



THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

March 20, 2022
Third 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!

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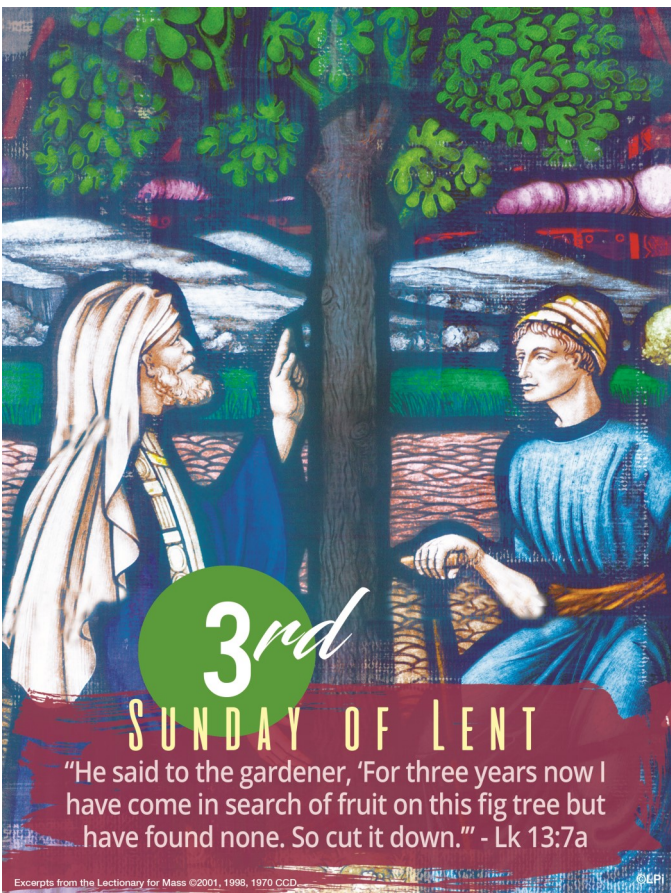
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REGULAR OFFICE HOURS:

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

Pastor's Corner



"The priest is not there as sheriff or judge but there to express God's mercy."

- Fr. Bill

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Our communal Lenten reconciliation service with individual confession and absolution will be Saturday, April 2 at 10:00 am. In preparation, I would like to repeat a series of bulletin articles I did for our Advent reconciliation service.

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.

Last week I reflected on contrition. This week, I focus on that second element: confession. This comes from true knowledge of self. Examining one's actions, motives and circumstance is done in light of God's mercy, confident that God wants to bring us greater freedom through the forgiveness of sin. Naming sin out loud lessens its power over us, for sin always likes to be kept secret where it can fester. Confession invites the penitent to open his or her heart to the minister of God, who is there to speak God's mercy. Unfortunately, too many have experienced the confessional as a torture chamber rather than a hospital (as Pope Francis has lamented).

When a person names their sin to me, I am filled with compassion for their struggle as well as inspiration at their strength in naming that sin that tries to continue its hold on them. I also am attentive that it is the Holy Spirit, who probably led them to the Sacrament. God's grace is at work when someone feels the need to celebrate this sacrament. I am humbled to be a part of this holy encounter. And, for some reason, I never seem to remember what a person has told me in confession. Still, some people are more comfortable going to confession at a neighboring parish rather than to their own pastor. The Church applies its harshest penalty of excommunication to a priest who ever reveals what is said in the confessional. The priest is not there as sheriff or judge but there to express God's mercy.

In the past, the parish's Advent and Lent Reconciliation Services did not include individual confession to a priest. The archbishop did not grant me the necessary permission to continue that custom. However, I hope you will experience this element of confession as a freeing and liberating prayer and the pathway of receiving the abundance of God's mercy.

