

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

July 11, 2021

Fifteenth 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



I would like to share with you a little vita for you to get to know me. I was born in Longview, Washington, the second of six children. I like to remind my siblings that I am the first born male and in the old days I would have gotten everything! I now have ten nieces and nephews and even a couple grand nephews. I attended St. Rose parish and went through the parish school for eight years. I was taught by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace. In my junior high years I was impressed by a young priest assigned to our parish and I began thinking about priesthood. As was the custom back then, I went to a high school seminary where I developed great study habits and leadership qualities. When I graduated from high school, I was still interested in the priesthood, but wanted a more rounded experience. I left the seminary and attended Seattle University. After a couple of years, with tuition going up and financial aid going down, I transferred to the University of Washington where I majored in Literature. I thought I got the best of both worlds: a small Catholic college and a major university. After college, I re-applied to the archdiocese and entered the seminary at the Catholic University of America in Washington D.C. It was a great time, being taught by such giants as Fr. Avery Dulles and Elizabeth Johnson. It was also exciting being in the nation's capital. I was ordained a priest for the archdiocese of Seattle in 1983 and have served at St. Patrick, Tacoma; St. Louise, Bellevue; Sacred Heart, Battle Ground; St. John the Evangelist, Seattle; and St. Vincent de Paul, Federal Way. (Gosh, I must be old!) I also served for about ten years as the director of deacon formation for the archdiocese. Early on in my ministry I came to realize that my education was very strong in theology, but rather weak in spirituality. Archbishop Hunsausen gave me permission to go back to school where I received a Master in Christian Spirituality from Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska. I like to define being a pastor as being a spiritual director of a community. Where is the Spirit leading us? How are we responding? As I begin my pastorate with you I look forward to discovering how the Spirit is active here at St. John the Baptist.

Fr. Bill

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Regular Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 9 am—3 pm Saturday, 10 am—3 pm
Word & Communion: Mon & Tues. 9 am
Mass: Wed. 9 am, Thurs. 6:30 pm, Friday, 9 am
Sat. 5:30 pm, Sun. 9 am and 11:30 am
Vigil mass streamed live Saturdays at 5:30 pm on
Facebook, recordings posted to website by
8 am Sunday

Our Pastor's RETIREMENT

Thank you isn't enough to express our gratitude to ALL that helped with Fr. Jim's Retirement Celebration. Fr. Jim was overwhelmed!!! What a way for him to Retire.

Many hours went into his celebration and I can say it was all worth it. Thank You to the Transition Team for all their hard work putting together the presentations.

From the suggestions to the idea's to the actual presentations it was beyond! We had a month of presentations at mass and it wouldn't have happened without our Liturgist Laurie making sure that we followed protocol. And what can we say about the musicians and the video sound technicians—they were all great. A special Thank You to Jim Battles who was our emcee and all the presenters of gifts to Fr. Jim.



In spite of the HOT HOT HOT weather it was a success.

The Knights of Columbus put on a fantastic BBQ. Kathy Pryor nailed it with the food. Kathy had many helpers that kept up with replenishing and checking on Fr. Jim, his guests and parishioners. We had leftover whole watermelons and salads and they went to Kent Hope Link Women & Children's Shelter.

And David—what would we do without David. There aren't enough THANK YOU'S To everyone that helped set up, take down and helped where needed we THANK YOU



Fr. Jim left on his Road Trip on Monday, July 5th. We wish him a safe journey and I know we will be hearing from him with updates as to where he is. He plans on being in Lincoln, Nebraska on Friday to visit with Sue Ray, a friend and former staff member.





As we welcome Fr. Bill in July, we invite you to create a NAME TAG. It is a great way to welcome him with our wonderful St. John the Baptist hospitality!

STEWARDSHIP



Parish Stewardship Report for Sunday, July 4, 2021

Stewardship Envelopes	\$	6,652.00
Stewardship Loose	\$	4,094.98
Vigil Lights	\$	28.25
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	623.00
Mass Intentions	\$	20.00
Boeing Matches	\$	2,914.60
Faith Formation Fees	\$	130.00
Peter's Pence	\$	575.00
Grief Ministry Donation	\$	400.00
Office Misc.	\$	10.00
Total	\$	15,447.83



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ANNUAL APPEAL



WE HAVE REACHED OUR GOAL!!!
 If you haven't turned in your pledge please do so. Your rebate will be used to freshen up the restrooms. Thank you for your generosity.

