



THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

March 13, 2022
Second Sunday of Lent

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!



2nd Sunday OF LENT

While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. - Lk 9:29

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

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Pastor's Corner



"When we feel the loving presence of God more deeply, we also are more aware of our sin and the need for God's cleansing love."

- Fr. Bill

Sacrament of Reconciliation

In preparation for our communal celebration of Reconciliation with individual confession on April 2, I am repeating a series of articles I used for our Advent Reconciliation.

It is the Holy Spirit, who moves the follower of Christ, who has sinned to come to the Sacrament of Penance. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, we seek deeper and deeper conversion to God. This process of conversion through the Sacrament of Reconciliation has four elements: contrition, confessions, penance, and absolution.

Contrition is the most important element. Without it, the sacrament cannot happen. Contrition is heartfelt sorrow and aversion for the sin committed together with the intention of sinning no more. This heartfelt sorrow flows from awareness of God's love, made manifest in Jesus.

In the revision of the ritual from the Second Vatican Council, prayers focusing on fear of hell were replaced by prayers focusing on God's love for us and our love for God. People my age and older may remember memorizing that Act of Contrition that included, "I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell." While a few still use that prayer, the new Act of Contrition (from 1973) acknowledges "I have sinned against You whom I should love above all things."

I like to use the analogy of a window. On a cloudy day, the window looks ok. However, on a bright sunny day all the dirt is more visible. When we feel the loving presence of God more deeply, we also are more aware of our sin and the need for God's cleansing love. Contrition is not based on fear; its source is love. Fear could be based on an image of God as harsh judge. Love flows from an image of God as a loving parent who wants the best for us.

Next week, I will focus on the element of confession. This may be a new element for some, since the parish has a long history of general absolution without individual confession. The archbishop has not granted me the necessary permission to continue that practice. This does give us the opportunity to take a fresh look at this sacrament.

- Fr. Bill

Synod



Our Synod Listening Sessions will be completed this weekend, March 12 and 13, with Zoom gathering for our Young Adults.

Over the next few weeks, Fr. Bill and our Parish Leadership Team will be meeting to review all of the feedback that have been received from our parishioners. We are grateful for the more than 200 people who have been part of this process. As we move ahead with summarizing our responses, we are looking forward to sharing, with our parish, this information and the next steps in how it will bless both all of us at St. John the Baptist and our universal Church.

- Anne Frederick

The Season of Lent

God of power and mercy,
in love you sent your Son
that we might be cleansed of sin
and live with you forever.
Bless us as we gather to reflect
on his suffering and death
that we may learn from his example
the way we should go.

We ask this through that same Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

- Pope John Paul II, Good Friday 1991

Stations of the Cross



Fridays in Lent at 7pm

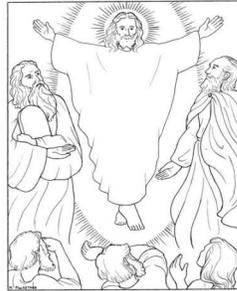
Date

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- March 18** Stewardship
- March 25** Guadalupanos (en Español)
- April 1** Faith Formation Families
- April 8** Youth Group

Stewardship

Sunday Collection - March 6, 2022	
SOURCE	AMOUNT
Stewardship Envelopes	\$5,494.00
Stewardship Loose Chks	2,667.50
Stewardship Loose Cash	810.00
Holy Days	30.00
Vigil lights	82.50
St. Vincent de Paul	472.00
Missal sales	35.00
Living Your Strengths	20.00
Pregnancy Aid	500.00
Funeral	2,000.00
Safe Car Parking	289.50
Catholic Home Mission	2,204.25
Second Collections	32.00
Ukraine donations	2,605.00
TOTAL	\$17,241.75



The Gospel story of the transfiguration of Jesus holds many lessons. The most prominent is the transformation of Jesus from simply being perceived as a wise and gifted prophet to the one who has fulfilled the sacred traditions of the Mosaic law and the hope of the prophets, the Messiah, and the Christ. The

Lord calls his stewards to participate in His redemptive activity. Heeding this call requires transformation, being willing to renounce patterns of behavior that draw us away from God. **In this second week of Lent, let us pray for the grace to be transformed, so that by our goodness and generosity, we may walk more authentically in the footsteps of Jesus.**

- Reprinted from 2/28/21 bulletin

To our wonderful parishioners who contributed to the special Ash Wednesday collection for the Church in central & eastern Europe (Ukraine Collection), **THANK YOU! Your generosity amounted to \$8,275.41.**



Bring a Reusable Container for Leftovers to the Restaurant



Next time you go out to eat, bring a reusable container for your leftovers. One-time use plastic and Styrofoam containers are easily

replaceable with a reusable container. You can leave one by the door, in your backpack, or in your car so that you always remember it.



