

# THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF



# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

October 27, 2019

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## WELCOME

Whether you're a registered parishioner or first-time visitor, we hope you feel welcome. There are many ways to get involved. If you have any questions, please let one of our staff members know or call the parish office 253-630-0701

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Catholic Community of St. John the Baptist: Where stewardship is a way of life and the diversity of our gifts is used to answer Christ's call to proclaim and live the Gospel.

**Gather** in God's Name, **Grow** in God's Time, **Go** in God's Spirit



## SCHEDULE OF LITURGIES

Word and Communion: Monday and Tuesday 9:00 am

**MASS:** Sunday 9:00 am, 11:30 am, & 5:30 pm  
Wednesday 9:00 am  
Thursday 6:30 pm  
Friday 9:00 am  
Saturday 5:30 pm

**CONFESSIONS:** Individual confessions every Saturday from 4 pm to 5 pm or call the parish office at 253-630-0701 to make an appointment with Fr. Jim.

## PARISH STAFF

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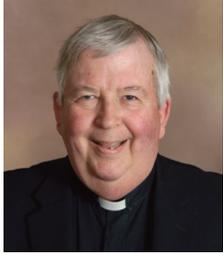
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**Regular Office Hours:**

Monday-Friday 9 am—4:30pm Saturday, 10 am —3 pm

# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

## FROM YOUR PASTOR



As we celebrate Commitment Sunday this weekend as part of our stewardship of treasure campaign, I would like to emphasize two key components of financial giving.

First, our giving should be budgeted. Just as we budget for food, clothing, social media, etc., so too we must budget our giving to our church community and charities.

That's where the second component comes in. Our giving should be proportionate to our income. The biblical tithe is 10 percent, half of which goes to the parish, half which goes to charities.

More than 400 of our families do not turn in a pledge each year. That's not to say they are not giving. It may very well go into the collection basket as loose bills and change, in other words, what you have left over.

I would ask our non-pledgers to begin taking what you give off the top of your budget and make it proportionate to your income. Please use envelopes, Faith Direct, or EFT (electronic funds transfer) program. If you are not there yet, please continue to give as you have. But we would like to recognize you for your generous giving.

May the Lord bless you in every way.

Fr. Jim



This week we begin our Annual Renewal of Treasure. You have received a letter from Fr. Jim in the mail. As a stewardship parish, we deeply appreciate the ongoing generosity of all of our parishioners!

## WELCOMING



**Are you new to our parish or thinking of becoming a member? We would like to invite you to our next**

**Welcome Gathering  
Saturday Nov. 9 after the  
5:30 p.m. Mass**

This is a great opportunity for the entire family to meet members of our community, learn about our parish and share a meal.

We meet in the McMullen Education Center after Mass. Any questions contact Anne Frederick at (253) 630-0701 [annef@sjtbcc.org](mailto:annef@sjtbcc.org) or stop by the WELCOME TABLE in the narthex. **Welcome!**



## How Do You Make Decisions?

If you are like me, you might find it helpful to bounce your ideas off of someone else. The bigger and more momentous the decision, the more people you may consult.

Before you start talking to people, though, you want to gather your facts about the decision. You want to know what is certain, and what is not certain. When things are not certain, you consider what has happened before, and what has happened to others. How much more maintenance will our used car need before we should look for a new one? Will I have the same job all year? Sometimes, the best you can do is make an educated guess.

Church budgeting involves a lot of both: a lot of uncertainty and a lot of people. While our fiscal ("budget") year starts July 1<sup>st</sup>, our planning starts in January. We make our best educated guess about our income based on your pledges and on the amount we *think* people will give out of their pockets on a Sunday based on what that giving has been in the past. We add things like reimbursements for program materials and facility donations and come up with a revenue prediction.

In February we receive a budget planning document from the Archdiocese. It tells us what salary levels are typical for people in our professions in this area. It tells us what our insurance rates are going to be, what benefits are going to cost, and what our Archdiocesan assessment will be (the assessment is like a "tax" to pay for centralized services).

In March, after these expenses are counted, we let the heads of our departments know how much funding to expect from parish stewardship for program supplies. They take their revenue estimates and create their own expense budgets.

