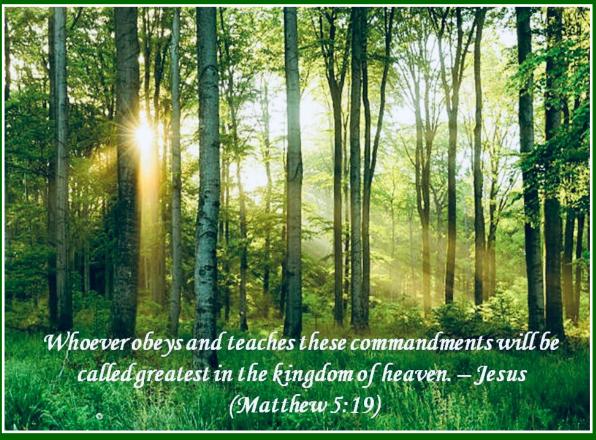
Tacoma Catholic Parishes of Saint Patrick Holy Cross & Saint Rita of Cascia



The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 16, 2020

Saint Patrick Parish

1001 North J Street, Tacoma, WA 98403 | 253-383-2783 | www.saintpats.org

Sunday Masses

Daily Masses

Reconciliation

Saturday Vigil 5pm

Monday Communion Service 8:00am

Saturday 3:30pm

Sunday 9am, 11am, 7pm

Tuesday - Friday 8:00am

School Mass, Thursday 9:00am

Holy Cross Parish

5510 North 44TH Street, Tacoma, WA 98407 | 253-759-3368 | www.holycross-tacoma.org

Sunday Masses

Daily Masses

Reconciliation

Saturday Vigil 5:30pm

Monday, Thursday, Friday 9am

Saturday 4pm

Sunday 10am

Wednesday 5:30pm

Saint Rita of Cascia Parish

1403 South Ainsworth Street, Tacoma, WA 98405 | 253-627-4851 | www.stritastacoma.org

Sunday Mass

Daily Masses

Reconciliation

7:30am

Tuesday 12 Noon, Saturday 9am

Saturday 9:30am





Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A few weeks ago, many people enjoyed one of the best Super Bowl games ever, at least since the Hawks great victory against the Broncos. But many people did not enjoy the halftime show, that some described as a soft core porn striptease. The question many asked is: "Are there any morals anymore? Is any behavior obscene, especially in a family oriented football game?" The focus on women's empowerment seemed to morph into women's degradation.

The next day, I was talking to a friend and I said something I've said before; that is seems we live in a culture that tolerates everything (every form of behavior, sexually and otherwise) but forgives nothing. So, soft core porn on a Sunday football halftime is ok, but if a person engages in offensive comments or actions the next day at work, they could lose everything: job, friends, family etc., without hope of forgiveness and rehabilitation. My friend agreed and said it seems that we live in a nation of X-rated prudes. There's some truth to that, I do believe.

What does all this tell us? It tells us that established, objective norms, morals, and ethics are apparently the thing of the past. It also tells us that their replacement, subjective relativism, is not a sustainable condition. Relativism, the philosophy that says anything goes if it's good for me, and it's for me to decide what is true and good for me, ultimately ends with others being hurt. We cannot live together in a world if only what "I" think and do carries the day. Relativism has replaced the natural law as our standard; with the natural law given by God for "our" good. In the Gospel this Sunday, Jesus reviews the commandments given by God and how he came not to abolish them but bring them to fulfillment. And their fulfillment is found not in our self-righteousness (the pride of "I" and "Me") but in authentic righteousness, which is being in loving, respectful relationship with God and others. As the Book of Sirach reminds us today, God sets before us life and death; good and evil. We cannot allow our subjective beliefs of what that means to outweigh the objective realities of our world and our human condition. So, when we tolerate behavior that is objectively immoral and degrading; when we fail to point out the consequence of sin; then we not only fail God but we fail each other. And, in turn, we fail to exercise true love and mercy when we are only governed by our own, (or someone else's) subjective opinion of things.

God has given us the gift of free will. And he has also given us the way, the truth, and the life to guide our free will, the person of the Lord Jesus. May we follow him in all things for our good and the good of us all.

