

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF



ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

March 15, 2020
Third Sunday in Lent

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.

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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

FROM YOUR PASTOR



On the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent, the scrutinies are celebrated with the elect (those who are to be baptized at the Easter Vigil) in the presence of the worshipping community. In our case this is taking place at the Life Teen Mass. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults teaches us that “the scrutinies are meant to

uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good.” The Gospel passages of Jesus’ encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well, his giving sight to the man born blind, and the raising of Lazarus on these three Sundays are all clearly baptismal in focus and point to water, light, and new life that come from the sacraments of initiation.

Fr. Jim



**Parish Communal
Reconciliation Service**
Saturday, March 21, 2 pm



Thank you for your generous support of last week’s Catholic Home Missions Appeal. As a parish, we raised \$ 2,989.50 to help strengthen the Church at home and ensure that the gospel is spread across the United States. If you missed the appeal, it’s not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections.



Meet Yvone. Meet Yvone from Kenya. She learned proper nutrition and hygiene practices to help keep her healthy and in school. Yvone now has a chance to dream and the strength to follow those dreams.

How can you ensure that young people in your community receive proper nutrition? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.



Stations of the Cross
7 pm Friday
March 20, 2020



If you are anything like me, the couple of weeks leading up to the season of Lent give me anxiety. No? Just me? Well, either way, I get a little stressed out about what I’m going to do (or NOT do) for Lent. I don’t want to waste any time and energy on anything that won’t transform my life!

After doing some research for this article, though, I was presented with a sobering correction. Lent isn’t about ME at all. It isn’t a self-improvement or a spiritual transformation project. Lent is not something to be accomplished or won. Instead, Lent is about promising to walk with Jesus. It is about entering into the desert with Him and building a relationship despite the dry seasons, trials, and challenges. Lent is a “Yes, I’ll go where you go.” despite a choir of worldly apathy.

That being said, I want to share with you some past Lenten experiences I’ve had that have really built my relationship with Jesus. The first wasn’t my choice, but my Mother’s.

When I was 14 my Mom declared that we’d give up ALL TV for Lent as a family. My siblings and I weren’t happy about this and even less happy about the family game nights that replaced our TV time. After that 40 days, though, we prayed as a family way more often and became closer to each other and way more dedicated to our faith together! Since then I have never really been interested in TV. Whenever I’ve lived alone as an adult I have never even owned a television! Imagine all that time I gained to choose other pass-times thanks to breaking the TV addiction in my life!

When I was 15 I decided that, for Lent, I was going to fast from eating while the sun was up. I could eat whatever I wanted when the sun went down but during daylight hours I fasted. Every time I felt hungry I would use that as an opportunity to pray for someone. I can honestly tell you that it was super difficult to do, but, I got to know Jesus more during that 40 days than it seemed I had during all of the years leading up to it. I was constantly hungry and, thus, constantly in prayer! To this day I often still pray whenever I feel any hunger pains. The habit has stuck with me for 20 years! (Not the fasting part but the praying whenever I’m hungry part J)

Anyway, those are just two examples of how God turned my Lenten fast into a legacy of His love for my entire life. I pray that, as you discern what you might sacrifice for Lent this year, you may include God in the decision making process. Ask God what God wants you to do for Lent! You might be surprised. Regardless of what the outcome is, your “yes” to entering the desert with Jesus will always be worth it!

By: Chelsea Wilde

GUATEMALAN CORNER



Let Go and Let God

As my first trip to our companion parish in Guatemala grew closer, I admit that I felt somewhat anxious but also filled with wonder and excitement. Led by our 3 experienced travelers and interpreters, 8 parishioners from St. John the Baptist set out on an adventure and pilgrimage to Guatemala we will never forget. I was struck by the immense beauty of the landscape, mountains

