

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

January 30, 2022

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

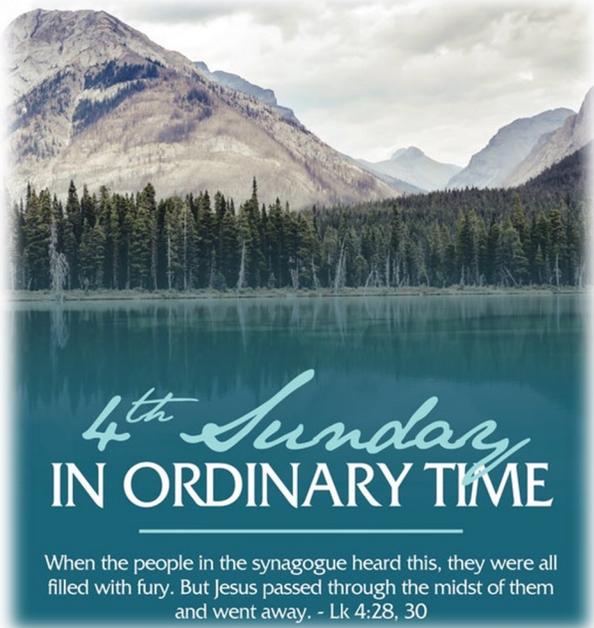
WELCOME

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



During this pandemic, I have been reading more. One book I have been going through is Robert Putnam's *The Upswing: How America Came Together a Century Ago and How We Can Do It Again*. Robert's thesis is that America's Gilded Age —

1870s through 1890s — shows remarkable similarity to our own, including strong divisions in the country, a yawning gap between rich and poor, and a societal focus on "I" rather than "we."

After the gilded age there was a steady improvement, with a growing sense we are in this together. The height of the curve was reached in the 1950s and early 60s, which represents the lowest gap between rich and poor; most favorable health indicators; highest social spending to help the poor; lowest political polarization; and the apex of America's sense of moving forward together. Since the 1960s, we have fallen back to the level of the gilded age with the toxic fractionalization of today. I found myself hopeful that our parish could be an oasis from the strong divisions and "me" mentality of our current situation. Yes, we do have differences, but those need not divide us. There was one quote in the book, "Where there is unity, there is openness to diversity."

I was struck by the sharing at Mass a couple of weeks ago by some of our founding members. It was repeated a number of times how those first members were intentional about establishing an environment, where all are welcomed. I continue to be impressed by the outreach ministries in this community. It is one way we try to bridge the gap between rich and poor, not just through the material assistance we give but by the human contact we establish.

This pandemic may make us feel more isolated and alone, but our faith reminds us we are united to one another and to the Lord. Find ways to foster this unity: join together in the live streaming of Mass when you cannot physically be present; pray for the parish and its ministries; volunteer when you are able; learn more about your faith through our Faith Formation program; and support financially the mission of the parish.

We are living in the midst of a very "I-centered" time in our culture. We can choose to live as a "we" — united as God's Holy People.

Fr. Bill

Synod

Participate in the Synod



"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord."

Luke 4:18-19

Church! This is the job description of Jesus, which he proclaimed when he read from the book of the prophet Isaiah in the Temple. So too, this is the job description of the Church, the Body of Christ in the world today. Through our Baptism, we join in the ministry of Jesus, every one of us!

The gift of the synodal process is that we can come together to share our experiences of how the Church has brought us glad tidings, liberty, recovery of sight, and freedom, as well as the times that we may not have found these things in the Church. The goal of the synodal process is to share, listen, and hold each other in the reality of our experiences. Those who have gone through these sessions have truly found them very life-giving.

Please join a session to share your story. (Sign up [here](#).) This is a great opportunity to help the Church continue to live out Jesus' mission, to continue its journey of growth, and to journey with our fellow parishioners in love and care.

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

- 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, @ 10-1:30 am Zoom
- Sunday, February 13, @ 1-2:30 pm Sanctuary/McMullen
- Saturday, February 19, @ 10-1:30 am Zoom
- Sunday, February 20, @ 1-2:30 pm Sanctuary/McMullen

For Pope Francis, Synod is a process of listening sessions held across the globe. He is calling the entire Church to pray and reflect on how the Holy Spirit is leading us toward **communion, participation, and mission**.