Blessings,

Fr. David Mulholland

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16: SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

St. Vincent de Paul Weekend Mass at 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m. - St. Patrick Mass at 10:00 a.m. - Holy Cross

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17: PARISH OFFICES CLOSED - NO SCHOOL

Communion Service at 8:00 a.m. - St. Patrick Mass at 9:00 a.m.- Holy Cross No Eucharistic Adoration - 3:00 - 6:45 p.m. - Chapel -St. Patrick

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18:

Mass at 8:00 a.m. - St. Patrick Mass with anointing of the sick at Noon - St. Rita Outreach / Food Bank - 8:00 a.m. - RE Bldg. - Holy Cross Rummage Volunteers - 10:00 a.m. - R. Hall - Holy Cross PrimeTimers - 5:30 p.m. - Off Site - See article KC Officer's Meeting - 6:30 - Hall - St. Patrick

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19:

Mass at 8:00 a.m. - St. Patrick Mass at 5:30 p.m. - Holy Cross Bible Study - Noon - Rectory - St. Rita All Councils & Commissions - 5:30 p.m. - Center -

St. Patrick

Choir Practice - 7:00 p.m. - Church - St. Patrick Mother of Perpetual Help Novena - 7:30 p.m. -Chapel - Holy Cross

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20:

Mass with the school children at 9:00 a.m. - St. Patrick Mass at 9:00 a.m. - Holy Cross Inclusion Ministry - 2:00 p.m. - Center - St. Patrick Blue Ribbon Night St. Patrick School - See article High School Youth - 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. - Center - St. Patrick The Mass Series - 7:00 p.m. - Hall - St. Patrick

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21:

Mass at 8:00 a.m. - St. Patrick Mass at 9:00 a.m. - Holy Cross Men's Prayer - 6:45 a.m. - Hall - St. Patrick The Mass Series - 10:00 a.m. - Hall - Holy Cross Office Hours - Noon - 4:00 p.m. - Rectory - St. Rita Rental - 7:00 p.m. - Center - St. Patrick

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22:

No Mass at 9:00 a.m. - St. Rita No 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, FEBRUARY 23: SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Mass at 7:30 a.m. - St. Rita Sodality 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 Sac. Prep. Eucharist Class - 12:30 p.m. - Church Youth Night - 5:00 p.m. - Center - St. Patrick Confirmation Class - 5:45 p.m. - Center - St. Patrick



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16 Mass for the People of the Parishes

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Mass at Holy Cross | Intentions of Heidi & Charles Melrose

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Mass at St. Patrick | Intentions of Tristan O. Wiley

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Mass at St. Patrick | Repose of the soul of Margaret Pittner Mass at Holy Cross | Repose of the soul of Rose Timmerman

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Mass at St. Patrick | Intentions of Tessa O. Wiley Mass at Holy Cross | Repose of the soul of Donna Hood

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Mass at St. Patrick | Repose of the soul of John Armour, Jr. Mass at Holy Cross | Intentions of Lisa Hoffman

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22 No Mass at St. Rita

PRAY FOR THE RESPOSE OF THE SOUL OF

Jím Fredríckson

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 Patty Boggs KimBoyle Fred Borovích Toan Bruce Christopher Burton Jedd Feliciano Karen Fitchitt Toanne Girolami Toe Turun Gavin MacHutchin Geraldine Maniatis Sr. Philomena McCarthy, Joan Kowalski

Beth O'Keefe Jennífer O'Laughlín Ríck Ranch Dennis Seiler Kathryn Sharp

HOLY CROSS Bill Adams Eileen Beckowitz Helen Berg Rosemarie Ernst Tudy Gaffney Joe Gilligan Jim Helbling Marjorie Hermsen Kerrie Kennedy Mary Kingston Betty Knoll Carolyn Kurriger Dick Lucich Janet McIntyre Kathie Mikita Charlotte Mullen Ann Roberts Jeffrey Schmidt

Nick Tucci

Donna Tveít

Ned Vukovích

MaryEllen Winski

Dave Adler Colleen Batinovich Robín Coralluzzo Sr. Mary Buttimer Donna Evres Teresa Gibbs Sr. Marílyn Gooley George Greco Sonlee Sally Luppino Mike Mauss Chuck Mazza Donna Pate Michael Pfannenstiel Daisy Radloff Jim Riconosciuto Míriam Sanderson Toy Viafore

ST. RITA

THREE PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

MASS ATTENDANCE REPORT

	AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE JAN 2020 DEC 2019 JAN 2019		INCREASE/DECREASE FROM LAST/YEAR MONTH / YEAR		
SAINT PAT	RICK				
5PM 9AM 11AM <u>7PM</u> Total	165 269 194 160 788	162 269 184 159 774	152 327 219 178 876	+ 3 + 10 + 1 + 15	+13 - 58 - 25 <u>- 18</u> - 88
HOLY CRO)SS				
5:30PM 10AM	123 191	122 200	NA NA	+ 1 - 9	NA NA
Total	314	322	333	- 8	NA
SAINT RITA		00	NIA	4	NIA
7:30AM	85	86	NA	- 1	NA

Other Masses:

Holy Cross Samoan Mass: Jan 26 -- 73 attendees (Dec 29 – 58 attendees)

NA = Numbers Not Available

This mass attendance report is modified to show the changes from month to month as well as a comparison to a year ago. We hope this provides you a better sense of the direction our three parishes are moving in terms of mass attendance.

