



THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

May 15, 2022
Fifth 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!



OFFICE HOURS:

Mon-Fri 9am to 4pm; Sat 10am to 3pm

Sunday Liturgies

Vigil: Sat 5:30pm; Sun 9am, 11:30am, and 5:30pm

Vigil mass is live-streamed Saturdays at 5:30pm on Facebook and posted to website by 8am on Sunday

Weekday Liturgies

Word & Communion: **Mon & Tues 9am**
Mass: **Wed 9am, Thurs 6:30pm, Fri 9am**

Confession: Saturday at 4pm

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Pastor's Corner



"Savoring your last experience of Holy Communion just might help you throughout the week and even deepen your experience of your next Communion."

- Fr. Bill

Celebrating First Communion; Celebrating Every Communion

This weekend we welcomed 24 children to the Eucharistic table. A couple more will be making their First Communion at a later date. We suggested the children continue wearing their First Communion attire for the month of May, so you may see them at our Sunday liturgies.

What I remember from my first communion is fear. Back then, the Catholic school kids and the public school kids have separate programs and separate practices. We came together on the day of the celebration, so the procession was much larger than what it was during the practice. I feared I was out of order in the procession. It was not like what we practiced. That is my main memory. I am not sure what is says about my personality!

What is the memory we want to foster in our children today? I hope they will remember they were surrounded by a community of love to receive the gift of love. I hope they will feel a deeper connection to their families and to their parish family. I hope they will remember feeling close to Jesus.

Your memories of your First Communion may be vague and incomplete like mine. But what about your memory of your last Communion? Maybe during the week it would be good to think back to your sharing in Communion on the previous Sunday. Remembering last Sunday would be a lot easier than remembering your First Communion. Savoring your last experience of Holy Communion just might help you throughout the week and even deepen your experience of your next Communion. Let us never forget the great gift of Love in which we are invited to share.

-Fr. Bill



Synod



Father Bill is grateful!

Over the past few months, **263 parishioners participated in our 21 synodal listening sessions!** The feedback was fruitful and encouraging; it will provide us with opportunities for planning and ongoing dialogue for months to come.

In the upcoming weeks, we will be sharing this information with all of you. The synodal journey continues! **We look forward to your ongoing comments, as we begin discerning future recommendations for St. John the Baptist.**

Fr. Bill would like to **thank the members** of our Parish Leadership Team: **Joe Burianek, Irene Cervantes, Kathy Dalseg, Bob Denney, Nkechi Echeuro, Stephanie Estaban, Trish Hanson, and Gary Lara.** This committee acted as scribes for our synod sessions and are now reviewing the feedback for specific use in our parish. **Special thanks go to Irene Cervantes and Bob Denney for preparing the summary document** that has now been sent to the Archdiocese.

We were **blessed by our wonderful facilitators**, who shared hours of their time to lead our sessions. These parishioners include **Gigi Eakins, Sam Racicot, David Richardson, Nancy Schmitt, Kathleen Williams, Mark Williams, and Dave Zentner**, as well as staff members, **Anne Frederick, Therese McHenry, Andrea Mendoza, Chelsea Wilde, and Joan Williamson.**

Pat Defiesta has been **coordinating our bulletin** for the past several months. Her assistance in making sure we have continuing information on the synodal process each week has been a grace-filled endeavour for all of us.

Please stay tuned. **There is much more to look forward to on our parish journey of faith!**

- Anne Frederick



Stewardship

Sunday Collection - May 8, 2022	
SOURCE	AMOUNT
Stewardship Envelope	\$3,837.00
Stewardship Loose Checks	2,808.50
Stewardship Loose Cash	952.00
Easter	30.00
Vigil lights	99.80
St. Vincent de Paul	57.00
Missals	25.00
Mass intentions	5.00
CRS	41.00
Eucharistic bread donation	20.00
Bible Study books	10.00
TOTAL	\$7,885.30



Providing ministries for our brothers and sisters in Western Washington.

Please make your 2022 ACA gift today.

Thank you to all those who have returned your Annual Catholic Appeal pledge. Your gift makes a difference to our brothers and sisters in all places in life including those in prison, people who are at end of life, youth and young adults, and families seeking to grow in their faith and celebrate the sacraments. If you have not yet made a pledge, please use an envelope on your chair, scan the QR code, or use an online form at archseattle.org/GiveACA to make a safe and secure gift to the appeal. Consider pledging over multiple months to be able to give your best gift and support our parish in funding our important parish project !

Remember, **our parish goal this year is \$115,812.00 to fund parking lot safety improvements.**

Please give generously.

Faith Formation



Congratulations to our First Communicants and their families! On May 14, we welcomed 24 children to the table of the Lord at a very special First Eucharist Mass!

