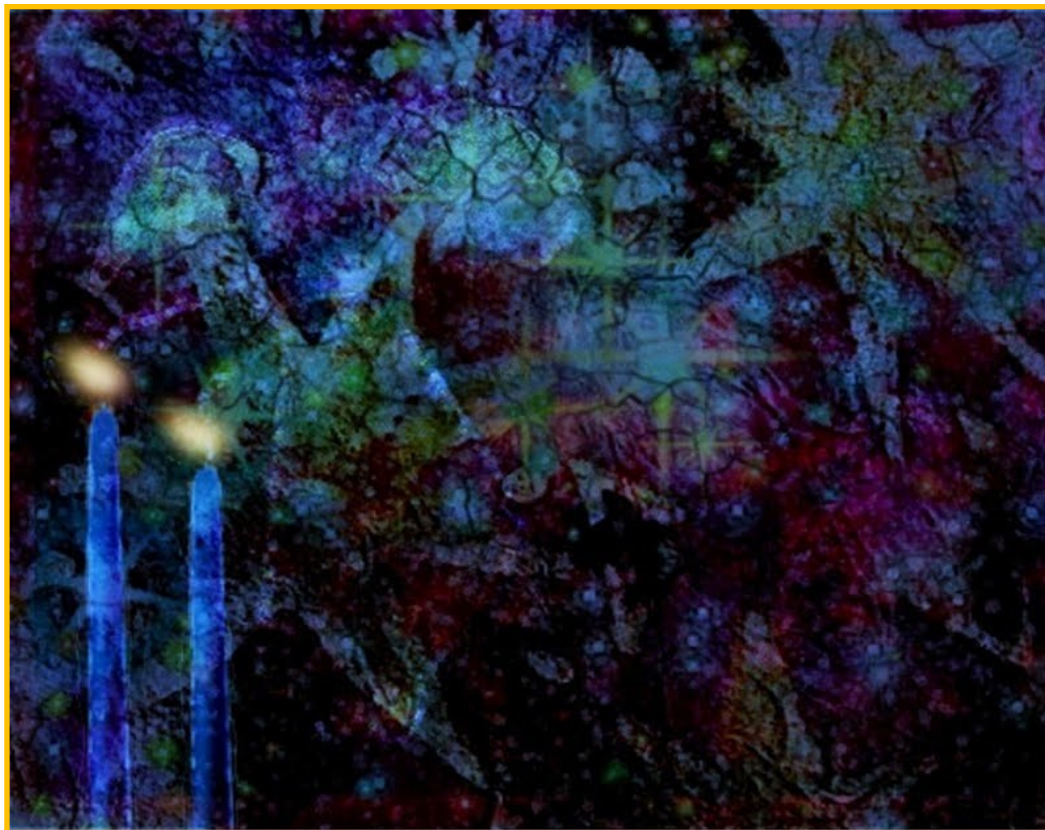


Tacoma Catholic Parishes of Saint Patrick Holy Cross & Saint Rita of Cascia



Second Sunday of Advent - December 8, 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 8TH



Dear Friends in Christ,

The readings for the first two Sunday's in Advent speak about being prepared for the coming of the Lord; both at the end of time and the end of our time. In addition, we look forward with hopeful anticipation for the coming of the Lord as a child at Christmas.

With this in mind, I pay tribute to our former pastor at Holy Cross, and my brother priest, Fr. John Renggli. Last week we had his Vigil Service and Funeral Mass at Holy Cross, with Archbishop Etienne presiding. The attendance of so many was reflective of who Fr. John was and how much he was loved by so many!