and volcanoes that greeted us as we flew in to Guatemala City. The adventure came alive as we boarded 2 four-wheel drive trucks and set out through the city and countryside toward our companion parish. My body was challenged by twisting roads, cobblestone bumps and climbing elevation but my eyes hungrily took in the new sights, sounds and feel of a new country and people that would capture my heart. On day 3 when we arrived at San Sebastian (the largest of the villages), we were embraced by the parish priests, Fr. Lorenzo and Fr. Santi, who led us to our delightful host family, Rudy, Myra, Belen and Everson. I started coming down with a cold that first night at our host family and had to stay home the next day due to both the cold and altitude sickness. My emotions took over and as tears flowed, I received nothing but the blessing of love and care from this family and my travel companions. As the rest of the journey unfolded, I slowly reengaged in the planned activities to experience the self-less generosity, love, smiles and hugs of all the people around me. Instead of being in control (my usual preference), I had to “let go and let God” to make it through this trip. Each day as I worried about how I would handle the next challenge, God provided for me and took care of me through those around me. I felt humbled, grateful and in awe of how the Holy Spirit was moving around me. I realized that these villagers who make up our companion parish have learned to rely on God everyday to get them through the immense challenges they face with health, water, food, transportation, and education. Yet, amidst all these trials, I felt a strong faith and positive spirit that was reflected in the loving way they welcomed and cared for us. I also felt the power of prayer at a whole new level. I want to share a quote from a book Andrea was reading on the trip and passed on to me called, “Love in a Fearful Land: A Guatemalan Story”, by Henri Nouwen. We actually visited the church and rectory in Santiago, Atitlan, where U.S. priest Stan Rother, was murdered while faithfully serving his people. It was a sacred place and we all prayed there. Henri wrote, “The opposite of the bitter realities of an oppressed people, prayer is the way to both the heart of God and the heart of the world—precisely because they have been joined through the suffering of Jesus Christ.....praying is letting one’s own heart become the place where the tears of God and the tears of God’s children can merge and become tears of hope.” I left Guatemala with HOPE. I want to leave you with the thoughts I am feeling only a few days after returning from this trip. Take risks out of your comfort zone, get to know someone’s story who is different than you, trust God to take care of you, pray fervently, and love all those you meet as if you were looking into the eyes of Jesus. I know I met Jesus on this pilgrimage to the high mountains of Guatemala.

Rose Racicot, Humbled Servant, Guatemalan Mission Group 2020

FAITH FORMATION

Young Adults will meet on Saturday March 28, 2020 after the 5:30 pm Mass in the nursery.
Contact Joan Williamson at 253-630-0701 ext. 109



Charismatic Praise and Worship takes place on Sunday evenings in the Sanctuary from 7:30 to 9:00 PM. All are welcome to attend and share in praise to God, thru Jesus, and by the power of the Holy Spirit. Come and join others in song and prayer and shared experiences of how God is working in our lives. It’s a lively evening and very spiritually uplifting. Please consider joining us as a way to get closer to God during Lent. For further information, contact Myke or Linda Smith—call the office for a contact number.

BOWL AND A ROLL

March 20th, 2020
5:30PM

McMullen Center

Come gather as a community and share a Lenten meal before Stations of the Cross.

Learn more about Catholic Relief Services
Lenten Faith-in-Action Program - Rice Bowl.

Learn about people in other countries.

Sample several CRS recipes from around the world.

Grab a bowl & join us for this sampling in solidarity event



PRAY



FAST



LEARN



GIVE

Donations to CRS Rice Bowl gladly accepted, but not required



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

**40 Cans For 40 Days
Lent Food Drive**
Hunger Has No Season

Can & pantry items accepted now in the Narthex.





LENT



Knights of Columbus Family Fish Fry
Friday, March 27, 2020
Dinner 5-7 pm.
Proceeds will be used to assist
Community Services within the
Kent/ Covington Areas

LIFE, JUSTICE, PEACE

This Lent, as we approach its 5th anniversary, embrace Laudato Si: Third Sunday of Lent

Questions for Reflection:

How do you experience spiritual thirst?

What would it look like to live more simply, using fewer resources?

Pray *Pray in silence with this passage:*

All you who are thirsty, come to the water!

You who have no money, come, buy grain and eat;

Come, buy grain without money, wine and milk without cost!

Why spend your money for what is not bread; your wages for what does not satisfy?

Only listen to me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare.

Pay attention and come to me; listen, that you may have life.