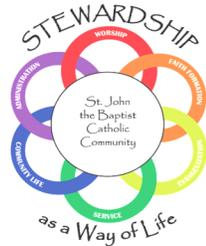
Stewardship



Our Stewardship goal:	\$1,300,000
As of January 12, 2022	
Pledge amount (73% of goal)	\$948,410
No. of pledges (41.5%)	490
No. of families	1180
Avg. weekly pledge	\$37.22

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](https://sjtbcc.org/stewardship-of-treasure/pledge/) to or visit <https://sjtbcc.org/stewardship-of-treasure/pledge/>



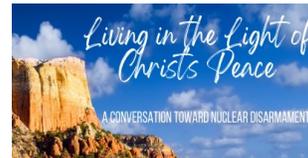
A Stewardship Moment

Some examples of stewardship include **using materials that safely biodegrade**, reducing waste through recycling and considering the environmental effect in developing inventions and infrastructure.



Commit to Low or No Waste Grocery Shopping

Some ways to reduce waste when shopping for groceries are to buy unpackaged fresh fruits and vegetables, bringing your own container to a bulk food store, investing in some produce bags to transport fresh foods, avoid prepared foods, and bring your own grocery bags.



"If we care about humanity, if we care about our planet, if we care about the God of peace and human conscience, then we must start a public conversation on these urgent

questions and find a new path toward nuclear disarmament." - Most Rev. John C. Wester

Released this month, [Living in the Light of Christ's Peace](#) is a pastoral letter from the Archdiocese of Santa Fe that speaks to the important and urgent issue of nuclear disarmament. Drawing from his own experience of visiting Nagasaki and Hiroshima as well as looking at the unique role of New Mexico, Archbishop Wester grounds his letter on teachings Pope Francis, the Church, and the Gospels on the importance of nonviolence and peacemaking, and how nuclear weapons run counter to those teachings. The end of the letter provides resources for individuals wanted to learn more or get more involved in this issue.

For the full letter, click [here](#). For a summary of the letter, click [here](#) or visit https://archdiosf.org/documents/2022/1/In%20Summary_Final_Header_Legal.pdf

Sunday Collection - January 23, 2022

SOURCE	AMOUNT
Stewardship Env.	\$11,270.00
Stewardship Loose Checks	4,594.00
Stewardship Loose Cash	570.66
Holy Days	228.00
Vigil lights	77.27
St. Vincent de Paul	25.00
Craft & Hobby retreat	175.00
Creation Care Grant	700.00
Funeral	175.00
Eucharist Bread + Missal sales	25.00
Second collections	54.00
Total	\$17,893.33

Volunteer Opportunity

If you would like to offer your time and talent to be with our office staff and greet visitors like our beloved Connie did, please consider signing up for a 3-hour time slot through the QR below or click [here](#).



Thank you for your gift of time and talent!

In Our Parish



Please pray for those who are sick :
Peter Behrens, Mike Grizzle (brother of
Kathleen Grizzle), **Gina Howell, Ken McHugh,**
Cheryl Oakley, and Dave Weddle

Please pray for those who have died:
Susan Antoncich, Gary Grant, and
Matthew Kwartin

A **Grief Support Program** is Being Offered by St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Grief Ministry. Walking Through Grief is a 9-part educational and inspirational grief program that offers support and hope to those experiencing the loss of a loved one (e.g., spouse, parent, friend, or child) in their lives. This will be offered at no charge:

February 2 to April 6, 2022
7:00 - 9:00 pm every Wednesday,
online via Zoom

During each weekly session, those attending will gain insight and education about their loss as they watch professionally produced DVDs featuring professionals in the field. These professionals are joined by a group of contributors, who share their own grief journey and provide inspiration in how they dealt with their own loss.

Each week will have a specific topic and include a group discussion as well as some assignments to work on, between meetings. A workbook is provided, along with some tools, handouts, and articles to help in your grief journey.

If you are grieving, or someone you know is grieving and you feel that this may have some benefit for you, please contact Frank Hammock (Lead Facilitator, via the Parish Office, 253-630-0701 <https://sjtbcc.org/contact-us/> to learn more about Walking Through Grief.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
Matthew 5:4



Pastoral Assistant for Administration

Our parish is seeking a full time, Pastoral Assistant for Administration, to direct the human resources, finance, technology and facilities functions of the parish. Salary is dependent on experience and education and includes excellent benefits. Contact Fr. Bill at billm@sjtbcc.org for more information and application form.

Classifieds

Paid Caregiver wanted: SJTB member is requesting a (paid) caregiver to take care of her husband on Saturdays from 5:00 - 7:00 pm, so she can attend the 5:30 pm mass on Saturday. If interested, please contact **Page Lane** at **253-569-5326** for more information.

