



THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

September 20, 2020
Twenty-Fifth 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 thank all those who are involved in our faith formation programs, both students, teachers, and staff. I especially want to thank Joan Williamson, our pastoral assistant for faith formation, for the many hours that she has put in amidst the challenges of Covid-19. Her love of ministry is appealing. I

especially enjoy the faith formation newsletter. I also thank Chelsea Wilde who is our pastoral assistant for youth ministry, grades 5-12. Her vibrant faith is contagious. A big thank you to Amy Bonte who has served as our pastoral assistant for elementary faith formation for the past few years. Her creativity never fails to amaze me. Amy is stepping away from this position at this time. We wish her well in her future pursuits as a volunteer and consultant.

I am thankful to parishioner Therese McHenry for stepping into this position. Therese has been our parish librarian the past couple of years. She draws from many years of teaching experiences. May the Lord bless her in every way.

Fr. Jim



MASS SIGN UP INFORMATION

If you had signed up for 5:30 pm Mass on Saturday, September 26th, you will need to re-register. Our apologies for any inconvenience.

We will be returning to the Sanctuary for Mass in October. Space will be limited to 100 participants. You can register on Sign Up Genius for these Masses now!

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Regular Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 9 am—3 pm Saturday, 10 am —3 pm

FAITH FORMATION



Young Adult Ministry (18-30something)

Check out these options to connect with other Catholic Young Adults and your faith:

<https://seattlearchmya.weebly.com/the-scroll.html>

<https://seattlearchmya.weebly.com/young-adults.html>



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



Gospel reflection Questions For This Week

Gospel Passage: Matthew 20:1-16

Reflection Questions:

If the landowner in the parable is God, then what is it that the landowner wants from his laborers? Who is it that the landowner desires to have as laborers? Is it ever too late to join the party? What is the reward?

Have you ever felt the grumble of, "These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who bore the day's burden and the heat." Those who serve for the Lord will often feel this burden. How do you deal with this, what seems unjust? How do you make sense of this?

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



Prayer Requests

Please pray for those who are sick:

Codex Estella, Janene Sestak, Jim Jorgenson and Peggy Burke

Please pray for those who have died:

Lailane Silla (friend of Jeremy Solis), Rudy Ibanez (uncle of Mercy Lewis), and Christina Fischer Dimmick and Edith Bendotti(cousins of Frances Miller.



St. John the Baptist thanks God for our Safe Parking Guests and our Knights of Columbus!

The Safe Guests Breakfast Program was conceived by Council 11780 as part of the Knights of Columbus "Leave No

Neighbor Behind" Program. The Breakfast Program provides a freshly cooked hot breakfast with coffee, twice a week to the SJTB Safe Parking Guests on Mondays and Wednesdays at 7:00 AM. Cooking and service is being performed by a small group of Knights on a rotating schedule.

Currently, due to COVID, breakfast is being served in to-go-boxes and delivered to the picnic table that the guest share. Supplies for the Breakfast Program come from the Covington Storehouse, the Knights of Columbus Support Fund, and private donations. A canopy has been installed over the picnic table to provide some shelter. The next step would be to move the service to the benches that are in front of the entrance to the education center. There the guests would have more shelter from wind and rain.



Masses Moving Inside in October

In anticipation of cold, rainy weather, we will be celebrating two Masses each weekend, inside the church beginning the first weekend in October Oct. 3 and 4).

Masses will be held on Saturdays at 5:30 pm and on Sundays at 10 am. We will continue to livestream the Saturday 5:30 pm Mass and post it on Facebook and the St. John's website at www.sjtbcc.org for later viewing.

Visit the St. John's website or call the office to register as attendance will be limited. Remember to wear a mask, practice social distancing and stay home if you are sick.

Parish Stewardship report for Sunday, Sept. 13, 2020

Envelopes	\$ 2,111.00
Loose	\$ 9,619.50
Vigil Lights	\$ 11.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 211.00
Baptism Donation	\$ 200.00
Faith Formation Fees	\$ 40.00
Honey Bucket Reimbursement	\$ 289.00
Misc.	\$ 24.00
Total	\$ 12,506.00

STEWARDSHIP



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.

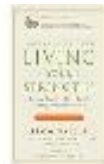
Classes will be held on Thursday evenings via Zoom online.

