

GIVE

Giving Tree Tags Due

Thank you to all who were able to take a tag off our Giving Tree this year. Please remember to return your gifts to the church by this **Sunday, December 15** or to the Pastoral Center by Monday, December 16. Thank you for your generosity!

GATHER

Three Kings Day Party, Potluck and Food Drive

Your family is invited to a Three Kings Party on Sunday, **January 5** from 12:30-2:30pm in the School Hall. In much of Latin America, Epiphany, or Three Kings Day/El Día de los Tres Reyes Magos, is the day families celebrate the visit of the three kings from distant lands to welcome and share their gifts with the baby Jesus and His family. OLG Immigrant Ministry and the Saldaña-McGraw family invite parish families to join us for crown-making, story-telling, games, and hopefully a visit from the Tres Reyes themselves! The asylum-seeking families connected to our Immigrant Ministry will also be there to continue getting to know our community. Please RSVP to Rebecca at rebeccajsaldana@gmail.com or 206-380-4684, with how many children and their ages, so the Three Kings pack enough gifts for the children. We will provide rice, beans, hot chocolate, and la Rosca, the special bread we eat on this day. Please consider bringing an appetizer, salads or drinks, and a food item/canned food for St. Vincent de Paul.

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

Christmas Meals and Gifts

OLG is part of the Westside Interfaith Network (WIN), a group of 20+ congregations in West Seattle and White Center who do service together. WIN invites all to help organize (**12/16**) and assemble (**12/17**) holiday gifts bags for our homeless neighbors in need from 5-7pm at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (4001 44th Ave SW, 98116). Donations of travel-sized toiletries, hats and socks, snacks items, and children's toys are welcome. *Come when you can for as long as you can.* You can also help WIN serve a meal on **Saturday, 12/21** from 12-2pm in the Bartell's parking lot (SW Roxbury & 15th Ave SW). Contact Marcia for more information: mo3765@aol.com

LEARN

Catholic Relief Services: Working for Stability in Haiti

Catholic Relief Services' Chris Bessey explains the current situation in Haiti as the country faces another humanitarian disaster because of ongoing violence and political unrest saying, "There is an overwhelming sense of panic that's growing by the day. Roads are closed. People are trapped in their homes. Children are out of school. We are on the edge of yet another humanitarian disaster if the unrest continues unabated." Learn how CRS is working to create stability in Haiti at <https://www.crs.org/press-room>

Safe Parking Information Meeting

Don't neglect to show hospitality, for by doing this some have welcomed angels as guests without knowing it.

-Hebrews 13:2

Ever since WHEEL Women's Shelter closed at OLG, we have been hoping to find another way to provide shelter on our campus. We are excited to announce we are making plans to partner with Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle to host several overnight Safe Parking spots in our gravel lot. This will continue our tradition of offering shelter to those in need in our community, just in time for colder weather! Please join us for dinner on Wednesday, **December 18** at 6:00pm in the School Hall to learn more about this program.

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!

ACT

Urge Your Senators to Support the Dream Act of 2019

Call on your Senators to support the Dream Act of 2019 (S.874). The bill, which has already passed the House, gives Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients, along with Temporary Protected Status (TPS) holders, and Deferred Enforcement Departure (DED) holders a pathway to citizenship. DACA recipients have lived in U.S. for an average of 20 years and they, along with their households, pay \$8.8 billion in tax dollars. Call on your Senators to bring S. 874 to the floor for a vote to provide protection from deportation and stability to the young, undocumented members of our society who are seeking work and education. For a pre-written, editable message, visit <https://www.ipjc.org/legislative-action-center/>

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 a divisive