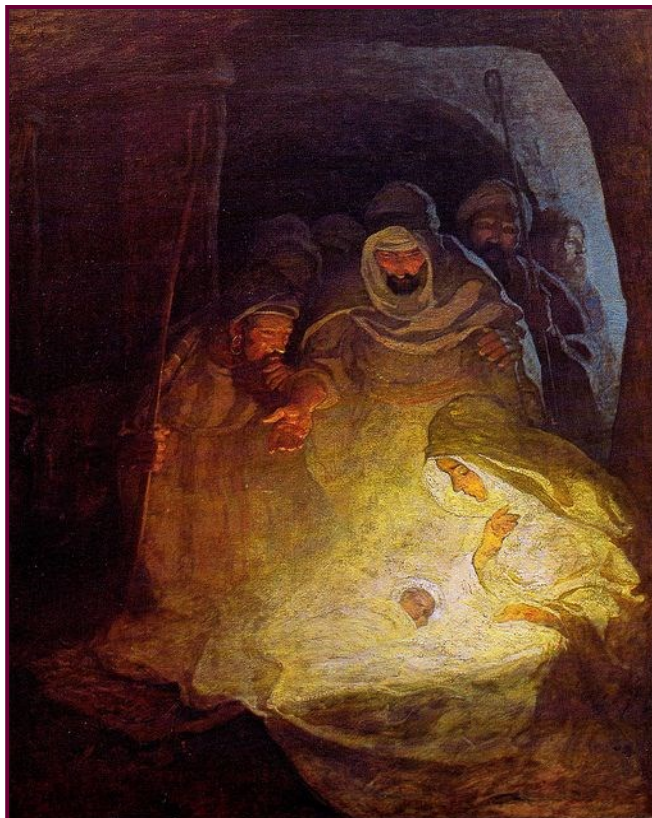


Tacoma Catholic Parishes of Saint Patrick Holy Cross & Saint Rita of Cascia



Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 22, 2019

Saint Patrick Parish

1001 North J Street, Tacoma, WA 98403 | 253-383-2783 | 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 44TH Street, Tacoma, WA 98407 | 253-759-3368 | 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

Sunday Mass
7:30am

Daily Masses
Tuesday 12Noon, Saturday 9am

Reconciliation
Saturday 9:30am



PASTOR'S LETTER

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22ND



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I love this painting of the Child Jesus handing out bread to pilgrims. It tells us something important about the Lord Jesus. It's a great reminder that at Christmas, the child Jesus is not just a little baby, but a savior! As an infant, a small boy, and a grown man, Christ always is a savior. And this little painting reminds us that Christ came to serve and not be served.

On Christmas and during the coming Christmas season, we pause to reflect on the great gift the Father has given to us . . . a savior in His Son and our Lord, Jesus Christ. We give thanks for the gift of Jesus and the gift of salvation; we thank the Father for a savior. And friends, we need a savior! As we look at our world and our own individual lives, we certainly are in need of the transformation and healing that only the Lord Jesus can give. Jesus is the answer to our joys and sorrows; our challenges and our blessings. So let's be prepared to receive all that the Father desires to give us this Christmas in the person of his Son . . . our savior!

On behalf of our parishes of Holy Cross, Saint Patrick, Saint Rita and our school community at Saint Patrick, I want to especially welcome family and friends who are visiting at Christmas! We are happy to have you join us as we worship and praise God for His great gifts at the celebration of our Christmas Masses! You are always welcome in our communities.

May God bless you this Christmas and in the coming New Year! May His peace and love reign in your hearts, now and forever!

