

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

January 16, 2022

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

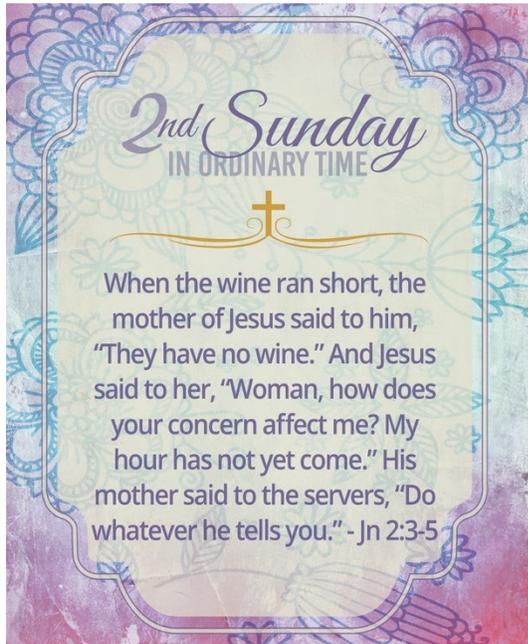
WELCOME

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 at 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



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REGULAR OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Friday: 9am - 4pm; Saturday, 10am - 3pm
Word & Communion: Mon. & Tues. 9am
Mass: Wed. 9 am, Thurs. 6:30 pm, Fri. 9am
Sat. 5:30pm, Sun. 9am, 11:30 am, and 5:30pm
Confession: Saturday at 4pm
Vigil mass live streamed Saturdays at 5:30pm on Facebook. Recordings are posted to website by 8am Sunday

Pastor's Corner

Watch Out for Scams!



Some parishioners have received requests that are said to be sent by me asking for gift cards. Scammers are very good at getting people to hand over money. I once got a message I thought was from my mom, asking for a gift card. It even had her e-mail address.

Whenever you get a request that is even the slightest unusual, check it out. Call the person.

Here are some other things you can do:

1. Report any scam or unwanted email by forwarding it to the Federal Trade Commission at uce@ftc.gov who will track down and prosecute the scammers.
2. Contact the organization that the email scam purports to be from.
3. Contact your Internet Service Provider, who can help stop scam emails from reaching you. Many have a way to forward these emails directly to them from your inbox.
4. Protect your friends from scams by checking them out before forwarding anything to your email distribution list.

Fr. Bill

Editor's note:

One doesn't know the sinking feeling of being scammed until one has been scammed! Fortunately for me, it was caught before any damage was done. I am one of the parishioners that Father Bill is referring to. I received an email from someone posing as Father Bill, asking me to help him buy gifts for the parish staff. "Father Bill" wanted me to buy a \$100 gift card for each member of the staff, and send in my receipt for reimbursement. When I suggested that one can always use Amazon or Starbucks gift cards, he said he specifically wanted Apple gift cards. He went further to say that I should email him pictures of the gift cards with the PIN exposed. Once I have done that, draw a line through the card numbers and PIN, and give the cards to him when I see him on Sunday. He had me going until the picture part. I share this story because it is so easy to get scammed when these scammers prey on your emotions. Set emotions aside, and let common sense take over. Please be careful!

Pat Defiesta

Synod



Pope Francis has invited all of us to open our hearts to the Holy Spirit and to join our synodal journey as Church.

At St. John the Baptist, we are beginning this process by offering a series of listening sessions starting on Tuesday, January 18. In the list of dates below, we have both in-person and Zoom gatherings for you to choose from. Click [here](#) for the registration form or go to the Synod post on our website's front page to register. You are encouraged to sign up as soon as possible, as we will be concluding this process in March.

Please reflect on the following message from Pope Francis, and consider how important your participation is for this unique opportunity to share our hopes for the Church and our faith with one another.