I first met Fr. John when I was a seminarian at Saint Thomas More Parish in Lynnwood. Fr. John had left the parish the summer before but would often come by after the Saturday Vigil Mass to have dinner with Fr. Jim Dalton (the new pastor), Fr. Bill Lane and myself. It was then that I learned what an amazing priest Fr. John was. He had a knack for storytelling and shared so many wonderful stories of the people and places that made up his life. He was so filled with wonder and delight at so many things. Later, I served in his hometown of Chehalis, and he would again stop by for visits and we would go to Mary McCrank's restaurant where more stories of priesthood, people and places would flow from Fr. John! What I and so many learned is that Fr. John was an amazing, holy and faithful priest. He loved being a priest. He loved serving the people of his parishes; the people were always first in his mind. What an example he was to me and to so many!

Now, we look forward to Christmas with the same wonder and delight that made Fr. John Renggli such a faithful disciple and son of the Church. May he now rest in the peace of the Lord Jesus, who he loved as savior and friend!

Blessings,

Fr. David Mulholland

THREE PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

THREE PARISH MASS ATTENDANCE REPORT

Average Weekly Attendance				Increase / Decrease from last month ___ / ___ year ___	
Nov 2019	Oct 2019	Nov 2018			
SAINT PATRICK					
5:00PM	158	167	156	- 9	+ 2
9:00AM	321	260	324	+ 61	- 3
11:00AM	224	203	222	+ 21	+ 2
7:00PM	178	192	166	- 14	+ 12
Total	881	822	868	+ 59	+ 13
HOLY CROSS					
5:30PM	113	118	119	- 5	- 6
10:00AM	181	189	214	- 8	- 33
Total	294	307	333	- 13	- 39
SAINT RITA					
7:30AM	87	90	80	- 3	+ 7
3 PARISH TOTAL					
	1262	1219	1281	+ 43	- 19

Each week our new Three Parish Stewardship report will provide monthly reports on 1) contributions received, (2) expenses paid, (3) Mass attendance, and (4) various trend reports to help provide greater openness and understanding of how our parishes operate, and hopefully grow in our Mission.

Please let us know what you think of the new format.

Submit your questions or comments to: askthefinancecouncil@saintpats.org.

This week's mass attendance report is modified to show the changes from month to month as well as a comparison to a year ago.

Again, we hope this provides you a better sense of the direction our three parishes are moving in terms of mass attendance.

All Saints Day, November 1:

Saint Patrick - 134

Holy Cross - 114

Saint Rita - 98

Monthly Samoan Mass - Holy Cross, November 24 - 46

Italian Mass - St. Rita, November 16 - 206

CALENDAR

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 :
SECOND 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 after 9:00 a.m. Mass
 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

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 9:
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

Mass 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
 Choir Practice - 7:00 p.m. - St. Rita
 Foreign Mission Outreach - 7:00 p.m. - Center - St. Patrick

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10:

Mass at 8:00 a.m. - St. Patrick
 Mass at Noon - 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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11:

Mass at 8:00 a.m. - St. Patrick
 Bible Study - Noon - Rectory - St. Rita
 St. Patrick School Christmas Celebration - 6:30 p.m.
 Church - St. Patrick
 Mother of Perpetual Help Novena - 7:30 p.m. - Holy Cross

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12:
PARISH OFFICES CLOSE AT NOON**

Mass with the school children at 9:00 a.m. - St. Patrick
 Mass at 9:00 a.m. - Holy Cross
 KC Rosary Potluck - 6:30 p.m. - Hall - St. Patrick

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13:

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14:

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 15:
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Mass at 7:30 a.m. - St. Rita
 St. Vincent de Paul Sunday
 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
 Youth Night - 5:00 p.m. - Center - St. Patrick
 Confirmation Class - 5:45 p.m. - Center - St. Patrick



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 Mass for the People of the Parishes

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

Mass at Holy Cross | Intentions of Phyllis Secress

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

Mass at St. Patrick | Repose of the soul of Josefina Crisostomo
 Mass at St. Rita | Repose of the souls of the De Rosa Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

Mass at St. Patrick | Repose of the souls George & Magarite Wolter
 Mass at Holy Cross | Repose of the soul of Ester Tinoco

