

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

January 9, 2022

The Baptism Of The Lord

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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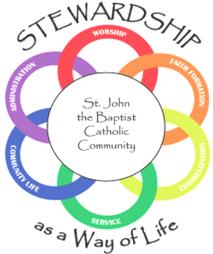
REGULAR OFFICE HOURS:

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

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	1179
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 - January 2, 2022	
Stewardship Env.	\$4,798
Stewardship Loose Cash & Checks	3,443
Holy Days	375
Vigil Lights	114
St. Vincent de Paul	25
Funeral Donation	100
Missal Sales	30
Christmas Flowers	267
Giving Tree	420
Eucharistic Bread Donation	11
Facility Use	400
Baptism donation	100
Mass Intentions	120
Total	\$10,203



A Stewardship Moment

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord



On this first weekend after the Feast of the Epiphany, the Gospel reading reminds us of Jesus' baptism. It gives meaning to our own baptism into Christ Jesus. Jesus' baptism is a reminder that he is not only our Lord but also our brother. He was baptized, just as we are. He shares in our humanity.

Good stewards recognize that their baptisms call them to conform their daily lives to Jesus' teachings and to live their lives as Jesus did. Through their baptism, they have been given the necessary gifts to share with others the new creation that Christ brings. The **stewardship question** is whether we can recognize our own baptismal gifts, and like Jesus, use those gifts to bring the hope of Christ to the lives of others.

Volunteer Opportunity

As many of you know, our beloved Connie Tietz passed away on Saturday, December 11 after a brief illness. She was our chief receptionist, bulletin editor, safe environment coordinator, mailing coordinator, and party planner extraordinaire. Her absence is deeply felt.

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



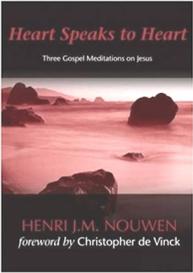
However, we would love her tradition of warmly and personally greeting visitors and callers to our office to continue. If this sounds like a way you'd like to offer your time and talent to St. John the Baptist, please call the office or sign up for a 3-hour time slot through the QR code above or click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



The Craft and Hobby Retreat on January 14 & 15 will feature a new format. We will meet from 9a-5p each day and plan to collect hygiene articles to go into ditty bags for the Seattle Seafarer's Center.

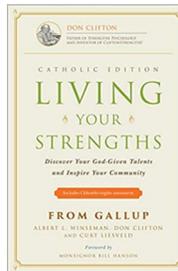
Please contact Nancy Moore at nancym@sjtbcc.org (253-630-0701) for more information and to register.



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:
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 begin January 2022

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



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This Week At Our Church

Celebrate the Baptism of the Lord!

Sunday, Jan 9

Mass - 9 am
Financial Peace University - 10:15 am
PS & Elem Faith Formation - 10:15 am
Mass - 11:30 am
Mass (Life Teen) - 5:30 pm



Monday, Jan. 10

Yoga - 8am
Word & Communion Service - 9 am
Cub Scout Pack 506 Den Meeting - 5:30 pm
9am Choir Practice - 7 pm
Hispanic Charismatic Steering Committee - 7 pm

Tuesday, Jan. 11

Word & Communion Service - 9 am
Girl Scout Troop #46865 - 6 pm
Stewardship & Evangelization Commission - 6:30 pm
RCIC - 7 pm
Hispanic Music Practice - 7 pm

Wednesday, Jan. 12

Mass - 9 am
Hispanic Adult Faith Formation - 6:45 pm
Hispanic Charismatic Formation - 7pm
Guatemala Committee - 7 pm
Youth Group - 7 pm

Thursday, Jan. 13

Yoga - 8 am
Women's SFC: Universal Christ 4 pm
Mass - 6:30 pm
RCIA - 7 pm
Guatemala Committee - 7 pm
11:30am Choir Practice - 7:15 pm

Friday, Jan. 14

Craft & Hobby Days - 8 am
Mass - 9am
Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 6 pm

Saturday, Jan. 15

Mass - 5:30 pm

2022 Calendars are here!

Pick up your copy in the narthex.



From Our Community



CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES
OF WESTERN WASHINGTON

Catholic Community Services (CCS) South King County is launching a quarterly newsletter to share this news as well as opportunities to be involved. You can read and sign up to receive the newsletter. Click [here](#) for newsletter.

The biggest change is the retirement of the church-shelter model (i.e. HOME). In March 2020, CCS temporarily relocated the men staying in HOME as well as other church-based congregate shelters to a hotel. Over time, they learned that this model provided better service and housing outcomes to those in need. Through a partnership with King County, a hotel was purchased in Federal Way which will soon become the site of the first, permanent 24/7 shelter for single adults in South King County.

CCS is grateful for the relationships with church partners, such as St. John the Baptist's, and looks forward to continuing these relationships as their programs evolve to best serve those experiencing homelessness in our community.



Adequate staffing (both employees and volunteers) is critical for Vine Maple Place to serve families facing

homelessness. We have three urgent needs right now in Facilities & Maintenance.

Urgent Facilities Staff Need

Facilities Maintenance Specialist – (click [here](#) for job description)

Urgent Facilities Volunteer Needs - (click [here](#) for additional volunteer needs):

- **Building Maintenance Team:** 8 maintenance volunteers needed for general building, equipment repair, electrical, plumbing, and painting projects. Also needed - people who can lift and haul with a pick-up truck or box van.
- **Unit Cleaners:** 4 volunteers needed to help deep clean shelter apartments when a family moves out so that a homeless family can get safe. Cleaning materials provided.
- **Yard Team:** 7 volunteers needed for yard care and misc. outdoor projects including: mowing, weeding, pruning, landscaping, power washing.
- **One Day Work Parties:** Groups are needed for one day work parties