saint Rita of Cascia



First Sunday of Advent - December 1, 2019

## Saint Patrick Parish

1001 North J Street, Tacoma, WA 98403 | 253-383-2783 | [www.saintpats.org](http://www.saintpats.org)

Sunday Masses  
Saturday Vigil 5pm  
Sunday 9am, 11am, 7pm

Daily Masses  
Monday Communion Service 8:00am  
Tuesday - Friday 8:00am  
School Mass, Thursday 9:00am

Reconciliation  
Saturday 3:30pm

## Holy Cross Parish

5510 North 44<sup>TH</sup> Street, Tacoma, WA 98407 | 253-759-3368 | [www.holycross-tacoma.org](http://www.holycross-tacoma.org)

Sunday Masses  
Saturday Vigil 5:30pm  
Sunday 10am

Daily Masses  
Monday, Thursday, Friday 9am  
Wednesday 5:30pm

Reconciliation  
Saturday 4pm

## Saint Rita of Cascia Parish

1403 South Ainsworth, Tacoma, WA 98405 | 253-627-4851 | [www.stritastacoma.org](http://www.stritastacoma.org)

Sunday Mass  
7:30am

Daily Masses  
Tuesday 12Noon, Saturday 9am

Reconciliation  
Saturday 9:30am



# PASTOR'S LETTER

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1<sup>TH</sup>



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank the Lord for the season of Advent! The days ahead leading to Christmas, with its celebrations with family and friends, can be a busy and stressful time. But the Church gives us a few weeks of silence, peace, and reflection on the real reason for the season: the coming of the Lord Jesus, in the flesh.

On this first Sunday of Advent we light the first candle on the Advent wreath. The first candle is called the prophetic candle and the virtue we contemplate is hope. The words of the Prophet Isaiah in our first reading are meant to give the people of Israel hope in the coming of the Savior. "For from Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between nations...." This instruction, this word, of course, is the Lord Jesus. Next Sunday, the Church gives us another prophet, that of Saint John the Baptist, to show us how Jesus is the fulfillment of the hopeful words of the ancient prophets.

Friends, the daily and Sunday Mass readings in Advent give us the hopeful words of the prophets to contemplate as we prepare for Christmas. I would encourage you to make time to come to daily Mass during Advent and celebrate these great events of our faith. And get out your missals and your bibles to dive more deeply into the words of scripture that tell us of the coming of the Christ. The Book of Isaiah would be a great start. May these Advent days bring you peace and comfort; may they lead you to the joy of the coming of Christ!

Blessings,

*Fr. David Mulholland*

**CALENDAR**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1:  
FIRST 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  
 St. Vincent de Paul Collection  
 Mass at 10:00 a.m. - Holy Cross  
 Net Retreat - 9:00 a.m. - Parish center - St. Patrick  
 RCIA Class - 10:30 a.m. - Center - St. Patrick  
 Nativity House - Noon - St. Rita

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 2:**

Communion Service at 8:00 a.m. - St. Patrick  
 Mass at 9:00 a.m. - Holy Cross  
 Eucharistic Adoration - 3:00 - 6:45 p.m. - 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

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3:**

Mass at 8:00 a.m. - St. Patrick  
 Mass at Noon - St. Rita  
 Sodality Meeting, Christmas Potluck - 12:30 p.m. - St. Rita  
 Outreach/Food Bank - 8:00 a.m. - RE Building - Holy Cross  
 Rummage Volunteers - 10:00 a.m. - Rum. Hall - Holy Cross  
 Stephen Ministry - 4:00 p.m. - Center - St. Patrick  
 Stephen Ministry - 6:00 p.m. - Center - St. Patrick  
 KC Business Mtg. - 7:00 p.m. - Hall - St. Patrick

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4:**

Mass at 8:00 a.m. - St. Patrick  
 Bible Study - Noon - Rectory - St. Rita  
 Choir Practice - 7:00 p.m. - St. Patrick  
 Mother of Perpetual Help Novena - 7:30 p.m. - Holy Cross

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5:**

Mass at 9:00 a.m. - St. Patrick  
 Mass at 9:00 a.m. - Holy Cross  
 Inclusion Ministry - 2:00 p.m. - Center - St. Patrick

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6:**

Mass at 9:00 a.m. - Holy Cross  
 First Friday Mass and Luncheon - 11:00 a.m. - St. Patrick  
 Men's Prayer - 6:45 a.m. - Hall - St. Patrick  
 Office Hours - 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Rectory - St. Rita

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7:**

Mass at 9:00 a.m. - St. Rita  
 Catholic Daughters Luncheon - Noon - Hall - St. Patrick  
 Reconciliation - 9:30 a.m. - St. Rita  
 Reconciliation - 3:30 p.m. - St. Patrick  
 Reconciliation - 4:00 p.m. - Holy Cross  
 Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m. - St. Patrick  
 Vigil Mass at 5:30 p.m. - Holy Cross

