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# ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST April 10, 2022

Palm Sunday

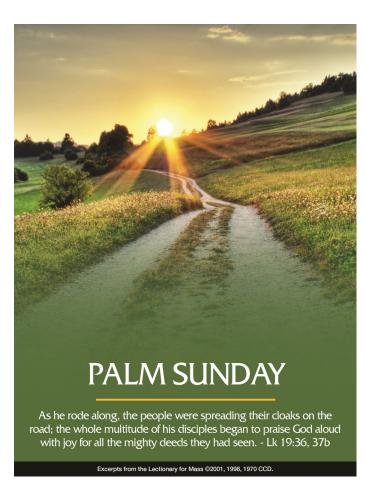
### **WELCOME**

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!



### **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



# Processions in Holy Week By Paul Turner

You may feel you deserve applause when you get out of bed or off the couch and go to church. After all, many Catholics don't even do that

much. You do. During Holy Week, however, going to church is not enough. Just when you think you can settle into your favorite pew, you will be asked to stand up, leave your place, and walk. Many Catholics resist. They become pew potatoes. But those who join the processions of Holy Week will find their faith and charity rewarded.

On Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, for example, the Mass may begin outdoors. Instead of going directly into the church as usual, you may gather in another area - indoors or out. The priest will bless the palm branches; he or the deacon will proclaim the Gospel, and then all process into the church acclaiming Christ.

On Thursday of the Lord's Supper, the evening Mass does not conclude in the usual way. Instead, a procession forms right after communion. The Blessed Sacrament is brought to a special chapel or tabernacle. You may be invited to join this procession, singing hymns of praise and moving to a place where you may pray privately in the course of the night.

During the Good Friday liturgy, you will be invited forward to adore the cross.

At the Easter Vigil, as on Palm Sunday, you may be invited to start Mass outside the church. There, a fire may be burning, signifying the resurrection of Christ, the light that shatters darkness. Carrying candles, you enter the church following a pillar of fire, as our ancestors marched from slavery to freedom.

The processions of Holy Week draw us into the mystery of the death and resurrection of Christ. It is worthwhile to get up out of the pew.

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I am pleased to announce that **David Cromer** has accepted the position of Pastoral Assistant for Administration at our parish. David has held this position at St. Barbara's Parish in Black Diamond for the past four years. Prior to that, he was a regional vice president for Operations at a large national building and home improvement company. He comes with a wealth of experience in operations, team management, and financial planning. David will be wrapping up his commitment at St. Barbara's and then take a little vacation. He will join our parish staff on May 2.

### Lent



Palm Sunday (April 9 & 10) Sat 5:30 pm; Sun 9:00 am (begin in McMullen Center), 11:30 am, 5:30 pm

Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper April 14 - 7:00 pm

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion April 15 - 7:00 pm

Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter
April 16 - 9:00 pm

Easter Sunday, The Resurrection of the Lord April 17 - 8:00 am (Fr. Chuck Palluck, presider), 10:00 am, 12 noon



You are invited to make a donation on behalf of a loved one for flowers that will be purchased to decorate the church for Easter. Write the name of the person you wish to remember on a memorial card and place it in the envelope with your payment. Put it in the collection box in the narthex. The memorial cards will be displayed in the narthex at Easter.

A \$10 donation is suggested **BY APRIL 10, 2022**.



Holy Thursday: Washing of Feet

Due to COVID, the Washing of Feet had been omitted from the Holy Thursday Liturgy for the past two years. It returns this year, though not in the custom of the St.

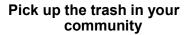
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Community. Still limited by COVID, we will not have the community's washing of feet. Instead, Fr. Bill will wash the feet of 12 individuals. The community's washing of one another's feet may return next year, depending how we make our way through

the pandemic.

### Stewardship

Sunday Collection - April 3, 2022	
SOURCE	AMOUNT
Stewardship Envelopes	\$8,529.00
Stewardship Loose Checks	9,226.50
Stewardship Loose Cash	1,013.29
Immaculate Conception	25.00
Vigil lights	51.50
St. Vincent de Paul	490.00
Catholic Home Mission	127.00
CRS	445.00
Stole fees	210.00
Missal sales	20.00
Easter flowers	380.00
Commital service donation	100.00
Multi-Cultural restricted	50.00
TOTAL	\$20,667.29



Thanks for Your Support!

