

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST



August 30, 2020
Twenty-Second 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



Poor Simon Peter. He had just confessed that Jesus was "the Christ, the Son of the living God" and now in this week's gospel reading Jesus calls him Satan. In other words, Peter was correct about Jesus being the Messiah but he held out for a different kind, namely a political savior who would vanquish the foe. Jesus had just told his disciples that he must suffer and die and on the third day be raised. Peter couldn't handle that type of Messiah. Thus Jesus saw Peter as an obstacle. "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." The one temptation that dogged Jesus during his ministry was to be someone other than who he was. And if we are honest is that not the same temptation we face? We are defined in so many ways – not that some descriptions don't fit. But Jesus reminds us that suffering is part of life and in dying to ourselves we will find true life. Each of us is a beloved child of God. May we never forget that.

Fr. Jim

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Masses will be outside for September: Saturday Mass outdoors is at 5:30 pm, Sunday at 10 am. Our capacity is limited, so attendees must register. Please contact our registration line at **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

FAITH FORMATION

With a sadden and a grateful heart Amy Bonte steps down: It is with a saddened and a grateful heart that I write this note. In an effort to strike a better family life balance, I will not return as Pastoral Assistant for Elementary Faith Formation. Through prayer and thought, I truly believe it is what's best at this time. My 3 years in this role has been a great blessing and one of much growth in my own faith. What a gift to work alongside many amazing parish volunteers who helped to plant the seeds of God's love in the hearts and minds of our parish youth. For that I am truly grateful. My family and I look forward to continuing to be a part of St. John's community!

Forever in Christ,

Amy Bonte

Announcing our New Hire for the Elementary Faith Formation Position:

First, I want to take a moment to say how amazingly talented Amy Bonte has been at the Elementary FF position at St. John's and how grateful I am to have worked with her these past three years. Thank you so very much Amy, I will truly miss working with you! Our families have been so loved, nurtured, formed in their faith because of you and the way that you have shared your giftedness with us all!

It is with great joy and excitement (Amy is filled with these as well) that I tell you of our new hire for the position of Pastoral Assistant for Elementary Faith Formation, Therese McHenry! Therese comes to us with a deep love for Jesus, great understanding of the Catholic faith, and years of experience in teaching the faith in Catholic Schools. I believe that she will add a new and tremendous richness to this ministry at St. John's. We are blessed. Please welcome her with your love and care. Thank you.

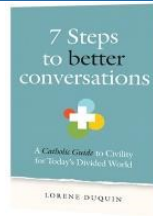
Amy and Therese will share the hours of the position for the month of September, as Amy will be caring for our First Eucharist children and families through their celebrations of the Sacrament. Amy will also be helping with the transition of Therese coming onboard! Thank you Amy.

Please pray for both of these wonderful women in the midst of this transition. Thank you.

Blessings,

Joan Williamson

Pastoral Assistant for Faith Formation and Sacramental Preparation



Opportunity for a small group discussion via Zoom!!!

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

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Dates will be:

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

Wednesdays: September 2, 9, 16, & 23

RCIA begins September 10th:

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming a full member in the Catholic Church? It may be that baptism is desired, or Confirmation, and First Communion! We will begin the process of preparing for those Rites on September 10th. This process will be done with a hybrid (in person/virtual) model. Please contact Joan Williamson at 253-630-0701 x109 or joanw@sjtbcc.org for more information.

Faith Formation is Kicking Off on September 27th!

What a different year we are in! Yes, it will bring a difference to our methods in our programs. Please know that we are here to support our parents in the midst of this journey to help form your children in their Catholic faith. We are looking forward to making sure that growing community continues to be a central goal in our programs, whether online or in person! As Catholics it is important to stay connected.

Make sure to register your children for Faith Formation this year, and their preparation for Sacraments. For more information and to register click on the link below.

<https://sjtbcc.org/education/registrations/>

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

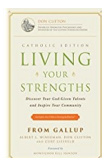
ALL CLASSES VIA ZOOM ONLINE!

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 subsidizing 50% of the cost. Some scholarships also are available.

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



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Gospel reflection Questions For This Week
Gospel Passage: Matthew 16: 21-27

Reflection Questions:

Jesus speaks of the end of his life and the end times in this passage. He is speaking to his disciples to inform them of the future. In the midst of this conversation he invites them into the journey, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." Jesus' invitation continues today. He is speaking to you...what does this look like in your life?