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 :  
2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Mass at 7:30 a.m. - St. Rita  
 Holy Names Breakfast & Meeting  
 Pregnancy Assistance Weekend  
 Mass at 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m. - St. Patrick  
 St. Nicholas Celebration  
 Mass at 10:00 a.m. - Holy Cross  
 RCIA Class - 10:30 a.m. - Center - St. Patrick  
 Youth Ministry - 5:00 p.m. - Center - St. Patrick



**MASS INTENTIONS**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1 Mass for the People of the Parishes

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

Mass at Holy Cross | Repose of the soul of Raymond Gores

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

Mass at St. Patrick | Repose of the soul of Derek Birnie

Mass at St. Rita | Repose of the soul of Don Ames

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

Mass at St. Patrick | Intentions of Bridget & Gerry Ellison

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

Mass at Holy Cross | Repose of the soul Donna Meyer

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

Mass at St. Patrick | Repose of the soul of Helen Wingren

Mass at Holy Cross | Repose of the souls of David & Laura Hebert

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

Mass at St. Rita | Repose of the soul of Frauna Hoaglund

**PRAY FOR THE RESPOSE OF THE SOUL OF**

*Fr. John Rengli*

We offer our sympathy, love and prayers  
 to his 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.*

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER, OUR SICK:**

ST. PATRICK	HOLY CROSS	ST. RITA
Albert Bacon	Bill Adams	Dave Adler
Joan Bruce	Eileen Beckowitz	Colleen Battinovich
Don Bucsko	Helen Berg	Robin Coralluzzo
Christopher Burton	Jean Bock	Sr. Mary Buttimer
Helen Downey	Norm Christenson	Donna Eyres
Aloysious Ford	Rosemarie Ernst	Teresa Gibbs
Joanne Girolami	Judy Gaffney	Sr. Marilyn Goooley
Joe Juran	Joe Gilligan	George Greco
Bianca Mally	Jim Helbling	Judy Hussy
Geraldine Maniatis	Marjorie Hermesen	Tina Isakson
Sr. Philomena	Kerrie Kennedy	Son Lee
McCarthy, OP	Mary Kingston	Sally Luppino
Beth O'Keefe	Betty Knoll	Mike Mauss
Rick Ranch	Joan Kowalski	Chuck Mazza
Dennis Seiler	Carolyn Kurriger	Donna Pate
John Sturrock	Dick Lucich	Michael Pfannenstiel
John Tulare	Janet McIntyre	Daisy Radloff
Trevor Yates	Kathie Mikita	Jim Riconosciuto
	Dave Peterson	Miriam Sanderson
	Sheryl Robbins	Dori Schoebien
	Ann Roberts	Joy Viafore
	Jeffrey Schmiadt	
	Maureen Stebner	
	Nick Tucci	
	Donna Tveit	
	Ned Vukovich	



# THREE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL, STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE COUNCIL & PARISH LIFE COMMITTEES

Dear Friends in Christ,

Over the summer and into the fall, we have finalized membership of our new Pastoral Council, new Stewardship & Finance Council, and our three new Parish Life Committees.

Both the Pastoral Council and the Stewardship & Finance Council are made of parishioners of all three of our parish communities. Their names and their parish membership are listed below. Please note, however, that they do not necessarily “represent” any one parish on these councils. The new Pastoral Council is charged with charting the mission, vision, and planning of the Catholic Church here in our part of Tacoma. The work of the Pastoral Council is aimed at how all three of our parishes can uniquely share in the larger mission of the Church in our area. The same is true with our new Stewardship & Finance Council. While tracking the individual finances of all three parishes, they too are looking at cultivating a greater understanding and practice of stewardship among all three of our parishes. The goal is to bring greater unity, in the Catholic sense, among our community as a whole, while also recognizing the uniqueness of our three parishes.

### **Pastoral Council**

#### **Holy Cross – Saint Patrick – Saint Rita**

Kathey Bethke	Saint Patrick School
Cappri Boitano	Saint Patrick
Winona Delaney	Holy Cross
Lenn Doran	Holy Cross
Marla Grassi	Saint Rita
Phil Jesse	Saint Patrick
Amanda Lane	Young Adults/Youth
Jim Lockemy	Saint Rita
Greg Unruh	Saint Patrick

### **Stewardship & Finance Council**

#### **Holy Cross – Saint Patrick – Saint Rita**

Todd Bloom	Saint Patrick
Stephanie Cisakowski	Saint Patrick
Floyd Cummings	Holy Cross
Chris Kradjan	Saint Patrick
George Lane	Saint Patrick
Brian Marlow	Saint Patrick
Debbie Orlando	Saint Rita
John Ruffo	Holy Cross
Gordon Spry	Saint Rita
Todd Ward	Saint Patrick
Steve Vervalin	Saint Patrick

### **Parish Life Committees**

Each of our three parishes has established a Parish Life Committee, whose members have given of their time and talent to foster greater participation in the life of their particular parish. The specific purpose of each Parish Life Committee is to:

- Implement the mission of the Church and the initiatives of the Pastor and the Pastoral Council at the parish level;
- Promote a welcoming and hospitable parish environment;
- Work to bring about and foster a greater sense of community in the parish;
- Evaluate all parish activities and events to ensure that they promote the mission and vision of the parish and the evangelization efforts of the Church;
- Develop and implement new parish events that promote the mission and evangelization of the Church, unique to the parish community;
- Call forward and invite parishioners to a greater participation in the life of the parish;
- Pray for the parish community.

