

# THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



November 8, 2020

Thirty-Second 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

## 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.

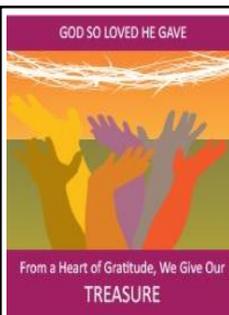
**Gather** in God's Name, **Grow** in God's Time, **Go** in God's Spirit



We are most grateful for our parishioners who have completed a pledge card for our parish renewal of treasure. Your generosity and commitment to stewardship is a gift to both our parish and our community. If you have not yet submitted your pledge, you can always pledge online at [www.sjtbcc.org/pledge](http://www.sjtbcc.org/pledge). You will also be receiving a letter from Fr. Jim in the next few days. Your prayers and open

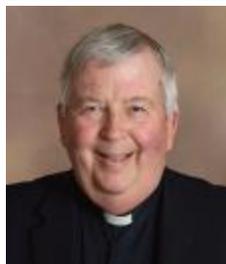
hearts are gifts for us all!

Please read our *Eucharist Moment* article this week for an inspiring story of how St. John the Baptist is helping our neighbors in need. We thank you for your good Stewardship of all that God has given you!



Our goal for our Stewardship Drive is:  
**\$1,200,000.00**  
As of Nov. 2, 2020  
# amount pledged \$442,819=36.9% of goal  
# pledges=190=16.4%  
# of families=1159  
Weekly avg. pledge= \$44.82/week

## FROM YOUR PASTOR



I have reflected a lot on my deceased loved ones during this month of All Souls. I remember an episode when my mother asked me to pick up a cheeseburger for her when I went to Kidd Valley at Coulon Park in Renton. For some selfish reason I didn't. That was one of my first recollections when she died in 1999. I relived the guilt. And yet because

she is among the communion of saints she is still alive and is linked to me in such a way that I can continue to talk to her, that my relationship with her can continue to grow, and that reconciliation over an undelivered burger can occur. Yes, our deceased loved ones are still with us. Death washes some things clean. This is not the stuff of fantasy, but of solid dogma. We know its truth because we experience it.

This weekend we welcome our founding pastor Fr. Jack Walmesley who will preside at all three masses and hear confessions on Saturday. May our gracious God bless him in every way.

*Fr. Jim*

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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

## FAITH FORMATION

### Reflections

#### Gospel Reflection Questions for Matthew 25:1-13

What do you typically do when you have an unexpected change in your schedule that provides the gift of time (is it a "wise" use of time or a "foolish" use of time)?

What is the difference between the situation presented in this parable and the scene of the Good Thief on the Cross who calls out for Jesus' mercy in His last moment and receives it (Lk 23:40-43)?

What tempts you to procrastinate doing good works of faith, hope, and love?

*{Borrowed from Bishop Muggenborg's "Come Follow Me Discipleship Reflections"}*



Our staff here at St. John the Baptist parish is doing a virtual walk around the Archdiocese of Seattle to raise funds for Northwest Harvest. We are tracking our exercise miles each week and tracing a path to all of the Catholic Churches in the Archdiocese. We invite our parishioners to follow along and support us with donations. At the end of our virtual walk we will write a check to Northwest Harvest for the total we collect,

including the participation fees that each of our staff members are paying. As of today, Nov. 3rd, we have travelled over 264 miles and visited 38 churches! (we have a couple of people on injured reserve) and have "traveled" to Holy Family in Auburn, St. Therese and St. Vincent de Paul in Federal Way, St. Philomena in Des Moines, Holy Spirit in Kent, Vietnamese Martyrs Parish and St. Thomas in Tukwila, St. Stephen the Martyr and St. Anthony in Renton, St. Paul in Seattle, Holy Innocents in Duvall, St. Teresa of Calcutta in Woodinville, St. Jude in Redmond, Mary, Queen of Peace in Sammamish, St. Anthony of Padua in Carnation, St. Joseph in Issaquah, Our Lady of Sorrows in Snoqualmie, St. Barbara in Black Diamond, Sacred Heart, Enumclaw, and St. Aloysius in Buckley. If you would like more information about our virtual walk contact nancym@sjtbcc.org



November 11, 2020: Veterans Day is an important day set aside to honor and show appreciation for **ALL** who have served in the United States military—in wartime or peacetime, living, or deceased.

We will have a Veterans Day mass on Thursday, Nov. 12th at 6:30 pm



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

Gina Howell, Laurie Bastian, George Waters, Kailee Wright, Clifford Behrens and Rosalinda Alba

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

Lloyd Eckes (uncle of Anne Frederick), and Christina Dimmick (cousin of Francis Miller)

## THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

#### **Monday, Nov. 9**

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

Saturday, 10 am– 3 pm

Word & Communion, 9 am

#### **Tuesday, Nov. 10**

Word & Communion, 9 am

#### **Wednesday, Nov. 11**

Mass, 9 am

#### **Thursday, Nov. 12**

Veteran's Day Mass

Mass, 6:30 pm

#### **Friday, Nov. 13**

Mass, 9 am

#### **Saturday, Nov. 14**

Confession, 4 pm

Mass, 5:30 pm (register)

#### **Sunday, Nov. 15**

Mass, 9am and 11:30 am (register)