In April, we put all of that together and create a preliminary budget that the finance council reviews. By May we should have a final budget that both the finance council and the pastoral leadership team reviews and forwards to Fr. Jim for final approval. In truth, Father has input from the first, so his approval reflects his priorities as well as input from his team and the mission and priorities of our parish as a whole. By the end of the process, about 30 people have scrutinized the budget in detail.

After the 11:30 mass today, you have the opportunity to learn more about our budget and budgeting process in our "Budget Town Hall." Please take advantage of this opportunity, we expect to be transparent!

Most important, though, is what you can do to help us reduce the uncertainty in the process. Please prayerfully consider your own budgets and make a pledge to help us create ours. When you fill out a pledge card or create a profile on Faith Direct, your pledge gives us the certainty we need to create an accurate budget.

By Kathy Wickward

## STEWARDSHIP

### Tithing Equals Trusting

Believe it or not, tithing is not really about money. Of course, it's about dollars and cents and where we choose to put our monetary resources. But that's only a small part. The larger part is about trust.

When we make the conscious decision to tithe a portion of our income, we are effectively saying that we put our financial trust in God. We are trusting that God can do more with *less* of our income than we can do with *all* of it. It's a leap of faith.

Returning a portion of our income to God should be about gratefulness- giving God thanks for all he has financially blessed us with. However, trusting that God will take care of us when we do tithe is also a big roadblock for many of us.

And, that's natural. It can be scary to believe that we will be OK with less of our earnings. The economy isn't predictable and we don't know what the future holds.

If we think about tithing only in terms of dollars and cents, we would be crazy to give our money away when the economy is shaky. Wouldn't it be wiser to pay down our credit cards or put it in savings for a rainy day?

However, if we think about **tithing as trusting**, then we realize that we want to return our first fruits back to God.

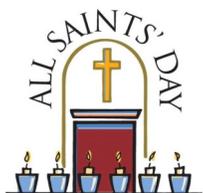
We are so incredibly thankful for all He has given us that we can't wait to give back to him from our first fruits. And, when we do, we know that He will take care of us regardless of the economy or what's left of our paycheck.

So stop thinking of tithing as currency and start believing what God can do with our financial trust. No doubt He will reward us in ways we could never imagine.

— ERIC MC ARDLE: CATHOLIC STEWARDSHIP (edited)

### Stewardship Opportunity for Children

Each Sunday our Welcome table in the narthex has Mass booklets for our children. We have also just added a mug full of crayons. Children are invited to choose their favorite color to use with their booklets, and encouraged as stewards to return the crayon to the mug after Mass. If a crayon needs some repair, there is a waste basket for any paper that may be removed and also a sharpener available on the crayon box.



### All Saints Day Masses

Friday, November 1

9 am and 7 pm

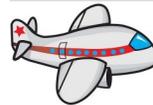
## LIFE, JUSTICE, & PEACE

### October is Respect Life Month

"All of us must care for life, cherish life, with tenderness, warmth...to give life is to open (our) heart, and to care for life is to (give oneself) in tenderness and warmth for others, to have concern in my heart for others. Caring for life from the beginning to the end. What a simple thing, what a beautiful thing. So, go forth and don't be discouraged.

Care for life. It's worth it."

- Pope Francis



### We're going to Guatemala!

After a 7 year hiatus, a small contingent of parishioners are planning on returning to visit our sister parish of Union de las Aldeas Corpus Christi in February 2020. If you would like to help offset the price of plane tickets and have any airline miles through Delta you would be willing to donate, we would be most grateful! Please contact Mike Cranstoun if you are interested.



### Terrific Tuesday Meals

Terrific Tuesday Meals are back for the month of November! If you are interested in getting involved with this multi-church ministry, please contact Andrea in the office or sign up at the Life, Justice, Peace table. Meals will be prepared and served every Tuesday during the month of November.

## A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

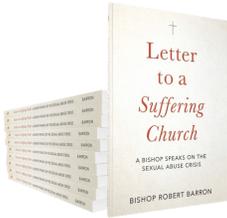
### Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

There is an interesting twist we find in today's gospel when we hear Jesus' parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector praying in the temple. The Pharisee is "praying to himself." It doesn't mean he was praying silently. It seems to mean something a lot more troubling, that he is praying to himself; that God is not his prayer's intended audience. The words of the Pharisee are very much centered on himself: he makes claims about his character. He highlights his own admirable activities. Good stewards of their prayer lives know that a prayer of praise and thanksgiving should focus on the goodness of God. Do your prayers of thanksgiving always stay focused on God's unfathomable, immeasurable goodness and generosity?

