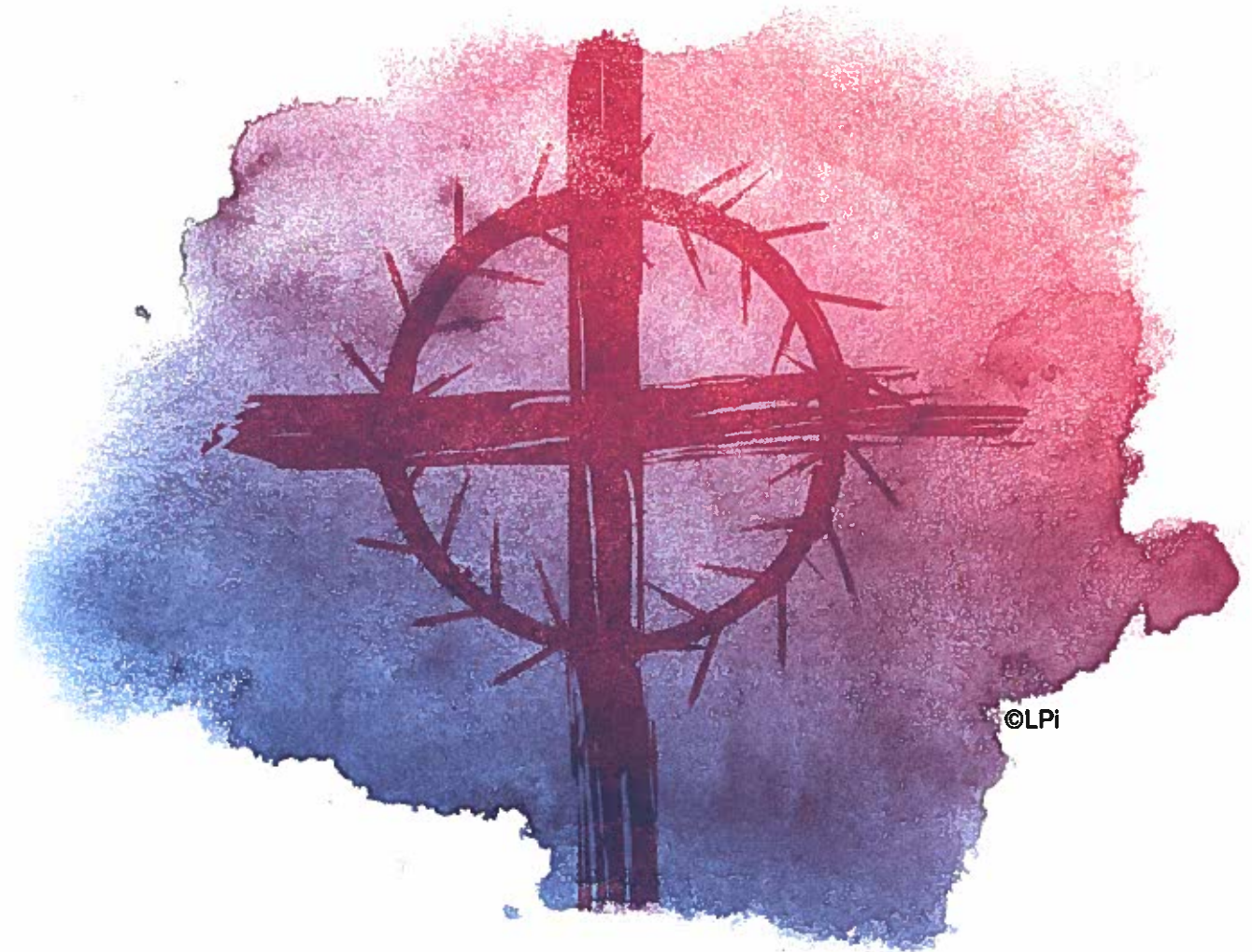




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Welcome Visitors

Our pastor, Fr. Patrick, welcomes you to St. Catherine of Siena Parish. If you are visiting us for the first time, you are honored guests and we hope you will consider making St. Catherine of Siena your church home. We are here to assist you in your spiritual growth and maturity as together we give glory to God through our worship, prayer and service in the name of Jesus Christ. We are committed to the fullness of Roman Catholic teachings and to the promise of salvation that Christ offers. May God accomplish a great work in you among us.

