



# THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

March 6, 2022  
First 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!



## 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

The devil said to him, "All this will be yours, if you worship me."  
Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written:  
You shall worship the Lord, your God,  
and him alone shall you serve."  
- Lk 4:6a, 7-8

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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

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## Pastor's Corner



*"I hope this will give us an occasion to revisit this ritual of forgiveness and explore anew the nature and effects of this sacrament."*

- 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.

The Second Vatican Council decreed that the rite for Reconciliation be revised to "more clearly express the nature and effects of this sacrament." In 1973, a new ritual was promulgated that not only revised the rite for individual confession, but also added a rite for reconciliation of several penitents with individual confession. This emphasized the relation of the sacrament to the community. The revision also added, for special occasions, a rite of reconciliation of several penitents with general confession and absolution.

Over the years, as general confession and absolution became more frequent, the Church began to limit its use. The concern was that it was replacing individual confession as the primary way of celebrating this sacrament of God's mercy and love. Now, use of general confession and absolution requires the permission of one's bishop.

Our parish has had a long history of celebrating general confession and absolution during Advent and Lent. Hoping to continue this custom, I requested permission from our archbishop to use this form of the sacrament. He has written, "While I appreciate your pastoral sensitivity in this matter, I do not believe this rises to the level of pastoral necessity for me to grant the requested permission."

While some will be disappointed, I hope this will give us an occasion to revisit this ritual of forgiveness and explore anew "the nature and effects of this sacrament."

- Fr. Bill



## Synod



### What would you like to discuss?

The synodal process has invited us to sit with one another, tell our story, and listen to others' stories, while asking the Holy Spirit to guide our time together. Many have found this to be very life-giving, a sacred experience even. We will continue to use this format as a tool in our community. When there is a topic that needs some thought and dialogue, this will be a great format to work from . . . it may remind our founding parishioners of what they would refer to as "circle masses".

What would you find helpful to discuss? What topics do you feel the Church needs to openly discuss with one another? Are there any hopes that you have in the outcome of the topic that you would want discussed? Name the issue(s) that you wrestle with; issues that would be helpful to have others wrestle within a small group dialogue. It is good to be heard and to hold others in their story without correction or expectation.

There have been such a depth and richness in this journey together. I hope that you will find time to join sessions down the road. It will be a great blessing. What a gift God has given to the Church in the synodal process! May we find many blessings in it!

- Joan Williamson



## Stations of the Cross

	Led By
3/11	Knights of Columbus
3/18	Stewardship
3/25	Guadalupanos (en Español)
4/1	Faith Formation Families
4/8	Youth Group

**7 PM**  
**Sanctuary**

## Stewardship

Sunday Collection - February 27, 2022

SOURCE	AMOUNT
Stewardship Envelopes	\$5,580.00
Stewardship Loose Checks	1,743.50
Stewardship Loose Cash	940.00
Easter	50.00
Vigil lights	56.80
St. Vincent de Paul	1,298.00
Missal sales	40.00
Mass intentions	10.00
Miscellaneous donations	200.00
Memoriam donation	50.00
Faith Direct for 2/15/22	20,400.00
PREPARES	160.00
NW Catholic	20.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$30,548.30</b>

God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. (1 Pt 4:10)



### Fend off "Energy Vampires"

Make sure to turn off and unplug items when they're not in use. The socket draws electricity even when items are "turned off." Some items that are often plugged-in when not in use are blow-dryers, phone chargers, electric kettles, and coffee pots. Other items that are often left in the "on" position when not in use are televisions, computers, and video game consuls. Using the battery-saving function on smart phones and computers helps them last longer, as well as saves energy. Perhaps you have a spare refrigerator you only need to run when you're preparing to entertain guests. Look around your house and find what can be unplugged. You might be surprised by your energy savings!



### Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today.

Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered mission territories, because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/homemissions](http://www.usccb.org/homemissions).