Infant Car Seat & Infant Swing Wanted: Please call Susan Ravotti at 253-630-7856 (number does not take texts). Thanks, Susan.

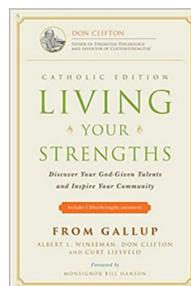
Pregnancy Aid of Kent would like to thank all the St. John's parishioners who donated diapers, wipes and baby items to us at Christmas through the Giving Tree. We were very blessed by your generosity and the support we've been given from St. John's through the 27 years of our ministry in Kent during St. John's stewardship program. We served over 275 families last year, even with the pandemic. We gave away over 11,000 diapers to those families so we really appreciate your help in being able to serve families who come to us for help in 2022. Thank you!

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



This Week At Our Church

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, Jan 30

Mass - 9:00 am
Mass - 11:30 am
Mass (Life Teen) - 5:30 pm
Synod Listening Session - 12:00noon

Monday, Jan. 31

Yoga - 8:00 am
Word & Communion - 9:00 am

Tuesday, Feb. 1

Word & Communion - 9:00 am
Synod Listening Session - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, Feb. 2

Mass - 9:00 am
Memorial for Mat Kwartin—2:30 pm
Hispanic Adult Faith Formation - 6:45 pm
Youth Group - 7:00 pm
Fr. Bill's Series #2 on Christ—7:00 pm
Hispanic Charismatic Formation - 7:00 pm

Thursday, Feb. 3

Yoga - 8:00 am
Bible Study - 10:00 am
RCIA - 7:00 pm
Synod Listening Session - 7:00 pm

Friday, Feb. 4

Mass - 9:00 am
Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 6:00 pm

Saturday, Feb. 5

Synod Listening Session - 10:00 am
Parish Wide Zoom - 10:00 am
Mass - 5:30 pm

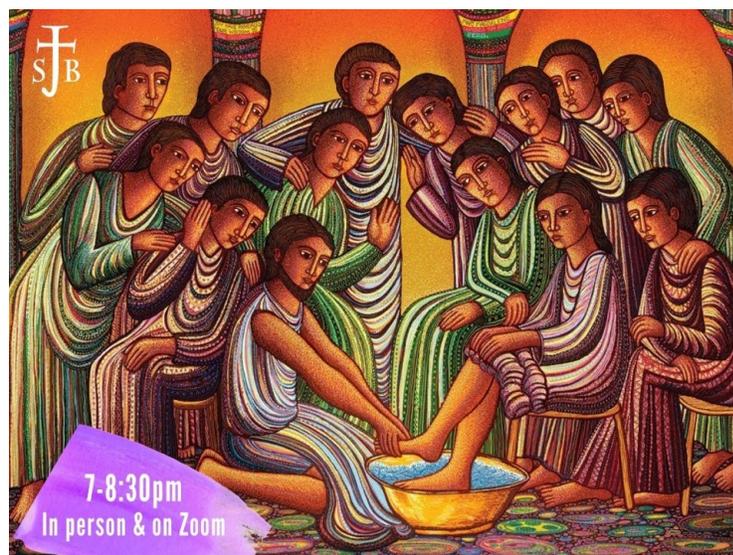


From Our Community



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 February 18 - 20 and in Spokane at Immaculate Heart Retreat Center on 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.



Washington State Catholic Conference

The Public Policy Voice of the Bishops of Washington State

The Washington State Catholic Conference (WSCC) recently released their legislative priorities for 2022. Throughout the legislative session, the WSCC will be reviewing the bills that get presented and advocating for or against those that relate to one or more of the priorities listed above.

If you would like to learn more about the legislative priorities, visit www.wacatholics.org.

To sign up to receive weekly emails during the legislative session and learn what bills are being proposed, sign up for the [WSCC mailing list](#).

If you do not know who your legislators are, you can learn that information by visiting <https://app.leg.wa.gov/districtfinder>

WHO IS JESUS FOR US?

A 3 PART SERIES PRESENTED BY OUR PASTOR FR. BILL MCKEE



Wed Jan 19: Approaching Jesus through His ministry

Wed Jan 26: Approaching Jesus through His Passion and Resurrection

Wed Feb 2: Approaching Jesus through centuries of reflection

TIME: 7-8:30pm

COST: Free

IN PERSON: In the Sanctuary

ON ZOOM: <https://tinyurl.com/FrBillTalk>

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To access Fr. Bill's talks via Zoom, click <https://tinyurl.com/FrBillTalk> or copy and paste the link to your browser.