PARISH REGISTRATION – We welcome all new members of our parish family. Parish registration envelopes are available at the doors at the Church or you can register online at www.stcatherineparish.net using the “Newcomers” tab. Please call the office at 206-524-8800 with any questions.

Mass times: Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:30 & 10:30 am
Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 am

Reconciliation:
Saturday 3:30 - 4:30 pm
at the foyer of the church

4th Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2020

MASS CALENDAR

Monday, March 23

Church open 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Tuesday, March 24

Adoration 9:30am—3:00pm

Wednesday, March 25

Church open 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Thursday, March 26

Church open 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Friday, March 27

Church open 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Saturday, March 28

Church open 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Reconciliation: 3:30—4:30 pm

Sunday, March 29

Church closed. Please view online Mass options.

PRAYERS:

Ann Adley	Mary Kohli
Patty Bailey	Chris Lee
Mary Baresh	Grace Liang
Vicki Basta	Kevin McDevitt
Eric Bowen	Dan McMullen
Chris Burr	Jason Nolander
Jim Butler	Sam Patterson
Tom Butler	Taylor Peacock
Joe Byrne	Kaila Rants
Christie Chilke	Nancy Reid
Conchita Constan	Janet Ross
Wally Desharnais	Frank Shea
Don DeVera	Sylvia Sheehan
Jeff Dills	Joe Simon
Raquel Dills	Alice Slette
Bridget Dobson	Steve Srithongsuk
Terry Dougherty	Barbara Stukowski
John Firlotte	Jeff Tuculet
Rosella Flanigan	Dean Uyeda
Nancy Flynn	Gregory Welyczko
Lorraine Garske	Stephen Werner
Martha Guillermo	Jeannie Wells
Tom Harris	Fonny Widjaja
Jimmy Hinnebusch	Carol Young
Patrick Kelly	

NEED PRAYERS? Let the parish office know of your special intention and we will forward your prayer request to our Prayer Chain and Rosary Group. Please email prayer intentions to info@st-c.org.

But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.
Isaiah 40:31

Peace to you. Hopefully you have received the message that our church is presently open for private prayer from 9:00 to 1:00 pm, Monday through Friday, and Adoration takes place from 9:00 am—3:00 pm on Tuesdays.

- Please stay at least 6 feet apart from other visitors.
- We encourage those 60 and older, or those with underlying medical conditions, to stay at home.
- Please wash your hands or use the hand sanitizer provided when you arrive and when you leave.

See our parish website, www.stcatherineparish.net, for :

- A Letter From Father Patrick
- Daily Mass Readings
- Spiritual Resources and Streaming Mass times
- Recent Parish emails
- Sing up to get he parish bulletin emailed to you each week

At this point we are monitoring parish phones. Leave a message or send an email if you have a need. We will do our best to help. Take care.

206.524.8800 or info@st-c.org



THE RICE BOWL LENTEN PROGRAM is an essential link of solidarity between our communities and our sisters and brothers living in hunger, both here and beyond our borders. It is also a means to commit our Lenten prayers, fasting, and almsgiving to deepening our faith, while serving those in need. Visit www.crsricebowl.org/. See the back page to follow the rice bowl journey this Lenten season.

WEEKLY EMAIL LENTEN INSPIRATIONS: Offered by Northwest Catholic. See the link on the front page of our parish website at www.stcatherineparish.net



SUNDAY COLLECTION COMPARISON				
<i>Thank you for your generous support!</i>				
	Jan 2020	2019-20 YTD	2019-20 YTD	2018-19TYD
	Actual		Budget	
Stewardship of				
Treasure	\$ 42,322	\$ 321,591	\$ 322,000	\$ 309,839
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 2,671	\$ 25,654	N/A	\$ 25,963

SUNDAY COLLECTION COMPARISON				
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	Feb 2020	2019-20 YTD	2019-20 YTD	2018-19TYD
	Actual		Budget	
Stewardship of				
Treasure	\$ 36,518	\$ 358,109	\$ 368,000	\$ 349,204
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 2,071	\$ 27,725	N/A	\$ 28,215

FATHER PATRICK'S HOMILIES are now recorded and can be accessed on the front page of our parish website at www.stcatherineparish.net



CONTINUE TO PRAY for all those in our diocese who are preparing to receive sacraments including those from our parish preparing for the sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist.



We are called to join our faith community—and more than 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl in the church foyer. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on the challenge of global hunger and how it affects our human family.