Can you imagine how Peter felt when Jesus said, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me." Name some ways that followers of Jesus, in today's world, become an obstacle to him

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Twentieth—Second Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus brings up the topic of the cross to his followers. They would not realize the cross was part of God's plan and was to be their legacy until after the resurrection. Today's followers of Christ recognize they are stewards of his entire legacy, including his cross; that through their mutual sacrifices God's glory is revealed. They don't live their lives in Christ only when it is convenient for them. They make a decision to take up their cross and carry it, no matter what the cost. In the midst of the uncertain times we live in, what crosses do we bear in order to reveal God's glory?

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

Monday, Aug. 30

Summer Office Hours Monday—Saturday 10 am-3 pm

Wednesday, Sept. 2

Mass, 9 am

Thursday, Sept. 3

Mass, 6:30 pm

Friday, Sept. 4

Mass, 9 am

Saturday, Sept. 5

Confession, 4 pm

Mass, 5:30 pm (register) Outdoors

Sunday, Sept. 6

Mass, 10 am (register) Outdoors

Monday, Sept. 7

Labor Day Office Closed
NO MASS





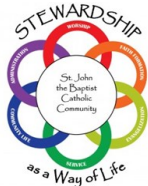
Update for our Annual Catholic Appeal Campaign
This is the LAST CALL for you to send in your pledge for the Annual catholic Appeal campaign.

As of August 23, 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.23, 2020

Envelopes	\$ 5,647.00
Loose	\$ 2,234.50
Holy Day Assumption	\$ 5.00
Vigil Lights	\$ 6.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 310.00
2nd Collections	\$ 25.00
Just Faith Books	\$ 20.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 20.00
Total	\$ 8,507.50

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Please pray for those who are sick: Rose Dawson, Carmen Neste and Doug Johnson

Please pray for those who have died: Jeannine Cote (cousin of Jackie Raczka), Elizabeth Zentner (mother of David Zentner), and Craig Goodwin(friend of Page Lane)

LIFE, JUSTICE, PEACE

Creation Care Corner

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



" ... the world we have received also belongs to those who will follow us."

—Pope Francis

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP RECOMMENDATION:

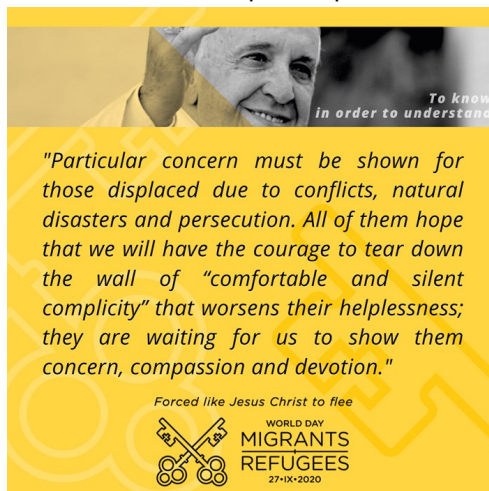
Greenhouse gases (GHGs) trap heat and make the planet warmer. Transportation accounts for 27% of America's GHG emissions. When purchasing, consider buying the highest mileage vehicle in the class you need. For example, a 40 mpg vehicle can save you 4500 gallons of fuel over the life of the vehicle and dramatically reduce tailpipe emissions, compared to a 20 mpg alternative.

SEASON OF CREATION SEPTEMBER 1-OCTOBER 4

The Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together. During the Season of Creation, we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home. It begins with the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and ends on the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. Visit seasonofcreation.org for more information.

106th Annual World of Migrants & Refugees-

September 27: There are currently 41.3 million individuals displaced throughout the world. In 2018, there were around 23 million new displaced persons.





"It was amazing to see the looks on student's faces as they picked their coats and hats," said Pat Fredell, the Communities in Schools Site Coordinator for Neely-O'Brien. What made this event all the more special was that ALL the second graders received coats. Many times students don't want to be singled out for needing clothing or supplies. What the Knights of Columbus have done with this program is to ensure those who need a warm coat can get one without any stigma attached. I am so happy we at Communities In Schools of Kent could play a part in such a meaningful event."

One of our major fundraising projects for the Coats for Kids program has been our Honey Crisp Apple sale. We will have another apple sale again this year but are purchasing less apples to account for the Corvid-19 issues around our Church Mass occupancy restrictions. This of course means we will not be able to raise the same amount of money as in years past. If interested in supporting this worthy cause for children in need within our local community:

- Please be sure to purchase apples during our sale in September.
- We are asking the parishioners of SJTB to donate directly to help the Knights purchase as many coats as we can. Please make any checks out to K of C 11780 and identify on the check this is for the Coats for Kids program. The Coats for Kids box for donations will be located in the church office.

If you have any questions, talk to any Knight or call Lyn Johnson at 253-852-5783

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