

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF



ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

August 9, 2020

Nineteenth 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



We just finished the fiscal year on June 30th. Our outlook was bright until Covid-19 reared its ugly head. Even so I was heartened by the generosity of all of you. Yes, we had a deficit of only \$25,000. and at the beginning of this new fiscal year I can tell that many of you are trying to catch up on your steward-

ship pledges. At the end of July we are almost \$16,000 in the black. Thank you for being responsible stew-

ardes. The Annual Catholic Appeal has been inching towards our goal of \$126,503. If you have not sent in your pledge either to the parish or archdiocese, I would ask you to do so now. With the rebate we are hoping to make some improvements to our technology in the church. May the Lord continue to be with us during this difficult time.

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. 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.**

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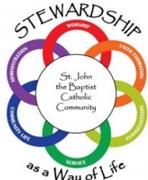


We are ALMOST at our GOAL!!! With your help we can reach our goal. Once we reach our goal we will receive a rebate to go towards technology for the church. If you have any questions please call Nancy at 253-630-0701.

Update for our Annual Catholic Appeal Campaign

As of July 30, 2020

Goal: \$126,503.00
 Pledges: \$ 105,104.67=82.3% of goal
 # Pledges: 313 Avg. Pledge \$ 335.79



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 26, 2020

Envelopes:	\$ 3,893.00
Loose	\$ 4,523.00
Faith Direct 7/15/2020	\$19,398.00
Holy Day	\$ 5.00
Vigil lights	\$ 14.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 25.00
Faith Direct St. Vincent de Paul	905.00
Arch. For Military	\$ 90.00
Misc.	\$ 60.07
Total	\$ 28,913.07

Parish Stewardship report for Sunday, August 2, 2020

Envelopes:	\$ 9,144.00
Loose	\$ 1,889.00
Easter	\$ 175.00
Vigil Lights	\$ 115.33
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 583.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 20.00
Baptism donation	\$ 100.00
Just Faith Books	\$ 200.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 4.00
Total	\$12,230.33



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!

FAITH FORMATION

PRAY FOR OUR FOLK READING FOR THE RITES OF INITIATION!

Please hold in prayer these individuals who will be received into full communion with the Catholic Church at St. John the Baptist on August 14th at 7pm, the Vigil of the Feast of the Assumption of Mary:

Justin Baker, Laura Cortez, Esperance Fadonoug, Trena Kupper, Pete Kupper, Ester Ramos-Grano, Jovita Ramos-Grano, Ana Rodriguez, Marissa Rodriguez, Andy Silva, Melissa Torres, Jacob Zook

Thank you,
RCIA Team

STEWARDSHIP



St. John the Baptist is offering **Financial Peace University** Our next session will begin in October 2020

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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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GUATEMALA REFLECTION

Blessed Stanley Rother, pray for us

Have you ever felt God pulling you so strongly in a direction you can't help but wonder why? Back in February, a week before journeying to Guatemala for my third trip with the parish, I had dinner with Anna Johnson from Maryknoll who was giving a presentation at the church. Maryknoll has a long history of presence in Guatemala and Anna herself has traveled to the country a number of times. I discussed the itinerary for our trip, mentioning our usual stop in Panajachel on our way back to the capital. She asked if we were planning on visiting Santiago Atitlan, a town across Lake Atitlan from where we would be staying. She shared briefly the story of an American priest from Oklahoma who had been martyred there years before.

The trip was not on our agenda so I put it to the back of my mind. A few days later, Joan Williamson shared a book with me about Guatemala by Henri Nouwen. I packed the book in my luggage for some reading on the flight and went on my way. It was not until the flight, as I began reading this book, *Love in a Fearful Land*, that I realized Nouwen was writing about his trip to Santiago Atitlan during the 1980s after the assassination of Father, now Blessed, Stanley Rother - the American priest Anna had told me about days before. My heart was burning as I read about how he came to be embraced by those he served, mastering the complicated Tz'utujil language when he almost failed seminary for struggling with Latin, and how as a result of pastoring to them - caring for widows and their children after their husbands were disappeared or murdered, providing sanctuary in the church for others who were sought by the militia - he, too, became an enemy of the state during the Guatemalan Civil War. On July 28, 1981, just after midnight, Father Rother was shot twice and killed in the rectory, a murder for which nobody was ever tried or convicted for.

During the trip, I shared the story of Father Rother with the group, and they, also being moved, agreed to find a way to visit Santiago Atitlan during our brief stay in Panajachel. On a Monday morning, we rented a boat from our fearless captain Gaspar, who realizing that we might get a little lost finding the church, navigated us through the busy streets to the Church of St. James the Apostle, where Father Rother gave his life for his people. Continue on next column:

When we approached the church, the change in the air was palpable. We were treading on holy ground. This was no more evident than in the rectory turned chapel, honoring Father Rother - where he was shot and killed. In the chapel there are blood stains and bullet holes on the floor - a very real reminder of what had taken place there years before. Words cannot fully express what it felt like to be in that chapel - a gift from God that for a period of time, it was just the 8 of us, praying and sitting in holy silence, many of us moved to tears by the experience.

The first reading this weekend speaks of Elijah hearing God in a whisper, not in the wind or earthquake or fire. In many ways, I feel like this captures God introducing me to Father Rother-through the quiet, subtle whisper of a conversation and a book, saying "this man has My heart. Learn from him." Father Rother embodied so much of who I strive to be-a person whose heart is completely with Christ and with those on the margins. Although he knew he was a wanted man, he maintained "my life is for my people. I am not scared." What would that kind of radical love look like in my life?

Since returning, I feel like Father Rother has been ever present in my life, and for that I am eternally grateful. He has been in emails sent by friends unaware of my admiration for him, he has been in podcasts and articles I have stumbled across, and he has been in messages exchanged with those that journeyed with me in February to Santiago Atitlan. He is there constantly reminding me how an ordinary life can be sanctified if united with God and with others, how never to be afraid of where God leads, and how we must listen to the whispers God speaks to our hearts and to follow His calling.

Upon his death, Father Rother's body was returned to Oklahoma, but his heart remained in Santiago Atitlan, to be forever with his people, the people he loved. Blessed Stanley Rother, pray for us.

For more information on Father Rother, whose feast day just passed on July 28, please visit: <https://archokc.org/stanleyrother>.



Prayer Requests

Please pray for those who are sick: Maureen Underwood, The Bakke Family, Jean Lombard, Gerry Goebel, Tisha Yowell, Deacon Anselmo Pardo and for those suffering from COVID—19

Please pray for those who have died: Fr. Pat Ritter, Rosemary Lounsbury (friend of Laurie Moloney), Dominadora Idio (mother of Melanie Mendoza and Diana Reeves)

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

Monday, August 10

Summer Office Hours Monday—Saturday 10 am-3 pm

Wednesday, August 12

Mass, 9 am

Thursday, August 13

Mass, 6:30 pm

Friday, August 14

Mass, 9 am

Saturday, August 15

Confession, 4 pm

Mass, 5:30 pm (register) Outdoors

Sunday, August 16

Mass, 10 am (register) Outdoors



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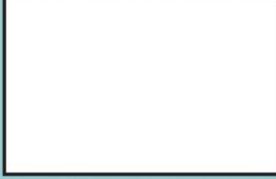
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