

# THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST



September 13, 2020  
Twenty-Fourth 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



I would like to share a big shout out of thanks to all who have been instrumental in bringing our daily and weekend liturgies to life these past few months. These include our point persons, sacristans, Eucharistic ministers, altar servers, greeters, and lectors. Because of Covid-19, many of our liturgical ministers have served weekly, and for this I am deeply grateful. I am also thankful for our communications team who has provided the support necessary for live-streaming and recording our weekend liturgies. And special thanks for our liturgist, Laurie Moloney, and our music director, Luis Diaz de Leon, as well as David Aldous, our steward of facilities who have been here every week to see to it that everything is ready to go. We will continue with masses outside through September. And men, you can wear hats.

*Fr. Jim*

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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**Regular Office Hours:**  
**Monday—Friday 9 am to 3 pm Sat. 9 am-3 pm**



**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.



GRANDPARENTS DAY  
SUNDAY, SEPT. 13, 2020

**Please bring your own chairs.**

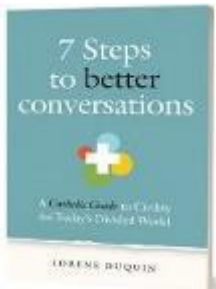
**If you need us to provide a chair, please contact the parish office or call 253-632-0683.**

## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

### FAITH FORMATION



Our parish wide gatherings will continue through the fall! Parishioners break out into groups based on which mass they typically attend, and receive questions to ponder on the week's gospel. Groups are open to new participants. We meet Saturdays from 10am to 12 pm and Sundays from 1-2:30 pm. Contact the office and we will send you the link!



Additional copies of *7 Steps to better conversations* are available at the office.

#### **Faith Formation is Kicking Off on September 27<sup>th</sup>!**

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.

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

### GROUNDS

St. John the Baptist wants to thank the following for their hours of work this month on our parish grounds: Mark Rosenberger, Rick McCurdy, Robert Beatty, Sam DiBella, Jim Meucci, Ken Nelson, David Aldous and Kathy Kernan. Thank you, Kathy Kernan

# 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.

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**Please contact:**

Joan Williamson at  
253-630-0701 x109

-or-

joanw@sjtbcc.org

**for more information**

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Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 26, 2020. Will I finally have the opportunity to be with my family that I haven't seen since February? Will I be able to hug them? Will be able to find all of the ingredients for our traditional Thanksgiving meal, one that hasn't changed since my childhood? (Oops, those were not the questions that I was supposed to be thinking about but, in this time of social isolation, that can happen to an individual.)

Having said that, let's get back to the topic that I meant to address. Do you know the meaning of the Greek word "Eucharist?" It means "thanksgiving." We have just begun the Year of the Eucharist, a year of thanksgiving in the Seattle Archdiocese, a year meant for study and reflection on the meaning of the Eucharist in our lives and thankfulness for the sacrament. We are thankful because we believe that we are consuming the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are thankful because we know that this meal, this feast freely offered gives us food for the journey that we call life.

But, there is more to the Eucharist than food for the journey. As Archbishop Etienne said in his homily on Corpus Christi and again in his pastoral letter, "...but the Eucharist provides us with a significant spirituality of how to live everyday more like Jesus.

Of course as the Archbishop says, the Eucharist is central to the work of redemption, but it is more than that. Paraphrasing from I Corinthians, not only do we receive the Body and Blood of Christ, we participate in it. Eucharist does not end when mass is over. We continue to participate in the Eucharist during our everyday lives. In fact, I would go so far as to suggest that our participation begins fully when we step outside the doors of the church.

The Eucharist gives us the grace to live more like Jesus and another word for being able to live more like Jesus is STEWARDSHIP--the Stewardship of Time Talent and Treasure. Our life can be a life lived knowing that we are beloved daughters and sons of God. All that we have, all that we are is gift. Having received these gifts, including the gift of Eucharist, we should with great thanksgiving share our gifts with others in any way that we can.

By: Mary Kaye Soderlind



## Are you looking for resources to plan your financial future?

This program offers a variety of digital and written resources for money management and investing in your future in a safe and confidential space. The nine sessions will be facilitated by a fellow parishioner

and retired financial executive, who will share his expertise.