God bless,

Fr. David Mulholland

CALENDAR

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22:
FOURTH 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
 Mass at 10:00 a.m. - Holy Cross
 RCIA Class - 10:30 a.m. - Center - St. Patrick

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23:

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
 No Adult Bible Study - 7:00 p.m. - Center - St. Patrick
 Boy Scouts - 7:00 p.m. - Hall - St. Patrick
 Choir Practice - 7:00 p.m. - St. Rita

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24: CHRISTMAS EVE
PARISH OFFICES CLOSED**

Mass at 5:00 & 9:00 p.m. & Midnight - St. Patrick
 Mass at 5:30 p.m. - Holy Cross

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25: CHRISTMAS DAY
PARISH OFFICES CLOSED**

Mass at 9:00 a.m. - Holy Cross
 Mass at 10:00 a.m. - St. Patrick
 Mass at 10:30 a.m. - St. Rita

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26:
PARISH OFFICES CLOSED**

Mass at 8:00 a.m. - St. Patrick
 No Mass at 9:00 a.m. - Holy Cross

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27:

Mass at 8:00 a.m. - St. Patrick
 No Mass at 9:00 a.m. - Holy Cross
 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 28:

Mass at 9:00 a.m. - St. Rita
 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 29:
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**

Mass at 7:30 a.m. - St. Rita
 Mass at 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m. - St. Patrick
 KC Pancake Breakfast & Blood Drive
 Mass at 10:00 a.m. - Holy Cross



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22 Mass for the People of the Parishes

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

Mass at Holy Cross | Repose of the soul of Terry Miranda

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 Christmas Eve

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 Christmas Day

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

Mass at St. Patrick | Repose of the soul of Dan McNalley
 No Mass at Holy Cross

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

Mass at St. Patrick | Repose of the soul of Gina Slavich
 No Mass at Holy Cross

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

Mass at St. Rita | Repose of the soul of Russell Fulp

PRAY FOR THE RESPOSE OF THE SOUL OF

Maureen Stebner

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.*

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER, OUR SICK:

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ST. PATRICK | HOLY CROSS | ST. RITA |
| <i>Joan Bruce</i> | <i>Bill Adams</i> | <i>Dave Adler</i> |
| <i>Christopher Burton</i> | <i>Eileen Beckowitz</i> | <i>Colleen Battinovich</i> |
| <i>Julie Fitchitt</i> | <i>Helen Berg</i> | <i>Robin Coralluzzo</i> |
| <i>Joanne Girolami</i> | <i>Jean Bock</i> | <i>Sr. Mary Buttimer</i> |
| <i>Joe Jurun</i> | <i>Norm Christenson</i> | <i>Donna Eyres</i> |
| <i>Bianca Mally</i> | <i>Rosemarie Ernst</i> | <i>Teresa Gibbs</i> |
| <i>Geraldine Maniatis</i> | <i>Judy Gaffney</i> | <i>Sr. Marilyn Gooley</i> |
| <i>Sr. Philomena</i> | <i>Joe Gilligan</i> | <i>George Greco</i> |
| <i>McCarthy, OP</i> | <i>Jim Helbling</i> | <i>Judy Hussy</i> |
| <i>Beth O'Keefe</i> | <i>Marjorie Hermesen</i> | <i>Tina Isakson</i> |
| <i>Angie Olson</i> | <i>Kerrie Kennedy</i> | <i>Son Lee</i> |
| <i>Loren Parkhill</i> | <i>Mary Kingston</i> | <i>Sally Luppino</i> |
| <i>Rick Ranch</i> | <i>Betty Knoll</i> | <i>Mike Mauss</i> |
| <i>Dennis Seiler</i> | <i>Joan Kowalski</i> | <i>Chuck Mazza</i> |
| <i>Catherine Sleavin</i> | <i>Carolyn Kurriger</i> | <i>Donna Pate</i> |
| <i>John Sturrock</i> | <i>Dick Lucich</i> | <i>Michael Pfannenstiel</i> |
| <i>John Tulare</i> | <i>Janet McIntyre</i> | <i>Daisy Radloff</i> |
| <i>Diamond Yates</i> | <i>Kathie Mikita</i> | <i>Jim Riconosciuto</i> |
| <i>Terry Yates</i> | <i>Dave Peterson</i> | <i>Miriam Sanderson</i> |
| <i>Trevor Yates</i> | <i>Ann Roberts</i> | <i>Dori Schoebien</i> |
| | <i>Jeffrey Schmidt</i> | <i>Joy Viafore</i> |
| | <i>Nick Tucci</i> | |
| | <i>Donna Tveit</i> | |
| | <i>Ned Vukovich</i> | |
| | <i>MaryEllen Winski</i> | |



As we come to the end of the year,
we want to thank you for your generous gifts throughout the year!
Every year people ask how they can help as the year comes to a close.