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

Mass at St. Patrick | Repose of the soul of Sue Chouinard
 Mass at Holy Cross | Intentions of Michael Mauss

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

Mass at St. Patrick | Repose of the soul of Nick Beritich
 Mass at Holy Cross | Intentions of Ruth Anderson

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

Mass at St. Rita | Repose of the soul of Fr. Carmine Sacco, SJ

PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF

Josefina Crisostomo, mother of Kal Crisostomo

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:

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 Gooley
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
Terry Yates	Kathie Mikita	Jim Riconosciuto
Trevor Yates	Dave Peterson	Miriam Sanderson
	Sheryl Robbins	Dori Schoebien
	Ann Roberts	Joy Viafore
	Jeffrey Schmiadt	
	Maureen Stebner	
	Nick Tucci	
	Donna Tveit	
	Ned Vukovich	

OUR COMMUNITY

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
CONTACT US at 302-3868



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

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.



CALLED TO SERVE as CHRIST

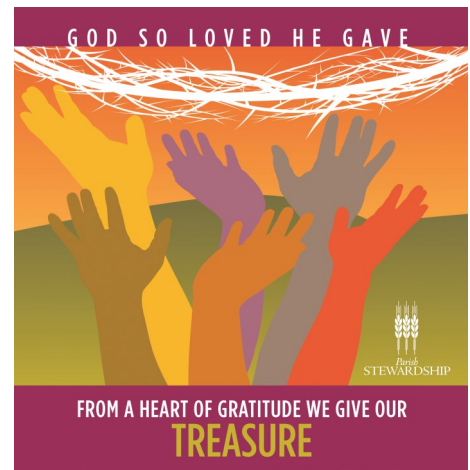
Giving of our time, talent and treasure mainly involves a change of attitude about giving.

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



Thank you to the families who have made their

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE COMMITMENT FOR 2020.

We are grateful for your generous support.

We can't be the parish *Christ is calling us to be* without everyone's commitment and support.

If you did not make your commitment, please pledge today!

Pledge cards can be found online or in all church vestibules and gathering spaces.



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.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS EVENTS
AT
SAINT PATRICK, HOLY CROSS
& SAINT RITA

December 9 - Immaculate Conception

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

December 11 - School Celebration

In Dulci Jubilo - In Sweet Rejoicing
6:30 p.m. - St. Patrick Church

December 19 - Reconciliation Service

7:00 p.m. - St. Patrick

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

Mary, Mother of God

December 31:

6:00 p.m. - Vigil Mass - St. Patrick

January 1:

9:00 a.m. - Holy Cross
9:00 a.m. - St. Patrick

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS EVENTS
AT
ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO

Advent Penance Service:

Wednesday, December 11 at 7:00 pm

Christmas Masses

December 24:

5:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m.

December 25:

12:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m.

Mary, Mother of God

December 31: 5:00 p.m.

January 1: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

Lessons & Carols

Featuring choirs from Bellarmine,
St. Leo's, and St. Charles Borromeo
Sunday, December 8 at 7:00 p.m.

School Christmas Pageant:

Thursday, December 19 at 7:00 pm

Handel's Messiah:

Friday, December 20 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets available through
symphonytacoma.org



Monday, December 16TH 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.

SIMBANG GABI

You are invited to join the annual
Novena of Advent Masses,
Simbang Gabi.

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

Holy Cross will celebrate the second day
of the novena on

Wednesday, December 11TH,
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.

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 12th and J, Tacoma

**THE WARMTH
of GIVING**

WINTER COLLECTION DRIVE

Dec 7 & Dec 8
before & after mass

SAINT PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH
1123 NORTH J STREET | TACOMA

BLANKETS
HATS
COATS
GLOVES
SLEEPING BAGS

in need of

FAITH FORMATION

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 9:

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday, December 10:

Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 & 10ac, 11-12,
13/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday, December 11:

Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt
11:28-30

Thursday, December 12:

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab,
16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25

Friday, December 13:

Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16
-19

Saturday, December 14:

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-
16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

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.

