

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



February 28, 2021
First Sunday of Lent

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



During this Lenten season we are invited to focus on our stewardship of time. How do we balance our work, play, study and prayer? Where does God fit into all these categories? This pandemic of the past eleven months has forced us to reshuffle our priorities. Hopefully our relationships with our families have deepened. Lent would have us strengthen our relationship with God through prayer, the Eucharist (even if it is through live streamed masses,) spiritual reading, and almsgiving. Time wasted with God is time well-wasted. I hope you have taken the time to peruse our parish faith formation newsletter. It contains something for everyone. I appreciate the creativity of our pastoral staff and parishioners who make this happen. May we use our time in such a way that gives God the praise, the honor, and the glory.

Fr. Jim

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



Five minutes is all we are asking. A letter went out to all parishioners asking everyone to let us know if we have your correct **phone number, email and names** of people living in your home. We need this information as the archdiocese is moving to a new database system. **All you need to do is to review your information, make corrections as needed and then place the letter in the postage paid envelope and return it in the mail to the parish.** Thanks for taking five minutes to help us!

FAITH FORMATION



PK-4th Graders! JOIN our Lenten Outreach Project! ART with a PURPOSE! Via zoom every Monday during Lent at 4pm! 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22 & 3/29, SPREAD GOD'S LOVE! A Lenten outreach project to spread love and joy in our community! SJTbcc will make greeting

- cards with your art and use them to send love notes to members of our church family!
- SIGN-UP BELOW**
1. On Mondays during Lent (at 4pm), follow the zoom link that you'll get each Sunday.
 2. Bring supplies: 8 1/2 by 11 white sheets of paper, markers, colored pencils, crayons...
 3. Take a picture of your final work and email it to Theresem@sjtbcc.org
 4. Finish creating your original card and give it to brighten someone's day.

DON'T HAVE ART SUPPLIES? - EMAIL ME! I will put some together and leave in the office for you to pick up.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS: I will need at least one chaperone for each week to satisfy our Safe Environment requirements. This means you will need to sign-on 15 minutes early and be visibly present (on-screen) for the entire zoom time. No actual participation is needed but feel free to join in on the weekly art!

SIGN-UP HERE
<https://forms.gle/RcCDrARDbEVGcdxE8>



Please pray for those who are sick:
 Leland Dolan, Doug Johnson, Greg Coe, and Gina Howell

Please pray for those who have died:
 Larry Guinto, Renata Merritt, Matthew Weisbeck, Fr. Joseph Girone (friend of Andrea Mendoza) and James Rzonca (brother of Millie Nabarrete)

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

- Monday, Mar. 1**
 Word & Communion, 9 am
- Tuesday, Mar. 2**
 Word & Communion, 9 am
- Wednesday, Mar. 3**
 Mass, 9 am
- Thursday, Mar. 4**
 Mass, 6:30 pm
- Friday, Mar. 5**
 Mass, 9 am
 Eucharistic Adoration, 9:30 am
 Stations of the Cross, 7 pm
- Saturday, Mar. 6**
 Confession, 4 pm
 Mass, 5:30 pm (register)
- Sunday, Mar. 7**
 Mass, 9am and 11:30 am (register)





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
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**40 Cans For 40 Days
 Lent Food Drive**
Hunger Has No Season

Can & pantry items accepted now in the Narthex.



February 17 - April 3
 Donations Will Support Local Foodbanks

Prayer Shawl Ministry



Please spread the word, especially in this time of hardship for many who are fighting COVID or have lost loved ones. We have a goodly supply of blessed prayer shawls available in the church office. Come by and pick one out. May the blessing they contain and the prayers and love that went into their creation surround the recipient

THANK YOU

Our Saint Vincent de Paul (SVdP) conference would like to thank our many generous parishioners for their donations towards 2020's Thanksgiving meals and Christmas Giving Tree. Your generous donations provided 54 families with a Thanksgiving meal along with hundreds of other meals that were distributed between the Kent area and JBLM (Military) Base. The Christmas Giving Tree was replaced, due to pandemic restrictions, with a Giving Tree Drive-Thru Event. With your generous donations, we were able to increase the 60 families that we were first allowed to provide Christmas help with to 100 families! Sixty of those families were blessed with a Christmas meal, gift cards for the children, and laundry detergent. We also were able to help our "safe parking" neighbors with gift cards and small gifts.

Our conference is filled with so much gratitude for your generosity, especially during these tough times with the pandemic. May God bless you all, and may the Spirit lead you to continue to help SVdP.