- Fr. Bill

Synod



Our Synod Leadership Team have met on March 19 and will meet again on April 6 to review all of the wonderful feedback we have received from over 200 parishioners. The information gathered will be summarized for our report to the Archdiocese. Father Bill will also be leading us to reflect on the data gleaned and how we might use it for future dialogue and planning for our parish. We look forward to sharing more updates with our parish community in the weeks and months ahead.

- 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

Led by

March 25 Guadalupanos (en Español)

April 1 Faith Formation Families

April 8 Youth Group

Stewardship

Sunday Collection - March 13, 2022	
SOURCE	AMOUNT
Stewardship Envelopes	\$11,398.00
Stewardship Loose Checks	2,184.50
Stewardship Loose Cash	875.01
Vigil lights	41.27
St. Vincent de Paul	1,670.00
Missal sales	40.00
Living Your Strengths	40.00
PREPARES	107.00
Funeral	200.00
Mass Intentions	50.00
Catholic Home Mission	1,735.00
Eucharistic Bread donation	15.00
Ukraine donations	291.00
Faith Direct 3/4/22	26,571.25
CRS Collection	2,065.00
TOTAL	\$47,283.03



Next week our parish will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, **please give generously** to the collection and **reveal God's love** to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Reuse!

You don't have to use an item just once, right?



What disposable items in your life could you replace with a reusable option? Do you use cloth napkins or paper? Do you have a reusable water bottle or disposable? Do you use cleaning wipes or clothes? Do you pack your lunch in plastic bags or in reusable containers?



The St. Vincent de Paul conference of St. John the Baptist **needs your help!** We are looking for someone who can represent this conference as a **MultiCare employee** for our grant application. You don't have to join St. Vincent de Paul; you only need to be a parishioner of St. John the Baptist. **If you are an employee of MultiCare and a registered parishioner** here at St. John the Baptist, please contact Pat at patd@SVDPSSeattle.org for details. Thank you.



Perseverance to succeed

Raúl and Lilian have faced many challenges while trying to provide for their family and pursue their dreams in Guatemala. With support from Catholic Relief Services, they have been able to overcome these obstacles and grow their business while helping their community along the way. In what ways are you being challenged to serve others this Lent? For more information visit crsricebowl.org.



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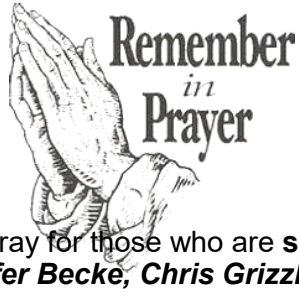
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In Our Parish



Please pray for those who are **sick** :
Jennifer Becke, Chris Grizzle,
Mary Petersen, Dorothy Snyder,
and **Cameron Wilson**

Please pray for those who have **died**:
Annie Mintle (cousin of Laurie Moloney)
and **Jenny Vasquez**



As we continue to pray for peace in the Ukraine, I find it helpful to use Scripture – because this unimaginable reality is beyond words. Scripture roots us in our belief that all things are possible with God, and that in trying moments such as this, it is the power of God alone that will help us find our way.

War is never the answer to the problems we face.

[Psalm 31](#) helps us hold all the people of Ukraine in our hearts, and gives us some sense of their own prayer which we wish to make our own.

- Archbishop Etienne

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@sjtbcc.org for
more information and to RSVP.

Changes are coming to Youth Ministry

Read more from our Pastoral Assistant for Youth Ministry, Chelsea Wilde, on our website at <https://sjtbcc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Chelsea-Wildes-Letter.pdf>

Masks at Mass



Masks are currently optional at Mass. It is a personal choice, and each person will have his or her own comfort level and reasons for wearing or not wearing a mask. Please do not tease or pressure anyone to wear a mask or to take a mask off. Let us all respect where each other is at in regards to masks. Please note that **masks are required for some liturgical ministers during some of their duties.** For more on our mask protocol, please visit our webpage at <https://sjtbcc.org/2022/03/04/mask-mask-protocols/>



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Christ's 2nd Commandment (C2C) ministry promotes awareness that people we meet in life are our neighbors. Below are reflections from C2C members on Thomas Merton's book, *New Seeds of Contemplation*. These reflections are invitations to explore this book.