Thank you for your generous support of last week's Catholic Home Missions Appeal. As a parish, the funds we raised

help to strengthen the Church at home and ensure that the Gospel is spread across the United States. If you missed the appeal, it's not too late to give! Just visit www.usccb.org/homemissions.



As we begin our Lenten journey, reflect on how your prayers, fasting and almsgiving can guide you. As Pope Francis explains, these are "elements which, when lived sincerely, can transform life and provide a sure foundation for dignity and fraternity." How can practicing the Lenten pillars transform your life and the lives of our sisters and brothers around the world? For more information visit crisricebowl.org.



**40 Cans For 40 Days
Lent Food Drive
Hunger Has No Season**

Can & pantry items accepted now in the Narthex.



March 2- April 17
Donations Will Support Local Foodbanks

In Our Parish

Prayer Request

Please pray for those who are **sick** :
Linda Felcyn, Chris Grizzle, Gina Howell,
Cheryl Oakley, LaVonne Scott,
Cameron Wilson, and Jenny Vasquez

Please pray for those who have **died**:
Randy McCurdy (brother of Rick McCurdy),
Steve Ulrick (friend of Char French),
and **Fr. Vincent Van Zutphen**
(brother-in-law of Paul Behrens)



In times of trouble, we call on the tender mercy of God ... to guide our feet to the way of peace (Lk 1:78-79). May our prayers, joined with those of people around the world, help guide those waging war to end the meaningless suffering and restore peace. Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us.

[- USCCB Vatican News](#)

“
May the Queen
of Peace preserve
the world from the
madness of war.”

- POPE FRANCIS

OUR CHURCH'S FINANCIAL HEALTH

The Finance Council met on February 17 in person (mostly). Nancy Moore stood in for Kathy Wickward and presented the month-end numbers for January. Currently we are running a surplus, but it is almost identical to the amount of our Lay Pension bill, which is late in arriving, so in reality we are running a net zero. The Finance Council approved the added expense of expanding the bandwidth for live streaming and concurrent Zoom meetings. Budgeting is underway for the 2022/23 Fiscal Year. The Council will meet again at the end of March to give its input before the budget is sent to the Pastoral Leadership Team for its approval.

The Finance Council is looking for some additional members. If you have an accounting background or run your own business and are interested in serving the parish in this way, please contact Nancy Moore at the Parish office.



On Tuesday March 1, the Life, Justice, Peace Commission gathered for its monthly meeting. This meeting included a presentation from a member of the Creation Care Team regarding future parish recycling efforts, a discussion on the 2022-2023 Life, Justice, Peace budget allocations, in-parish facility use, and an upcoming South King Deanery-wide project to put together Welcome Home Baskets for the Catholic Community Services Renton-based Permanent Supportive Housing set to open in April. Outreach ministries also provided updates on their respective work.

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, March 20 from 1:00 - 2:30 pm**. Please join us!

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

This Week At Our Church

Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday, Mar 13

Mass - 9:00 am
PS & Elem Faith Formation - 10:15 am
Mass - 11:30 am
Young Adult Synod Zoom - 1:00 pm
Life Teen Night - 2:00 pm
1st Sacramental Prep (Gr. 5-12) - 3:30 pm
Mass (Life Teen) - 5:30 pm

Monday, Mar 14

Yoga - 7:30 am
Word & Communion - 9:00 am
Cub Scout Pack 506 - 5:30 pm

Tuesday, Mar 15

Word & Communion - 9:00 am
Stewardship & Evangelization Commission - 6:30 pm
WICS - 7:00 pm
Confirmation (Year 2) - 7:00 pm
St. Vincent de Paul - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, Mar 16

Mass - 9:00 am
American Sewing Guild - 9:45 am
Elem. Faith Formation Lenten Activity - 4:30 pm
Living Your Strengths - 6:30 pm
Hispanic Adult Formation - 6:45 pm
Youth Group - 7:00 pm
Hispanic Charismatic Formation - 7:00 pm

Thursday, Mar 17

Yoga - 7:30 am
PREPARES - 9:30 am
Bible Study (Adult Formation) - 10:00 am
Creation Care Team - 1:00 pm
Women's SFC: Universal Christ - 4:00 pm
Mass - 6:30 pm
RCIA - 7:00 pm

Friday, Mar 18

Mass - 9:00 am
Stations of the Cross - 7:00 pm
Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 8:00 pm

Saturday, Mar 19

1st Eucharist Parent & Child In-service - 9 am
Cub Scout Pack 506 - 2:00 pm
Mass - 5:30 pm

STARTING MARCH 27 FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING



FOURTH SUNDAY of EACH MONTH 10 AM - 11:15 AM

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From Our Community



St. Anthony Parish in Renton, WA is hiring experienced & energetic people in the following positions. Salary & benefits are per Archdiocese guidelines.