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 [annef@sjtbcc.org](mailto:annef@sjtbcc.org) or 253-630-0701 X112

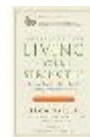
Have you joined St. John the Baptist this past year?  
We would love to welcome you and to get to know you!



Fr. Jim is hosting a Zoom gathering on **Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>** from 7-8:30 pm. He is looking forward to meeting you and finding out how the parish might serve you! Register and also receive some free gifts from the parish! Please Join Us!

Contact Anne Frederick at the office (253) 630-0701 x 112 or e-mail at [annef@sjtbcc.org](mailto:annef@sjtbcc.org) for more information and to RSVP

## LIVING YOUR STRENGTHS



### Discover how to use your God-given talents

This four class series is a fun opportunity to learn your top five strengths and explore ways to be a more intentional disciple of Christ!

We are now planning on offering these classes via Zoom! For more information, please call Anne Frederick at 253-630-0701 x 112 or email at [annef@sjtbcc.org](mailto:annef@sjtbcc.org) Suggested donation is \$20 for your book and resources.



*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, Sept. 6. 2020	
Envelopes	\$ 5,464.00
Loose	\$ 4,408.50
Vigil Lights	\$ 12.75
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 110.00
Pastor's Discretionary	\$ 500.00
Faith Formation Fees	\$ 760.00
Total	\$ 11,255.25

## THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

### Monday, Sept. 14

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 am-3 pm

Saturday, 10 am-3 pm

### Wednesday, Sept. 16

Mass, 9 am

### Thursday, Sept. 17

Mass, 6:30 pm

### Friday, Sept. 18

Mass, 9 am

### Saturday, Sept. 19

### OFFICE CLOSED

Confession, 4 pm

Mass, 5:30 pm (register) Outdoors

### Sunday, Sept. 20

Mass, 10 am (register) Outdoors

National Grandparents Day



### **Please pray for those who are sick:**

Jim Jorgenson, Glenn McKee and Peggy Burke

### **Please pray for those who have died:**

Rose Dawson (mother of Carol Boespflug), Gert Barnes (aunt of Bruce Barnes) and Gerald Bender (father of Ann Perko)

## LIFE, JUSTICE, PEACE

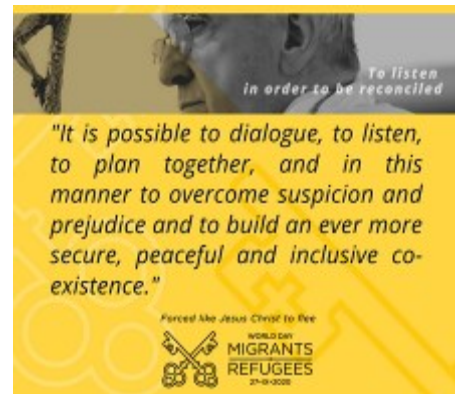
### Disaster Relief Collection

The USCCB has asked Archbishop Etienne to take up a special collection as a result of the devastating impact of Hurricane Laura, devastating wildfires, and other disasters.

Most Reverend Jose H. Gomez, President of United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and accompanying letter from Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, Louisiana explain more about this special appeal in their letters, which we have made available for you by clicking here. Here is a brief excerpt of note:

**"The funds collected in this special appeal will become part of the Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund and will be used to support the efforts of Catholic Charities USA and/or Catholic Relief Services, the official relief agencies of the U.S. Catholic Church, as they and their local agencies respond to immediate emergency needs for such necessities as water, food, shelter, and medical care and aid in long-term rebuilding and recovery efforts; and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops for pastoral and reconstruction needs of the Church is critical. Funds will be used in response to Hurricane Laura and any other disasters that occur and will be distributed where they are most needed."**

Envelopes for this special collection will be available this weekend near the collection boxes.



### 106<sup>th</sup> Annual World of Migrants & Refugees –

### September 27th:

Climate change is the leading cause of displacement among people globally. In 2019, **75%** of all displaced people, or **24.9 million** individuals were displaced for environmental reasons. **13 million** were displaced by storms, **11.9 million** by hurricanes and typhoons, **10 million** by floods, and **947,000** by geophysical events such as earthquakes, tsunamis, and volcanic eruptions.