#### **Parish Life Committee – Holy Cross**

Staff: Georgina Rawlings  
Members:  
Paula Albertson  
Nanci Cornell  
Poasa Faaita  
Ron Harpel  
Carol Ringrose  
Janice Stauffer

#### **Parish Life Committee – Saint Patrick**

Staff: Mary Levenson  
Members:  
Mary Condeluci  
Ginny Douglas  
Sheila Jensen  
Mark Jensen  
Kim Mackey  
Rosalie McKinney  
Andrew Njonge  
Dan Skeldon

#### **Parish Life Committee – Saint Rita**

Staff: Pam Smith  
Members:  
Dan/Kathy Brands  
Gina Constanza  
Yvonne Galati  
Francie Jordan  
Sister Kathleen  
Sue McReary  
Wendy Pfannenstiel  
Sister Paulina  
David Viafore

Please join me in thanking all of these parishioners for their generous gift of time and talent in serving on our new councils and committees. Each of them is excited to bring new life to our individual parishes as well as our joint efforts as one Catholic community made up of three parishes. All of this is new; all of it is a challenge. But if we are open to the work of the Holy Spirit, we will be formed as good disciples of the Lord Jesus and our Father will use all of us as His instruments of evangelization here in central and north Tacoma.

Blessings,

*Fr. David Mulholland*

Fr. David Mulholland  
Pastor

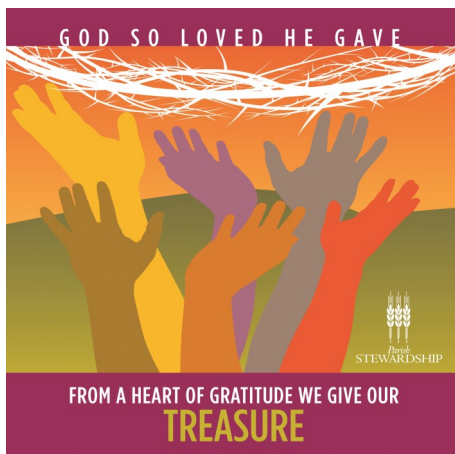
# OUR COMMUNITY

## BULLETIN LIST OF THE SICK & NAMES FOR THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

If you would like to have the name of a loved one placed on the sick list in the bulletin and mentioned in the Prayers of the Faithful, please contact St. Patrick Parish Center at: 253-383-2783.

After three weeks, please contact the office to have the name continued.

When prayers are no longer needed, please notify the office to have the name removed from the list.



Thank you to our many parishioners for being good Stewards of their Treasure by pledging a portion of the gifts they have received to support the Mission of our Parish.

If you haven't made your pledge yet, there is still time! Please return your Stewardship Commitment Card to the parish today.

## NEXT CHAPTER

Dedicated to empowering pregnant women and single mothers to move out of poverty into lives of stability, permanent housing, and self-sufficiency by providing a group living community and life-changing resources.

Next Chapter houses mothers and children at the former St. Ann's Convent. For more information visit [www.nextchapterwa.org](http://www.nextchapterwa.org)



## SACRED STEPS



Fr. John Renggli went home to the Lord peacefully on Sunday, November 17, 2019 at Tacoma Lutheran Home. He was born in Tacoma and ordained in 1968.

His first assignment was as an assistant at St. Anne Parish in Seattle. He was the Missions Office director in the 1970s, and pastor of some of our largest parishes in the Archdiocese during his 51 years of priestly ministry!

We thank God for Fr. Renggli's incredible contribution to the Archdiocese of Seattle.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let Your perpetual light shine upon him.

May his soul, and all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace.

Both the Vigil and the Mass will be at: Holy Cross Church 5510 N. 44th St. Tacoma, WA 98407-3716

The Vigil Service will be on Tuesday, December 3 at 6:30 p.m. with Fr. Jack Shrum presiding.

The Funeral Mass will be on Wednesday, December 4 at 10:00 a.m. with Archbishop Etienne presiding and Fr. Frank Schuster preaching.

A reception will follow in the Parish Hall and the Committal shortly after at Calvary Cemetery in Seattle.



## HELP US STAY IN TOUCH WITH YOUR LOVED ONES

If you or a loved one are temporarily or permanently moving to a care facility, please contact the office to let us know.

Our Pastoral Care team would be happy to arrange someone to make a visit and even to bring Holy Communion.

Contact Laura at: 253-383-2783 ext. 4109 with the person's name and contact info.

## YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY IS IMPORTANT TO US

Please remember that during Mass our Church remain unlocked. Please DO NOT send young children to restrooms alone. As in any public place, young children should be accompanied at all times.

## HOMILIES ON DEMAND

Homebound parishioners, "long distance" parishioners or you just want to hear a homily again.

For access to our homilies check our website at: [www.saintpats.org](http://www.saintpats.org)

## HEARING AID DEVICES

If you're having trouble hearing at Mass, please consider using our hearing aids.

Check with an usher when you come to Mass and they will assist you in using it.



## CALLED TO SERVE *as* CHRIST

*"...Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father"*

(Matthew 5:16)

Giving of our time, talent and treasure mainly involves a change of attitude about giving. It's important to think in terms of giving in gratitude to God, of considering how blessed we are, of using our gifts and talents for the good of others.

Continue to say the campaign prayer for St. Patrick, Holy Cross and St. Rita success and for our hard-working campaign volunteers who are giving of their time and hearts.

More information is available at: [www.calledtoserveaschrist.org](http://www.calledtoserveaschrist.org)

## CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Catholic Daughters of the Americas  
Christmas Luncheon  
Saturday, December 7<sup>TH</sup> at Noon.  
in St. Patrick Church Hall.

Ticket are \$15

Proceeds will benefit our scholarship fund for a girl attending a Tacoma Area Catholic School.

A selection of salads for lunch, raffle items, entertainment and door prizes will make a festive day.

Sponsored by Catholic Daughters of the Americas # 977

## THINKING OF SEPARATION OR DIVORCE?

Wait! There is an alternative. Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has brought healing to tens of thousands of troubled marriages worldwide. Your situation may seem hopeless, but there is always hope, and you are not alone in your struggle. For confidential information about Retrouvaille, or to register for an upcoming program.

Call (206) 706-2608



Monday, December 16<sup>TH</sup> at 7:00 p.m.  
St. Charles Borromeo Church

A service offering prayers, scripture, song and remembrance for your loved one this holiday season.

For anyone who is hurting or experiencing loss...

For those who have a heaviness in their hearts...

For those who want to remember their loved one at Christmas in a special way. Refreshments provided following the service in the Parish Center.

## NATIVITY HOUSE

Nativity House is in need of cold weather gear.

This means warm clothes for adult men and women of all sizes.

We will also accept old tents, tarps, sleeping bags, hats, coats and gloves.

Deliver to: Nativity House, 702 S 14th,

## NW FURNITURE BANK

Many agencies work with the homeless, domestic violence victims and low-income population providing temporary housing and recovery programs.

When clients complete the programs they may have new housing and a new focus for their life, however, they often have no furniture.

NW Furniture Bank meets these needs by providing furniture to those transitioning into their own homes.

Furniture is also available for foster children who age-out of the program and for people who lose all of their possessions in disasters.

NW Furniture Bank relies on furniture donations from the community to help furnish the homes of families and individuals in need.

We can only accept new or gently-used items.

The NW Furniture Bank accepts donations Wednesday - Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Remember all donations must be free of rips, cuts and stains.

NW Furniture Bank  
117 Puyallup Ave, Tacoma, WA 98421

9TH ANNUAL  
**WALK TO PREVENT HOMELESSNESS**

SAT., SEPT. 28  
WRIGHT PARK, TACOMA

REGISTRATION @ 9AM  
WALK STARTS @ 10AM

Join us for a scenic walk/run benefitting families in need.

- Family-friendly
- Raffle prizes
- Pets welcome
- Food & Fellowship

REGISTER ONLINE: [www.svdptacoma.org](http://www.svdptacoma.org)  
Questions? Contact us at 253-426-1702 or email [tmcbride@svdptacoma.org](mailto:tmcbride@svdptacoma.org)

## SAINT PATRICK CONFERENCE SAINT VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY

Fellow parishioners, your pledge to the St. Vincent dePaul Society WALK this year helped provide an extra \$1704 of financial resources to an additional 28 families with 14 children, including 6 homeless families with 5 children.

Our volunteers provided these families with \$510 for gas; \$500 for food; \$535 for utilities; \$150 for clothing and \$15 for bus passes.

Our mission is to provide aid for all people living within our church boundaries, homeless individuals, some with families.

Your ongoing financial support will help St. Vincent de Paul Society continue to meet some of the needs of our community.

Thank you  
Jerry Anderson, President

THE SOUTH SOUND  
*Classical Choir*

PRESENTS A FREE\*

## 2019 Winter Concert Series

Featuring the works of  
Kirchner, Lauridsen, Bach, Shubert, Pergolesi, Handel, Forrest, Gjeilo,  
and some traditional carols.

