



# THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

April 24, 2022  
Second Sunday of Easter

## 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. 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



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- Fr. Bill

### The Name of God is Mercy

When God revealed the Divine Name to Moses, we are told in the *Book of Exodus by God: The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.* (Ex 34:6)

Throughout the Old Testament, this theme is repeated with the emphasis always placed on mercy and on God's love, which never tires of forgiving. Jesus, the image of God, came to reveal a God abundant in mercy.

The German theologian, Cardinal Walter Kasper, stated that what characterizes and distinguishes God best of all is mercy. This has not always been communicated well. Too often, God has been portrayed as server or uninterested. Many have tried to focus our attention on God's mercy. St. John XXIII sought "the medicine of mercy" over "that of severity" in inaugurating the Second Vatican Council. St. John Paul II wrote his second encyclical, *Rich in Mercy*, and canonized St. Faustina Kowalska known for her popular image of and devotion to Divine Mercy. Pope Francis has made this a constant theme. "To show mercy," the Pope said, "is an essential feature of God. This is precisely how he shows his omnipotence."

Mercy is "an essential feature of God." It is "a key word for God's actions towards us," because "God reveals his power, above all, in mercy and through forgiving us. Mercy is the most surprising attribute of our Creator and Redeemer."

Mercy is offered but never forced. It is up to each of us to say "yes" to this gift God offers and to let this gift transform our lives. Remember the parable of the debtor who is forgiven much, but refuses to forgive another a little? If God's name is mercy, so must ours be as well.

-Fr. Bill



## Stewardship

Sunday Collection - April 17, 2002 (Easter)	
SOURCE	AMOUNT
Stewardship Env.	\$12,566.00
Stewardship Loose Checks	985.00
Stewardship Loose Cash	2,700.65
Easter	4,454.00
Immaculate Conception	20.00
Vigil lights	30.61
St. Vincent de Paul	787.00
Missals	25.00
CRS	7.00
Bible Study books	60.00
Mass intentions	30.00
Easter flowers	110.00
Holy Thursday/Guatemala	1,938.79
Good Friday	718.00
Eucharistic Bread	20.00
Lenten Retreat	75.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$24,527.05</b>



Thanks for Your Support!

## THANK YOU

The Knights of Columbus appreciate all who supported the Fish Fry.

Your contributions generated nearly **\$2,500**, which will be forwarded to the **UKRAINE SOLIDARITY FUND**.

Note: Please return any borrowed kitchen items.



Our community changed lives this Lent through CRS Rice Bowl, and we want to say **THANK YOU!**

Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl in the narthex or office or donate online at [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org).

## Faith Formation

### Vacation Bible School



We are so excited to have Vacation Bible School 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

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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](https://tinyurl.com/sjtbhsbiblestudy)



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***

## Synod

### Survey

Synod survey link  
is live and open until  
April 30, 2022

Thank you for journeying  
together as part of the  
Global Synod.



In the spirit of Pope Francis' call to Synodality, we encourage you to prayerfully review the synodal prayer and questions guide and take a two-page survey.

Guide: <https://archseattle.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Preparation-for-Synodal-Gathering.pdf>.

Survey: <https://43.selectsurvey.net/SeattleArchdiocese/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=11MJn14#>

Spanish: <https://43.selectsurvey.net/SeattleArchdiocese/TakeSurvey.aspx?SurveyID=86MK3n8#>

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### You asked; we shall answer

**Q What is a synod?**

A A synod is a gathering, traditionally of bishops, that helps the Church to walk forward together in the same direction. The word "synod" comes from the Greek *syn-hodos*, meaning "the same way" or "the same path."

**Q What's the purpose of synod?**

A The aim of the synod is not just to talk *about* synodality, but to put synodality into practice from now onwards, in every diocese, parish, and country across the whole world.

**Q So what is synodality anyways?**

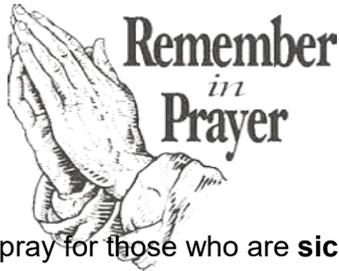
A Fundamentally, synodality is about *journeying together*. This happens through listening to one another in order to hear what God is saying to all of us. It is realizing that the Holy Spirit can speak through anyone to help us walk forward together on our journey as the People of God.

**Q So why a synod on synodality?**

A Yes, a "synod on synodality" may seem kind of like having a movie about movies or a book about books. But don't worry, this isn't just some complicated mind trick. Rather, **it's an invitation for the whole Church to have our voices heard**. We can only move forward if we work and walk *together*. **No Christian is an island!** Every limb and appendage is necessary in the Body of Christ!

Source: <https://slmedia.org/blog/what-is-the-synod-on-synodality>

## In Our Parish



Please pray for those who are **sick** :

**Doug Johnson, Gina Howell, Cheryl Oakley, Carmen Neste, Mary Weidert, and Carolina** (last name withheld)

Please pray for those who have **died**:

**Phil Trounstine** (brother-in-law of Mark Williams)  
**Cameron Wilson** (nephew of Joan Williamson)



### Use Gray Water



Gray water is water that has been used but is not necessarily contaminated.

You can use dish washing water, hand washing water, and cooking water to water plants. There are even systems you can install now that allow you to make use of gray water more effectively.

The St. John the Baptist Creation Care Team will promote just and equitable sustainability of natural resources through personal and communal awareness, attitude, and action. We are entrusted as stewards of God's creation, which is our common home. As people of faith, we affirm that all of God's creation is sacred.