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FOURTH WEEK OF LENT Meet Maria Ana Maria Ana and her brothers receive one meal a day at school, so that they can focus on achieving their dreams. How was education important for your future? How can you we ensure that all young people have a chance to be educated?

Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

BEWARE OF FRAUD: From King County Sheriff's Office: As we navigate through the current events surrounding COVID-19, use caution as you search for information and conduct online activities. Fraudulent websites, phishing emails, and other scams continue to capitalize on people's anxiety and fears and we don't want to see you become a victim. These links can introduce ransomware or a virus to your computer. If you want information, navigate to a trusted site.



From the Bishops of Washington State:
Read their statement,

Love One Another:

Practicing Civility for the Common Good

Locate this on our website under the tab About Us/ Archdiocese of Seattle



WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECEIVE THE WEEKLY BULLETIN VIA EMAIL?

The parish is inviting parishioners to be on an email list to receive the bulletin every week. Would you be interested? Sign up on the front page of our parish website, or contact the parish office: 206-524-8800, info@st-c.org.



ST. CATHERINE SCHOOL is now enrolling for fall 2020! We have limited openings in all grades pre-school through 8th grade. St. Catherine students enjoy hands-on, inquiry-based learning, small class sizes, and year-round specialists.



We are excited to announce our **new full day preschool program**, offering before care starting at 7am and after care going until 6pm! We'd love to show you around! Email Kristin at tour@stcatherineschool.net.



Save the Date for our Gala Auction!

Saturday, May 2, 2020

The auction will be online this year! Stay tuned for more details. We hope you'll join us as we celebrate

our wonderful school - past, present and future - made possible by our parish community - you!
Interested in a corporate sponsorship, or ad space in our printed auction catalog? Please contact Kelly

SAVE THE DATE! WE WILL BE SCHEDULING TIMES FOR INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY PHOTOS FOR OUR NEW PARISH DIRECTORY. The photo sessions will be July 14-18, August 18-22 and August 25-27, 2020. So please save one of these dates for your family to have you photo take for our new parish directory.



CYO Summer Camps

Registration is OPEN for CYO Summer Camps. Check out this year's options. Learn more at www.cyo.camp

FROM FATHER PATRICK—CONSIDER USING ONLINE

GIVING: I encourage those who have not yet switched over to online giving to consider it as a way to continue giving to the parish while many operations have been suspended. By way of being just and caring to our employees, the Archdiocese has told parishes to continue to pay our employees their regular salaries and wages during the outbreak, so our expenses are still near normal levels while Mass is suspended. Please consider doing what you are able to do. Registration for Online Giving is on the



front page of our parish website. It can be used for a one-time gift as well as ongoing giving, and for donating to St. Vincent de Paul.



CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

Lauren Bergesen at 206-524-8800, ext.105, email at faithformation@st-c.org.

◆ **Please note:** All First Grade students who do not attend a Catholic School and plan to participate in First Communion in the 2nd Grade, are required by the Archdiocese to attend Sunday Faith Formation classes during the First Grade.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL—REGISTRATION IS OPEN

All children going into grades K-5 are invited to participate in this summer's "Rocky Railway: Jesus Pulls Us Through!" Vacation Bible School. Join us for fun games, music, videos, skits and more!

Where: Our Lady of the Lake,

When: August 4th-7th, 9:30am-12:30pm.

Cost: \$30/child, with family discounts for more than 2 children. Registration is now open at

www.stcatherineparish.net/VBS. Adult and Teen (grades 6-12) leaders are needed. Child is free if their parent or older sibling volunteers.

RACHEL'S CORNER —Hope and Healing After Abortion

Upcoming Spring Retreat, in English- April 24th – 26th
Call for a compassionate, confidential conversation.
English: (206) 920-6413 / Español: (206)-450-7814
Email projectrachel@ccsww.org. Visit us at www.ccsww.org/projectrachel or www.facebook.com/projectrachelww.
Project Rachel is a program of Catholic Community Services.

CALLING ALL CURRENT HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS:

Are you looking for a fun and enriching experience this summer? Consider participating in the Esperanza trip! This is an opportunity to travel to Tijuana, Mexico, get immersed in the culture and community...and help build a house! **Trip dates: July 19 - July 25th**. ! Learn more at www.esperanzaint.org All planning and fundraising is done at St. Catherine's. Contact Katie Fleming, long time parishioner, with any questions or for trip details. kjfleming1239@gmail.com 206-354-5161

WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR RICE BOWL? Please continue to use your rice bowl during Lent. They are usually returned on Holy Thursday. When we come to the end of Lent, it will be appreciated if you write a check for your collection and mail it to the parish offices at :

814 NE 85th Street
Seattle, WA 98115

Thank you!