THREE PARISH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

	STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT JANUARY 2020					
	CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED	AMOUNT NEEDED TO FULFILL MISSION	SURPLUS/ DEFICIT			
SAINT PATRICK						
January (4 weeks) Yr. to Date 7 Mos.	\$ 96,658 \$651,366	\$ 86,532 \$648,990	+ \$10,126 + \$ 2,376			
HOLY CROSS						
January (4 weeks) Yr. to Date – 7 Mos.	\$ 28,490 \$217,328	\$ 27,960 \$209,700	+ \$ 530 + \$ 7,628			
SAINT RITA						
January (4 weeks) Yr. to Date – 7 Mos.	\$ 8,613 \$80,022	\$ 11,960 \$ 89,700	- \$ 3,347 - \$ 9,678			
COMBINED TOTAL:						
January (4 weeks) Yr. to Date – 7 Mos.	\$133,761 \$948,716	\$126,452 \$948,390	+ \$ 7,309 + \$ 326			

As previously explained, our three parishes experienced significant deficits early in the year. Our September combined deficit was \$47,012; and \$25,780 in December. Deficits were expected due to the increased annual expenses that we assumed to make it possible for us to transition from Maintenance to Mission.

Over the course of the first seven months of the year your generous response to our communications has enabled us to erase those early deficits and establish a small year to date surplus of \$326.

Thank you for your positive response to our increased communications regarding the greater call to Stewardship. Your generosity is paving the way for us to shift from Maintenance to Mission and be the parish(es) Christ is calling us to be. If you have any questions or comments, please contact us at the parish office or email: askthefinancecouncil@saintpats.org.

These income calculations are based on a weekly Mission need of \$21,633 for Saint Patrick; \$6,990 for Holy Cross; and \$2,963 for Saint Rita. (Previous Stewardship of Treasure reports were based on 53 Sundays for the current fiscal year, when in fact there are 52).

GLAD YOU ASKED THAT

As our three parishes come together, I know we now have a single unified Pastoral Council with members from all three parishes, but I recall we also established Parish Life Committees at each parish to watch over day to day life at each parish. What's going on with these new Parish Life Committees?

Our three new Parish Life Committees (PLC) at Saint Patrick, Saint Rita and Holy Cross have their work cut out for them this Winter and Spring. In addition to asking them to help us identify ways our parishes can be more hospitable and welcoming, they have been given the task of identifying and ultimately evaluating all the things we do as a Catholic parish. The purpose in doing this is to develop a strategy to make maximum use of all our parish resources (staff, volunteers, budgets, buildings and time) to help us move more intentionally in this new Mission-focused direction for our parish.

As we have quickly discovered after a few meetings in January, this is not a simple task. As a tool to help us take inventory of what we "do" as parish, we created four categories:

Staff led **Programs** - e.g. Confirmation, 1st Communion, etc:

Lay led **Ministries** - e.g. Stephen Ministry, Alpha, Scouting, Knights of Columbus, Prayer Ministry, Sodality, Women's Group, etc; **Councils**, e.g. Commissions and Committees - Pastoral, Finance, Facilities, etc;

Parish Events - e.g. Italian Dinner, Easter Egg Hunt; REACH School Auction, Pancake Breakfast, Parish Appreciation Dinner, etc.

It was quite a surprise to discover that between our three parishes we have well **over 100 Programs, Ministries, Councils and Events!** That is ALOT of activity, that requires a ton of people and resources to make it all happen, and our Parish Life Committees is undertaking this review to help ensure we do this more strategically. Much of what we "do" as a parish is pretty standard, and some things have crept in over the years, and some things are just "what we've always done." But as we begin to understand Mission versus Maintenance, a strategic review of all of these Programs, Ministries, Councils and Events will help us identify those that are "bearing fruit," those that may no longer serve their purpose, and many that lay somewhere in between, and might stand to benefit with perhaps a different approach or additional resources.