PREPARES, Pregnancy & Parenting Support, is our "promise to care" to mothers and fathers from pregnancy to the child's fifth birthday – no matter their beliefs. This program is a way we can "walk our talk" about celebrating the gift of life and making sure that no child, born or unborn, is ever abandoned or alone. Statewide, PREPARES has supported thousands of families with one-on-one companionship and child essentials.

The bishops of Washington State hope to expand this parish-based program in order to serve more families. **Your gift**, no matter the amount, **will have real impact in fulfilling the promise** to families in need to provide life-affirming and life-changing support.

To donate to the Bishops' PREPARES Valentine Appeal visit [www.preparesforlife.org](http://www.preparesforlife.org). To learn more or volunteer with the St. John the Baptist PREPARES ministry, please contact Andrea at x115 or [andream@sjtbcc.org](mailto:andream@sjtbcc.org).



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## In Our Parish



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

Please pray for those who have **died**:  
**Irene Cline, Betty Kamp, and**  
**Fr. Vincent Van Zutphen**



### 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](mailto:billm@sjtbcc.org) for more information and application form.

### Support for All Widowed Persons

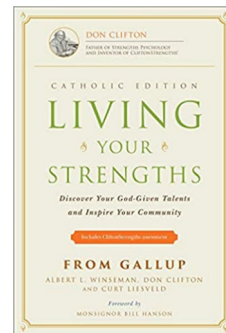


For more information contact Le Habryle or Sara Acree at 253-630-0324 or [saraacree@comcast.net](mailto:saraacree@comcast.net).

**Come join our four-week reflection and study opportunity to know how God has gifted you!**



Classes will meet on Wednesday evenings,  
**March 9, 16, 23, & 30, from 6:30 - 8:00 pm** via Zoom.



For more information, contact Anne Frederick at 253-630-0701 x125 or email at [annef@sjtbcc.org](mailto:annef@sjtbcc.org).

### 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](mailto:annef@sjtbcc.org) for more information and to RSVP.



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.

### STARTING MARCH 27 FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING



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

WE HAVE A REGISTERED NURSE AVAILABLE TO CHECK YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE IN THE NURSERY  
contact parish office for more information

## This Week At Our Church

### First Sunday of Lent

#### Sunday, Mar 6

Mass - 9:00 am  
Mass - 11:30 am  
Life Teen Life Night - 2:00pm  
First Sacramental Prep - 3:30 pm  
Mass (Life Teen) - 5:30 pm  
Charismatic Praise & Worship - 7:30 pm



#### Monday, Mar 7

Yoga - 7:30 am  
Word & Communion - 9:00 am  
Cub Scout Pack 506 - 5:30 pm  
Knights of Columbus - 6:00 pm

#### Tuesday, Mar 8

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

#### Wednesday, Mar 9

Mass - 9:00 am  
Hispanic Adult Formation - 6:45 pm  
Youth Group - 7:00 pm  
Hispanic Charismatic Formation - 7:00 pm

#### Thursday, Mar 10

Yoga - 7:30 am  
Bible Study (Adult Formation) - 10:00 am  
Funeral for Betty Kamp - 11:00 am  
Women's SFC: Universal Christ - 4:00 pm  
Mass - 6:30 pm  
RCIA - 7:00 pm  
Guatemala Committee - 7:00 pm

#### Friday, Mar 11

Creative Kindness Sewing Group - 8:45 am  
Mass - 9:00 am  
Stations of the Cross - 7:00 pm  
Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 8:00 pm

#### Saturday, Mar 12

Baptism Prep - 9:00 am  
Adult Confirmation Prep - 9:00 am  
Craft & Hobby Group - 10:00 am  
Mass - 5:30 pm

**SPRING FORWARD - MARCH 13 @2:00 AM!**



**Be sure to pick up your CRS Rice Bowl from the narthex or parish office this week.**

You can join our faith community, and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States, in a transformative Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. For more information visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org).

## From Our Community

planting seeds of  
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**TAKING ACTION**  
FOR OUR COMMON HOME

Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> from 9am-3pm  
Seattle University, Campion Hall  
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**Registration deadline is Friday, March 11**

**Rachel's Corner**  
Hope and Healing After Abortion

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