**We are so glad you are here!!!**

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

Please **contact Anne Frederick** at [annef@sjtbcc.org](mailto:annef@sjtbcc.org) or 253-630-0701 x125 for more information about the parish and/or our ministries.



Have you noticed our newly posted Saint Kateri Habitat signs? They designate our parish's beautiful 9.5 acres as a "Catholic Habitat for people, plants and wildlife, to limit climate change, conserve biodiversity, and restore our relationships with God, each other and Nature." **St John the Baptist was the first parish in**

**Washington State, and the whole Pacific Northwest, to become a designated site!** Saint Kateri Habitats are more than environmental areas. They are also gifts of God's Creation and spiritual spaces.

April 22, 1970 was the first Earth Day celebration. Over the decades, [earthday.org](http://earthday.org) has brought hundreds of millions of people into the environmental movement, creating opportunities for civic engagement and volunteerism.

**St. John the Baptist Creation Care Team** would like to suggest a possible Earth Day action for yourself or your whole family: Treat yourself to a tour of the **Saint Kateri Conservation Center website** by visiting <https://www.kateri.org>. It contains so much interesting and diverse information. For example, The Ecology Library contains Ecology in the Old and New Testament. The Habitats and Parks section leads you through an easy process for you to register your piece of God's creation – no space too big or small! See if you can find St. John the Baptist Habitat on the map. While there, you can be inspired by other Habitats throughout the world.

If you have a heart for caring for creation and would like to be more involved in efforts around the parish, consider learning about or being part of our **Creation Care Team**. All are welcome, and we encourage your dream projects and ideas! Please contact Andrea at [andream@sjtbcc.org](mailto:andream@sjtbcc.org) or by calling/texting 253-893-6684 to get connected.



## FREE!

What: **BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING**

When: **Sunday, April 24**

Time: **After 9am & 11:30 masses**

Where: **Nursery (left of narthex, down the hallway, through the door, & 2nd door on right)**

By whom: **Registered nurse(s)**

Contact parish office for more information

## This Week At Our Church



### Sunday, April 24 - Divine Mercy Sunday

Mass - 9:00 am  
PS & Elem Faith Formation - 10:15 am  
Mass - 11:30 am  
Mass (Life Teen) - 5:30 pm  
Life Teen Life Night - 6:45 pm  
First Eucharist Parents' Meeting - 7:00 pm

### Monday, April 25

Yoga - 7:30 am  
Word & Communion - 9:00 am  
Christ's 2nd Commandment - 10:00 am  
Cub Scout Pack 506 - 5:30 pm

### Tuesday, April 26

Word & Communion - 9:00 am  
Girl Scout Troop 46865 - 6:00 pm  
WICS - 7:00 pm  
AF Guest Speaker Series - 7:00 pm

### Wednesday, April 27

Mass - 9:00 am  
Grief Ministry - 6:30 pm  
Stewardship & Evangelization (Zoom) - 6:30pm  
Faith Formation Commission - 7:00 pm  
Youth Group - 7:00 pm  
Hispanic Charismatic Formation 7:00 pm

### Thursday, April 28

Yoga - 7:30 am  
Adult FF "Holy Spirit" Bible Study - 10:00 am  
Women's SFC: Universal Christ - 4:00 pm  
Cub Scout Pack 506 - 5:30 pm  
Mass - 6:30 pm  
RCIA - 7:00 pm

### Friday, April 29

Mass - 9:00 am  
Hora Santa de Reparació - 1:30 pm  
Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 6:00 pm

### Saturday, April 30

Marriage Prep Retreat - 9:00 am  
Confessions - 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm  
Mass - 5:30 pm



### Community Meal

Kent Community Supper (Monday Night Supper) is going back indoors! Tentative re-opening indoors April 25, mealtime 5 - 6 pm. **We need your help!** We've been serving take-away meals outdoors for the last two years with a small volunteer team. But to move back inside, many more volunteers are needed. If you'd like to volunteer or if you have any questions, **call Kent Lutheran office 253-852-2057** and leave a message with your contact information for **Emily Bumpous, Kent Community Supper**.

## From Our Community

### **Rachel's Corner**

Hope and Healing After Abortion

*"I was not the one to acknowledge my five children on this retreat. It was the other way around! THEY acknowledged ME! I have been recognized, forgiven, and loved by my five children. I have 8 children! Five of them with Our Lord!"* - Testimonial

It can bring you so much peace to know more about where your children are. Come on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat™ with us and allow that reality to become an important step in your healing.

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**APRIL Is Child Abuse Prevention Month**

### Steps to Prevent Abuse

- **Communicate with your children:** It is extremely important to communicate openly with your children. Let them know that they can talk to you about anything that bothers them. This will help you identify warning signs and grooming behaviors perpetrated by offenders before they escalate to abuse.
- **Educate yourself and your children on abuse:** Learning how to identify, prevent, and report abuse is key. Parents and guardians should empower their children to protect themselves from harm and to report abuse. Ask your diocesan safe environment coordinator or parish delegate about opportunities for safe environment training.
- **Identify and report warning signs of child abusers:** Grooming behaviors are the actions abusers take to project the image that they are kind, generous, caring people, while their intent is to lure a minor into an inappropriate relationship. Offenders can be patient and may groom their victim, his or her family, or community for years. Some abusers isolate a potential victim by giving him or her undue attention or lavish gifts, while others allow young people to participate in activities which their parents or guardians would not approve, such as watching pornography, drinking alcohol, using drugs, and excessive touching, such as wrestling and tickling. Abusers also often try to isolate their victims from family or friends and encourage their victims to keep secrets from their parents or other caring adults.

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