**Sheri-Ann Nishiyama,**  
Director

**Friday Dec. 6, 7:30 p.m.**  
Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church  
2306 Milton Way, Milton

**Sunday Dec. 8, 3:00 p.m.**  
St. Matthew Episcopal Church  
6800 Eastside Dr NE, Tacoma

**Friday Dec. 13, 7:30 p.m.**  
Puyallup United Methodist Church  
1919 W. Pioneer Avenue, Puyallup

**Sunday Dec. 15, 3:00 p.m.**  
St. Patrick Catholic Church  
Corner of 12<sup>th</sup> and J, Tacoma



# FAITH FORMATION

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 2: Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11  
Tuesday, December 3: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24  
Wednesday, December 4: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37  
Thursday, December 5: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118: 1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27  
Friday, December 6: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31  
Saturday, December 7: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8  
Sunday, December 8: Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 19 [cf. 7]/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

## MASS CONSUMPTION & THE OFFERTORY

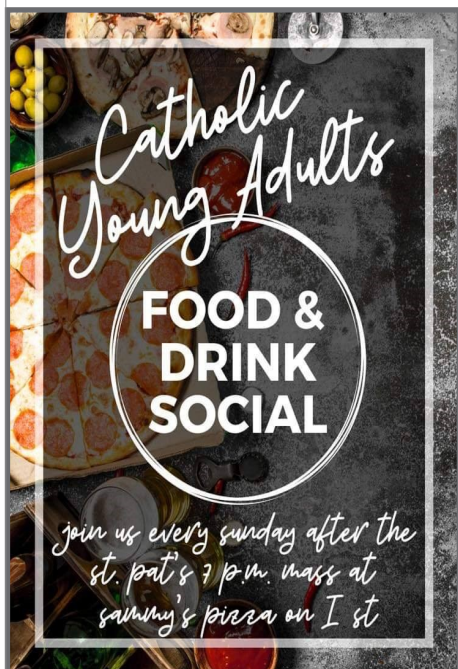
Mass Consumption, a Bible Study and Tacoma Catholic Young Adult Group meets every Monday night 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at Tacoma Mall Panera Bread.

On the last Monday of the month they hold an event called The Offertory.

A sharing style gathering that includes anywhere from music, teachings, and witness for a compelling Catholic experience.

Check out our Facebook page for the time and place.

## CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

"I'm never getting enough rest! How can I possibly be 'asleep'?" In a world of jam-packed schedules and high anxiety levels, physical rest may be hard to come by. Yet relentless pursuit of our to-do lists and social calendars may keep our minds off of the things that really matter. Jesus knows all too well a pattern of busy, harried ignorance. *"In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage ... they did not know until the flood came and carried them all away ... two men will be out in the field ... two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left."* When it comes to the spiritual life, we can be at work or at relaxation and still be spiritually asleep.

Each year, we are called back to remember the essential things. God comes to save His people. He becomes flesh to dwell among us. Supernatural light pierces the world's darkness and our own. Advent wakes us up. *"Stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come."* Every Advent, we prepare to celebrate Christ's first coming at Christmas, and we anticipate his second coming at the end of time.

*"At an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."* There's another hour, too, both known and unknown. It's the present moment. Whether it's a lazy Saturday morning or a major business proposal, whether it's attending a kindergarten play or an elderly relative's bedside, at every moment the Lord wants to enter into our hearts. This Advent, let's pray for the grace to stay alert. Christ is coming soon.

## COMMUNION AND LIBERATION

Communion and Liberation hosts a weekly School of Community at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday evenings, at St. Patrick Parish Center.

CL is a movement in the Church founded by the late Monsignor Luigi Giussani that proposes the relevance of the Incarnation to the deepest needs of the heart in all areas of life.

For more information visit:  
[english.clonline.org](http://english.clonline.org)  
or email:  
[toby.danna@gmail.com](mailto:toby.danna@gmail.com).

## FOR YOUR PLANNING PURPOSES ADVENT & CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

December 9 - Immaculate Conception  
8:00 a.m. - St. Patrick  
9:00 a.m. - Holy Cross

December 24 - Christmas Eve  
5:00 p.m. - St. Patrick  
5:30 p.m. - Holy Cross  
9:00 p.m. - St. Patrick  
Midnight - St. Patrick

December 25 - Christmas Day  
9:00 a.m. - Holy Cross  
10:00 a.m. - St. Patrick  
10:30 a.m. - St. Rita

December 31 - Mary, Mother of God  
6:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass - St. Patrick

January 1 - Mary, Mother of God  
9:00 a.m. - Holy Cross  
9:00 a.m. - St. Patrick

## YOUTH CONFIRMATION

Sacramental Prep for Youth Confirmation classes meet on Sundays, 5:45 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center of Saint Patrick Catholic Church.

Join Youth Group for food, friendship and fun starting at 5 p.m., participate in Youth Confirmation class starting at 5:45 p.m. then stay for Mass at 7:00 p.m. with your friends from Youth Group.

Class dates for the coming year  
12/1 retreat led by NET Ministries, 12/15  
1/12, 1/26, 2/9, 2/23  
3/8 sponsor attendance requested  
3/22, 4/5, 4/19

## CATHECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Christian education process for children 3 to 12 years old.