So where are we in the process?

Step 1 is essentially complete - we've taken inventory of all the things we do as church and compiled them on a spreadsheet. Step 2 is ongoing - we have distributed a four page questionnaire to the leader of each Program, Ministry, Council and Event to provide details about their group/event and how it supports our evolving parish mission.

Once this information is gathered we'll begin Step 3 - the evaluation of all their importance to our Parish Mission and how we might make the best use of our limited parish resources, since we realistically cannot and probably should not do all of them. This will be a complicated, but spirit-filled discernment process for all of us this Spring.

If you have any questions or suggestions as we move through this hefty task, please don't hesitate to contact our PLC chairs or leave a message at our parishes offices and we'll get back to you.

Parish Life Committee Members

Saint Patrick

Barb Hiatt - Chair Mary Leverson - Staff Dan Skeldon Mary Condeluci Andy Vorono Kim Mackey Rosalie McKinney Ginny Douglas Mark and Sheila Jensen

Holy Cross

Paula Albertson - Chair Georgina Rawlings - Staff Nanci Cornell Carol Ringrose Jan Stauffer Poasa Faaita Yvonne Galati Sr. Pauline David Viafore Wendi Pfannenstiel

Saint Rita

Francie Jordan - Chair Pam Smith - Staff Sr. Kathleen Sue McCreary Kathy Brands Gina Costanti

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.



Did you know that abortion has taken the lives of over 60 million Americans since 1973?

Abortion always leaves one dead and one deeply wounded. 40 Days for Life, 40 days of peaceful prayer, fasting and public witness at abortion facilities, has been a divine answer to this crisis.

Since launching in 2007, the 40 Days for Life campaign has resulted in:

- Over 1 million volunteers in 6,428 campaigns in 61 nations and 855 cities
- 104 abortion facilities closed with 196 abortion workers leaving the industry
- 16,742 lives are known to have been saved!

Join us for life!

FEB 26 - APRIL 5 8 AM - 4 PM

CEDAR RIVER CLINIC 1401 MLK Jr Way | Tacoma

To get involved, email tacoma40daysforlife@gmail.com

JOIN US FOR DINNER!

Mark your calendars and come for a "no host" St. Rita night at The Loose Wheel sports bar, Tuesday, February 18TH.

The special is "2 for 1" hamburgers, but of course you can order anything from the menu.

The restaurant is at 6108-6TH Avenue, Tacoma (across from Safeway). Come as early as 4:30 p.m. If you are coming after work, take your time - we'll be there. St. Patrick and Holy Cross members are cordially invited. The more the merrier.

CONSIDERING 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 our upcoming program on February 21–23, call (206) 706-2608 or visit www.helpourmarriage.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, what care facility they are at and contact information.

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

VISITING PRIESTS

Next weekend we will be joined by visiting priests who will celebrate our Masses and speak to us on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach which was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in American and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central America and South America.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our Spring Alpha begins March 24TH and runs every Tuesday night through June 2ND. It takes many hands to run Alpha! Offering childcare to families allows many young parents to attend who wouldn't otherwise be able to come. If you have a heart for children, we would appreciate your help. The commitment is from 6:00 to 8:45 p.m.

Can't come at night, but can help out during the day? We are also in need of volunteers to help with set up. We meet on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. for set up at Holy Cross Social Hall and are usually done by 11:00 a.m.

If God is calling you to serve in either position, please call Peggy Gagliardi at: 253-564-6660 to sign up.

CATHOLIC ADVOCACY DAY

Join with hundreds of Catholics as we put our faith in action to advocate for our brothers and sisters in need on Catholic Advocacy Day in Olympia, Thursday, February 20.

The day will include briefings on legislative issues, advocacy tips and appointments with legislators.

Register at www.ipjc.org

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



SONS OF ITALY TACOMA LODGE 1175

ANUUAL PASTA DINNER SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH 1:00 TO 6:00 P.M.

\$15.00 PER PERSON ST. CHARLES BORROMEO 7112 SOUTH 12TH STREET



Male and Female He Created Them

-Genesis 5:2

SATURDAY, MARCH 7th

St. Brendan Catholic Church Bothell, WA

Are you equipped to give a Catholic response to **TRANSGENDERISM** and **COMPREHENSIVE SEX ED?**

Want to learn more about

MORAL SEX EDUCATION for teens,

Strengthening MARRIAGE and THE FEMININE GENIUS?