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near.

Let the wicket forsake their way, and sinners their thoughts;

Let them turn to the Lord to find mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving.

Yet just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down

And do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful,

Giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats,

So shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth;

It shall not return to me empty, but shall do what pleases me, achieving the end for which I sent it.

Yes, in joy you shall go forth, in peace you shall be brought home;

Mountains and hills shall break out in song before you, all trees of the field shall clap their hands.

In place of the thorn bush, the cypress shall grow, instead of nettles, the myrtle.

This shall be the Lord's renown, as an everlasting sign that shall not fail. - Isaiah 55: 1-3, 6-7, 10-13

Fast

Consider the ways in which you can conserve the precious resource of water in your daily life. Best practices for conserving water can be found here: <http://bit.ly/ConserveWater2020>

Act

March 22 is World Water day.

Learn about the sacred role of water for all life: <http://bit.ly/MaryknollWater>

Find resources for taking action on March 22: <http://www.worldwaterday.org/>

Watch "The Story of Bottled Water": <http://bit.ly/StoryBottled> (Maryknoll Office of Global Concerns)



All Parish Spring cleaning Day, Saturday, March 28th at 9 am. Many hands make light work!! Help us get ready for the Easter season. We provide lunch. Sign up sheets will be available in the Narthex.

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

Monday, Mar. 16

Strong Bones Yoga, 8 am
Word & Communion, 9 am
Small Faith Group/Zelie, 10 am
Cub Scout Lion Den, 6:30 pm
Cub Scout Pack 506 Tiger Den, 6:30 pm
Knights of Columbus Officers, 6:30 pm
Pastoral Leadership team, 7 pm
9AM Choir Practice, 7 pm
Light Weigh, One King, 6:30 pm

Tuesday, Mar. 17

Word & Communion, 9 am
Home Educators Co-Op, 9:30 am
South King County Parkinsons' Support Group, 10:30 am
Sisters in Spirit, 2 pm
Terrific Tuesdays, 5:30 pm
Girl Scout Troop #40528, 6 pm
Girl Scout Troop #46865, 6 pm
St. Vincent de Paul, 7pm
Fil-Am Choir Practice, 7 pm
WICS (Widow information/consultation), 7 pm

Wednesday, Mar. 18

Mass, 9 am
American Sewing Guild, 10 am
Faith Formation Commission, 7 pm
Truthful Reign Practice, 7 pm
Hispanic Charismatic Adult Formation, 7 pm
Grief Ministry, 7 pm
Youth Group, 7 pm

Thursday, Mar. 19

Facility & Fellowship, 8 am
Strong Bones Yoga, 8 am
Light Weigh, One King, 12 pm
Cub Scout Webelos, 6 pm
Mass, 6:30 pm
Cub Scout Pack 506 Wolf Den, 6:30 pm
RCIA(Rite of Christian Initiation/Adults), 7 pm
11:30 Choir Practice 7 pm
Hispanic Music Group, 7 pm
Fil-Am Meeting, 7 pm
Maplewood Pony Club, 7pm

Friday, Mar. 20

Mass, 9 am
Eucharistic Adoration, 9:30 am
Small Faith Group/Myers, 10 am
CRS Soup Supper, 5:30 pm
Guadalupanos-Rosary in Spanish, 6 pm
Stations of the Cross, 7 pm
Bible Study in Spanish, 7 pm
Hispanic Charismatic Prayer Group, 8 pm

Saturday, Mar. 21

1st Eucharist Parent & Child In-Service, 9 am
Altar Servers training, 1:30 pm
Reconciliation Services, 2 pm
Covington Co-op Preschool Auction
Confessions, 4 pm
Mass, 5:30 pm

Sunday, Mar. 22

Mass: 9am, 11:30 am, and 5:30 pm
Elementary Faith Formation PS-Grade 4, 10:15 am
Agape Mission Meeting, 12 pm
First Sacraments Prep(5-12 grade), 3:30 pm
Lifenight, 6:30 pm
Charismatic Praise & Worship, 7:30 pm

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Guadalupanos

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Strong Bones Yoga

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Ken Nelson

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