In the prepared environment, the atrium, the children grow in the knowledge of Jesus and his love.

Today CGS can be found in many liturgical traditions and in all 50 states and 37 countries!

For more information contact  
[kward@saintpats.org](mailto:kward@saintpats.org)  
or 253-383-2783 ext. 4108

# MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Middle School YOUTH GROUP #253  
2019-2020 CALENDAR

## WHO

Middle School Youth Group is for students in grades 6 - 8.

High School Youth Group is for students in grades 9 - 12.

Youth Group serves students from the Tacoma parishes of  
Saint Patrick Catholic Church  
Saint Rita of Cascia Catholic Church  
Holy Cross Catholic Church  
St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church

All are always welcome.

## WHERE

### Saint Patrick Catholic Church

1123 North J Street  
Tacoma, WA 98403

### Parish Center

1001 North J Street  
Tacoma, WA 98403

## STAY CONNECTED

### YOUTH MINISTERS

Moira Cashman  
mcashman@stcharlesb.org

Allison Verhofstadt  
youth@saintpats.org



@saintpatstacoma  
@stpatscoolyouthminister



@stpatschurch

www.saintpats.org

## YOUTH NIGHTS

SUNDAYS | 5 - 7 PM\*

2020

Jan 5 | 12 | 26

Feb 9 | 23

Mar 8 | 15 | 22 | 29

Apr 19 | 26

May 3 | 10 | 17

Jun 14

Dec 8 | 15

\*followed by Mass at 7 PM

## SERVICE

Dec 21 | **Nursing Home Caroling**

Jan | **Pregnancy Resource Drive**

Feb 13 | **Valentine's Dinner @St. Patrick Church**

Mar | date TBD | **Spring Cleaning**

**SUNDAY SOCIAL HOUR** after 9 AM and/or 11 AM Mass

2020 | Jan 12 | Mar 22 | May 17 | Jun 28

## SPECIAL EVENTS

Dec 21 | **Elf Movie & Spaghetti Dinner**

Jan 21 | **March for Life** in Olympia, WA

Feb 1 | **Mass & Adoration**

Feb 26 | **Ash Wednesday Mass & Soup Supper**

Mar 1 | **Snow Excursion**

### HOLY WEEK

**Tenebrae Service** | Apr 8 | 7 PM

**Last Supper Dinner** | Apr 9 | 5 PM

**The Passion Movie** | Apr 10 | 7 PM

Apr 19 | **Sung Divine Mercy Chaplet** | 3 PM

Jun 14 | **Messy Wars**

## OFF-SITE RETREATS

### Middle School Students

May 29 - 31

### High School Students

Jan 24 - 26



# HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS NIGHT

## "She Is..."

BEAUTIFUL. WORTHY. COURAGEOUS. PASSIONATE. STRONG.  
EMPATHETIC. HUMBLE. KIND. BOLD. LOVED.

Join us Monday nights for chips, queso, cookies, discussion, & chapel time with your friends & young adult woman leaders.

Join one of our small groups or start a new one with a group of your friends.

*Open to young women in grades 9-12 regardless of parish or school affiliation.*


**MONDAYS**

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## HIGH SCHOOL GUYS NIGHT

Join us Monday nights for sports, food, discussion, and chapel time with *your* friends and young adult male leaders.

Join one of our small groups or start a new one with a group of *your* friends.

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# HAPPENING AT SAINT PATRICK

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Mondays, 3:00 - 6:45 p.m. in the St. Patrick Parish Center Chapel.

### JOIN US SUNDAY EVENING FOR 7:00 P.M. MASS

Our Sunday Evening Mass is in need of Extraordinary Ministers, ushers, sacristans and lectors. If you are interested, please contact Laura at: 253-383-2783 ext. 4109.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

On the first Sunday of each month, Knight's of Columbus members will be wearing their name badge, vest or polo shirt to bring awareness to the parish of the members of our Council.

If you have questions regarding joining our brotherhood, seek out a member.

### INCLUSION MINISTRY

Widening our welcome.  
Advocating for people with disabilities.

Join us at our next meeting,  
Thursday, December 5<sup>TH</sup>  
at 2:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.

Questions?  
Contact Laura Dougherty at:  
253-274-4109 or  
ldougherty@saintpats.org

### CHILDRENS LITURGY OF THE WORD

If you're interested in supporting this program as a leader one Sunday a month, please contact Laura in the Parish Office.

We provide the training needed to open up the Word with our youngest parishioners.

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

St. Patrick offers two Adult Bible Study groups.

The New Testament Group meets at the Parish Center the 1<sup>ST</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> Monday at 7:00 p.m.

The Old Testament Group meets at the Parish Center the 2<sup>ND</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> Monday at 7:00 p.m.

### ANointING OF THE SICK

Join us Friday, December 6<sup>TH</sup>  
at 11:00 a.m.  
for our First Friday Mass.

Father David will offer the Anointing of the Sick.

The Senior First Friday lunch and fellowship will follow.