## FACILITIES AND GROUNDS

Please join us Nov. 2nd from 9-4 for the fall buildings and grounds work party! We plan to clean up fall leaves, put up interior siding in the garage, and add pavers around the new ramp on the back side of the property. If "stewardship" to you means working outdoors, we need your help!.

## FAITH FORMATION



### “Letter to a Suffering Church” 6 week series with Joan Williamson

Join us to continue the dialogue of growing a healthier church.

“Why Should We Stay” Chapter 4

It is good to ponder our own faith in the midst of this journey as church.

We will take some time to tell our stories and reasons for staying. We will spend time on finding ways to bring hope to those who are hurting, barely hanging on, needing and wanting help to stay.

We will meet in the Multipurpose Rooms of the McMullen Center from 7-8:30pm in the Multipurpose Rooms

## LITURGY

### All Saints and All Souls

Every November we celebrate these two events on the liturgical calendar.

#### All Saints

Nov. 1 is the Solemnity of All Saints. This is a holy day that honors all the saints in heaven, canonized or not. All Saints Masses will be held at 9 am and 7 pm.

#### All Souls

On Nov. 2 we observe the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed or All Souls Day. All Souls day is when we remember our loved ones who have died. We extend this remembrance through the entire month of November with the Book of Dead in which you can write your loved ones' names. We will pray for them at Mass.

On Nov. 2 at 10 am, we will have a Remembrance Service and brunch for parishioners who have lost a loved one in the past year. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to the parish office.

We will also have a *Dia de Los Muertos* altar in the narthex. This is a Mexican tradition celebrated on All Soul's day. We invite you to bring a picture of your loved one to place on the altar.



### Eucharistic Adoration with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, Nov. 1 10 am—6 pm



**Please remember in your prayers those who are ill:** Leland Zolan, Jazzlyn Cabaccang, Ann Poirer

**Please remember in your prayers those who have died:** Debra Tinnel (daughter of John Mergens), Harold Ojala (father-in-law of Gretchen Ojala)

## THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

### Monday, Oct. 28

Strong Bones Yoga, 8 am  
Word & Communion, 9 am  
Small Faith Group/Zelie, 10 am  
Cub Scout Pack #506, 6:30 pm  
Light Weigh, One King, 6:30 pm  
9am Choir Practice, 7 pm  
Fil-Am Choir Practice, 7 pm  
Pastoral Leadership Team, 7 pm

### Tues, Oct .29

Word & Communion, 9 am  
Home Educators Co-Op, 9:30 am  
Girl Scout Troop #40528, 6 pm  
Girl Scout Troop #46865, 6 pm  
Fil-Am Choir Practice, 7 pm  
WICS (Widowed Information/Consultation), 7 pm  
Adult Formation Series, 7pm

### Wednesday, Oct. 30

Mass, 9 am  
Truthful Reign Practice, 7 pm  
Hispanic Charismatic Adult Formation, 7 pm  
Youth Group, 7 pm  
Young Adults, 7 pm

### Thursday, Oct. 31

Strengths Workshop, 10 am  
Light Weigh, One King, 12 noon  
Cub Scout Webelos, 6 pm  
Mass, 6:30 pm  
Cub Scout Pack 506 Arrow of Light, 6:30 pm  
Cub Scout Pack 506 Wolf Den, 6:30 pm  
11:30 Choir Practice, 7 pm  
Hispanic Music Group, 7 pm  
RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation/Adults), 7 pm

### Friday, Nov. 1

All Saints Day Mass, 9 am and 7 pm  
Eucharistic Adoration, 10 am to 6 pm  
Small Faith Group/Myers, 10 am  
Guadalupanos-Rosary in Spanish, 5 pm  
Bible Study in Spanish, 7 pm

### Saturday, Nov. 2

Remembrance Service, 10 am  
Confessions, 4 pm  
Mass, 5:30 pm

### Sunday, Nov. 3

Mass: 9am, 11:30 am, and 5:30 pm  
Faith Formation Classes PK-Grade 4, 10:15 am  
Lifteen: Life night, 6:30 pm  
Charismatic Praise & Worship, 7:30 pm