The challenge entering into real contemplation is quickly brought home from Merton's statement, "The mind that is the prisoner of conventional ideas and the will that is the captive of its own desires cannot accept the seeds of an unfamiliar truth and a supernatural desire." Merton helped me see the important distinction between the "true self" and "false self" that enabled me to enter the doors to true contemplation. Through this new lens of "true self" a whole new understanding of how every event in life is intended to be a movement toward fulfilling God's plan for my life.

Merton paints many gardens of contemplation. The garden that grabbed me promised an awakened divine relationship in which love gains certitude of God's creative and dynamic intervention in our lives. To arrive at this garden requires one to be naked of the False Self and all the attributes and attachments that constituted worldly success. To remain in the garden requires one to let go of all aspects of "I." How wonderful to re-discover the garden of Eden with Merton's guidance.

This Week At Our Church

Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday, Mar 20 - 1st day of spring!

Coffee & doughnuts - 8 am to 12 noon
Mass - 9:00 am
PS & Elem Faith Formation - 10:15 am
Mass - 11:30 am
Welcome Gathering - 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 21

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

Tuesday, Mar 22

Word & Communion - 9:00 am
WICS - 7:00 pm
Adult Formation Guest Speaker - 7:00 pm
Confirmation (Year 2) - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, Mar 23

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

Thursday, Mar 24

Yoga - 7:30 am
Bible Study (Adult Formation) - 10:00 am
Cub Scout Pack 506 - 5:30 pm
Mass - 6:30 pm
RCIA - 7:00 pm

Friday, Mar 25 - The Annunciation of the Lord

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

Saturday, Mar 26

Confirmation Year 1 - 10:00 am
1st Eucharist Parent & Child In-service - 1 pm
Mass - 5:30 pm

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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 ftom@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

"In the inner stillness where meditation leads, the Spirit secretly anoints the soul and heals our deepest wounds."

- St. John of the Cross

After having suffered a loss due to an abortion decision, the deepest of wounds can be submerged in complete silence and shame. Join us on a Rachel's Vineyard® Retreat and allow the Spirit to anoint your soul and heal you of what has caused you such great pain.

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Care of Creation Speaker Series

FAITH & ENVIRONMENT:

Catholic Social Teaching, Care for Creation, & Laudato Si

Jessica and Dorothy will invite participants to explore how their faith calls them to care for creation. An overview of the Laudato Si Action Platform and Catholic Social Teaching will be presented, including the intersectionality of social justice and climate justice. Opportunities for reflection and discussion will be provided.

March 22, 2022

7:00 - 8:30

In Person: McMullen Center

Online: <https://tinyurl.com/sjtbmarch22>

Meeting ID: 842 4606 3872

Passcode: 883676



Sr. Jessica Zimmerle

Program & Outreach Director

Earth Ministry/Washington Interfaith Power & Light

She supports faith communities through Earth Ministry'/WAIPLe Greening Congregations and Colleague Connection programs, and is the lead on mobilizing people of faith in advocacy campaigns on climate change, fossil fuels, chemical safety, salmon recovery, and more.



Sr. Dorothy Verna, CSJP

**Creation Care Network (Seattle Archdiocese),
Jesuit Volunteer EnCorps & Earth Ministry/WAIPLe**

Over the next year Dorothy will spend time helping with Earth Ministry/WAIPLe's outreach in Catholic parishes. In addition to a career in professional nursing and social services, Dorothy has served in a variety of non-profit ministries in New Jersey, Seattle, and Nottingham, England. Dorothy is grateful for the opportunity to volunteer at Earth Ministry/WAIPLe and engage with others working to heal Mother Earth at this crucial time in our history.

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