## STEWARDSHIP



Parish Stewardship Report for Sunday,  
Nov. 1, 2020

Stewardship Envelopes		\$
6,718.00		
Stewardship Loose	\$	4,352.50
Holy Days	\$	169.00
Vigil Lights	\$	9.85
NW Harvest	\$	50.00
Faith Formation Fees	\$	110.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	95.00
Funeral	\$	150.00
Mission Sunday	\$	20.00
Sound System donation	\$	500.00
Stole fees/mass intentions	\$	100.00
Roman Bible study books	\$	40.00
Holiday Gift Drive	\$	3,870.00
Total	\$	16,184.35



### Helping Those in Need Right Now

Saint Vincent de Paul

This past March I mentioned these are historic times for all of us. This is true especially for families on the margins. We were sincerely moved by the response of our St. John the Baptist family by giving us your time and resources to go out and help our neighbors. You should be so proud.

In the many years we have been helping others we have never seen so many asking for help for the first time. Many are so unaware of the ever-changing resources that are available to them.

As the eviction moratorium nears an end, we find many families are still unprepared. We are becoming more integrated with community, city, county, and federal agencies to best support this need. We are often the first agency many come to for help. As we listen, discuss and understand with our neighbors in need; we pray we provide some path toward hope.

We thank everyone at St. John the Baptist that has continued to give to St Vincent de Paul through Faith Direct or check. We especially thank those that have contributed extra these last few months. Your contributions continue to provide a light in this dark time.

If you would like to help our neighbors in need in the Kent/Covington/Maple Valley area, please donate to St. Vincent de Paul by mailing a check to the church office. Make sure to indicate SVDP on the check.

St John the Baptist Catholic Church  
25810 156<sup>th</sup> Ave SE  
Covington, WA. 98042

Sincerely,  
Tom Howell (President)  
St. Vincent de Paul Conference @ St. John the Baptist

Let's make  
food insecurity  
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Drive-thru and drop off fresh produce and  
non-perishable food to support the  
Storehouse.

**COME SEE OUR NEW RAISED GARDEN BED CREATED BY CLAIRE  
& CHRISTIE FOR THEIR GIRL SCOUT SILVER AWARD PROJECT!**

Thursday, November 12th from 1 to 5:30 PM  
SJTB Parking Lot by the Garden of the Good Shepherd

### Falling Leaves

Down come the leaves, bright yellow and red,  
Settling soon in a snug Winter bed,  
Floating upon the wings of the breeze,  
Twisting and turning with delicate ease.

I sit by my window, entranced by the sight,  
And follow the course of beauty in flight,  
To unite in array on grass that's still green,  
No artist could paint a more beautiful scene.  
Lester E. Bartholomew



## LIFE, JUSTICE, & PEACE

**Amplifying Black Catholics:** In order for the Catholic Church to move forward in anti-racism, it is important to understand and reconcile the role the Church played in slavery and racism in US history. Georgetown University put together a panel of Black Catholic leaders to break open this topic. Panelists included Ogechi Akalegbere, Fr. Robert Boxie, Gerald Smith Jr. and Shannen Dee Williams. Click [here](#) to view the hour-long discussion as well as to access other resources compiled from this event.

### Creation Care Corner



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

#### WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP RECOMMENDATION:

##### Buy Fresh, Local, Organic

Food travels an average of 1,200 miles before it reaches your plate, so buying locally grown can save energy and prevent air pollution. Also, fresh foods require significantly less energy than frozen foods (but watch out for spoilage which contributes to food waste!). Organics benefit the environment by not relying on synthetic pesticides or fertilizers which can contaminate soil and water. Other benefits of fresh, local and organic can be healthier foods with better taste. Farmers markets and Community Supported Agriculture (CSAs) are both great ways to support a local food system.



Our friends at Vine Maple Place are hiring! They are currently looking to fill a full-time position as an Intake & Engagement Lead.

The job description can be found [here](#). All Applicant Inquiries, Resumes and Cover Letters Must Be Sent To: [INFO@VINEMAPLEPLACE.ORG](mailto:INFO@VINEMAPLEPLACE.ORG).



Each year, the community of St. John the Baptist comes together to support families in need during the holiday season. We have provided hundreds of meals during Thanksgiving and supported dozens of families and individuals with the Giving Tree.

There is great need again this year; perhaps even more as so many have lost employment throughout the duration of the pandemic. Our hope is to be able to support many of these families by providing a bit of Christ's light and love to them.

Due to the pandemic, we are hoping to raise our funds in new ways this year:

**Traditional Giving:** Checks can be made to St. John the Baptist. Please include: Holiday Gift Drive in the memo line. They can be dropped off at the church or mailed to 25810 156<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Covington, WA 98042.

**Online Giving:** You can visit [tinyurl.com/sjtbholidays](https://tinyurl.com/sjtbholidays) to make a donation online. Our online giving is set up through Faith Direct, but you can make a one-time gift without signing up for Faith Direct if you do not have an account. If you do have an account, you can log in, select "One-Time Gift Now" and choose Holiday Gift Drive to make a donation.

**Text-to-Give:** You can also make a direct donation by texting 253-617-3645 and entering in your donation amount (i.e. \$20). You will receive a text with a link to complete your donation. It will direct you to the Faith Direct giving page.

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