Here's how you can support the
Tacoma Catholic Parishes of St. Patrick | Holy Cross | St. Rita of Cascia
and Saint Patrick Catholic School before the end of the year:

PRAY

We invite you to pray for our three-parish community and our school.

DONATE

We rely on your generous donations to sustain ministries.
Please consider a year-end donation to your parish
or to the Saint Patrick Catholic School Annual Fund or the Endowment which provides tuition assistance.

Donations received (or postmarked)
by December 31st will be recorded on your 2019 parish giving report.

Online Giving donations made by you
on or before December 31st
will also be recorded on your 2019 giving report.

SHOP

Shop with Scrip gift cards available for purchase in the Development Office Saint Patrick Catholic School.
Another way to shop and give is to enable AmazonSmile.
When you designate St. Patrick School as your beneficiary,
Amazon donates a percentage of your purchase to Saint Patrick Catholic School - our largest ministry.

WRITE A REVIEW

Wherever you've encountered our content
Facebook, Yelp, Niche.com, GreatSchools.org - write a review!
Your positive reviews help make our work more visible to others on multiple platforms.

FOLLOW US

Follow us on social media - Facebook - St. Patrick, Facebook - St. Rita of Cascia, Facebook - Holy Cross,
Instagram, YouTube and like, comment and share our story!

SHARE YOUR TESTIMONY

Strengthened your faith because of ALPHA?
Converted through RCIA?
Came back to the Church?
Let us know!



SAINT PATRICK
CATHOLIC
CHURCH & SCHOOL



Holy Cross Catholic Church
A PARISH OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SEATTLE



ST. RITA OF CASCIA
CATHOLIC CHURCH

OUR COMMUNITY



MARCH FOR LIFE - JANUARY 21

Watch the bulletin for more information

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.

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

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.



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.

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



CALLED TO SERVE *as* CHRIST

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

FOOD DRIVE

The greatest need this month is **BABY FOOD**. Please think of those less fortunate when you are grocery shopping.

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.

RETREATS AT ST. PLACID

CELEBRATE THE NEW YEAR WITH THE BELOVED

January 3-5

Friday, 7:30 pm - Sunday, 11am
Register by prior Wednesday: \$220

THE SOUL'S SLOW RIPENING: DANCING THE SACRED ON A CELTIC PATH

Saturday, January 18, 9am-3pm
Register by prior Friday: \$60

THE CLOUD OF UNKNOWING: A CALL TO CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

Saturday, January 25, 9am-3pm
Register by prior Friday: \$65

Information & registration at: www.stplacid.org



Washington state law allows a minor child to obtain an abortion without her parents' knowledge. The Catholic Bishops of Washington State strongly support and encourage gathering signatures on a petition.

Initiative 1004 (I-1004), is an initiative to institute a "parental notification law" that will require physicians to notify parents or guardians before performing abortions on minors.

259,622 validated signatures of registered voters are required to put I-1004 on the ballot.

If you are a registered voter in Washington who hasn't signed the petition, please consider doing so. Petitions will be available after Mass.

the season of Advent— a season of waiting & preparing in joyful expectation of Christmas

Journey through the Seasons for **Advent & Christmas**

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CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASS

ST. PATRICK | 5 PM* & 9 PM

HOLY CROSS | 5:30 PM

ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO | 5 PM & 7 PM

ST. LEO | 5 PM* & 10 PM *FAMILY MASS

SACRED HEART | 6 PM

ALL SAINTS | 5 PM & 9 PM

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CHRISTMAS

ST. PATRICK | MIDNIGHT & 10 AM

HOLY CROSS | 9 AM

ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO | MIDNIGHT [CAROLING AT 11:30 PM] | 8 AM | 10 AM

ST. RITA | 10:30 AM

ALL SAINTS | 9 AM & 11 AM

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SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD VIGIL MASS

ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO | 5 PM

ST. PATRICK | 6 PM

ALL SAINTS | 7 PM

JANUARY

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MASS FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

9 AM | ST. PATRICK | HOLY CROSS | ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO | ALL SAINTS

12:10 PM | ST. LEO

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LUKAS HASLER ORGAN RECITAL | 5 PM | ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO

FAITH FORMATION

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 23: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/
Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

Tuesday, December 24: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-
12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/
Lk 1:67-79

Wednesday, December 25:

Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29
[2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or
1:18-25

Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12,
13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti
3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/
Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

Thursday, December 26: Acts 6:8-10;
7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc
and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22

Friday, December 27: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-
2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Saturday, December 28: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Ps
124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18

YOUTH CONFIRMATION

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:
1/12, 1/26, 2/9, 2/23,
3/8 3/22, 4/5, 4/19

We will celebrate Confirmation
on Saturday April 18, 2020
at St. Patrick Church

ADULT CONFIRMATION OFFERED THIS SPRING

If you are an adult baptized Catholic
who has received First Holy Communion
and not yet received the
Sacrament of Confirmation,
now is your chance!

We will celebrate Confirmation at our
unified parishes of
St. Patrick - Holy Cross - St. Rita
on Saturday April 18, 2020
at St. Patrick Church

To register or learn more, contact:
kward@saintpats.org
or 253-383-2783 ext. 4109

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Each Advent season, we prepare to
welcome Jesus into the inns and stables
of our hearts. But Jesus' coming wasn't
welcomed by everyone with choirs of
angels. For St. Joseph, the first coming
of Jesus was a bit more complicated.
"When his mother Mary was betrothed to
Joseph, but before they lived together,
she was found with child through the
Holy Spirit." For Joseph, opening his
heart (and home) to Jesus meant, at
best, appearing to all the world like a
man who had impregnated his wife out
of wedlock. At worst, he appeared a
cuckold, raising the child of another man.
God doesn't always appear the way we
expect.

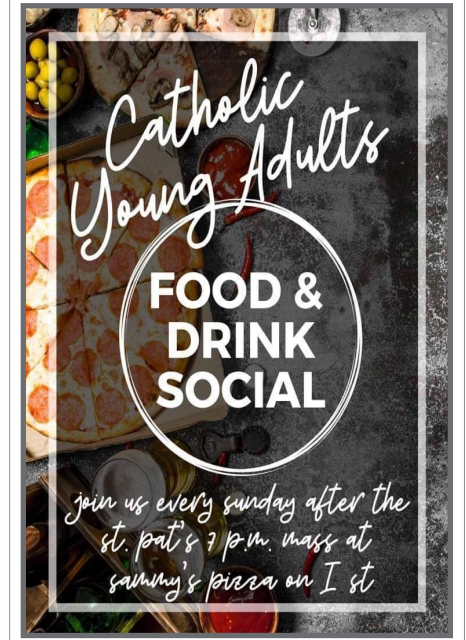
For some of us, the birth of Christ is a bit
relationally complicated. Perhaps over
the past few months, a loved one has
died. This Christmas, you're taking it
upon yourself to keep up the traditions
and hold the family together. Welcoming
Jesus means welcoming grief. Perhaps
it's a difficult relative (or two or three)
and it's all you can do to bite your tongue
and swallow your pride while they're
under your roof. Welcoming Jesus
means welcoming strife, discord, and
tension.

Yet "do not be afraid," the angel says.
Do not be afraid. Why? Because we
celebrate the birth of "Emmanuel, which
means 'God is with us.'" Before Jesus'
earthly ministry would begin, Jesus
would lose his father, Joseph. God is
with us in our grief. Wherever Jesus
went, he stirred up controversy and
faced down challenging personalities.
God is with us in our stress. The trick is,
like Joseph, to allow supernatural grace
to prevail. Joseph was a good man, filled
with natural virtue in that he didn't want
to "expose [Mary] to shame." Yet he was
prepared to "divorce her quietly" all the
same. Our natural abilities only take us
so far. Where is receiving Jesus compli-
cated this Christmas season? Are you
relying on your own strength to get you
through, or are you truly ready to accept
the grace of Emmanuel, God with us?