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

12/15, 1/12, 1/26, 2/9, 2/23
3/8 sponsor attendance requested
3/22, 4/5, 4/19

GOSPEL MEDITATION

What does it mean to be worthy? There are a few different ways to approach this question. Today's Gospel highlights two: the way of the Pharisees and the way of John the Baptist. Our faith values good works and discipleship. Perhaps, then, we "earn" our worth by adhering to the right doctrines and following the right pious practice. The Pharisees thought they were worthy. Due to their religious pedigree and proper procedures, they were self-satisfied. John the Baptist's words to them are strong. "Do not resume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.'" Of course, Jesus (and John) don't omit the responsibility for moral behavior. John gives the Pharisees quite a strong warning in that regard. "Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance ... every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

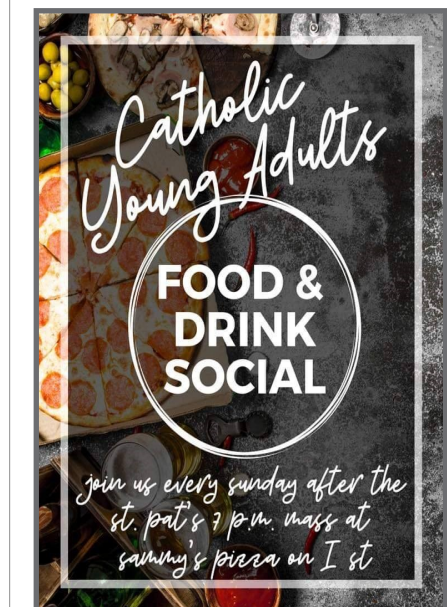
It's a question of attitude. Of disposition. It's a matter of the heart. If anyone would be worthy in this scenario, it's John the Baptist. Jesus himself will name him the greatest of prophets and a great man. John, however, recognizes his own lowly place in the grand scheme of things. "The one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals." The Pharisees take pride in being "better" than others. John embraces humility in Christ being "better" than him. We don't self-generate our own worthiness. We receive it as a gift from God.

In a few short weeks, we'll celebrate the birth of Christ. Bishop Ven. Fulton Sheen wrote about the Nativity in his "Life of Christ": "Because [Jesus] was born in a cave, all who wish to see Him must stoop. To stoop is the mark of humility. The proud refuse to stoop and, therefore, they miss divinity." God invites us to prepare our hearts this Advent. When you consider your own life, where are you looking for your worth? This Christmas, are you prepared to stoop?

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 all 50 states and 37 countries!
For more information contact
kward@saintpats.org

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS



RITE OF ACCEPTANCE AND WELCOMING

We recently welcomed 11 adults at the Rite of Acceptance and Welcoming.

In the months to come, the Catechumens and Candidates will be preparing for full initiation into the Catholic Faith through Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.

"For all of these, we give thanks and praise to God who has led them by various paths to oneness in faith".

From the Rite of Acceptance

John C.	John R.
Clara C.	Clarissa S.
Joshua C.	Robert S.
Kyler K.	Marc W.
Tami L.	Gerardo Z.
	Marcos Z.

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

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

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

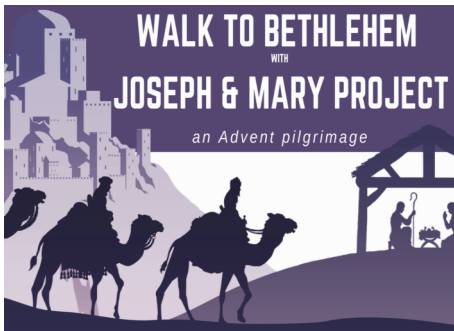
Let's get social!
Instagram /youthgroup253

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.



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

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 4TH 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 16TH. All gifts will be taken to CCS in time to be delivered for Christmas.

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. *For the month of December this group is meeting on the second Monday, December 9TH however, not on the fourth Monday, December 23RD.*

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.