Join us for this day long conference highlighting

THE BEAUTY OF GOD'S PLAN FOR GENDER AND SEXUALITY!

Our Keynote Speaker is Sr. Renee Mirkes, OSF, PhD.



REGISTER and LEARN MORE at CWBN.US/IOYOFLIFE



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.

NW Furniture Bank 117 Puyallup Ave, Tacoma, WA 98421 CONTACT US at 302-3868

PREGNANCY AID

Pregnancy Aid serves the well-being of families with children in and beyond the womb by providing material and emotional support.

At this time we are in need of the following items:

pots & pans, utensils, glasses, sippy cups, diaper bags, baby towels/ washcloths, high-chairs, pack-n-plays, newborn baby clothes, maternity clothes, 3T-5T pajamas, little shampoos, squeeze pouch baby food or carrots and fruit.

Open Monday, Wednesday, & Friday at: 902 Market St. in Tacoma, from 10:00-1:30 p.m.

Please call ahead for any closures (253) 383-4100

ARE YOU IN NEED OF HELP?

We of St. Vincent de Paul's Ministry would like to help any of our parishioners who may need assistance with food, and other needs. Please call the Parish Office at 383-2783 ext. 4105

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

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

Let the light of your marriage sacrament shine for all. Make your light bright by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend on April 24 – 26, at the Bellevue Sheraton Hotel. Apply at www.wwme.org. For more information leave a message at 206-772-2344. Sign up today.

SCAM ALERT

We're seeing a new spin on gift card scams. This time, scammers are pretending to be our pastor, Fr. David. They're asking parishioners for gift card contributions to a worthy cause.

Appeals are often made by email, but we've heard people are also getting texts and phone calls, too. The bogus emails often include the pastor's name and a legitimate-looking email address. But a closer look should raise some red flags. For example, the email address isn't the one normally used by our parish, and the service provider is different, too. The message may begin with a simple "Hi," but doesn't include a recipients' name. There also may be spelling errors, including the pastor's name.

The imposter asks you to buy a popular gift card - frequently, iTunes, Google Play, or Amazon - and then asks for the gift card number and PIN on the back of the card. Those numbers let the scammer immediately get the money you loaded onto the card. And once that's done, the scammer and your money are gone, usually without a trace.

If you or someone you know paid a scammer with a gift card, report it as soon as possible. Call the company and tell them the gift card was used in a scam. Then, tell the Federal Trade Commission about it. Your reports may help law enforcement agencies launch investigations that could stop imposters and other fraudsters in their tracks.

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

February 26, 2020

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

1123 North J Street | Tacoma, WA

9 AM

Mass with Distribution of Ashes

6:30 PM

Mass with Distribution of Ashes followed by a simple soup supper

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

5510 North 44 Street | Tacoma, WA

9 AM & 7 PM

Mass with Distribution of Ashes

ST. RITA OF CASCIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

1403 South Ainsworth Street | Tacoma, WA

12 PM

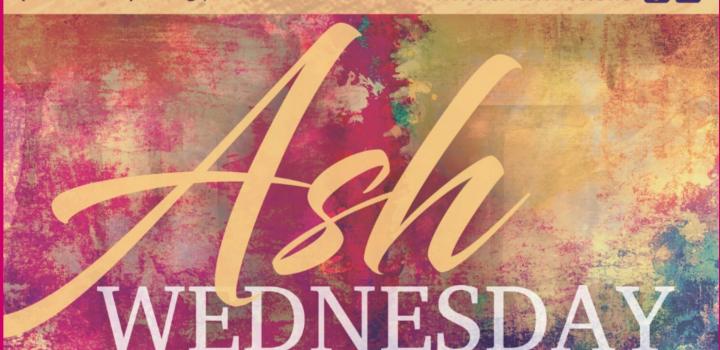
Liturgy of the Word with Distribution of Ashes

MORE INFO parish@saintpats.org | 253-383-2783

www.saintpats.org f







THE MASS

A beautiful & informative six-part series by Bishop Robert Barron explaining what we do at Mass



Thursdays | 7 - 8 PM starting February 20, 2020

SAINT PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

in the Church Hall 1123 North J Street | Tacoma, WA 98403

Fridays | 10 - 11 AM starting February 21, 2020

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

in the Parish Hall 5510 N 44th St. Tacoma. WA 98407

facilitated by Fr. David Mulholland

THE MASS WILL HELP YOU UNDERSTAND HOW TO FULLY, CONSCIOUSLY, AND ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THE SOURCE AND SUMMIT OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE.