Go outside and pick up trash. You can invite a friend or small group from church to join you. You can enjoy fellowship and increase the amount of garbage collected.



Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer

religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The pandemic hit particularly hard the Christians in the Holy Land. Most of them depend on pilgrimages to work. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is also necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land where the Church was born. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS! For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit <a href="https://www.my/franciscan.org/good-friday">www.my/franciscan.org/good-friday</a>.

### **Sharing God's Love**



For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. - John 3:16

As we enter Holy Week, we remember how our Lord suffered and died so that each and every one of us might be saved from sin and have eternal life. Reflect on God's infinite love for you. How have you responded to that love this Lent, and how can you share it with others?

For more information visit <a href="mailto:crsricebowl.org">crsricebowl.org</a>.



Holy Thursday Collection Guatemala Companion Parish

May the Grace of the Divine Creator allow our brothers and sisters of our companion parish in Guatemala and members of our community of St.

John the Baptist be living examples of the Good Struggle of Conversion and Hope for one another.

The experience of companionship has taught us all how important it is to live in communion with one another. In our ongoing efforts to grow in relationship with our brothers and sisters in Guatemala and support their physical and spiritual needs, the collection for Holy Thursday, April 14, 2022 will be dedicated to our parish support fund for Union de las Aldeas Corpus Christi. We are exploring on how to improve sanitation as the next project we support, which was identified by the villages as an important need. Our hope is to finalize the project and provide more details in the coming months, as our companion parish communicates their specific plan. Thank you for your generosity.

### In Our Parish



Please pray for those who are sick :

Angelo Battisti, Chad Forczek, Anne Frederick, Gina Howell, Doug Johnson, Cheryl Oakley, Walter Rzonca, and Cameron Wilson

Please pray for those who have died:

LaVonne Scott (mother of Dawn Kunz),
Ana Ebat (aunt of Reid Nabarrete)
Colin Lawless (grandson of Yvonne Lawless)
Mary Ann O'Rourke (grandmother of Frances Behrens)





St. John the Baptist will NEVER email, text, or call you to request a donation directly. Requests for donations will be announced at mass for the following:

- annual parish stewardship
- the Annual Catholic Appeal
- · special collections

If you receive a call, text, or email for a request that appears to come from the parish, Father Bill, or any pastoral leader or parish staff/volunteers that isn't for one of the above, you should ignore the request or call the parish directly to inquire.



### **Attention Gardeners!**

We invite you to share your flowers and blooming bushes/trees to enhance our worship space.
We are looking for blooming bushes like Forsythia, Butterfly Bush, Hydrangea, Rhododendron or Snowball Viburnum, to name a few.

We also can use Calla Lilies and Dahlias.

We are hoping to have flowers and blooming branches to enhance our Easter celebration. Unfortunately, we are not able to come to you to gather the flowers. We ask that you bring them to the church on Saturday mornings, **beginning April 16**. **Please do not drop anything off before then.** 

If you have flowers you want to donate, please call Laurie Moloney at the church office to let her know what you have. Mary Syslo and Judy Fuchs will be delighted to arrange what you bring to enhance our worship space. Thank you!

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

We are so excited to have VBS back in person this year! Go off-road for a monumental adventure through the colorful canyons and sunbaked trails of the southwest. By exploring God's awesomeness, kids form

a rock-solid faith for the road ahead. More details to follow

# SAVE THE DATE! June 27 to July 1

9 am to 12 noon daily



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Adult Faith Formation presents:

Holy Spirit and
Spiritual Gifts
Bible Study by Stephen J. Bintz



Thursday morning Zoom
April 21 through June 30, 2022

Tuesday evenings in-person/Zoom hybrid
April 12 through June 28, 2022
(except April 26)

Sign up here: tinyurl.com/sjtbhsbiblestudy



All of us at St. John the Baptist look forward to finding out how we might serve you!

