

# THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



February 21, 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

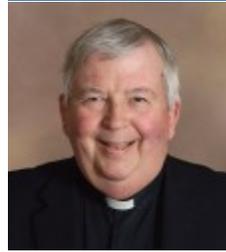
## MISSION STATEMENT

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



First  
SUNDAY  
IN  
LENT

## FROM YOUR PASTOR



I was saddened to learn of the death of Clint Peterson on Thursday, February 11th. The preceding Tuesday Clint fell after taking out the garbage at the rear of the house. His head landed on the pavement and he never regained consciousness. He and his wife Judy were founding members of our parish community. They were married sixty and a half years. They had seven children, 25 grandchildren, and ten great grandchildren. Clint was an electrician by trade and assisted the parish when it needed help with its buildings. He and Judy helped the parish establish a Saint Vincent de Paul Conference. They were involved with Marriage Encounter, Pregnancy Aid, and were extremely generous in various donations to St. John's. I personally will really miss his quiet presence among us. His memorial mass was this past Tuesday. May Clint rest in the peace of Christ.

*Fr. Jim*

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



Clint's Friend  
In memory of Clint Peterson,  
June 25, 1935-February 11, 2021

## FAITH FORMATION



PK-4th Graders! JOIN our Lenten Outreach Project! ART with a PURPOSE!

Via zoom every Monday during Lent at 4pm! 2/22, 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](mailto: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>

## THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

### Monday, Feb. 22

Word & Communion, 9 am

### Tuesday, Feb. 23

Word & Communion, 9 am

### Wednesday, Feb. 24

Mass, 9 am

### Thursday, Feb. 25

Mass, 6:30 pm

### Friday, Feb. 26

Mass, 9 am

Stations of the Cross, 7 pm

### Saturday, Feb. 27

Confession, 4 pm

Mass, 5:30 pm (register)

### Sunday, Feb. 28

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

The  
Season  
of  
Lent





## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

### 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



Your generosity has been overwhelming! Almost 300 hats, scarves and gloves were donated for our homeless outreach. They were distributed to Vine Maple Place, Kent Hope and H.O.M.E. So many people were able to get a warm garment because of you.

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

*Prayer Shawl  
Ministry*



### FIVE MINUTES

**Five minutes is all we are asking.** Last week a letter went out to all parishioners. We are 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!



As we begin our season of Lent, Fr. Jim is inviting all of us to reflect on our relationship with God through the Eucharist. Hopefully you have already

picked up your copy of the book, *Our One Great Act of Fidelity* from the parish. If not, we still have some copies available in the parish office and in the narthex.

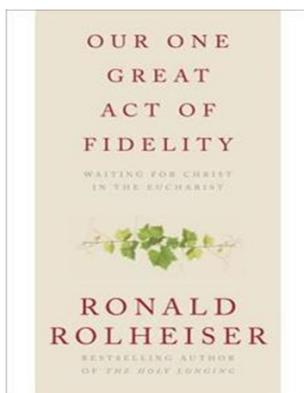
Each week during Lent, we will be posting a short video from Fr. Jim on our parish website and some reflection questions from the book.

You can also find this information on our Facebook page!

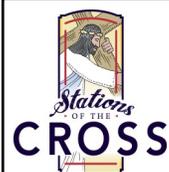
Stewardship of Time is about spending time with God. Lent is the perfect opportunity to consider how we are “*waiting for Christ in the Eucharist!*”

## WEEK 1 LENT REFLECTION GUIDE

- Read pages 1-26 of *Our One Great Act of Fidelity*
- Watch Part One of Fr. Jim’s video, which is 8 minutes long <https://vimeo.com/510933621>
- Prayerfully reflect on the following questions:
- How do you experience the ongoing Incarnation of Christ – God taking on flesh today?
- During the pandemic, many of us have not been able to receive Holy Communion. How has this impacted your hunger to be touched by the physical presence of Christ?
- How do you explain the Real Presence of Christ to others?
- In what ways are you grateful for the gift of Eucharist?