FAITH FORMATION

DAILY READINGS

Sunday, February 16 Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 [1b]/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

Monday, February 17 Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76 [77a]/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday, February 18 Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday, February 19 Jas 1:19-27/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1b]/ Mk 8:22-26

Thursday, February 20 Jas 2:1-9/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [7a]/Mk

Friday, February 21 Jas 2:14-24, 26/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 1b]/Mk 8:34—9:1

Saturday, February 22 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19

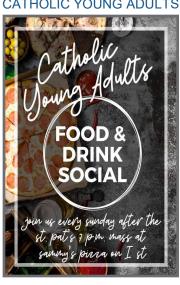
MASS CONSUMPTION & THE OFFERTORY

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 at St. Rita Church from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

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

CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS



WHAT IS ALPHA & WHO IS IT FOR?

The ALPHA course is an eleven-week journey exploring some of the central questions of the Christian faith. Is there more to life than this? Who is Jesus? How can I have faith? Why and how should I pray? How does God guide us? What does the Holy Spirit do? And many more....

The basic format for ALPHA is a shared meal, followed by a video presentation and small group discussion. Where could ALPHA take you? Do you know someone who might be interested in ALPHA? Invite someone to join you.

Starting: March 24TH, Tuesday nights at 6:30 p.m. in the Holy Cross Social Hall. Dinner and childcare are free. Registration is required so we can plan for food & childcare. Come & See! No pressure. No follow up. No charge.

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!

Classes held at the St Patrick Parish Center from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Class dates: 3/5, 3/12, 3/26 On 4/2 we will make a pilgrimage to St. James Cathedral 5:00 - 10:00 p.m. Transportation will be provided. Please bring a brown bag dinner.

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

To register or learn more, contact: adultconfirmation@saintpats.org or 253-274-4108

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 information visit: english.clonline.org or email: toby.danna@gmail.com.

CATHECHESIS OF THE **GOOD SHEPHERD**

The Characteristics of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd The 32 Points of Reflection

What are the principal points which distinguish this catechesis and because of which it is called the "Catechesis of the Good Shepherd?" The following characteristics are intended to represent the principal aspects of the catechesis as they have emerged after more than fifty years of work with children of different countries, cultures and socioeconomic backgrounds. These characteristics are reflective of the constants which have presented themselves in this work and are presented here with the invitation to go deeper into them for further reflection.

The materials prepared by catechists for the atrium are faithful to the experimental models of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. The designs of these models are the result of a long, collaborative work of observation and experimentation and have been developed according to the needs of the child at each developmental stage.

Parishioner: The materials prepared by the catechist are simple in nature, but rich in religious content. It is in working with the materials that the child "falls in love with God." Materials are small wooden environments, rough figures of clay, and beautiful colored cloth. We seek parishioners who can sew, have woodworking skills, or who can paint figures to assist us with making materials.

Parent: The catechists' role in an atrium is to prepare the environment, present the materials to the child, and then to observe the child. Why? Through the catechist's observation of the child, he or she is able to better discover the answer to the question, "What face of God does the child need to see?"

Catechist: The well-formed catechist demonstrates the materials proper use to the child, so that the child might then use the material independently to maximum advantage. Reflect upon the last opportunity you had to observe the child working with a material independently. How did you notice and note the child's developmental needs being met?

Contact Kim at: kward@saintpats.org or 253-383-2783 ext. 4108

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY



YOUTH NIGHTS

SUNDAYS | 5 - 7 PM*

2020



Feb 9 | 23 Mar 8 | 15 | 22 | 29 Apr 19 | 26 May 3 | 10 | 17

Jun 14

*folllowed by Mass at 7 PM

SERVICE



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

Mar 22 | May 17 | Jun 28

SPECIAL EVENTS



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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



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY





YOUTH CONFIRMATION

Youth Confirmation classes meet on Sundays, 5:45 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center of St. Patrick 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: 2/9, 2/23, 3/8 3/22, 4/5, 4/19

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





HAPPENING AT SAINT PATRICK

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

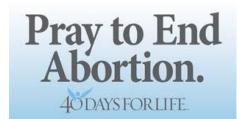
Mondays, 3:00 - 6:45 p.m. in the St. Patrick Parish Center Chapel.

PRIMETIMERS 50 and over

Join us at Knapp's Restaurant, 2707 N Proctor, for dinner and fellowship on Tuesday, February 18TH at 5:30 p.m.

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.