**Daylight Savings Time Ends Nov. 3**  
Remember to turn your clocks back on Nov. 3 at 2 am!

# Parish Ministries

## ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT

### Communications Team

Bob Jensen  
Kathy Wickward

### Money Counter

Kathy Wickward

### Office Helpers/ Special Projects

Connie Tietz

### Website Support

Kathy Wickward  
Bob Jensen

## COMMUNITY LIFE

### fee & Donuts

John & Melissa Fieser

### Craft & Hobby Group

Nancy Moore

### Creative Kindness Sewing

Barb O'Neill

### Filipino-American Association

Angie Santiago

### Funeral Reception Committee

Kathy Pryor  
Denise Jackson

### Guadalupanos

Mary Ellen Pardo

### Knights of Columbus

Angelo Battisti

### Strong Bones Yoga

Ann Happe

### Yarning for Community

Anne Diaz

## FACILITIES & GROUNDS

### ty & Maintenance Crew

David Aldous

### Facilities & Grounds

Kathy Kernan

### Grounds Maintenance Crew

Open (coordinator needed)

### Kitchen Helper

Milly Nabarrete

Susan Ravotti

### Prayer Garden Maintenance

Mark Rosenberger

### Security Team

David Aldous

For phone numbers for the  
Ministry Leaders contact the  
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## FAITH FORMATION

### Adult Formation Committee

Al Myers

### Baptism

Joan Williamson

### Catholic School Families Group

Joan Williamson

### Confirmation

Chelsea Wilde

### Elementary Faith Formation Gr.1-4

Amy Bonte

### Faith Formation Commission

Laura Sutton

### Home Educators Support Group

Marisa Maricich

### Library

Therese McHenry

### Life Teen (Gr 9-12)

Chelsea Wilde

### Marriage Preparation Team

Fr. Jim Coyne

Perry & Tish Faulk

### Pre-School Faith Formation PS-K

Stephenie Abadilla

Alisha Nguyen

### Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Joan Williamson

### Sacramental Prep

Joan Williamson

### Small Faith Communities

Mary-Kaye Soderlind

### Vacation Bible School

Cathy Olaes

### Young Adults

Joan Williamson

### Youth Group (Grades 5-8)

Chelsea Wilde

## PARISH LEADERSHIP

### ship Team

Trish Hanson

Bob Denney

### Finance Council

Mike Dennis

## LIFE JUSTICE & PEACE

### Christ's 2nd Commandment

Ben Lee

### CRS Parish Ambassador Corps

Renee Samuelson

### Garden of The Good Shepherd

Angelo & Marge Battisti

### Guatemala Companion Parish

TBD

### HOME (Homeless Outreach)

Nancy Huntington

### Life, Justice & Peach Commission

Andrea Mendoza

### Pregnancy Aid

Judy Peterson

## LIFE JUSTICE & PEACE

### Prepares

Erin Marshall

Molly Murphy

### Safe Car Parking

Nancy Huntington

Norm Bailey

### Senior Ministry

Donna Jeanne Gully

### St. Vincent de Paul Society

Tom Howell

## LITURGY

### Altar Servers & Cross Bearers

Kathy Androes-Downes

### Charismatic Praise & Worship

Linda Smith

### Eucharistic Ministers

Pat Defiesta

### Flower Ministry

Judy Fuchs

### Greeters Ministry

Chuck & Angie Santillan

### Lay Leaders of Prayer

Laura Rothschilds

### Lectors Ministry

Norm & Tia Bailey

### Music Ministry

Luis Diaz de Leon

### Point Person Coordinator

Scott Gilyeat

### Sacristan Coordinator

Paul Dehmer

## PASTORAL CARE

### Grief Support Ministry

Frank Hammock

### Helping Hands

Laurie Moloney

### Prayer Song Ministry

Cheryl Nowacki

Nancy Schmitt

### Sick & Homebound

Laurie Moloney

### Member Engagement &

## STEWARDSHIP & EVANGELIZATION

### Strengths

Anne Frederick

### Stewardship & Evangelization

Mary-Kaye Soderlind

### Returning Catholics/Landings

Anne Frederick

### Welcome & Evangelization

Erin Marshall

Irene Aguilar