

# THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

September 27, 2020

Twenty-Sixth 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



As we return indoors to celebrate Mass on October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> you will notice a few things are different. The main change is that we have installed kneelers to all the chairs. Archbishop Etienne has asked all parishioners to kneel during the period of communion as well as during the Eucharistic prayers. I believe that we are the only parish in the archdiocese

that does not have kneelers. We will kneel after the Holy, holy, holy...until the Great Amen before the Lord's Prayer. We will then kneel after the Lamb of God. During this time of COVID 19 we will stand together at our places until we receive communion and then we may either kneel or be seated. To kneel one may either kneel on the floor in front of one's seat or come around behind one's chair and use the kneelers. Thanks for your patience as we begin this practice in our church.

*Fr. Jim*

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**Regular Office Hours:**  
Monday-Friday 9 am—3 pm Saturday, 10 am —3 pm



## 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](http://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.

**Sunday, Oct. 4, 2020 11am**

We celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Tradition tells us that St. Francis had a special love of animals and viewed them as unique wonders of God's creation.



# FAITH FORMATION

St. John the Baptist Adult Formation invites you to join a year of Bible Study via ZOOM.  
 Tuesdays 7-8:30pm, begins Oct 20, 2020  
 Thursdays 10-11:30am, begins Oct 22, 2020  
 Text: Threshold Bible Study by Stephen J. Binz  
 \$10 per book is requested.  
 To register:  
<https://tinyurl.com/sjtbiblestudy>

**A BIBLE STUDY FOR ADULTS**

## ROMANS

SALVATION OFFERED FOR ALL PEOPLE

In describing what God has achieved for humanity in Christ, Paul makes use of several different images: Justification, Salvation, Reconciliation, Adoption, Redemption, Atonement, Sanctification, and Glorification. With all of these images, Paul describes what God has done for humanity through Jesus Christ.



Gospel reflection Questions For This Week  
Gospel Passage: Matthew 21:28-32

Reflection Questions:  
 The first son, who verbally gave the wrong answer but lived out the right answer was the one who 'did his father's will'! Take time to reflect on things that you believe, but find hard to put some action around...all people have the right to good medical care...we humans make a negative impact on the environment, which is getting worse for our future generations...my neighbor could use my gift of time in service right now. As you reflect, naming what you believe listen for the Father's voice, the Father's will and respond.  
 What is righteousness? Why were tax collectors and prostitutes entering the Kingdom of god before the chief priests and elders of the people?



**Young Adult Ministry (18-30 something)**  
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 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/eduaction/registrations>

## THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

- Monday, Sept 28**  
Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 am-3 pm  
Saturday, 10 am- 3 pm
- Wednesday, Sept 30**  
Mass, 9 am
- Thursday, Oct. 1**  
Mass, 6:30 pm
- Friday, Oct. 2**  
Mass, 9 am  
Eucharistic Adoration, 9:30 am — 3 pm
- Saturday, Oct. 3**  
Confession, 4 pm  
Mass, 5:30 pm (register) Indoors
- Sunday, Oct. 4**  
Mass, 10 am (register) Indoors  
Pet Blessing



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration  
Friday, Oct. 2, 2020  
9: 30 am—3 pm

## STEWARDSHIP



As part of our commitment to being a Stewardship Parish

St. John the Baptist is subsidizing **Financial Peace University**

Our next session will begin in the **Fall of 2020**

**ALL CLASSES VIA ZOOM ONLINE!**

**Are you 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 confidential space. The nine sessions are facilitated by a fellow parishioner and retired financial executive, who will share his expertise with budgeting, investing and learning how to have a life of financial freedom.

