

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF



ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

May 10, 2020
Fifth Sunday of Easter

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



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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH AND PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE-253-630-0701 AND SOMEONE WILL CONTACT YOU.

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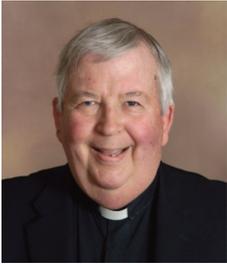
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ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

FROM YOUR PASTOR



This is that time of the year when we make our presentation for the Annual Catholic Appeal which supports some sixty ministries of the Archdiocese of Seattle. During this time of Covid-19 it takes on a different shape We will have a recorded presentation by Scott Bader who is the director of Parish

Financial Services. This will be shown during this weekend's recorded mass (Fifth Sunday of Easter) and on our parish website. Scott will share about ministries that have helped us here at St. John's. You may send your pledge directly to the Archdiocese (please include your parish's name) or send it to the parish office. Perhaps you can pledge a dollar a day for a year \$366 (this is a leap year). You will be benefitting many people in need at this time thank you for your generosity.

Fr. Jim



The sanctuary will be open for prayer Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 1pm to 4pm. **Please enter and exit through the office.** No more than 10 people will be able to enter at a time, and we ask that you wear a mask and stay at least 6 feet away from anyone not a part of your household, to reduce the risk of spreading infection.

This year's **Annual Catholic Appeal** has us reflect upon A Future Full of Hope: Passion for our Faith, Promise of our Future, Care for our Community, and Love for our Family. Please prayerfully consider giving to the needs of our Archdiocese as we conduct the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal over the next four weeks. Some of you have already made your donation, and we thank you!



All loving God, we give thanks and praise for mothers young and old.

We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need; May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us; May they continue to guide in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty, or conflict; May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.

Amen



To all those ministering to the spiritual needs of our community

To all those doing their part to slow the spread of this pandemic

To all those risking their lives to keep our society running

To all those providing care for the sick, the dying and the grieving

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Advocacy in Action

St. Vincent de Paul:

The calls keep coming. Sometimes up to 60 calls a week of community members seeking assistance for rent or utilities. Many are in this place for the first time in their life – unsure how they are going to make ends meet. Our St. Vincent de Paul conference has been answering these calls, providing financial relief, but most importantly a glimmer of hope to so many in need at this time.

Yet with the support they were providing, they were seeing a common theme – although Governor Inslee put a moratorium on evictions in March, landlords were still tacking on late fees making it overwhelming for many to feel like they would be able to catch up on their payments.

Our Vincentians felt this was an injustice and started making calls – they contacted their senators and representatives. They spread the word to other St. Vincent de Paul conferences so they, too, could reach out to their elected officials. This issue came to the attention of Governor Inslee and on April 16, not only did he extend the moratorium on evictions, he added that late fees were banned as well.

A huge thank you to our Vincentians who are keeping so many afloat during this time and for their advocacy in providing relief for those in our community and across the state of Washington. Also, a huge thank you to the greater St. John the Baptist community. During a time when many, many parishes are struggling to meet the needs of their local community, our conference has been able to assist all who call seeking some support due to the continued generosity of this faith community. Stewardship in action!

Washington Worker Relief Fund:

St. John the Baptist joined over 400 organizations and faith communities in signing an open letter to Governor Inslee regarding the creation of the Washington Worker Relief Fund providing financial relief to undocumented communities in the state of Washington. This pandemic is showing us that our health and well being very literally depends on our neighbors. We are only as safe and healthy as the most vulnerable members of our communities, and ensuring their well being is how we ensure our own. While the coronavirus pandemic has impacted us all, undocumented immigrants are uniquely at risk. Undocumented immigrants and their families were completely excluded from the \$2 trillion relief package Congress passed last month and aren't eligible for unemployment insurance, even though providing economic stability to all workers is essential to ending this public health crisis.

More than 250,000 undocumented immigrants call Washington home. We must take action today to ensure our communities are taken care of.

If you would like to add your voice to this support, you can [contact](#) your legislators today and request they take immediate action to provide emergency relief to undocumented families. Together, we can make sure we are all safe.

Community Resources

King County

With information rapidly changing, it is helpful to have the most up-to-date information. Please visit [King County's](#) page on Covid-19 and a variety of resources and information.

Puget Sound Energy

Although Puget Sound Energy has put a hold on any shut-offs, many individuals are still struggling to pay their bills. PSE has some [financial assistance](#) programs available to help ease the burden of financial strain.

Food Bank Spotlight (each week we will highlight a different local food bank): [Kent Food Bank](#)

If you live in the boundaries of the Kent School District and need some support with food, know that there is support.

1. Located at 515 W Harrison St, Suite 107, Kent, WA 98032
2. The food bank is open Wednesdays and Fridays 10am-1pm. There will be a line and you need to keep social distancing.
3. You need to bring photo ID
4. You can go once/week, up to 4 times/month
Everyone gets a box of food

If you would like to donate to this location, please visit the [Kent Food Bank](#) donation page.