N SEATTLE CATHOLIC YOUTH All students in grades between 6th and 12th are welcomed to join us for our youth events! Our youth events are centered on growing in our faith, asking questions, building relationships, doing activities, reflections and discussions, and enjoying a meal with fellow faithful peers.

All Youth Events are in the Gym at Christ the King Parish, 405 North 117th St., Seattle 98133 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

May 3, 2020: How we are called to be Saint

June 7, 2020: How we can thrive in our Faith

Check out the website: www.nseattlecatholicyouth.org

Mariah Nickerson, Youth Ministry Director, 206.488.5970, mariah@stbens.net

Presently, we are not meeting. All of the youth meetings, including Confirmation classes in person and youth groups, are cancelled.

Confirmation Prep classes are now online and the retreat on April 25, 2020 is cancelled.

Stay tuned for future updates!

DIVORCE, WIDOWED & GRIEF SUPPORT: See the resources available at [https://](https://marriagefamilylife.seattlearchdiocese.org/newbeginnings)

marriagefamilylife.seattlearchdiocese.org/newbeginnings or find the link on our parish website under Ministries/ Outside Resources

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL CONTINUES TO SERVE During this cautious time, the St. Vincent DePaul chapter at St. Catherine is continuing to serve our neighbors and is still relying on your generous donations. They have adjusted their service and are contacting clients by phone instead of personal visits. Also, they are reducing their assistance for the next two months, until the City's eviction moratorium has ended and the extent of the federal government's economic assistance is known. They still need donations for other needs and they plan to build up their bank account so that, once the eviction moratorium ends and past rent will be due, they will be in a position to resume making rent assistance. There is also a continual need for food donations which can be left at the parish office or the SVDP bin at the back of the church. Thank you for your continued support. (You can donate to St. Catherine's St. Vincent DePaul chapter through Online Giving on the front page of the parish website.)



" Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire."

- St. Catherine of Siena



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SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM – To prepare for having your child baptized, please contact Lauren Bergesen at faithformation@stcatherineparish.net for information, paperwork and scheduling for the baptismal class.

MARRIAGE – Those wishing to be married at St. Catherine of Siena should consult with Fr. Patrick before other arrangements are made. A minimum of six months is needed for marriage preparation.

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST EUCHARIST— Please contact the Pastoral Assistant for Faith Formation for more information at faithformation@stcatherineparish.net.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) – RCIA is an ongoing information process for those wanting to become Catholic. If interested or have any questions, please call for a meeting with Fr. Patrick.

FUNERALS — Contact the parish at your earliest convenience **206.524.8800**.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK— Offered at the "Senior Mass" quarterly and when requested. This sacrament is offered for the sick and homebound in our community. Please don't hesitate to contact Fr. Patrick for this sacrament at any time.



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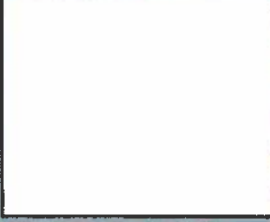


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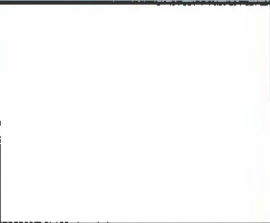
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Sacrifice of Praise

Fourth Sunday of Lent: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a / Ephesians 5:8-14 / John 9:1-41



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The Blessing of a Thankful Heart

In today's Gospel, the disciples questioned Jesus if sin caused the man's blindness. Did he or someone in his family warrant this punishment by their offense to God? The disciples listened and accepted Jesus' explanation that the man's lack of sight was not due to sin but instead was to show the glory of God. Meanwhile, the Pharisees refused to accept Jesus' teaching and in essence became the blind ones. Ironically, their inability to see could be directly attributed to sin — specifically, the sin of pride.

They refused to believe in the miracle which had occurred right before them and would never be able to see the miracles Jesus could perform in their lives. Their metaphorical blindness remained because they were unwilling to believe in any truth other than their own. Jesus has the power and authority to open anyone's eyes, to break through anyone's darkness, but first we have to be willing to see.