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 or 253-630-0701 X112

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 Suggested donation is \$20 for your book and resources.



Wondering why there's recorded music at some of the Saturday livestreamed Masses? It's because one of our music leaders is a little busy doing something else. Dan Garvida, lead of our Fil-Am choir, is working on



the frontlines of the wildfires as part of a team of reservists from Joint Base Lewis-McChord. Thank you Dan! And you are in our prayers.

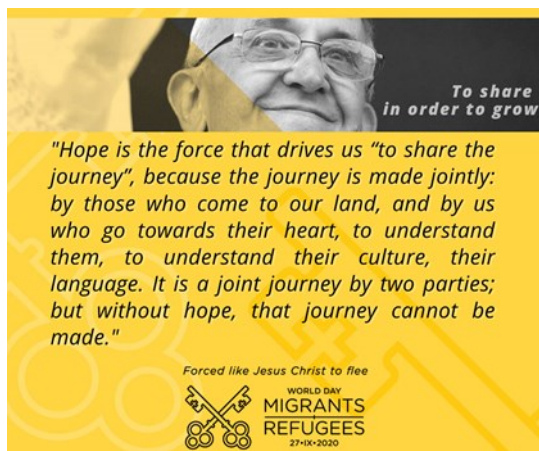
LIFE, JUSTICE, & PEACE



iVoteCatholic

Dignity of Work & Rights of Workers

iVoteCatholic: During this second week, we focus on the Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers. In our Catholic tradition, work is more than just a way to make a living; work is one of the ways we participate in the ongoing work of creation in our world. Those who are responsible for the employment of people have a special responsibility to make decisions that uphold the dignity and safety of workers and their rights. Those rights include being able to earn fair wages, to have productive work, and to have a say in decisions that affect them, including the right to organize. Under this principle fall issues such as living wages, fair hiring practices, availability of job training/skills, discrepancy in employment for women and minorities, and job availability for thriving not just surviving. **Find out more at www.iVoteCatholic.org.**



World Day of Migrants & Refugees, September 27: 42% of all IDPs are located in Africa. Additionally, only 3 countries make up 42% of all IDPs globally. These are Colombia with 7.9 million IDPs, Syria with 6.1 million, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) with 4.5 million.

**CHANGE THE
WORLD IN
TWO MINUTES
OR LESS**

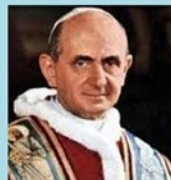
#NationalVoterRegistrationDay

September 22nd is National Voter registration Day. If you have not registered to vote or have moved recently and haven't updated your registration, take two minutes to visit: <https://voter.votewa.gov/WhereToVote.aspx>

and get registered. The deadline to register online and still be able to vote in the November election is October 26th. Don't delay!

Creation Care Corner

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



"Due to an ill-considered exploitation of nature, humanity runs the risk of... becoming in turn a victim of this degradation."

— Pope Paul VI

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP RECOMMENDATION

Be a mindful consumer to reduce waste.

Save money by reducing food waste, which in the landfill generates a potent greenhouse gas (methane). The average U.S. family wastes \$1,600 of food each year. Use shopping lists to avoid duplicates and keep less food on hand. The "Best if Used by" dates on packages are NOT necessarily expiration dates ("Use-By" dates DO signify expiration).

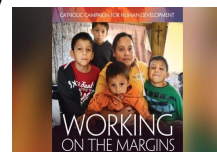
REMEMBER THE 5 R'S OF SUSTAINABILITY:

Refuse ■ Reduce ■ Repair ■ Reuse ■ Recycle

Catholic Campaign For Human Development

- * Learn about those living in poverty
- * Act and spread the word about poverty
- * Connect with the work of CCHD by supporting the collection
- * Pray for those who benefit from this collection

To learn more about the collection for the Catholic campaign for Human Development, visit www.uscb.org/cchd/collection.



THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

Monday, Sept 21

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

Saturday, 10 am– 3 pm

Wednesday, Sept 23

Mass, 9 am

Thursday, Sept. 24

Mass, 6:30 pm

Friday, Sept. 25

Mass, 9 am

Saturday, Sept 26

Confession, 4 pm

Mass, 5:30 pm
(register) Outdoors

Sunday, Sept 27

Mass, 10 am (register) Outdoors



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