Our Goal \$113,508.00
 Pledges= \$ 119,808 = 105.5%
 #pledges= 295
 Avg. pledge=\$ 406.13



Tacoma Rainiers VS Salt Lake Bees Baseball

All are invited to join us for the Knights of Columbus annual baseball game Sunday, July 18, 1:30 pm
 Cheney Stadium is now open for all

with no pandemic restrictions
 Tickets are \$14.00 each, which includes a reserved seat, hot dog, bag of chips and a bottle of water.
 Contact Angelo Battisti@253-236-8066 for tickets and further information



THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

Monday, July 12
 Word & Communion, 9 am
Tuesday, July 13
 Word & Communion, 9 am
Wednesday July 14
 Mass, 9 am
Thursday, July 15
 Mass, 6:30 pm
Friday, July 16
 Mass, 9 am
Saturday, July 17
 Confession, 4 pm
 Mass, 5:30 pm
Sunday, July 18
 Mass, 9 am and 11:30 am



We are seeking **parishioners who have a background in health occupations**, such as medicine, nursing, dentistry, therapy and counseling. If you might be interested in participating in a ministry event this fall, please contact Anne Frederick at annef@sjtbcc.org or call the parish office 253-630-0701. Thanks!!!



Please pray for those who are sick:
Terry Robinson and Gina Howell

Please pray for those who have died :
Your own special intentions

Life, Justice, Peace



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/sjtbcreationcare

What We Have Done:

The pandemic has greatly reduced our use of paper, particularly through emailing the bulletin. While we do anticipate returning to some form of paper bulletin eventually, the amount of paper saved results in fewer trees being cut down for our purposes.

What You Can Do:

Watering your Garden –Another way to minimize evaporation is by using a drip watering system or soaker hoses for your garden. These slowly get the water where it needs to be – in the ground, rather than on the surface, and have the added benefit of keeping water off the leaves, which can minimize disease.

Let Us Pray:

“Worthy are you, Lord our God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things; because of your will they came to be and were created.” Revelation 4:11



Do you have extra produce from your garden? Would you like to share some with the Covington Storehouse Food Bank to serve our neighbors in need? There is a cooler on the bench at the McMullen Center available to receive your fruit and vegetable harvest.

July 14th is the Feast Day of St. Kateri Tekakwitha:

Born in 1656, St. Kateri was born to a father who was a Kanienkehaka chief and a mother who was an Algonquin Catholic in modern day New York. At the age of 18, she began falling in love with Catholicism, eventually being baptized at the age of 20. This decision left her ostracized in her community, resulting in her leaving her home for the Catholic mission of St. Francis Xavier at Sault Saint-Louis, near Montreal, a journey that took 200 miles and nearly 2 months to complete. She grew a strong devotion to the Eucharist, spending long periods of time before the Blessed Sacrament in Adoration. She passed away at the age of 24. She is known as the “Lily of the Mohawks” and the “Beautiful Flower Among True Men” and is the first female Native American and First Nations saint. She is known as the patroness saint of Native American and First Nations Peoples, integral ecology, and the environment.

The Indigenous worldview involves relationships built on reciprocity, respect, and responsibility that extends to the entire natural world. It is a worldview of giving thanks daily for life and the world around us. The Haudenosaunee (“Iroquois”) people have a deep connection with the fields, forests, rivers, and wildlife of their ancestral homeland. In Kateri’s time, and for thousands of years before then, the Haudenosaunee people carefully managed the natural world for food, shelter, and clothing. With the use of controlled fire, they managed the land for the benefit of people and all of nature, for which there was no separation. They hunted, fished, farmed, gathered, harvested, and traded for their material and spiritual needs, keenly aware of the rhythms of nature inscribed by our Creator.

St. Kateri was the inspiration for the St. Kateri Conservation Center which promotes faith, integral ecology and life. One of their priorities is to encourage the development of [Saint Kateri Habitats and Parks](#), a ministry which encourages individuals, parishes, schools, religious orders, and working landowners to restore their land, homes, parishes, and communities in ways that praise God and foster a greater connection between God, people, and nature. Learn how you can do this in your home [here](#).

St. Kateri - pray for us!

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