Sometimes we face circumstances truly beyond our control, which make

FOR REFLECTION

- Make a list of all the things you are grateful for. Spend time in prayer thanking God for each one.
- In difficult situations, are you able to recognize reasons to be thankful?
- What burdens keep you free from embracing a hope-filled life in Christ?

us wonder what we've done to be abandoned by God or what may have angered him. It is imperative to understand an important truth about God: He does not bring hardships; these exist as a result of the Fall in the Garden of Eden. God has given each of us free will so that we may be able to freely choose to enter into a relationship with him — one based on love, not coercion.

Trusting in God's promises that "all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose" (Rom 8:28), or that "for human beings this is impossible, but for God all things are possible" (Mt

19:26), can be difficult in the midst of a tragedy, trial, or difficulty. However, one who continues to pray in thanksgiving maintains a grateful heart and remains hopeful, like the man born blind. Although Jesus' method of curing the man's blindness may have seemed strange, the man, thankful for a chance at healing, followed Jesus' instructions.

Lent is the perfect time to rub mud in our eyes, figuratively speaking, and allow Jesus to heal our spiritual blindness. Whether currently struggling through a difficult time, or scars from past battles that are hard to forget, prayers of thanksgiving can mold those experiences into blessings. Clarity of vision of the cumulative experiences in our lives belong only with God; apart from him, we will never make sense of them. Remaining close, thankful, and open to seeing his hand in all that happens in the world, keeps our hearts safeguarded from growing hard. Lent is a time to reflect on what blinds us from saying, "Lord, I believe," and a time to refocus on following the Light of the World.

PRAYER TIP

When do you find time for prayer within a typically busy day? Some days do not lend themselves to dedicated or uninterrupted prayer time. Instead of skipping prayer, find ways to build it into the things you are already doing. Here are a few suggestions:

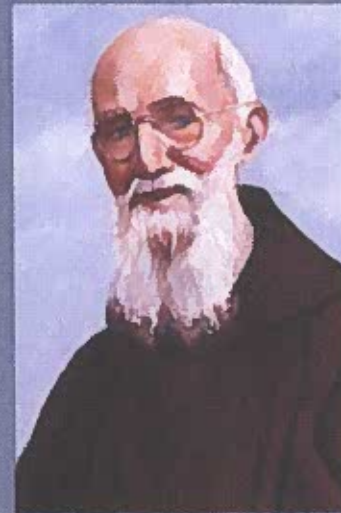
- Use your morning coffee time to read a Scripture verse.
- Recite the Rosary on your drive to work.
- Bring joy to your chores by thanking God for the food that dirtied the dishes, the clothes that now fill the hamper, and a floor that requires vacuuming.
- Offer a Hail Mary while brushing your teeth.
- Pray before (and even after) each meal.

“Give thanks to the Lord ...
whose love endures forever.”

— 1 CHRONICLES 16:34

Thank God Ahead

Blessed Solanus Casey was a simple Capuchin friar from Oak Grove, Wisconsin. Blessed Solanus is an extraordinary example of how a person can foster devout faith amid an ordinary life. Through his many hardships, he learned the blessing of maintaining a heart of gratitude, regardless of current circumstances. Solanus often counseled people to consider the good God would do in the future for them, and to “Thank God ahead of time!”



CATECHISM CONNECTION



“The inexhaustible richness of [the Eucharist] is expressed in the different names we give it. Each name evokes certain aspects of it. It is called:

“Eucharist, because it is an action of thanksgiving to God. The Greek words *eucharistein* and *eulogein* recall the Jewish blessings that proclaim — especially during a meal — God’s works: creation, redemption, and sanctification.”

— *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1328

“Thanksgiving characterizes the prayer of the Church which, in celebrating the Eucharist, reveals and becomes more fully what she is. Indeed, in the work of salvation, Christ sets creation free from sin and death to consecrate it anew and make it return to the Father, for his glory. The thanksgiving of the members of the Body participates in that of their Head.

— *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2637



Prayer

Lord Jesus, may I remember each day this Lent to thank you for each blessing and each cross. May the devotion I offer you be from a place of great love and not hinge on my happiness, but instead on the blessed hope found in Easter. Our blessings are abundant; so should our thanks to the One who bestows them. Lord, this week, I will pray without ceasing, giving thanks in all circumstances.