Come, Holy Spirit! You inspire new tongues and place words of life on our lips: keep us from becoming a "museum Church", beautiful but mute, with much past and little future. Come among us, so that in this synodal experience we will not lose our enthusiasm, dilute the power of prophecy, or descend into useless and unproductive discussions. Come, Spirit of love, open our hearts to hear your voice! Come, Holy Spirit of holiness, renew the holy and faithful People of God! Come, Creator Spirit, renew the face of the earth! Amen.¹

¹(Pope Francis Address for the Opening of the Synod)

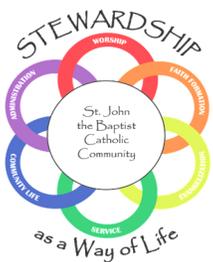
Synod Session Dates, Times and Locations for St. John the Baptist Parish:

- Tuesday, January 18, 7 - 8:30 pm Zoom
- Sunday, January 23, 1 - 2:30 pm Sanctuary/ McMullen
- Tuesday, January 25, 7 - 8:30 pm Zoom
- Thursday, January 27, 7 - 8:30 pm Sanctuary
- Saturday, January 29, 10 - 11:30 am Zoom
- Sunday, January 30, 1 - 2:30 pm Sanctuary/ McMullen
- Tuesday, February 1, 7 - 8:30 pm Zoom
- Thursday, February 3, 7 - 8:30 pm Sanctuary
- Tuesday, February 8, 7 - 8:30 pm Zoom
- Saturday, February 12, 10 - 11:30 am Zoom
- Sunday, February 13, 1 - 2:30 pm Sanctuary/ McMullen
- Saturday, February 19, 10 - 11:30 am Zoom
- Sunday, February 20, 1 - 2:30 pm Sanctuary/ McMullen

Stewardship



Our Stewardship goal:	\$1,300,000
As of January 2, 2022	
Pledge amount (69.26% of goal)	\$900,385
No. of pledges (37.17%)	450
No. of families	1,179
Avg. weekly pledge	\$38.48



Thank you to all who have submitted a pledge card.

Your contributions allow us to keep the lights on, fund staff salaries, provide communication technology, music licenses, insurance, building and grounds maintenance, and so much more!

Please take a moment and commit to our mission of parish stewardship by filling out a pledge card.

Click [here](#) to fill out the pledge card.

Sunday Collection - December 26, 2021	
SOURCE	AMOUNT
Stewardship Env.	\$4,139.00
Stewardship Loose Checks	2,074.50
Stewardship Loose Cash	30.00
Christmas	6,300.00
Vigil lights	52.36
St. Vincent de Paul	124.00
Craft & Hobby retreat	10.00
Missal sales	41.00
Project Pay	682.78
Liturgical Arts	85.00
Honey Bucket reimbursement	289.50
Catholic Cemeteries Rebate	100.00
Copies & postage	45.00
Total	\$13,973.14

A Stewardship Moment

What exactly is stewardship?

Simply put, stewardship is the response of a disciple - a response rooted in gratitude. And it is the gratitude in our hearts for all God's blessings that permeates all aspects of our lives. It cultivates our prayer life, our life of service, and how we share our financial resources.

Being grateful is an *action*. And it's the action of giving freely from a sense of deep gratitude that is the fundamental underpinning of the Christian steward. It's about living out that gratitude through the simple things we do every day. When we are conscious of how blessed we are on a daily basis, it makes it easier for us to want to bless the other people in our lives.

The true aim of stewardship is to be a *more vibrant witness* in the world. It's meant to engage and energize us, and every Catholic, for service - starting in the family and then extending into the wider world. It's helping us to look at our lives 24/7 as an opportunity to serve the Lord and to recognize God's place in our lives. It keeps us focused on what we have - not on what we don't have.

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Volunteer Opportunity

As many of you know, our beloved Connie Tietz passed away on Saturday, December 11 after a brief illness. Her absence is deeply felt.

After some deliberation, we decided that we cannot really replace her, and we will not reopen her position.



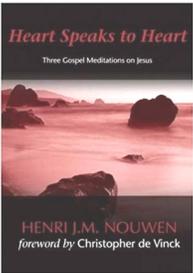
However, we would love her tradition of warmly and personally greeting visitors and callers to our office to continue. If this sounds like a way you'd like to offer your time and talent to St. John the Baptist, please call the office or sign up for a 3-hour time slot through the QR code above or click [here](#).