CATECHESIS 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.
Contact kward@saintpats.org

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS



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.

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
or email:
toby.danna@gmail.com.

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

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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

*followed by Mass at 7 PM

SERVICE

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

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

6:30-8:30 PM

starts October 7

SAINT PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH
Parish Center
1001 North J Street
Tacoma, WA

More Info:
youth@saintpats.org

Let's get social!
 /youthgroup253

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.

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

MONDAYS | 6:30-8:30 PM

starts October 7th

SAINT PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH
Parish Center | 1001 North J Street | Tacoma

Let's get social!
Instagram /youthgroup253

More Info
youth@saintpats.org

HAPPENING AT SAINT PATRICK

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

CHRISTMAS CASTING CALL

At the Christmas Vigil Mass on Tuesday, 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 doors.

We are looking for children ages 5-12 to bring the celebration to life.

Children must attend two practices:

Saturday, December 21st
from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.
& Sunday, December 22nd
from 5:00 to 6:00 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!



ADULT BIBLE STUDY

St. Patrick offers two Adult Bible Study groups.

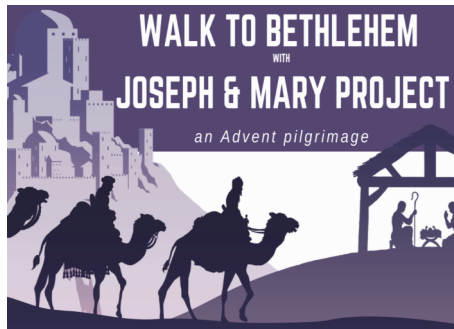
The New Testament Group meets at the Parish Center the 1ST & 3RD Monday at 7:00 p.m.

This group is taking the month of December off -

Join us again in January.

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

This group will not be meeting on the fourth Monday, December 23RD.



Biblical scholars have determined that the distance Joseph and Mary traveled from Nazareth to Bethlehem was a grueling 90-mile journey, but each day they walked, knowing the birth of Jesus, our Lord and Savior was approaching.

To keep the memory of their journey and its purpose in our minds during Advent, the Health Ministry encourages you to take a heart-healthy walk, rain or shine, and to pray the Advent prayer of St. Francis of Assisi or reflect on a weekly Advent inspirational message during your journey in the Walk to Bethlehem with the Mary & Joseph Project.

The Health Ministry will make a donation to Pregnancy Aid of Tacoma on behalf of each person/family who journeys with Joseph and Mary this season.

THE ADVENT PRAYER OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Blessed are you God our Father, King of the ages.
You revealed your love to all when Christ came in poverty to this world.
Keep us in your constant care as we await his birth in the Glory of Christmas.

WEEKLY ADVENT REFLECTIONS

www.dynamiccatholic.com/best-advent-ever/advent-prayers

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND BLOOD DRIVE

Join us December 29TH after morning Masses for another delicious KC Pancake Breakfast.

Then give the gift of blood at the Cascade Regional Blood Mobile in the St. Patrick Church parking lot from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



BLOOD DONATION
BE A HERO GIVE BLOOD

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.

ON LINE GIVING IS EASY!

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

Click on the Donate/Online giving button.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD CHANGES

As of January 1, Children's Liturgy of the Word Ministry will be held

only during the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

We are grateful to the ministers who have led our young parishioners over the years.

Unfortunately, there just aren't enough volunteers at this time to continue the ministry at the later Mass.

We encourage families whose children feel served by this ministry to join us at 9:00 a.m.

If you are interested in supporting this program as a leader, please contact Laura in the parish office.



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

OFFICE CLOSED

The parish office will be closed
December 24-26.
No Mass on December 26.
Thank you.

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.

MARTHA & MARY MOM'S GROUP

We are a Catholic moms group that
gathers every 2ND and 4TH 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.

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 with clean up.