PRIMETIMERS

PrimeTimers invites all those in the age 50+ club to a holiday potluck dinner on December 17TH at 5:30 p.m. in the St. Patrick Parish Center to celebrate the season.

No RSVP needed - just bring a dish to share.

ON LINE GIVING IS EASY!

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

Click on the Donate/Online giving button.

STEPHEN MINISTRY



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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 14TH.

Holy Cross will celebrate the second day of the novena on Wednesday, December 11TH, 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.

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 the staff with clean up.

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

TURKEY BINGO

Thanks to all those who supported Turkey Bingo on November 24TH hosted by the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Daughters of America. A special thank you to Nanci Cornell who called the games.

In order the 15 winners were: Jan Smurro, Tina Ringrose, Jan Stauffer, John Jaquich, Selestina Eneliko, Judy Davis, Maryanne Stricklen, Marybeth Chambers, Katherine Jaquich, Emma Kraemer, Josia Jones, Dave Nyman, Momoka Matsuo, Marilane Hatch, and Tiffany Richardson. Congratulations to our lucky winners!

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.

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.

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.

LECTOR & EUCHARISTIC MINISTER

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 14, 5:30 p.m.

Lectors:
Ralph Miller & Shelley Miles
Eucharistic Ministers:
Randy Miles, Paty Delgadillo, Joan Pirolo
Choir: Mary Jones

December 15, 10:00 a.m.

Lectors:
Mike Silvernagel & Onolata Petelo
Eucharistic Ministers:
LeAnn Silvernagel, Elisa Cano,
Greta Toledo
Choir: Nanci Cornell

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA AT HOLY CROSS

Wednesday,
7:30 p.m. by the Chapel
Thursday,
9:30 a.m. in the Church

ON LINE GIVING

Now is the time to try out on line giving!

Go to our website at:
www.holycross-tacoma.org
Scroll down and click on the cell phone photo.
Create a new account and follow the instructions.

FUNERAL PLANNING

Preplanning your funeral spares your loved ones from having to guess what you would have liked and it spares the family a difficult task that often they find daunting in their grief.

If this is something you would like to do, please contact Paula Fiorino in the parish office at: 253-759-3368 or email at:
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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



EXCEPTIONAL FAMILIES NETWORK

Twice a year Exceptional Families Network uses our hall to host their Sensational Santa Program.

This program allows special needs children, who otherwise would not be able, to have their picture taken with Santa. This is one of the many ways St. Rita can give back to our community.



Saint Rita of Cascia, born Margherita Lotti, 1381 – 1457 was an Italian widow and Augustinian nun venerated as a saint in the Roman Catholic Church.

After Rita's husband died, she joined an Augustinian community of religious sisters.

Various miracles are attributed to her intercession, and she is often portrayed with a bleeding wound on her forehead, which is understood to indicate a partial stigmata. Pope Leo XIII canonized Rita on May 24, 1900.

Her feast day is celebrated on May 22ND.

At her canonization ceremony she was bestowed the title of Patroness of Impossible Causes, while in many Catholic countries, Rita came to be known as the patroness of abused wives and heartbroken women. Her incorrupt body remains in the Basilica of Santa Rita da Cascia.

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.

St. Rita's St. Frances Sodality 9TH 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. 14th
_____ Sunday, Dec. 15th

Amt. Pd. \$ _____

Check # _____

Make checks payable to:
St. Rita Catholic Church, memo: Sodality

Cash _____

Name of Loved One _____

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Church for delivery purposes (circle one)
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Please put orders with payment in collection basket, drop in office door slot, or give to Pam Smith or Riley Smith.

Thank you!



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.



JOIN US FOR MASS

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

SCRIP FOR SALE

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

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

"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!



Come Fly With Us!



Please make your pledge today!

SAINT PATRICK CATHOLIC SCHOOL
**ANNUAL FUND 2020
COMMUNITY VISION**

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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.



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 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.

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