Help save lives by praying for an end to abortion February 26–April 5.

The internationally coordinated 40 Days for Life campaign consists of 40 days of prayer and fasting in shifts outside a clinic or hospital that performs abortions. With enough volunteers, this presence may be round-the clock.

By the grace of God, 40 Days for Life has achieved a stunning track record of life saving results since launching in 2007 and rapidly becoming a worldwide movement, active in 61 nations.

Join fellow parishioners in standing up for life right here in Tacoma at: Cedar River Clinic 1401-A Martin Luther King Jr Way

St. Patrick parishioners volunteer on Mondays from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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.

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



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. Led by Deacon Bill Eckert, they will be starting a new round looking at the Book of the Prophet Isaiah The purpose of the study is to develop a community of faith informed by Sacred Scripture.

The Old Testament Group meets at the Parish Center the $2^{\rm ND}$ & $4^{\rm TH}$ Monday at 7:00 p.m. We have recently completed the Book of Joshua and will be starting the Book of Judges. Our plan is to finish reading the entire Old Testament. We enjoy tracing our Catholic roots through the Jewish religion and look for similarities as well as the differences in the two faiths. We particularly like to find the references that Jesus made to the Old Testament to try to glean the message. Our perspective is to look at what the readings meant to the people at the time the events took place, what they meant to the people at the time when it was recorded, and especially, what it means to us today as Christians and to our Jewish brothers.

Both groups welcome new members and encourage members to bring their own Bible. We have found the Catholic Study Bible to be very valuable in our studies.

INCLUSION MINISTRY

Widening our welcome. Advocating for people with disabilities.

Join us at our next meeting, Thursday, February 20TH at 2:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.

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

FOOD DRIVE

The greatest need this month is PASTA. Please think of those less fortunate when you are shopping.



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

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP **NOVENA AT HOLY CROSS**

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

ALTAR SOCIETY MEETING

February 20TH at 11:00 a.m. with a small lunch to follow. All women of Holy Cross are invited to attend.

PALMS

Please return your palms to the basket in front of the holy water font in the body of the church by February 23RD, so we can burn them for Ash Wednesday.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The office will be closed on President's Day, Monday, February 17TH There will be no Mass that day.

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.

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Encounter the Lord outside of Mass in our Adoration Chapel, 24 hours a day! We currently need commitments for:

Sunday: 2:00-3:00 a.m.

Monday: First, Second & Fourth -2:00-3:00 a.m. & 3:00-4:00 a.m.,

4:00-5:00 a.m.

Tuesday: Midnight-1:00 a.m.. 3:00-4:00 a.m., 4:00-5:00 a.m. 6:00 - 7:00 a.m.

11:00-Midnight

Wednesday: 2:00-3:00 a.m., 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Friday: 2:00-3:00 a.m., 3:00-4:00 a.m.,

Saturday: Midnight-1:00 a.m., 1:00-2:00 a.m, 2:00-3:00 a.m., 10:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.

To sign up call 253-759-3368

ALTAR SERVERS



Meet our Altar Servers: Photo above - Steve Mullen, Starllah & Steve Cano. Photo below - Alex Thank you for your dedication!



BABY SHOWER

Holy Cross will be holding a baby shower for the crisis maternity centers in the area. We will be accepting donations of maternity clothing, baby supplies, and baby/toddler clothing after all Masses on the weekend of February 22ND& 23RD.

Clean, gently-used items are also welcome. You do not need to wrap your donation. Can't get out to shop? Monetary donations are also very useful. Checks may be made payable to: Our Lady of Guadalupe Maternity Center or Pregnancy Aid of Tacoma.

Questions? Contact Peggy Gagliardi at: 253-564-6660

or peggygagliardi@gmail.com.

LECTOR & EUCHARISTIC MINISTER

 7^{TH} SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME February $22^{\text{ND}},~5:\!30~\text{p.m.}$

Jan Stauffer & Floyd Cunmmings **Eucharistic Ministers:**

Mary Jones, Joan Pirolo, Sandi Rossi Choir: Nancy Doran

February 23TH, 10:00 a.m.

Lectors:

Tome Snead & Elisa Cano **Eucharistic Ministers:** Sandy Benson, Carol Ringrose, Mike Silvernagle

Choir: Greta Toledo

SAFE ENVIRONMENT CLASS

February 27TH, from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. Please sign up on line at virtusonline.org. Please meet in the parish hall.

SACRED STEPS

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Joe Hayes, son of Claire Hayes. We offer our sympathy, love and prayers to his family and friends in this time of sorrow.

