

GIVE

Giving Tree Thanks!

OLG's Giving Tree tags were taken at a record speed this year! Thank you for your generosity! Please return the gift by **12/15**. Didn't get a tag? Consider a Gift of Hope tag through Catholic Relief Services. You can buy mosquito nets, educational supplies, food, and more to support programs around the world! <https://gifts.crs.org/>

PRAY

Pray to End Hunger

Bread for the World invites all to join them in ongoing prayers to end hunger at home and abroad. They believe it is possible to end hunger, but not without God. When we pray, God listens. Will you join them in this movement to pray faithfully for an end to hunger and poverty? Sign up at <https://www.bread.org/> for bi-monthly prayer suggestions and other resources about our neighbors who need our prayers.

GATHER

Simbang Gabi Commissioning Mass

All are invited to join Archbishop Etienne and Catholics from around the Archdiocese for this festive, colorful and prayerful Advent celebration on Saturday, **December 14** at 11am at St. James Cathedral. This Filipino tradition ushers in Simbang Gabi, a novena of Masses meant to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. Reception to follow. Look for more information soon about the novena with our local community.

December Community Meal

All are invited to the Community Meal on **Sunday, December 15** from 1-2pm in the Walmesley Center. This is a free, monthly meal for all in the greater community who wish to attend. Join us for fellowship and great food. This month's meal is hosted by Holy Rosary.

SERVE

Volunteer at the 2020 Seattle/King County Clinic

This February, Seattle/King County Clinic will bring together healthcare organizations, civic agencies, non-profits, private businesses and volunteers from across the State to produce a giant free health clinic at the Seattle Center. The four-day, volunteer-driven clinic provides free dental, vision, and medical care to anyone in the region who struggles to access and/or afford healthcare.

Information, seattlecenter.org/volunteer

Help Plan the 2020 Day of Service

Planning is underway for the 2020 Day of Service, coming up on March 28. Join our team to help pick volunteer sites and get the word out to the community! Our next meeting is **Friday, December 13** at 8:30am in the Pastoral Center. Want to help but can't make the meeting? We need people to research agencies, organize data, market, shop, and manage signups. This is a great short-term project that counts towards school volunteer hours! *Information, Karen, fittonkaren@gmail.com.*

LEARN

Ethical Trade Shopping Guide

Looking for ways to support Ethical Trade companies this holiday season? Check out the Shopping Guide at ethicaltrade.crs.org for home décor, food, jewelry, apparel and more!

Safe Parking Information Meeting - POSTPONED

The Safe Parking meeting is postponed while we work out all the details. We want this program to be a success so we're taking the time we need to get it organized well. Look for a new date soon!

ACT

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

Support Child Trafficking Survivors

Urge your senators to support and cosponsor S.661, the Child Trafficking Victims Protections and Welfare Act of 2019. S.661 will require Customs and Border Protection (CBD) to develop guidelines for the treatment of children in custody, which includes the provision of basic necessities. It will also require CBD to assign licensed child welfare professionals to identify victims of trafficking and ensure provisions are made to prevent family separation by assisting in reuniting separated families. Visit ipjc.org/legislative-action-center/ to take action today!

Catholic Relief Services: Support Migrants Worldwide

In today's world, no one should have to move from their home to access nutritious foods and yet, it is the reality for many. We believe we can ensure all people enjoy peaceful, healthy lives at home. This very minute, families