Join us for a festive and delicious lunch.

If you are in need of transportation, please call the Parish Center at: 253-383-2782 before Wednesday.

**November 29 - December 16**



## OUR PARISH'S GIVING TREE

Please join the Ushers and Greeters in our partnership with Catholic Community Services as we present our 4<sup>TH</sup> Annual Giving Tree.

CCS has connected us with children who need our help this season. Each brightly colored-tag on the tree in the Gathering Space includes a child's name, age, gender and Christmas list. We are asking interested parishioners to take a tag, purchase a suitable gift from the information on the tag and then return the wrapped gift with the child's name tag to any usher by Monday, December 16<sup>TH</sup>.

All gifts will be taken to CCS in time to be delivered for Christmas. Please contact Fred Morely at: 253-394-212 for more details.

### MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

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

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

### PRAYER LINE 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 line list.

Contact the St. Patrick Parish Center at:  
parish@saintpats.org  
or 253-383-2783  
or submit a prayer request through our website at: www.saintpats.org

### ON LINE GIVING IS EASY!

Please go to our website at:  
www.saintpats.org

Click on the Donate/Online giving button.

### 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 one of our parishes who is trained to listen, care, encourage, pray and walk along side you during difficult times.

It's confidential and free.

Contact us at: 253-274-4110  
or stephenministry@saintpats.org

You'll receive a response within 48 hours.

Please call 911 if it is an emergency.



## SAINT PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

# HAPPENING AT HOLY CROSS

## PERPETUAL ADORATION AT HOLY CROSS

Encounter the Lord outside of Mass in our Adoration Chapel, 24 hours a day!

We currently need commitments for the following hours: To sign up call 253-759-3368

Sunday: 2-3 am / Tuesday: Midnight-1 am, 3-4 am, 4-5 am, / Wednesday: Midnight - 1am, 1 - 2 am, 2-3 am,  
Friday: 2-3 am, 3-4 am, / Saturday: Midnight-1 am, 1-2 am, 2-3 am, 10-11 pm, 11-Midnight

### SIMBANG GABI

You are invited to join the annual Archdiocesan - Parish sponsored Novena of Advent Masses, Simbang Gabi.

The Commissioning Mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. at St. James Cathedral Saturday, December 14<sup>TH</sup>.

Holy Cross will celebrate the second day of the novena on Wednesday, December 11<sup>TH</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.

Join us and experience the spirituality of the season, the anticipation and expectation of the Birth of our Lord and the fellowship with the faith communities from throughout the Pierce Deanery.

### ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

Visitation Catholic Church  
Friday, December 6<sup>TH</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.

Come, join the choirs from Holy Cross, Holy Rosary & Visitation for an evening of lessons & carols as we prepare for the coming of the Christ child.

You will hear Sacred Scripture interwoven between beautiful and familiar carols.

### NATIVITY HOUSE

We prepare and serve dinner to the people at Nativity House on the first Sunday of each month.

We are usually at Nativity House from 3:30 to 6:15 p.m., for food preparation, cooking, serving dinner to approximately 150 guests and assisting the staff with clean up.

If you would like to volunteer, please call Floyd at: 253-208-0810.

### HOLY CROSS SALE

December sale!

Friday 12/6 from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.,  
Saturday 12/7 opens at 10:00 a.m. with the \$5.00 bag Sale from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Both the hall and basement are packed with unique items!

### MARTHA & MARY MOM'S GROUP

We are a Catholic moms group that gathers every 2<sup>ND</sup> and 4<sup>TH</sup> Friday of the month from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

The kids play and snack while we get some much needed social time with moms of the same belief & sanity levels!

Come check us out and see how much fun our little group can be.

Moms/caregivers and kids of all ages and stages of life are welcome.

If you have any questions, text or call Beth Reilly at: 206-304-4330.

### OUTREACH / FOOD BANK

We meet Tuesdays from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. in the Religious Education building.

We also meet Mondays after 9:00 a.m. Mass to take the food from the blue barrels to the food bank store.

If you are interested in helping, please call, Carol Ringrose at: 253-318-3383.

Please donate, hats, shoes, gloves and coats.

### ONLINE GIVING

Please go to our website at: [www.holycross-tacoma.org](http://www.holycross-tacoma.org)

Click on the telephone.  
Create a new account  
and follow instructions.

### LECTOR & EUCHARISTIC MINISTER

2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
December 7<sup>TH</sup>, 5:30 p.m.

Lectors:

Josh Kors & Floyd Cummings  
Eucharistic Ministers:  
Jan Stauffer, Lenn & Nancy Doran  
Choir: Mary Jones

December 8<sup>TH</sup>, 10:00 a.m.

Lectors:

Dianne Manley & Steve Mullen  
Eucharistic Ministers:  
Will Rawlings, Allisha Navarro,  
Jan Smurro Choir: Nanci Cornell

THE IMMACUALTE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
December 9<sup>TH</sup>, 9:00 a.m.