THANK YOU!

A big thank you to the Women's Club and all of our wonderful volunteers, as well as anyone who may have donated "gently used" items to our recent Holy Cross Rummage Sale. \$7,000 was donated to the parish from the proceeds! Join us for our next sale on March 6 & 7.

HOLY CROSS (RUMMAGE)

Our volunteers meet every Tuesday 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.

ON LINE GIVING

Now is the time to try out on line giving! Go to our website at: www.holvcross-tacoma.org Click on the cell phone photo.



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

HAPPENING AT SAINT RITA OF CASCIA

ITALIAN COOKIE CLASS

On Saturday March 28TH we will have a class on making genetti (traditional Easter cookies) at 10:00 a.m. in the hall. The cost is \$10.

For more information and to register, contact Pam at: 253-627-4851 or 425-220-5044.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We will be having Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 6:00 p.m. followed by a soup supper.

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 president of our Parish Life committee, Francie Jordan.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AT ST. RITA

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

CRAFTERS

Bring a project you're working on the second Friday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the rectory for relaxation & fellowship.

JOIN US FOR DINNER!

Mark your calendars and come for another "no host" St. Rita night at The Loose Wheel sports bar, Tuesday, February 18TH.

The special is "2 for 1" hamburgers, but of course you can order anything from the menu.

The restaurant is at 6108-6TH Avenue, Tacoma (across from Safeway). Come as early as 4:30 p.m. If you are coming after work, take your time - we'll be there.

NO MASS OR RECONCILIATION

There will be no Mass or Reconciliation on Saturday, February 22ND.

CALLED TO MINISTRY

Consider becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. At this time we are in need of a Eucharistic Minister for the 3RD Sunday of the month.

Please call Susan at: 253-503-1871

WARM CLOTHING

It is cold outside and the need for warm clothing is still present. The basket will remain in the vestibule for all donations.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is held in the rectory every Wednesday at Noon.

ST. FRANCES SODALITY

St. Frances Sodality meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month after Noon Mass. See Riley Smith, if you are interested in joining.

Mission Statement

The St. Frances of Rome Sodality is an organization of Catholics of all ages at St. Rita of Cascia Parish. We meet monthly from September to May. Our goal is to support each other spiritually and socially, under the direction of our pastor.

We foster a Christian community through prayer, charitable works, and supporting Catholic education through scholarships.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The apostolate of the society is to assist in parish ministries by performing the Corporal Works of Mercy:

to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, give drink to the thirsty, shelter to the homeless, tend the sick, visit those in prison, and bury the dead.

We serve Nativity House dinner on the first Sunday of the month at Noon. We serve a pancake breakfast after the 7:30 a.m. Mass on the second Sunday of the month.

For more information, see Mark Lewis. President.

ST. RITA OF CASCIA ST. FRANCES SODALITY 2ND ANNUAL EASTER LILY SALE



Orders due by March 29, 2020

6" Foil Wrapped Pot - \$12.00 each 8" Foil Wrapped Pot - \$27.00 each

All proceeds benefit our charitable works

You may purchase a plant for yourself or to decorate the church in memory of a loved one for St. Rita's or Holy Cross.

Delivery date - April 5, 2020

Delivery date - April 5, 2020	
6" @ \$12 each = \$ T	ota
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Check # Checks payable to: St. Rita Catholic Church, memo: Soda	ality
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Church (circle one)

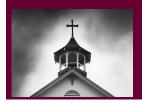
St. Rita St. Patrick Holy Cross

Please put orders with payment in collection basket, drop in office door slot or give to Pam Smith or Riley Smith.

Questions? Contact Pam Smith at: office@stritastacoma.org or 425-220-5044

FOOD DRIVE

Beginning in March, we will be collecting non-perishable food items on the first weekend of each month to help stock the food bank at Holy Cross. The first collection will be on March 1ST. There will be a basket in the vestibule.



ST. RITA OF CASCIA

THANK YOU TO OUR ADVERTISER OF THE MONTH

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PLEASE PATRONIZE OUR ADVERTISERS & TELL THEM YOU ARE FROM ST. RITA!



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.



"Let's kick the tires and light the fires" for REACH 2020!



This event usually sells out - grab your tickets NOW!
Tickets are \$100/per person.
Tables sell for \$1,000 and include 10 admissions.

To purchase tickets go to the REACH Auction homepage at: www.saintpats.org/school/fundraising/reach-auction/

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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