EUCCHARIST MEANS THANKSGIVING

Eucharist



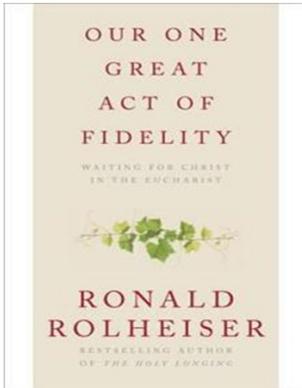
Moments

As we continue our journey through Lent, Fr. Jim is hoping you are finding a few moments each week to reflect on our parish anniversary gift, ***Our One Great Act of Fidelity***.

This week Fr. Jim discusses the many dimensions of Eucharist and how our faith is

also “both/and” as we consider life and social justice issues.

How is Lent encouraging you to be a good steward of your time, in particular, how are you deepening your prayer life?



WEEK 2 LENT REFLECTION GUIDE

Read the Table of Contents and Chapters 3 & 4 of *Our One Great Act of Fidelity*

Watch Part Two of Fr. Jim’s video, which is 6 minutes long <https://vimeo.com/511333965>

Prayerfully reflect on the following questions:

How do you find Eucharist to be like a diamond with multiple levels of meaning, often paradoxical (cf. page 28)?

How do the “both/and” aspects of our Catholic faith inform your understanding of issues such as life and social justice?

In what ways is Eucharist the summit of worship and faith for you?

How has the pandemic influenced your appreciation for Eucharist?



Parish Stewardship Report for Sunday, Feb. 21, 2021

Stewardship Envelopes	\$ 8,407.00
Stewardship Loose	\$ 7,306.50
Easter	\$ 70.00
Vigil Lights	\$ 44.94
NW Catholic	\$ 142.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 2,420.00
Just Faith Books	40.00
Catholic Home Mission	\$ 1,035.00
PREPARES	\$ 1,000.00
Mass Intentions	\$ 145.00
Funeral Donations	\$ 675.00
Eucharist Bible Study Books	\$ 110.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 590.00
Missal Sales	\$ 20.00
Pregnancy Aid	\$ 100.00
Total	\$ 22,105.44

A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

The Second Sunday of Lent

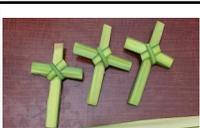
The Gospel story of the transfiguration of Jesus holds many lessons; the most prominent being the transformation of Jesus from simply being perceived as a wise and gifted prophet to the one who has fulfilled the sacred traditions of the Mosaic law and the hope of the prophets, the Messiah, the Christ. The Lord calls his stewards to participate in His redemptive activity. Heeding this call requires transformation, being willing to renounce patterns of behavior that draw us away from God. In this coming week of Lent, let us pray for the grace to be transformed, so that by our goodness and generosity, we may walk more authentically in the footsteps of Jesus.

THE CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

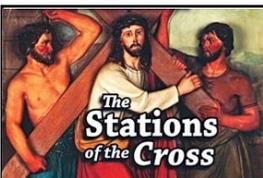


STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH AT HOME

Thank you for your generous support of last week’s Catholic Home Missions Appeal. As a parish, we raised \$1,035.00 to help strengthen the Church at home and ensure that the Gospel is spread across the United States. If you missed the appeal, it’s not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/home-missions.



You may bring your old palms and leave them in the marked bin in the Narthex.



Stations of the Cross
7 pm
Friday, March 5, 2021



Reconciliation
Saturday, March 13 at 2 pm

Creation Care Corner

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



... the world as God's creation... is not something indifferent, raw material to be utilized simply as we see fit.

— Pope Benedict XVI

THIS WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP RECOMMENDATION:

Auto Maintenance

Burning fuel for our vehicles pollutes the air and contributes to global warming. Reduce waste and save money by properly maintaining your car. According to the EPA, keeping your tires properly inflated, your car properly tuned and using the proper grade of motor oil can improve your car's fuel economy by 8 percent or more. Consolidating trips will further reduce fuel expense and emissions.



BETTER MEALS IN MADAGASCAR

In Madagascar, half of all children are undernourished. That means 50% of kids won't grow to reach their full potential. But communities are changing this by focusing on improving health and nutrition. What role has food played in your life? How can you help those who lack access to enough nutritious food? Looking for a meatless recipe? Try making [Vary Amin'anana](#), a dish from Madagascar of greens with rice. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.



Job Openings at Vine Maple Place: Vine Maple Place has a **contract position** open for a [Behavioral Health Therapist](#) to be filled as soon as possible. In addition to having a strong background as outlined in the job description, we are seeking individuals who have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. All applicant inquiries, resumes and cover letters must be sent to: INFO@VINEMAPLEPLACE.ORG.



- March 5 Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 am
- March 5-26 Stations of the Cross Fridays, 7 pm
- March 13 Reconciliation Service, Saturday, 2 pm
- March 20 First day of Spring
- March 21 Deadline for Easter Flower Donations

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