- ◆ **Pastoral Assistant for Evangelization of Youth & Young Adults**
- ◆ **Pastoral Assistant for Administration**
- ◆ **Bookkeeper & Payroll Manager**

For application and job descriptions, contact:
Liza at 425-277-6194 or lizapare@st-anthony.cc
For questions about positions, contact:
Fr. Tom Belleque
at 425-255-3132 or frtom@st-anthony.cc



Vine Maple Place is growing, and with the opening of the Kent facility, they are expanding to serve more homeless families than ever before.

We currently have several job openings:

- ◆ Child & Youth Program Manager
- ◆ Child & Youth Program Assistant Manager
- ◆ Child & Youth Program Specialist
- ◆ Child & Youth Family Stability Specialist

Job descriptions can be found on our careers page: <https://bit.ly/VMPCareers>.

Rachel's Corner

Hope and Healing After Abortion

“LORD, hear my prayer; let my cry come to you. Do not hide your face from me in the day of my distress. Turn your ear to me; when I call, answer me quickly.”
- Psalm 102: 2-3

Sometimes after an abortion loss, it can feel that no one is there, no one is listening. We are here to walk with you, and we want to listen. Come on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat with us and tell us how it has affected you, and then let us help you so your life can begin to change.

Call for a compassionate & confidential conversation
English: (206) 920-6413 | Español: (206)-450-7814

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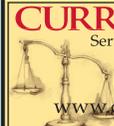
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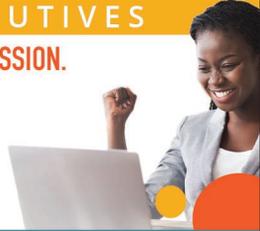
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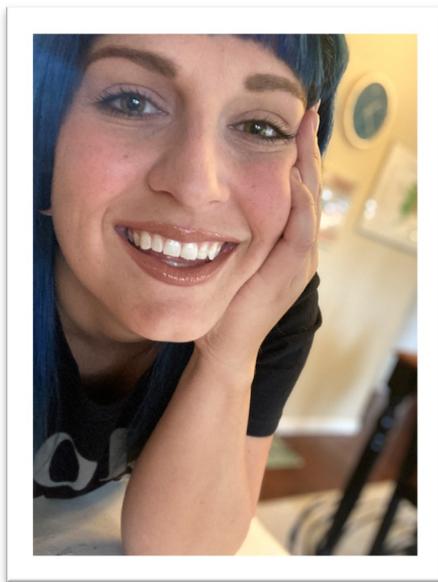


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News from Chel!

Dear families and youth of St. John,

I love you all so much! Working for and alongside you all, especially as we continue to navigate a global pandemic, has been an honor and a privilege! You all daily prove yourselves to be flexible, cooperative, open minded, and resilient as we worked together to continue ministry through the challenges of the past two years. This pandemic, though, and my experience with cancer during it, has changed a number of the circumstances in my life and, due to those changed circumstances, I have had to set some new goals. In order to accomplish these new goals of mine I have determined that I need to pursue a different career and therefore will need to resign as Youth Minister.

I am currently in the searching phase and am hopeful that I will find something by this summer. In the meantime, I want to assure you all that I don't have any plans to actually go anywhere and that St. John will remain my home parish! I love being part of our community and consider you all my family.

While I am on this journey of searching for a new job I will still be directing all of the middle school and high school youth ministry at St. John and empowering the volunteer teams we already have in place to continue to lead the programs. Our teams will also prepare for whoever will come after me so that we can make a smooth transition. You will also find me actively recruiting volunteers this month for all programs so that we can have enough staff to begin returning to in-person ministry, especially for our middle school students. All this being said, I will be around!

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. I'm an open book and am happy to discuss. If you are one of the youth in our programs, don't worry, the goal is that nothing much will really change for you since your programs are run by such awesome volunteer youth ministers! I will be praying for this upcoming transition, for our community, and for our next Pastoral Associate of Youth Ministry. I have faith that God will bless us all with a good match for our community.

Thanks everyone. See you at Mass,

Chelsea Wilde

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