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

MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS FOR DECEASED LOVED ONES AT HOLY CROSS

*Virginia Mitchell
Linda Hudman
Silvino Delatorre
Norlin Family
Forgotten deceased of Holy Cross
Loretta T. Sullivan
Pat Daly
Art Doran
Frank and Lucille Deuster
Bob Cukjati
Gary Evans
Eusebia Cisneros
Rosario Salvador Delgadillo
Jim Brown
Katherine Evansich
Joe and Ruth Gagliardi
Barb and Ellen Price
Phil and Pam Koehler
Pam, Flip and Tom
Jesus Fernandez
Harold Keller
Wez Jones
Margaret Fenlon
Margie Eckroth
Al Hayes*



LECTOR & EUCHARISTIC MINISTER

NATIVITY OF THE LORD:
CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL:
December 24, 5:30 p.m.

Lectors:
Floyd Cummings & Shelley Miles
Eucharistic Ministers:
Paula Albertson, Joan Pirolo,
Randy Miles
Choir:
Mary Jones

NATIVITY OF THE LORD:
CHRISTMAS DAY
December 25, 9:00 a.m.

Lectors:
Steve Cano & Mike Silvernagel
Eucharistic Ministers:
LeAnn Silvernagel, Elisa Cano,
Marge Beardemphl
Choir:
Nanci Cornell

THE HOLY FAMILY OF
JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH
December 28, 5:30 p.m.

Lectors:
Ralph Miller & Josh Kors
Eucharistic Ministers:
Paty Delgadillo, Jan Stauffer, Sandi Rossi
Choir:
Mary Jones

December 29, 10:00 a.m.

Lectors:
Will Rawlings & Russ Wells
Eucharistic Ministers:
Allisha Navarro, Mary Rawlings,
Sandy Benson
Choir:
Nanci Cornell

HOLY CROSS RUMMAGE

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

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



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

1st 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.

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.

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 3rd Sunday of the month.

Please call Susan at: 253-503-1871

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Join us for Christmas Day Mass at 10:30 a.m.



FUNERALS

To schedule a funeral or for questions related to death or dying, please call Father David or Laura Dougherty at: 253-383-2783.

HELP THE HOMELESS STAY WARM THIS WINTER

Once again the generosity of our parishioners is amazing. We have collected a large amount of warm clothing for those less fortunate.

CHRISTMAS DINNER BASKET

We will be providing Christmas dinner for a family in need again this year.

There is a basket in the vestibule for non-perishable items, Holy Names will provide the turkey.

SODALITY POINSETTIA SALE

The members of Sodality would like to thank everyone who purchased plants this year.

Not only did you decorate the church and your homes with these beautiful plants, but you help us to continue our charitable works.

WHEN SANTA VISITED NOT JUST THE KIDS HAD A GREAT TIME!



ST. RITA OF CASCIA

THANK YOU TO OUR ADVERTISER OF THE MONTH
GAFFNEY FUNERAL HOME



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.



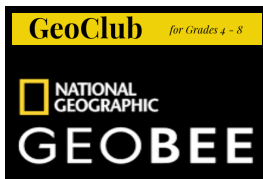
ANNUAL FUND 2020: COMMUNITY VISION

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?

JOIN US FOR MASS

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



The academic competition is open to students in grades 4-8. Students are invited to join the GeoClub for games & practice questions.

GeoClub meets Wednesdays, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. in Mr. Miller's room.

GeoClub prepares students covering topics like geography, civilizations, cultures, physical features, and more.



Saint Patrick Catholic School is currently accepting Tuition Assistance Applications for the 2020-2021 school year. Applications are due by January 31, 2020. After the deadline, we will continue to accept applications until funds are no longer available.



PRE-K SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

St. Patrick Catholic School is currently hiring substitute teachers for our preschool program. The successful candidate will be energetic and enthusiastic about working with young children ages 3-5. Working in partnership with another teacher, preschool substitutes will assist in supervising indoor and outdoor play where you will be asked to monitor for safety and to ensure all students are treating each other with kindness and respect. Our students are active and naturally curious, and we foster those traits and encourage students to grow through exploration. We are looking for substitute teachers who believe young children learn best through hands on experiences in a classroom where the teacher provides a safe and healthy environment for them to make messes, creations, and self-directed academic and social conclusions.

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.

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