

GATHER

Memorial Day Mass

All are invited to a Memorial Day Mass with Archbishop Etienne on **Monday, May 31** at 8am at St. James Cathedral to remember those who died while in the military serving our country. This year, we will also remember all those who have died from COVID-19. You can join in person (no registration needed) or watch @ArchdioceseofSeattle on Vimeo or Facebook.

A Blessing for High School Graduates

All high school students who are graduating or finishing up their GED are invited to attend Mass at 5:30pm on **Saturday, June 12** to receive a special blessing from the congregation. Let us celebrate you and pray for the graces you will need on your journey. RSVP to Jennifer at jibach@olgseattle.org by **Tuesday, June 1** if you would like to participate.

Young Adult Scavenger Hunt

All young adults (ages 18-39) are invited to a Scavenger Hunt on **Saturday, June 19 at 1pm**. Gather one or more people from your “bubble” and meet us in person, socially-distanced to receive your packet of clues. The hunt will take your team around the greater West Seattle area, then we’ll all gather to award prizes. If you would like us to add you to a team, just let us know. Or grab your dad for a fun Father’s Day weekend event! To sign up, email Jennifer at jibach@olgseattle.org by **Friday, June 11**. If you would like to be part of planning YA activities, let Jennifer know.

SERVE

Safe Parking Update

We welcomed a new couple into our Safe Parking lot this past week. We are happy to be up and running again! If you would like to support this effort, we need a few more volunteers to help maintain the Hospitality Hut. You can sign up for the days and/or times that work each month. For more information, contact Jennifer at jibach@olgseattle.org

Support Immigrants in our Community

Join St. James Cathedral Immigrant *GroopIt*, an on-line platform to connect with and support immigrants. As a member of their GroopIt, you’ll see requests for specific needs (i.e. a ride to the doctor, furniture, meals, help setting up a TV, etc.) If you are available to help, it is easy to respond to get all the information you need. In addition, you will see posts about events, advocacy alerts, and immigration-related news. You will also be able to connect to others who are concerned with justice for immigrants. Email Chris at ckoehler@stjames-cathedral.org to get instructions for joining if you have any questions.

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Catholic Relief Services: Providing Water in Rwanda

CRS has been working with USAID to help our brothers and sisters in Rwanda get access to clean water. In one village, USAID and CRS have dug 61 boreholes in 7 districts that provide water close by. That means children, often responsible for collecting water, are not at risk of missing school or not having enough time for homework. In addition, CRS installed two solar-powered deep wells in the Kayonza and Ngoma Districts, powering the delivery of clean, safe drinking water in those villages. Visit www.crs.org to see how you can help contribute!

A Matter of Spirit: Education Equity

The Intercommunity Peace and Justice Center’s recent journal, *A Matter of Spirit* (AMOS), focuses on Education Equity, reflecting on how Covid-19 has impacted the education system, especially our educators and students. Hear educators and a student discuss the current reality of education and consider pathways towards a more just and equitable system. Read or listen to the latest issue at <https://www.ipjc.org/a-matter-of-spirit/> AMOS is a quarterly justice journal with analysis, theological reflection, and action on justice issues.

Climate Change is an Environmental Justice Issue

Climate change threatens everyone’s health, air, water, food, and shelter, but Black, Indigenous, and communities of color (BIPOC) face the greatest risks. Extreme weather events such as hurricanes, floods, droughts, and wildfire, as well

as poor air quality and pollution, all have a disproportionate impact on communities of color, low-income communities, and other vulnerable groups such as children, elders, and farmworkers. We can all assess our own role in climate change and begin to take action on climate justice. Visit <https://www3.epa.gov/carbon-footprint-calculator/> to calculate the size of your carbon footprint and learn how to reduce your household's impact.

ACT

Thanks from the bees!

Last month Walmart announced a landmark pollinator health policy that will work to protect bees and other pollinators essential to one in three bites of food. This success is the result of collaboration, time, patience and persistence. In 2019, Northwest Coalition for Responsible Investment (ipjc.org/nwcric) and Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility shareholders joined Friends of the Earth in advocating with Walmart to be a leader in the safer management of pesticides and other hazardous agrochemicals. Join them in calling on the other 24 largest grocery stores to Bee Friendly too (<https://foe.org/take-action/>)!