Please **contact Anne Frederick at**<a href="mailto:annef@sitbbcc.org">annef@sitbbcc.org</a> or 253-630-0701 x125
for more information about the parish or our ministries.

### This Week At Our Church



# Sunday, April 10 - PALM SUNDAY Mass - 9:00 am

Mass - 11:30 am Mass (Life Teen) - 5:30 pm Life Teen Night - 6:45 pm

Monday, April 11 Yoga - 7:30 am Word & Communion - 9:00 am C2C - 10:00 am Cub Scout Pack 506 - 5:30 pm

### Tuesday, April 12

Word & Communion - 9:00 am Girl Scout Troop 46865 - 6:00 pm WICS - 7:00 pm Adult FF "Holy Spirit" Bible Study - 7:00 pm

### Wednesday, April 13

Mass - 9:00 am Holy Thursday Decorating - 10:00 am Elem. Faith Formation Lenten Activity - 4:30 pm Living Your Strengths - 6:30 pm Grief Ministry - 6:30 pm Youth Group - 7:00 pm

### Thursday, April 14 - HOLY THURSDAY

Yoga - 7:30 am Adult FF "Holy Spirit" Bible Study - 10:00 am Mass - 7:00 pm Holy Thursday Adoration - 8:00 pm

### Friday, April 15 - GOOD FRIDAY

Good Friday Decorating - 11:00 am Good Friday Silent Prayer - 12:00 noon Liturgy of the Passion - 7:00 pm

### Saturday, April 16 - HOLY SATURDAY

Easter Decorating - 10:00 am RCIA Easter Vigil - 7:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass - 9:00 pm



### Save the Date!

St. John the Baptist Adult Formation Committee & Creation Care Team invite you to join

### Jeff Renner,

former Chief Meteorologist at KING5 TV. on Tuesday, April 26 at 7 pm for a discussion on

Faith and the Environment: Care for Creation

### **From Our Community**



CCS is getting ready to open 107 units of Permanent Supportive Housing for single men and women in Renton in the next few weeks.

Seventy-five of these units will be filled by individuals who are currently residing in CCS' South King-based shelter (the shelter that grew out of combining HOME/ARISE/REACH OUT at the start of COVID). It's very, very exciting for these men and women, who have struggled with homelessness for long periods of time (many prayers for them in their journey to stability)!

Our Faith Formation families have been busy collecting items for Welcome Home Baskets, joining other South King Deanery parishes, to have them ready for when folks are ready to move in. CCS has put together an Amazon wish list of other items that are needed, as these men and women transition from homelessness to permanent housing. Additionally, they are looking for volunteers to put the units together, as well as others to be present and put meals together on move-in day. With so many units, they are spreading move-ins across the month of April. Due to the type of work, they are recommending that volunteers be 13 years old and up (minors accompanied by a parent/guardian).

For more news about CCS in South King County, visit https:// conta.cc/3wE0Rxt

During this month, Archbishop Etienne

is encouraging everyone to increase our awareness, to educate ourselves and our communities, and to pray for healing for those who have been tragically impacted by

the scourge of child abuse. To learn more, visit archseattle.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Child-Abuse-Prevention-Month Eng.pdf. To learn about the Archdiocese of Seattle's longstanding commitment to transparency, accountability, and assistance to victims of abuse, visit protect-seattlearchdiocese.org/. To learn more about the Archdiocese of Seattle's safe environment standards, visit archseattle.org/for-parishes/ safe-environment/.



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

"Jesus has to bring up the wound so that we can realize were not fine. When you believe that you're fine, pretending that this brokenness is as good as it gets, that things are as they are meant to be-then you're going to cobble together something far less than what Jesus wants for you. Jesus comes into our wounds to undo the undoing.' - Father Mike Schmitz

Join us on the next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™ and allow His mercy to put you back together again.

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

Email projectrachel@ccsww.org. Visit us at www.ccsww.org/projectrachel or www.facebook.com/projectrachelww.

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