As a newly married couple, combining our finances and debt, and making decisions for our future felt daunting. FPU was a chance to be guided through smart financial planning. We really didn't know where to start, and FPU gave us a plan. FPU allowed us to have (sometimes difficult) conversations to make sure we were on the same page for our financial future. Through the course we were able to set both long and short term goals. We felt supported by fellow parishioners on their own debt free journey. We were also held accountable because we chose to complete the course with others at St. John's as opposed to trying to navigate this on our own. We never felt judged for where we were on our debt free journey. The classes were a safe place where all of us were able to learn and grow. Mark and Anne provided helpful insight and leadership that made the classes not only informational, but enjoyable! We cannot recommend this experience highly enough. Parishioners Craig and Emily Pilawski

The parish is subsidizing 50% of the cost, thus the suggested donation is \$65/couple or individual. 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



Parish Stewardship Report for Sunday, Sept. 20, 2020

Envelopes	\$ 3,919.00
Loose	\$ 4,049.50
Vigil Lights	\$ 21.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 180.00
Baptism Donation	\$ 150.00
Faith Formation Fees	\$ 200.00
Proj. Pay Reimbursement	\$ 350.50
Mass Intentions	\$ 110.00
Natural Disaster Relief	\$ 920.00
CCHD	\$ 555.00
Sound System Donation	\$ 2,000.00
Marriage Prep Fees	\$ 50.00
Total	\$ <u>12,505.00</u>



Although our COVID pandemic has limited ministry with people imprisoned, our parish is blessed and thankful for Pat Bader and his experiences of sharing the grace of Christ with those in need.

**"Visiting the Imprisoned" Corporal Work of Mercy**

The second great commandment "love you neighbor as yourself" could be lived out following the corporal work of mercy "visit the imprisoned." At the NW Detention Center, a for-profit, 1575 bed facility in the industrial area of Tacoma, I visited detainees over four years.

Some have lived in the US for years, some recently arrived seeking asylum, some have overstayed their visas, etc. The detainees are confined for weeks or months waiting for a court date and determination of their fate. A few are permanently released, some released on bond, but most are eventually deported to their country.

After attending a short training program through AIDNW (Advocates for Immigrants in Detention), volunteers visit detainees who have asked for visitors. We offer a friendly smile and a listening ear as we develop a friendship with them. One detainee said he came here as a five-year-old with his parents (he was 23 when I visited him). He never thought to apply for citizenship as he was growing up. He was picked up in a business raid and sent to the DC. Eventually he was deported to Central America where he had not lived since he was preschooler. During my years of visiting, I met with 10 detainees, men and women, most of whom were eventually deported. I felt blessed for the opportunity to connect with them and give them encouragement during our visits as well as praying for them during and after their detention.

Another service AIDNW offers is The Welcome Center, an RV parked outside the DC where we help released detainees (perhaps 30 or more each week) with snacks, clothing, backpacks, telephone calls to family or friends, assistance in arranging onward travel, and safe housing for those who need temporary shelter. We give the released detainees a warm welcome and treat them with dignity. The joy on their faces as they walk through the release gate to freedom is an answer to their prayers and ours.

A Worship Service program (sponsored by the Catholic Archdiocese of Seattle with Eucharistic Minister volunteers) offers detainees an opportunity to reconnect with or continue their spiritual life while away from their spiritual community. The volunteer ministers conduct five services for men and two for women each week. Prospective ministers receive training from Archdiocese volunteers and DC staff.

Volunteering at the NW Detention Center has given me a greater respect for the detainees as people on their journey through life with hopes, aspirations, and challenges like mine. They inspire me with their faith in God and resilience in detention. More information on these ministries is available at the Advocates for Immigrants in Detention NW website [www.aidnw.org](http://www.aidnw.org) (visiting and Welcome Center) and the Archdiocese (Criminal Justice Ministry | Joe Cotton | [joe.cotton@seattlearch.org](mailto:joe.cotton@seattlearch.org) | (206) 472-4270).

## Prayer Requests

**Please pray for those who are sick:** Val Molitsky, Maureen Mariano, Allison Ginoza and Janene Sestak

**Please pray for those who have died:** Especially the victims of the fires and hurricanes and you own special intentions.

# LIFE, JUSTICE, & PEACE



To involve  
in order to promote

"Jesus needed to encounter the Samaritan woman in order to open her heart; he asks for a drink so as to bring to light her own thirst. The woman is moved by this encounter; she asks Jesus several profound questions that we all carry within but often ignore."