Lectors:

Winona Delaney & Sandy Benson  
Eucharistic Ministers:  
Carol Ringrose, Paula Albertson,  
Jan Stauffer  
Choir: Joan Pirolo

### HOLY CROSS RUMMAGE

Our volunteers meet every Tuesday from 10:00 - 2:00 p.m. in the rummage building behind the Rectory on North 43<sup>RD</sup> street.

If you are interested in helping please drop by and check us out.

### CHARITABLE CRAFTING GROUP

We meet next on Saturday, December 7<sup>TH</sup>, at 10:30 a.m. in the Bride's Room of the parish hall.

You are welcome to bring your works in progress and any completed projects you wish to donate.

Feel free to bring your own beverage.

Questions? Call Winona Delaney at: 253-223-9182



## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

As a Roman Catholic parish in the Archdiocese of Seattle, we exist to offer every person in our community a life changing encounter with Jesus.

Holy Cross encourages all its parishioners to love God, love others, inspire hope and transform lives.



# HAPPENING AT SAINT RITA OF CASCIA

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AT ST. RITA OF CASCIA

1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

### COFFEE HOUR

Can you help out by providing doughnuts on the first or third Sunday? If this is something you are interested in doing please contact the office.

### HELP THE HOMELESS STAY WARM THIS WINTER

We are once again collecting gloves, scarves, sweaters, warm socks and coats for our less fortunate brothers and sisters. There will be a basket in the vestibule for all donations. Thank you for your generosity.

### CALLED TO MINISTRY

Consider becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

At this time we are in need of a Eucharistic Minister and two Ministers of the cup for the 3<sup>RD</sup> Sunday of the month.

Please call Susan at: 253-503-1871

### PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE

Is there something you would like to see us do as a church family as we move into the future?

Contact the chairperson our Parish life committee, Francie Jordan.

### ITALIAN DINNER

A great turn out, delicious food, and a wonderful time was had by all! Thank you to everyone who helped with this special night.



### St. Rita's St. Frances Sodality 9<sup>TH</sup> Annual Christmas Poinsettia Sale



Orders Due by Dec. 8, 2019

6" Foil Wrapped Pot - \$12.00 each  
10": Foil Wrapped Pot- \$26.00 each

Red, or White  
Pick-up after Masses  
All proceeds benefit our charitable works

\*You may purchase a plant for yourself or for the church in memory of a loved one for St. Rita and Holy Cross.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Red 6" \_\_\_\_\_ 10" \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total

White 6" \_\_\_\_\_ 10" \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total

Pickup Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Saturday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>  
\_\_\_\_\_ Sunday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>

Amt. Pd. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

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St. Rita Catholic Church, memo: Sodality

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## ST. RITA OF CASCIA

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# SAINT PATRICK SCHOOL

Be it known to all who enter here that Christ is the reason for this school.  
*He is the unseen but ever-present teacher in the classroom*  
 He is the model of its faculty and the inspiration of its students.

- Religious
- Integrity
- Service-oriented
- Educated
- Attitude that is positive
- Study to learn deeply
- Openness
- Nurture a personal faith in Jesus
- Encourage others to be their best

*Through these things, we*

## RISE AS ONE



### SCRIP FOR SALE

Sunday,  
 December 1, 8 & 15  
 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.  
 Church Hall

Come shop the box and fill your holiday stockings while supporting St. Patrick School!



WELCOME TO  
**SCRIP**  
 BUY YOUR SCRIP TODAY AND START TO SAVE!



**Come Fly With Us!**



### ANNUAL FUND 2020: COMMUNITY VISION

Community Vision is the process of developing consensus about what future the community wants, and then deciding what is necessary to achieve it. What does our community value most? What kind of community do we want to be?

### FOOD DRIVE

The greatest need this month for the St. Leo Food Connection is CANNED MEAT. Please think of those less fortunate when you are grocery shopping.



### JOIN US FOR MASS

Thursday at 9:00 a.m. in the Church.

**"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!*

### OPERATION KEEP'EM WARM & FED

Operation Keep' Em Warm & Fed provides blankets, food, coffee and vitamins to our brothers and sisters struggling with poverty, homelessness and addiction issues in Tacoma's inner city, serving 90-125 people every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Saint Patrick Catholic School Supports Keep' Em Warm & Fed by serving as sandwich makers and hospitality providers.

#### Sandwich Makers

Prepare sandwiches after school for distribution to our neighbors on the street.

December 9,17

#### Hospitality Providers

Distribute food & offer kindness and fellowship to our neighbors on the street in the early morning.

December 6,11,16

Call the school for more information.

## OVER A CENTURY OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IN THE CATHOLIC TRADITION

The mission of St. Patrick Catholic School is to nurture in its students abiding Catholic faith while pursuing academic excellence and modeling honesty, respect and service as dynamic members of our world community.

# PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION

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<b>Music Ministry:</b> M.J. Lockemy 253-224-0949 Mark Peterson 253-840-5255

## ST. RITA PARISH OFFICE

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