If you are proficient with Publisher, your time in helping with the bulletin will also be greatly appreciated. If you are interested, please contact Pat Defiesta at 253-630-0701 (leave message for her to call you back).

Thank you for your gift of time and talent!

In Our Parish

Happy 31st Anniversary to our parish!



As we celebrate the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time this weekend, we are also remembering the founding of St. John the Baptist parish. As a special gift, we invite each parish family to take home a copy of the book, **Heart Speaks to Heart** by Fr. Henri Nouwen.

We encourage you to spend some time reviewing these meditations. This book offers us an opportunity to find the love of God, even during times we might feel broken or wounded. In particular, during this pandemic, many of us have known how deeply we have needed the healing presence of Christ in our lives. May Father Nouwen's words on the loving heart of Jesus draw us closer to the true hope, peace and joy God so desires for all of us!

Welcome Gathering



Have you joined St. John the Baptist this past year? We would love to welcome you and to get to know you! Father Bill is hosting a Zoom gathering this **Sunday, January 16 from 1:00 - 2:30 pm**. Please join us!

Contact Anne Frederick at the office 253-630-0701 or email at annef@sjtbcc.org for more information and to RSVP.



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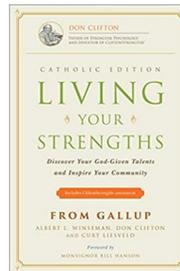
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Please pray for those who are sick :
Eddie Dolan, Dan Horsman, Gina Howell, Luz Manalo, and Cheryl Oakley

Please pray for those who have died:
Peggy Burke (sister of Kathleen Williams), **Kit Urcavich, & Dorothy Vitiello** (aunt of Pat Anderson)

Learn about your special talents and how to share them with others!



Strengths classes are four weeks in length. You can choose an in person day or an evening class via Zoom.

New classes are starting soon.

For more information, contact Anne Frederick at 253-630-0701 x 125 or email at annef@sjtbcc.org



Did you know that we have funds set aside for parishioners in need? We want to make sure that we are there for you, when you might need a bit of support. Whether it's for a power bill, housing cost, or other unexpected expense, St. John the Baptist may be able to assist. These funds are available to all our parish families and are confidential.

If you find yourself struggling to make ends, please let us know. You can call the parish office or let a staff member know and we will make sure to do what we can to help you through this time.



This Week At Our Church

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, Jan 16

Mass - 9 am

Mass - 11:30 am

Mass (Life Teen) - 5:30 pm



Monday, Jan. 17

Yoga - 8am

Word & Communion Service - 9 am

Tuesday, Jan. 18

Word & Communion Service - 9 am

Synod Listening Session - 7 pm

Wednesday, Jan. 19

Mass - 9 am

Who is Jesus For Us (Father Bill) - 7 pm

Thursday, Jan. 20

Yoga - 8 am

Friday, Jan. 21

Funeral for Margaret Urcavich - 11 am

Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 6 pm

Saturday, Jan. 22

Mass - 5:30 pm

Note: All events may not be listed. Please check the website or call the parish office if you don't see an event listed.

Don't forget to pick up your 2022 calendars located in the narthex



From Our Community



What are your priorities for the new year?

- ◆ Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) gives the tools for a strong vibrant marriage.
- ◆ Start your new year out right and sign up today for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on Virtual: Feb. 18-20 (Pacific Standard Time) or in Spokane at Immaculate Heart Retreat Center: March 11-13.
- ◆ Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website wwme.org
- ◆ Feel free to contact **Jeff and Sandy Corneil** at **360-930-2321** regarding the Virtual WWME Weekend Experience.



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Rachel's Corner

Hope and Healing After Abortion

"I plead with you--never, ever give up on hope, never doubt, never tire, and never become discouraged. Be not afraid." Pope John Paul II

Have a lack of hope and discouragement become part of who you are? Ever since the day of your loss due to abortion, have you wondered how you can keep facing each day? What would it be like to live free of that burden of shame? Call for a compassionate, confidential conversation, and find out how it has worked for others, and how it can be true for you as well.

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