Forced like Jesus Christ to flee



**World Day of Migrants & Refugees, September 27:** As we reach conclude our campaign to draw close to Internationally Displaced Persons, let us pray for all individuals who find themselves driven from their homes due to conflict or environmental disasters. To

continue learning about IDPs and what can be done to provide stability for displaced persons, please visit <https://www.internal-displacement.org/global-report/grid2020/>.

**Pregnancy Aid:** Pregnancy Aid is looking for volunteers. If you are interested in helping women who are pregnant and/or have young families until their youngest child reaches age six, please contact Judy Peterson or call (253) 852-1201.

## Creation Care Corner

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



"The environmental challenge we are undergoing, and it's human roots, concerns and affect us all."  
— Pope Francis

**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP RECOMMENDATION:**  
Every appliance comes with two price tags: the purchase price and the cost of operating the product. ENERGY STAR certified appliances help consumers save money on operating costs by reducing energy use without sacrificing performance. Reducing energy use can reduce fossil fuel emissions that warm the planet. Choosing energy-efficient ENERGY STAR products can save families up to 30 percent or \$400 a year. Go to [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov) for more information.

### SAVE THE DATE

The St. James Cathedral Care for Creation team invites you to celebrate the Season of Creation.

**Laudato Si' at 5 Years, and Beyond**

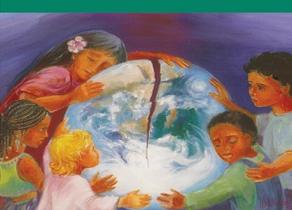
**Archbishop Paul D. Etienne**

Monday, September 28, 6:30pm—7:30pm

Registration and Zoom invitation:  
Patrick Barredo, Director of Social Outreach & Advocacy,  
[pbarredo@stjames-cathedral.org](mailto:pbarredo@stjames-cathedral.org)



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**PROTECT LIFE.  
PRESERVE  
THAT WHICH  
SUSTAINS LIFE.  
CARE  
FOR OUR  
COMMON HOME.**

POPE FRANCIS, *Laudato Si'*



**As Catholics, we are called to:**

- uphold life and the dignity of each human person
- support families and future generations
- love the poor and vulnerable
- advocate for basic rights and a just economy
- be in solidarity with all, as one human family
- care for all of God's creation

**Grounded in our Catholic Tradition, now is the time to protect the earth for our children and grandchildren.**

**PRAY** to hear God's call to live our faith for the common good, knowing that everything is interconnected.

**LEARN** how the climate crisis is a profound moral issue greatly affecting the poor and vulnerable.

**TELL** your local and national leaders to protect creation.

**Praise be to you, our Lord,  
God of all Creation!**

**Learn more!**  
[usccb.org/environment](http://usccb.org/environment)  
[wearesaltandlight.org/cst101](http://wearesaltandlight.org/cst101)  
[catholicclimatecovenant.org](http://catholicclimatecovenant.org)

Dear Parishioners,  
As we prepare to come back into the Sanctuary please be mindful for follow the safety guidelines prescribed by the Archdiocese and the Governor.  
Self-screen for health, If you can honestly answer "no" to the all of the following 6 questions you may came to church. A "yes" to even one question is a failed screening.  
In the last 14 days, have you:

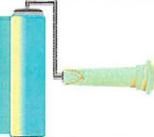
1. Traveled internationally?
2. Been exposed to a person with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 without the correct PPE?
3. Had a temperature of 100.0 degrees F or higher?
4. Had new or increased shortness of breath or difficulty breathing?
5. Had a new cough?
6. Had at least two or the following symptoms together: Chills, Muscle pain, Headache, Sore throat, New loss or taste or smell?

You must sign-in /register for attending services and provide a means in which you can be contacted, phone number or e-mail address.  
Face coverings must be worn while in the building.  
Seating is by household units only. If you do not live in the same house or dwelling space with the person or persons you must maintain 6 feet is social distancing at all times.

By being diligent in adhering to these basic practices we can be part of the solution to conquering COVID-19.

Sincerely,  
David Aldous  
Facility and Grounds Supervisor  
& Covid-19 Safety Officer

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