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



Stations of the Cross  
7 pm  
Friday, Feb. 26, 2021



Parish Stewardship Report for Sunday, Feb. 14, 2021

Stewardship Envelopes	\$	2,194.00
Stewardship Loose	\$	3,182.00
Vigil Lights	\$	18.57
NW Catholic	\$	15.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	79.00
Just Faith Books	\$	20.00
Peters Pence	\$	4.00
Safe Car Parking Donations	\$	600.00
Mass Intentions	\$	10.00
Pastor’s Disc.	\$	50.00
Eucharist Bible Study Books	\$	90.00
Total	\$	6,262.57

## A STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

**First Sunday of Lent:** In today’s Gospel, Jesus urges his listeners to do two things: to believe in the good News and to repent. The steward is call to repent, to be humble enough to open their hearts so they may begin anew, to change existing attitudes and habits, and to act with faith in the gospel. In this season of Lent, now is the time to ask ourselves whether or not we truly believe in the gospel; and if we do, to what extent are we willing to change our prevailing habits and be more faithful to the gospel?



**Please pray for those who are sick:** John Raczka, Leland Dolan, Fr. Gary Weisenberger, Manuel Mariano, Violeta Castamede, Rita Delaat, and Gina Howell

**Please pray for those who have died:** Clint Peterson, Carol Brown, Fred Adams, Mary Dettori (mother of Angie Engelhardt and Gus Saloum (friend of Mark & Kathleen Williams).

THE CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL



STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH AT HOME

Collection for Catholic Home Missions Appeal: Support the catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Right now, over 405 of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered mission territory, because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed

in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/home-missions](http://www.usccb.org/home-missions).

## Creation Care Corner

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

"All of us can cooperate as instruments of God  
for the care of Creation."

— Pope Francis

### THIS WEEK'S STEWARDSHIP RECOMMENDATION:

#### Tips to Save Energy and Money this Winter

- 1) **Use a programmable thermostat:** program to lower the heat by 8 degrees Fahrenheit when you are away from home. Reduce a few degrees when asleep. You can save up to \$180 per year.
- 2) **Seal and weatherstrip:** can improve the heating system efficiency by as much as 20 %.
- 3) **Keep your furnace air filters clean :** At minimum, change the filter every three months. This lowers energy bills and improves air quality.
- 4) **Tune up your HVAC equipment yearly.**
- 5) **Close your fireplace damper when not in use.**
- 6) **Turn water heater down to 120°F**

More energy saving tips at:

[www.energy.gov/energysaver/fall-and-winter-energy-saving-tips](http://www.energy.gov/energysaver/fall-and-winter-energy-saving-tips)



**HUNGER IN OUR WORLD** Jesus told us that whatever we did for one of these least brothers of his we did for him. Reflect on the challenge of global hunger—it is a reality for millions of our sisters and brothers. What will you do to support the hungry in our community and around the world? Visit [crsrice-bowl.org](http://crsrice-bowl.org) to learn more.



Lent is a time of preparation for Easter and the celebration of the Paschal Mystery. During this time of fasting and renewal, we will embark upon a journey of ecological conversion through reflection, repentance, and renewal. Together.

By committing to concrete changes through fasting and lifestyle changes, we will live more in solidarity with our Earth and each other and inspire our sisters and brothers to join this conversion process.

Visit [LaudatoSiLent.org](http://LaudatoSiLent.org) to take the pledge and access resources to make this Lent one of caring for all of God's creation.



### Job Openings at Vine

**Maple Place:** Vine Maple Place has job openings for a [Workforce Development Specialist](#) and 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](mailto:INFO@VINEMAPLEPLACE.ORG).



### Blessing & Dedication of the Thea Bowman Apartments

Wednesday, February 24, 2021 at 11:00 AM

Thea Bowman Apartments, developed by Catholic Housing Services and Catholic Community Services, is their newest property in Kent which provides 80 units of housing and supportive services for formerly homeless individuals and veterans in the community.

Watch the virtual Blessing and Dedication live on the [CCS/CHS YouTube Channel](#).



### Cold Weather Safe Parking Thank You!

Due to the generosity of our community, there are funds that have been set aside for outreach purposes. We were recently able to utilize some of these funds to provide shelter for our Safe Parking guests during the recent cold stretch. Thank you for allowing us to help keep them safe and warm!

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