

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST



August 23, 2020
Twenty-first 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



The Lord asks his disciples a very important question in today's gospel reading from Matthew – "Who do you say that I am?" And good old Peter comes through – "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

The Lord asks us the same question Who do you say I am? But before we answer that question, we need to know who we are!

In one of his first interviews after the papal election, Pope Francis was asked the same question – Who is Jorge Mario Bergoglio? His surprising answer – I am a sinner whom the Lord has looked upon. His response revealed that God had everything to do with who he was. And the same goes for us. In opening ourselves to the mercy of God's love we are living as his beloved daughters and sons. Peter had to grow into becoming the kephas – the rock. And so it is for us. May we allow the Lord to help us become the best version of ourselves.

Fr. Jim

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Monday—Saturday, 10 am to 3 pm



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Masses will be outside for the remainder of August. Saturday Mass outdoors is at 5:30 pm, Sunday at 10 am. Our capacity is limited, so attendees must register. Registration line **253-632-0683** or register at the **Sign up Genius** on our website. For more information on the Masses during the pandemic, see the **Mass Registration page**. Please create an individual sign up for every family member for each Mass you attend. Note in the comments who will sit together. **Please bring your own chairs. If you need us to provide a chair, please contact the parish office or call 253-632-0683.**

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH



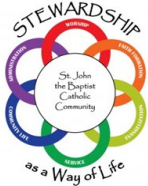
Update for our Annual Catholic Appeal Campaign

As of August 13, 2020

Goal: \$ 126,503.00

Pledges: \$ 113,930.00=90%

Pledges: 326 Avg. Pledge \$ 349.48



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, Aug. 16, 2020

Envelopes:	\$ 4,660.00
Loose	\$ 2,402.00
Holy Day Assumption	\$ 220.00
Vigil Lights	\$ 1.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 430.00
2nd Collections	\$ 60.00
Sound System Donation	\$ 500.00
Just Faith Books	\$ 20.00
Stole Fee	\$ 23.00
Baptism Donation	\$ 50.00
Faith Direct from 8/4/2020	\$ 25,545.75
Faith Direct SVdP	\$ 1,025.00
Faith Direct Assumption	\$ 400.00
Total	\$ 35,336.75

Creation Care Corner

Taking action to protect God's great gift to us, Mother Earth



"The way humanity treats the environment influences the way it treats itself..."

— Pope Benedict XVI

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP RECOMMENDATION

WHAT YOU EAT MATTERS!

Meat production accounts for about 15% of climate warming greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Most meat comes from factory farms that are heavily polluting. Cutting back or changing the mix of meats you eat can have a big environmental impact, and can improve your health. Here is EWG's comparison of CO₂ emissions/unit of meat to your plate:

- Chicken rated as the best meat
- Pork, turkey, farmed salmon and cheese are almost 2x worse than chicken
- Beef is 4x worse than chicken
- Lamb is 5x worse than chicken
- Lentils, dry beans, yogurt, peanut butter, rice, nuts, tofu, milk & potatoes are **+2x better** than chicken.

STEWARDSHIP



Have you joined St. John the Baptist this past year? We would love to welcome you and to get to know you!
Please Join Us!

Fr. Jim is hosting two Zoom gatherings on Sunday, August 30th from 1-2:30 pm and on Wednesday, September 16th from 7-8:30 pm. He is looking forward to meeting you and finding out how the parish might serve you! Contact Anne Frederick at the office (253)-0701 or e-mail at annef@sjtbcc.org for more information and to RSVP



St. John the Baptist is offering

Financial Peace University

Our next session to begin in October 2020

ALL CLASSES VIA ZOOM ONLINE!

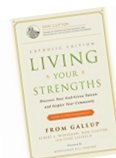
This program offers a variety of digital and written resources for money management and investing in your future. The nine sessions will be facilitated by a fellow parishioner and retired financial executive, who will share his expertise with participants.

Classes will be held on Thursday evenings via Zoom online.

Suggested donation is \$65/couple or individual, with the parish is subsidizing 50% of the cost. Some scholarships also are available.

To register or to receive more information, please contact Anne Frederick at

annef@sjtbcc.org or 253-630-0701 X112



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Classes are four weeks in length. You can choose a day or evening time online.

Suggested donation is \$20 for your book and resources. For more information contact Anne Frederick at 253-630-0701 x 112 or e-mail at annef@sjtbcc.org

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Twentieth—First Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Saint Paul reminds us in today's second reading that the ultimate origin of everything is God. Since everything comes from God, we are God's own. We can never put God in our debt. There is absolutely no negotiating with God. Every breath we take is a gift. Every good deed we perform is grace.

