

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

August 16, 2020
Twentieth 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



Better late than never! We have had to delay the baptism and confirmation of our elect and candidates due to the Covid-19. On the evening of Friday, August 14th at the Vigil Mass of the Assumption nine adults and children plus a baby will be baptized. Two adults will make a profession of faith and one high school Catholic will be joining them for confirmation three children will be joining the others for First Eucharist. Our prayers are with them. May the blessed Virgin Mary pray for them.

Fr. Jim

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Summer Office Hours:
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. 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



We are ALMOST at our GOAL!!! With your help we can reach our goal. Once we reach our goal we will receive a rebate to go towards technology for the church. If you have any questions please call Nancy at 253-630-0701.

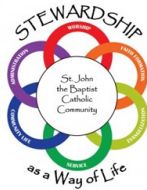
Update for our Annual Catholic Appeal Campaign

As of August 7, 2020

Goal: \$ 126,503.00

Pledges: \$ 108,710=86% of goal

Pledges: 318 Avg. Pledge \$ 341.85



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. 9, 2020

Envelopes:	\$ 7,469.00
Loose	\$ 7,634.31
Holy Day Assumption	\$ 15.00
Vigil Lights	\$ 4.02
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 279.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 10.00
Funeral Donation	\$ 300.00
Just Faith Books	\$ 120.00
Stole Fee	\$ 100.00
Archdiocese of the Military	\$ 4.00
Total	\$ 15,935.33

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time: In today's first reading, the Lord speaks through the prophet Isaiah during a time of political upheaval and moral decline. The prophet had warned of God's judgment against people for the feelings of self-importance they found in their possessions, and condemned them for various forms of economic injustice such as exploiting the poor and immigrants. Good stewards know that Isaiah's message is as compelling today as it was in the time of the kingdom of Judah: do the right thing. Offer justice and compassion toward others. Be honest in all your dealings. And remember to observe the day of the Lord.

STEWARDSHIP



St. John the Baptist is offering
Financial Peace University Our
next session will 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, as 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 253-630-0710 X112



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New Parishioners We are so grateful to have you in our parish

Please contact Anne Frederick at the office 253-630-0701 or e-mail annef@sjtbcc.org to receive more information about St. John the Baptist and for a personal welcome to find out how we might serve you!

GRIEF MINISTRY

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

Are you grieving the loss of a loved one, or friend? Has this Covid19 been a difficult time for you in your grieving process?

The support of a Grief Ministry can help you understand and cope with such grief. Here at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church we are offering an **Online forum** starting in September through 13 weekly support group sessions that are positive and faith-based. Tools will be provided to help each participant cope and manage the grieving process, fostering hope through fellowship.

On **Wednesday, August 26th, from 7:00 to about 8:30 PM**, we will be offering an **Introduction to GriefShare®**, a structured grief support program designed to help you managed your grieving process. We will show two very short videos (*Introduction to GriefShare®* 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 hammockfnn785@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

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

Monday, August 17

Summer Office Hours Monday—Saturday 10 am-3 pm

Wednesday, August 19

Mass, 9 am

Thursday, August 20

Mass, 6:30 pm

Friday, August 21

Mass, 9 am

Saturday, August 22

Confession, 4 pm

Mass, 5:30 pm (register) Outdoors

Sunday, August 23

Mass, 10 am (register) Outdoors

Time
To
Relax

Prayer Requests

Please pray for those who are sick: Ted Nickson, LeAnn Echapel, Jean Lombard and Gerry Goebel

Please pray for those who have died: Jean Bolton, and Theresa Koistenen

NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

Rachel's Corner

Hope and Healing After Abortion

"Sometimes we are allowed to hit rock bottom so that we may clearly know that God is the Rock at the bottom." - City of Agape

God was there when you hit rock bottom, and He is there now inviting you to jump into His merciful embrace and come alive again.

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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Project Rachel is a program of Catholic Community Services.

You are loved with an everlasting Love!

HOW DO YOU MODEL COMPASSION DURING THE ELECTION?



How To Model Compassion?

1. Recognize the very presence of God and human dignity in all our brothers and sisters.
2. Presume others' best intentions and listen to their stories with empathy.
3. Make room in your heart for those with whom you disagree.

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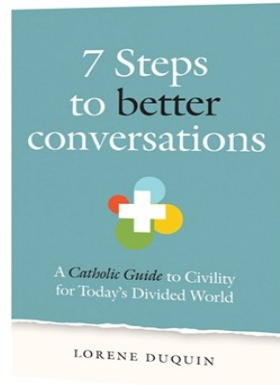


Sunday's Gospel: Matthew 15: 21-28

Here are the reflection questions for this Sunday's Gospel Reflection Questions:

What is faith? In day-to-day life, what do you, or others have faith in? How is having faith in Jesus different from these other things?

The Canaanite women identified Jesus as, "Son of David!" She also was asking for pity, she was humble, yet Jesus kept pushing back. Jesus would not give her what she was asking for in the beginning of their meeting. Why? What was Jesus seeking? How did it make a difference in the Canaanite woman's life? How does it make a difference in your life?



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.

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. Pope Francis reminds us that the "world will recognize the disciples of Jesus by the way they love one another." Christian love is at the heart of better communication through the shared belief that we are all sons and daughters of a loving God.

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

Dates will be:

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

Wednesdays: September 2, 9, 16, & 23

Register by clicking [here](#)

Summer Poem

S—sunshine is finally here



U—using umbrellas to block sunlight



M—making summer crafts



M—munching things from garden



E—eating ice cream on a hot day



R—reflection on the water



Summer Acrostic Poetry

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