

GATHER

April Community Meal Canceled

The **Sunday, April 26** Community Meal has been cancelled as a result of the “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” order. Thank you for doing your part to keep everyone safe. You will be in our thoughts and prayers. Stay tuned for updates on the May 31 meal as they become available.

SERVE

Youth Migrant Project

By this time of year, we are usually collecting applications for the Youth Migrant Project summer mission trip for teens (graduating 8th graders through graduating seniors). Due to COVID-19, we are not sure whether the program will run this summer. We will share an update as soon as possible. Even if the regular program isn’t possible in its entirety, we hope to do something to assist the essential farmworkers and their families as they labor to put food on our tables!

Help Get the Peace Garden ready to Grow!

Get some fresh air and exercise by helping out with Day of Service projects that were cancelled on the OLG campus. Help get our gardens ready to grow fresh fruits and veggies for the West Seattle Food Bank by weeding, spreading mulch, pruning, etc. Sign up on our website (www.olgseattle.org).

COVID-19 Assistance: Ways to Give and Get Help

With the “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” order in place through the beginning of May and school cancelled until the fall, many of us find ourselves in difficult situations. Homeschooling, stress, isolation, layoffs, financial strain, health concerns, and more are the new challenges we are facing in this difficult time. Know that you are not alone. We are here to support the community in any way we can. To that end, we are continually adding to our new COVID-19 Assistance page: <https://olgseattle.org/covid-19-assistance>. Whether you need assistance, want to lend a hand, or both, we’ve got resources for you. We have also included prayers and reflections to strengthen you on the journey. Have a resource to share? Send it to Jennifer at jibach@olgseattle.org.

LEARN

Civilize It: Dignity Beyond the Debate

With another election cycle in full swing, we are invited to consider what it means to love our neighbors in the midst of a divisive climate. We are called to bring the best of ourselves and our faith to the public square. The U.S. Catholic Bishops invite Catholics to pledge to civility, clarity, and compassion in the public square and to call on others to do the same. Take the pledge and learn more at: www.wearesaltandlight.org/civilize-it

2020 Census: Be counted!

In Washington, the census determines over \$16.7 billion in tax dollars for our communities, along with our democratic representation in Congress. We cannot afford to miss counting anyone in this census, especially traditionally undercounted people of color, immigrants, tribes, rural communities, college students, seniors, prisoners, and young children. We often say in our legislative work that budgets are moral documents. In this case, the data that informs budgets and allocations of resources has moral implications too! It’s not too late to be counted. Go to <https://census2020.gov> to be counted and encourage others to do the same!

GIVE

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl: Happy Easter!

Happy Easter! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl challenges us this Easter season to share what we have with our global family. Remember to turn in your Rice Bowl funds **online or to mail/drop off a check at the OLG Pastoral Center** made out to “OLG” with “Rice Bowl” in the memo (mail slot to the left of the doors). You can give via the OLG website by clicking the “Donate” button and entering the amount in the “Rice Bowl” field. You can also give directly at www.crsricebowl.org. Thank you for your continued support of Catholic Relief Services as they respond to COVID-19 in 114 countries. Remember, 25% of Rice Bowl donations also stay local to help with hunger alleviation in our own communities!

Donations Needed for the Welcome Table

The Saturday “Welcome Table” meal is still being served every weekend at noon at The Body of Christ Church (1320 SW 102nd St.). They are desperately in need of men's clothing, shoes, coats, gloves, blankets, Depends, toothpaste, toilet paper, and hand sanitizer. Donations can be dropped off on Saturdays between 11-11:30am (before the meal to help with social distancing). You can also donate to the meal by providing “to go” boxes and snack foods (string cheese, fruit, fruit cups, granola bars, bags of chips, etc.).