## Creation Care Corner



*"All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of Creation."  
— Pope Francis*

### WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP RECOMMENDATION:

**Reducing air travel** can dramatically reduce your household carbon emissions. Air travel accounts for 12% of all U.S. transportation greenhouse gas emissions that warm the planet. Driving may be a better environmental option on shorter trips (300-500 miles). Driving high mileage cars with additional passengers is almost always a better environmental option. When flying, non-stop coach flights are the best alternative. If you must fly, consider purchasing carbon offsets from a reputable company like United Airlines, who works through Conservation International <https://united.conservations.org>. Purchasing offsets takes planet-warming carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere in exchange for the greenhouse gases that are contributed via your air travel.



**Book & Hygiene Supply Drive Results:** A huge thank you to everyone who came out last week to support our Book & Hygiene Supply drive! Together, we were able to collect 1297 books and 750 hygiene items that will be given to bless families and children in need at this time. So grateful for your giving hearts and generous spirits! A very special thank you to Therese McHenry & Mary Kaye Soderlind for getting this drive together!



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Family, Community & Participation

### Season of Creation 2020 Prayer

Creator of Life, At Your word, the Earth brought forth plants yielding seed and trees of every kind bearing fruit. The rivers, mountains, minerals, seas and forests sustained life. The eyes of all looked to You to satisfy the needs of every living thing. And throughout time the earth has sustained life. Through the planetary cycles of days and seasons, renewal and growth, you open your hand to give creatures our food in the proper time.

In your Wisdom, you granted a Sabbath; a blessed time to rest in gratitude for all that you have given; a time to liberate ourselves from vicious consumption; a time to allow the land and all creatures to rest from the burden of production. But these days our living pushes the planet beyond its limits. Our demands for growth, and our never-ending cycle of production and consumption are exhausting our world. The forests are leached, the topsoil erodes, the fields fail, the deserts advance, the seas acidify, the storms intensify. We have not allowed the land to observe her Sabbath, and the earth is struggling to be renewed.

During this season of Creation, we ask you to grant us courage to observe a Sabbath for our planet, Strengthen us with the faith to trust in your providence. Inspire us with the creativity to share what we have been given. Teach us to be satisfied with enough. And as we proclaim a Jubilee for the earth, send Your Holy Spirit to renew the face of creation.

In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to all creation, Jesus Christ  
Amen.

We are called to live our faith in all aspects of our lives. This provoking question requires much prayer and discernment from each of us. We acknowledge the difficulty of this question and the perceived alignment or misalignment of the candidates and issues with our Catholic faith. Our Church teaches a consistent ethic of life so we are called to be advocates for a variety of issues related to life and human dignity. Some have misinterpreted this teaching to convey that each related issue is morally equivalent. This is not the case. Some have misinterpreted this teaching to convey that one related issue could excuse indifference to the rest: this is not the case either. We have challenging work ahead of us! Starting this week, we will be highlighting each of the seven principles of Catholic Social Teaching to aid the discerning vote. We will not be telling you for whom or what to vote. We will be encouraging careful discernment, intentional prayer, and a universal call to holiness and compassion to inform your voting.

During this first week, we focus on the call to Family, Community and Participation. Our God is Trinity, three persons, one God. These three persons are in constant relationship with each other. Being created in the image of God, we too need to be in relationships. Each human person is not only sacred but also social. We must recognize and cherish the gift of belonging to our immediate family and wider family; the Church and society. The Church teaches that in order to fully belong to a family and community, participation is essential. We encourage you to ensure you and your family are registered to vote. Get informed and educated about the candidates and issues on the ballot. Our community calls us to participate not just for our own needs but for the larger whole of society. Voting is an actionable way to love and a tool to cultivate community. Find out more at [www.iVoteCatholic.org](http://www.iVoteCatholic.org). Thank you to the Archdiocese of Cincinnati for this reach resource!





This weekend after the Saturday, 5:30 pm mass and after the Sunday, 10 am mass, the Knights will be selling Honey Crisp apples!!! Be sure to stop by and purchase a bag of apples!!



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 Covid-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



**COATS  
FOR KIDS**

*"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."*



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