

# THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



May 2, 2021  
Fifth Sunday of Easter

## 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.

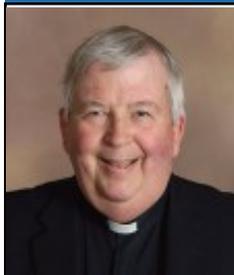
**Gather** in God's Name, **Grow** in God's Time, **Go** in God's Spirit

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

John 14:6

## FROM YOUR PASTOR



We will be welcoming Fr. Bill McKee as our new pastor on July 1<sup>st</sup>. He is currently the pastor of St. Vincent de Paul parish in Federal Way. He grew up in Longview, WA and was eight years behind me in the seminary. Right now he is on sabbatical in Tucson, AZ and will be returning to the Northwest at the end of May. He is immersing himself in Spanish and also the

Strengthfinders program. He is a quiet man whose number one strength is Deliberative. He likes to think things through. He is attracted to our parish because of our emphasis on social outreach and advocacy. He lives in Federal Way and will commute here for the time being. I can't think of a better pastor for our parish than Fr. Bill. Please pray for him.



*Fr. Jim*

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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



Fr. Jim's last weekend with us will be June 26th and June 27th. More information in upcoming bulletins.

## TRANSITION

### *Prayer During Time of Transition*

Loving God,  
Your wisdom is beyond our understanding,  
and your goodness to us is more than we can  
imagine.  
Surround and fill us with the light of your truth and love  
during our time of transition.

Let us view this moment of change and renewal  
as an invitation to build upon the foundation  
that your creative power has begun in us.  
As we offer our thanks  
for all we have experienced together as a parish  
community,  
help us to look forward with trust  
to the future you have planned for us.

Empower us to be your Church at all times:  
a people united in faith,  
where all are welcomed and connected by your  
love.

Give us the courage to carry the torch forward,  
being open to new possibilities  
and embracing the new life to come.

As our Good Shepherd,  
guide us through this transition  
to become more fully  
the community of disciples you call us to be.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Priest: St. John the Baptist,

**All:** Pray for us!

## NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS

**St. Anthony School** still has some PreK and Kindergarten openings for the upcoming 2021 academic year. If you are interested, please go to [www.sasr.org](http://www.sasr.org) or call the school at 425.255.0059 for more information.

*Carolyn Wiemals*  
Director of Development

St. Anthony School  
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### *Rachel's Corner*

Registering now for our Virtual Healing Series. Call for a compassionate, confidential conversation.

English: (206) 920-6413 / Español: (206)-450-7814

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*Project Rachel is a program of Catholic Community Services.*

## STEWARDSHIP



Parish Stewardship Report for  
Sunday, April 25, 2021

Stewardship Envelopes	\$	8,704.00
Stewardship Loose	\$\$	5,984.83
Boeing Charitable	\$	1,127.63
Holy Day Donations	\$	89.00
Vigil Lights	\$\$	34.50
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	1,372.00
Peter's Pence	\$\$	25.00
Rice Bowl	\$	1,882.00
Marriage Prep	\$	75.00
Baptism Donation	\$\$	100.00
Euch. Bread Donation	\$	15.00
Honey Bucket reimbursement	\$	289.00
Misc	\$\$	5.00
Faith Direct for 4/15/21	\$	20,663.00
Faith Direct Good Friday	\$	180.00
Faith Direct Easter	\$\$	765.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>41,311.46</b>



Our Goal this year is: \$113,508.00

A special thank you to Joe Cotton who provided a witness as to how your gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal Campaign supports over 60 ministries and services in the Archdiocese.

If you have already made your gift to the Appeal, thank you! If not, please return your pledge envelope today or donate online-the web address is on the pledge envelopes located in the pew. Thank you!

## Prayer Requests

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

Brian Pardo, Doug Johnson and Gina Howell

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

*Jim Legaz (uncle of Tia Bailey), Dennis O'Reilly (brother of Jean Colin), and Jaime Solis (father of Jeremy)*





**Seafarer Awareness:**

Did you know that over 1.5 million seafarers work on ships that bring goods and medicine to stores here in the United States and around the world? Their work allows our economy to grow. But the

COVID-19 pandemic has hit the industry hard, and our help is needed. As governments around the world have closed their borders to contain the coronavirus, many of these workers are restricted from leaving their vessels. Several have had their contracts extended, often against their will, unable to return to their homes.

Join with Catholics around the globe by advocating and praying for seafarers! #Seafarers

**Mothers' Day Event!**

**PREPARES** is a pregnancy and support ministry launched by the Washington State Catholic bishops with the promise of care from pregnancy to the child's fifth birthday to mothers and fathers – no matter their beliefs. The **PREPARES** program celebrates the gift of life and makes sure that no child – born or unborn – is ever abandoned or alone.

This ministry is new to St. John's, comprised of parish volunteers seeking a way to help those in need. Funding and contributions to this new ministry rely solely on the generosity of the St. John the Baptist community.

To mark its commencement, the **PREPARES** team of St. John the Baptist is holding a "needs drive." We will be collecting new or gently used items to fill **PREPARES Support Bags**, which will then be distributed to mothers in need.

Appropriate items to donate include:

- Diapers and pull-ups
- Diaper wipes
- Baby blankets
- Puzzles, toys and beginner books
- Pajamas, underwear and socks (Ages infant-5 years)
- Comfy household socks for Mom
- Maternity Store Gift Cards
- Financial contributions

The "needs drive" will begin on **May 8/9 (Mothers' Day Weekend)**, with donations accepted after each Mass. The drive will continue with a parking lot "drop off" **Monday, May 10 through Wednesday, May 12, noon – 2:00PM and 5:00-7:00PM each day.** Please contact Molly Murphy, St. John the Baptist **PREPARES** coordinator, at 206-909-3484 with questions.

\*If you or someone you know needs pregnancy or parenting support please contact C.C.S. of Western Washington – **PREPARES** , (206)-737-9264 or (206)-327-2474.

**Pope's Prayer Intention for May: The World of Finance**

Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate financial markets.



**What You Can Do:**

As the variety of fresh produce in the store begins to expand, keep the emphasis on organic and local; this goes for meat consumption as well. While you're at it, try replacing one or two meat-based meals with a vegetarian meal per week.



**What We Have Done:**  
Every year, around October 4th, the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, St. John the Baptist holds a "blessing of animals." This is a way we acknowledge that all of God's creatures are

**Share Your Story:**  
If you have ways you care for creation, let us know!  
**Do you grow your own food? Drive electric or use mass transit? Recycle or compost?**  
[tinyurl.com/sitbcreationcare](http://tinyurl.com/sitbcreationcare)

**THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH**

- Monday, May 3**  
Word & Communion, 9 am
- Tuesday, May 4**  
Word & Communion, 9 am
- Wednesday, May 5**  
Mass, 9 am
- Thursday, May 6**  
Mass, 6:30 pm
- Friday, May 7**  
Mass, 9 am
- Saturday, May 8**  
First Eucharist Mass, 1 pm  
Confession, 4 pm  
Mass, 5:30 pm Register
- Sunday, May 9**  
Mass, 9 am and 11:30 am Register



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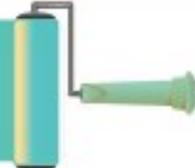
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