

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF



ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

July 19, 2020

Seventeenth 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

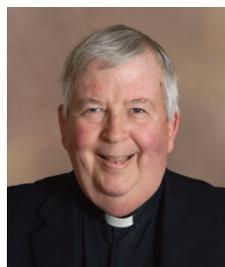
MISSION STATEMENT

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



FROM YOUR PASTOR



Jesus offers us some good advice today in the parable of the weeds and the wheat. He advises that they be allowed to grow together. Then at the harvest they may be separated. Sometimes we have difficulty in determining what is a weed and what is wheat. I thought my competitive nature in athletics in high school and collage was wheat and yet looking back on that time I realize that my behavior wasn't all that mature. I downgraded my shyness and quiet nature as a weed but I now realize introversion has its own merits. May we allow the Lord redeem that which needs redeeming and may we give God thanks for the wheat we produce.

Fr. Jim

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Summer Office Hours:
Monday—Saturday, 10 am to 3 pm



Summer Office Hours

Starting Monday, **July 6, 2020** our summer office hours
Will be Monday—Saturday, 10 am to 3 pm

Prayer Requests

Please pray for those who are sick: Garry Goebel, and for those suffering from COVID—19
Please pray for those who have died: Dennis Elzinga (father of Craig Elzinga), Lee Blackwell (father of Jon Blackwell) and Dale Klapperich (brother of Denise Jackson)

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH



Our Annual Appeal Campaign is coming to an end. It is not too late to return your pledge envelope if you haven't already done so! Please fill out a pledge envelope today or donate online-the web address is on the pledge envelope. If you have any questions please call Nancy at 253-630-0701.

Update for our Annual Catholic Appeal Campaign

As of July 10, 2020

Goal: \$126,503.00

Pledges: \$ 88,326.67

Pledges: 284

Avg. Pledge \$ 311.01



Your ongoing generosity and commitment to stewardship is a great blessing for our community and for those we serve, who are especially needing support during this challenging time.

Blessings, Anne

Parish Stewardship report for Sunday, July 12, 2020

Envelopes:	\$ 5,707.00
Loose	\$ 2,634.50
Vigil lights	\$ 18.00
St. Vincent de Paul:	\$ 355.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 115.00
Mass intentions	\$ <u>5.00</u>
Total	\$ 8,834.50



The luau committee regretfully announces that the luau that was planned for April 12, 2020 will not be rescheduled. For those who purchased tickets, refunds will be mailed to your home address. If you purchased tickets and have recently moved, please call the church office by **August 1, 2020** to update your address and get a refund. The committee apologizes for any inconvenience this cancellation has caused. Mahalo.

Hello Fellow Parishioners,

It has definitely been a very trying and painful past three weeks for me and my family in the deaths of my brother Jim (June 19th), my sister Debra (June 26th), and my cousin Brian Cain (June 29th). Our faith has definitely given us hope and comfort at this time as all three of them are now dancing with Jesus.

Thank you all so much for the many prayers and beautiful cards of love and support. I and my family are continuing to navigate this painful time, with your support we will continue to navigate this with hope and grace. You are a pure gift to me.

Blessings,
Joan Williamson

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's second reading, Saint Paul bids us to take comfort in knowing that when God invites us to pray to him, he knows our true needs, even if we do not. The Holy Spirit intercedes and prays for us even if we can't come up with appropriate words; even when we don't have a clue what to ask for. We are not left alone. Good stewards know that prayer is an important part of living a life in Christ. The important thing is to make space for God. Do we let God into our hearts? Do we make room for the Holy Spirit to pray within us?

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

Monday, July 20

Summer Office Hours Monday—Saturday 10 am-3 pm

Wednesday, July 22

Mass, 9 am

Thursday, July 30

Mass, 6:30 pm

Friday, July 24

Mass, 9 am

Saturday, July 25

Confession, 4 pm

Mass, 5:30 pm (register)

Sunday, July 26

Mass, 9:30 & 11:30 am (register)



Gifts from your Garden



Do you have extra produce from your garden? Would you like to share some with the Covington Storehouse Food-bank to serve our neighbors in need?

There is a cooler on the bench at the McMullen Center available to receive your fruit and vegetable harvest. We will be collecting food donations and delivering them to the Storehouse on a regular basis. Thank you for considering and your continued generosity. Garden of the Good Shepherd (Margie and Ang Battisti)

Slow Down

Slow down and stop your hurry,
Take your time, for life will wait.
Smell the flowers, hear the birds
Even if it makes you late.

Let your eyes feast on the beauties
Let god touch you as you stroll
As you view His great creation
Let His message fill your soul

Slow down, and take time to listen
You'll have joy as your reward
The sky of blue, the sea that glistens
All are miracles of the Lord

Walk in gratitude and wonder
Finding pleasures ever new
The blessings of our great Creator
Made for us to daily view

Slow down, take it not for granted
All this beauty round we share
But know that all of Nature's beauty
Speaks of God's great love and care

Helen Gleason

Fr. Jim is delighted to let you know that we are offering three Masses indoors. Masses will be celebrated on **Saturday evening at 5:30pm** and **Sunday morning at 9 am and 11:30 am.** (Life Teen will return this fall.) **It is REQUIRED for people to register all family members who would like to attend Mass.** Attendance to these Masses is currently limited to 75 parishioners for each Mass.

You can register by going to the parish website SJTbcc.org and click on the link for **Sign Up Genius**. If you need any assistance, please contact Anne Frederick at 253-632-0683 or the parish office. More information can also be found on the Mass Registration Page on our website.

Mass will look a little different than you are used to. Face masks are required and social distancing must be maintained with seating and during the Mass. If you or any member of your household feel ill, do not attend the Mass, even if you have pre-registered. *Even though we will be offering public Masses, we will continue to have Mass available for online viewing every week. Archbishop Etienne has also extended the dispensation for attending Sunday Mass and vulnerable people are encouraged to participate in the weekly Masses from our website.*

A note from our Covid-129 supervisor-David

Special Notice: Due to the social distancing requirements, the chairs in the Sanctuary have been placed to allow the proper minimum separation of 6 feet. Chairs are currently placed in pairs and individuals. Please do not move chairs closer than 6 feet from others. If a household of more than two would like to join sufficient chairs together, please do so by connecting adjacent chairs together. But please do not acquire additional chairs from the storage stacks. Please move chairs back to their original positions, indicated by the blue tape on the floor, when the service has concluded.

Be sure to register by calling 253-632-0683, the parish office at 253-630-0701 or our website: www.sjtbcc.org

Rachel's Corner: Hope and Healing After Abortion

Fall 2020 Rachel's Vineyard Healing Retreat Schedule
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