Neighborhood Support

We have a number of parishioners who have offered to provide a variety of services from grocery shopping to donating masks. If you could use some support, please contact Anne (annef@sjtbcc.org) or Andrea (andream@sjtbcc.org) to get you connected with one of our willing members.

CCS

Catholic Community Services has partnered with local hotels to provide a safe place for residents of their shelters to practice social distancing. This includes the men of the HOME shelter

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES
OF WESTERN WASHINGTON

Catholic Community Services needs your help. Please see list below of items needed for our shelter clients that we have placed in hotels for positive isolation.

- Canned ready-to-eat meals such as soups, chili, stews. Pop lids preferred!
- Other ready meals like cup of noodles, easy mac, and raviolis.
- K-cup coffee, cocoa, & tea. Any type of individual drinks.
- Snacks such as individual chips, candy, crackers.

Contact Erin Maguire with questions
206-327-2474 | ErinMa@ccsww.org
Deliver at CCS office
100 23rd Ave S, Seattle, WA

Food Bank Spotlight (each week we will highlight a different food bank): [The Storehouse](#)

If you live within Covington city limits and need some help with food, know that there is support.

Located at 26201 180th Ave SE, Covington, WA 98042 (behind Real Life Church) The food bank is open Mondays (4-6 pm), Fridays (10-Noon), and Saturdays (9-Noon). Distribution will be done via drive-through model. Please remain in your vehicle when you arrive. You need to bring ID. You can come twice a month and receive a pre-packed box of food. If you would like to donate to this location, please visit the [Storehouse](#) donation page.

Are you looking for ways to provide support during this time? Here are a few options that you can take part in:

2020 Census

Have you filled out the Census yet? Did you know that the Census helps the federal government determine how and where to distribute over \$800 billion in funding for communities, hospitals, schools, and infrastructure? By insuring that **every person** is counted, it can help provide a voice for communities that are often underserved. If you have not done so, please visit <https://my2020census.gov/> or call 844-330-2020 to complete the questionnaire.

Masks

We are working to provide masks to local organizations for vulnerable individuals in our community. If you have masks that you would like to contribute to this cause, please drop them off at the parish office or contact Andrea (andream@sjtbcc.org) to coordinate pick up. Also, if you cannot contribute masks, but would like to donate supplies (fabric, elastic, thread), please let us know! Also, we would like to send a huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who has already donated masks to provide much needed support to those in need.

“Visit the Imprisoned” Letter Writing campaign

Did you know that one of the corporal works of mercy is to visit the imprisoned? During this time of social distancing, it is not possible to physically visit people in person, but our incarcerated brothers and sisters could benefit from some words of encouragement. The Archdiocesan criminal Justice Ministry has started a [letter writing campaign](#) to provide hope during these uncertain times when their isolation can feel even more extreme and heightened. Visit www.tinyurl.com/t49m6v for more information and to send letters electronically.



For all those who are sick: Huberto Dovaoina, Carol Brown, Jim Williamson, Marylea brown, Neil Kovacs and Terry Hagerstrom.

For those who have died: Peter Bales, Kathy Scheernens, David Holmes, Elizabeth Kovacs (friend of Geri Peralta), and Abe Obungen (husband of Elsie Alimorong).

GUIDE TO SELF-CARE

How to Care for Yourself While Caring For Others

MAKE YOURSELF A PRIORITY TOO

PRACTICE MINDFULNESS & SELF-COMPASSION

Mindfulness requires the non judgmental observation of how you're feeling and self-compassion is then asking yourself what you need based on those feelings.

SET BOUNDARIES

You have the right to balance your own needs with the needs of people you care for. Know your personal limits and say no to requests that push those limits.

TALK TO SOMEONE

Whether it is to socialize or vent, talking to someone can alleviate stress and/or loneliness. Please reach out if you are in need of a listening ear (see below)

FIND WAYS TO COPE

Find actions or coping mechanisms that help alleviate feelings of stress or anxiety. Whether it's listening to music, going for a walk, or taking a bubble bath, find little things that bring you comfort

ASK FOR HELP

There is absolutely no shame in asking for help. Recognize the limits of your own endurance and strength and seek help when necessary.

If you are in need of someone to talk to, please contact us at 253-632-0683 to connect with a St. John the Baptist parish staff member.

Please join The Knights of Columbus in a special Rosary prayer to Mother Mary on **Wednesday 13 May**, in conjunction with the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima.

Praying will be done in your own home, in virtual communion with fellow parishioners and Knights.

Our united prayers will resound with power.



At the conclusion of the Glorious Mystery, all participants will say a "Prayer for Protection in time of Pandemic" to our Mother Mary.

There is no in person gathering. Sign ups for either the morning or afternoon time slots on SJTB web site. If neither time slot works for you, please pray at your own convenience on the same day, 13 May.

Copies of the Silver Rose Program with the Glorious Mystery and the concluding Prayer for Protection in English and Spanish are available on SJTB web site.

If you have any questions, please email Ben Lee, benedicl@hotmail.com.

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