Good stewards realize they are created and called to make the beauty, greatness, compassion and justice of God and his gifts known throughout the world. The stewardship question for us is whether we are willing to embrace this call, acknowledge our dependence on God and give our lives over to him completely for this purpose.

GRIEF MINISTRY

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT GRIEF MINISTRY? ATTEND THIS ONLINE INFORMATIONAL SESSION

On **Wednesday, August 26th, from 7:00 to about 8:30 PM**, we will be offering an **Introduction to Grief-Share®**, a structured grief support program designed to help you managed your grieving process. We will show two very short videos (*Introduction to Grief-Share®* and *Covid 19 and Grief*), followed by some discussion and information about GriefShare® and how the program works.

For reservations or questions, please contact Frank Hammock at hammockfmn785@comcast.net or call the church office at 253-630-0701. Once you contact us, we'll send you the info for how to access the online Zoom meeting.

We hope to see you online.

Thank you and God bless.

Your St. John's Grief Ministry Team



Thank you so much for the weekly donations of produce that have been donated to our Garden of the Good Shepherd cooler. Our local gardeners sure have a green thumb and a generous heart. The cooler

is located on the bench at the McMullen Center complete with a flag up notification. All donations are delivered to The Storehouse, our local Covington Foodbank. Please continue to help us support our neighbors in need.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for those who are sick: Carmen Neste, Doug Johnson, LeAnn LeChapell, Jean Lombard and Gerry Goebel

Please pray for those who have died: Ted Nickson and IreneBelmira del Aguila(mother-in-law of Rosanna Belmira)

NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

Rachel's Corner

Hope and Healing After Abortion

"I won't remember what happened with fear or tears. Now I will remember with peace, because now I know and believe they are with Jesus. I used to feel I was the only one in the whole world. I didn't want to tell anyone. Now I know I am not alone." Testimonial

Call for a compassionate, confidential conversation and learn about our virtual healing opportunities.

In-person retreats have been canceled for 2020.

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THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

Monday, August 24

Summer Office Hours Monday—Saturday 10 am-3 pm

Wednesday, August 26

Mass, 9 am

Thursday, August 27

Mass, 6:30 pm

Friday, August 28

Mass, 9 am

Saturday, August 29

Confession, 4 pm

Mass, 5:30 pm (register) Outdoors

Sunday, August 30

Mass, 10 am (register) Outdoors



BOOK & HYGIENE SUPPLY DRIVE

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Want to Volunteer?

Contact Andrea @
andream@sjtbcc.org

Census Deadline – September 30, 2020

The deadline to complete the 2020 Census has been moved up to September 30. It is not too late to respond! You can do so online by visiting their [website](#). Your response helps to direct billions of dollars in federal funds to local communities for schools, roads, and other public services. Results from the 2020 Census will be used to determine the number of seats each state has in Congress and your political representation at all levels of government.

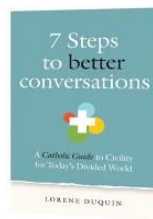
"Catholic" Voting and Sources

The Catholic Church supports public policies that serve the common good and are aligned with our Church teachings. The Catholic Church does not endorse candidates or political parties. You may encounter websites, sources, or mailers that claim to be Catholic. However, they may not be officially aligned with or sanctioned by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). If a source tells you to support a specific candidate or political party, it is most certainly not officially aligned with the Catholic Church. For information about national public policy, please refer to the [USCCB website](#). Please consult the [Washington State Catholic Conference \(WSCC\)](#) for information about state and local public policies. When considering political candidates' views on public policies, we recommend reading [Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States](#).



106th Annual World of Migrants & Refugees
September 27th:

FAITH FORMATION



Is it possible to carry out good conversations with people with whom I disagree? As incivility, bullying, and mean-spirited communication have risen to new heights in our society, people of good faith wonder how we might change this tide of disrespect. Written for small-group discussion as well as personal reflection, 7 Steps to better conversations offers a fresh approach to communicating in our most difficult relationships, whether online or in person.

Building upon the teachings of Pope Francis, Lorene Duquin explores several ways in which we might come together to talk through our differences, challenges, and disagreements with renewed kindness, honesty, and respect.

Joan Williamson will be facilitating group discussion using this book. We will meet for four weeks with a Tues. evening group (7-8:30 pm), and a Wed. morning (10-11:30 am) group

Contact Joan at 253-630-0701ext. 109 to register

Dates will be:

Tuesdays: September 1, 8, 15, & 22 or

Wednesdays: September 2, 9, 16, & 23

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