Christian Balch

Esrah Jose

Emma Byrd

Giuliana Juarez

Gavin Clark

Bernadette Kolbrick

Gabriel Diaz de Leon

Emma Lua

Ikenna Echeruo

Michael Machata

Cadance Evans

Aiden Mendoza

Gavin Evans

Chloe Mendoza

Michelle Guzman Lopez

Sophia Nelson

Portia Harjehausen

Reagan Rice

Allison Hernandez

Victoria Rojo Alvarado

Jayla Hindes

Mary Taulung

Elenah Jose

Yasko Taulung

A **special thanks** to Father Bill and all friends and family members for celebrating with us on this day!

Many thanks to our Sacramental preparation team and teachers:

- Margie Battisti
- Thresa Boespflug
- Amy Bonte
- Laurie Ann Gallant
- Meaghan Harding
- Therese McHenry
- Terri Rains
- Susan Ravotti
- Mary-Kaye Soderlind
- Joan Williamson

All those who participated in the liturgy including liturgical ministers, music ministers, technology & photography support, reception hosts, and all others who had a hand in this sacred event – **many, many thanks!**



In Our Parish



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

Melvin Campbell, Josefina Diaz de Leon, Gina Howell, and Cheryl Oakley

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

John Wehrly (brother of Gigi Eakins)

Joachim Lee & Anna Shim

(friends of Angie Santiago)

Luke Miller & Cynthia Gonzalez

(friends of Gary & Marion Lara)

Grief Support Program

Offered by St. John the Baptist Grief Ministry

May 25 to June 22, 2022

**7:00 - 9:00 pm every Wednesday,
online via Zoom**

Walking Through Grief is a 9-part educational and inspirational grief program offering support and hope to those experiencing the loss of a loved one (e.g. spouse, parent, friend, or child) in their lives and will be offered at **no charge**.

During each weekly session, those attending will gain insight and education about their loss as they watch professionally produced DVD's featuring professionals in the field. These professionals are joined by a group of contributors, who share their own grief journey and provide inspiration in how they have dealt with their own loss. Each week will have a specific topic and include a group discussion as well as some assignments to work on between meetings. A workbook is provided along with some tools, handouts, and articles to help in your grief journey.

If you are grieving, or someone you know is grieving and you feel that this may have some benefit for you, please contact Frank Hammock (Lead Facilitator), via the Parish Office, 253-630-0701 or <https://sjtbcc.org/contact-us/> to learn more about Walking Through Grief.

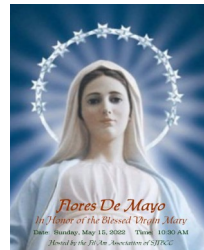
Invest in Green Arts & Craft Supplies



Do you or the kids in your life enjoy art? Buy recycled paper and products for projects. Nature is another great way to find art supplies. Twigs, leaves, and flowers are excellent for art projects. The recycling bin can also be great place for creative minds to find materials.

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.

The tradition of Flores de Mayo Celebration: Sunday, May 15



- Rosary (10:30 am)
- Litany and Act of Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Procession from Sanctuary
- Assembly
- Procession to Sanctuary (11:30 am)
- Holy Mass

Serving from the Heart



The feast of St. Louise de Marillac was May 9. She co-founded the Sisters of Charity in the early 1600s with St Vincent de Paul and was honored in 1960 by Pope John XXIII as the patron saint of all Christian social workers.

At SJTB, our own St Vincent de Paul (SVdP) Conference carries on her tradition of caring for those in need. Thanks to your generous donations in January to April 2022, we were able to assist **383 families (562 people)** with a total of **\$50,850.00 in support**. We also gave out **140 bags of food**, not to mention the donated furniture, clothes, small kitchen appliances, dinnerware, and linens. Our **nine volunteers worked over 700 hours to help** these families in need.

Please pray about your role in our SVdP ministry. "As for your conduct toward the poor, may you never take the attitude of merely getting the task done. You must show them affection; serving them from the heart; inquiring of them what they might need; speaking to them gently and compassionately."¹

¹ Gibson and Kneaves, Praying with Louise, p. 72

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast



"Welcome Back"



Sunday May 15, 2022

10:00 – 11:30



**All Donations Will Support
The Ukraine Solidarity Fund**

This Week At Our Church

Mark Your CALENDAR

Sunday, May 15

Mass - 9:00 am
Pancake Breakfast (Knights of Columbus) - 10:00 am
Flores de Mayo Rosary - 10:30 am
Mass, Flores de Mayo celebration - 11:30 am
Life Teen Life Night - 2:00 pm
Mass (Life Teen) - 5:30 pm

Monday, May 16

Yoga - 7:30 am
Word & Communion - 9:00 am
Young Families of Faith - 10:00 am
Cub Scout Pack 506 Den Meeting - 5:30 pm
Knights of Columbus Officers Meeting - 6:00 pm

Tuesday, May 17

Word & Communion - 9:00 am
Girl Scout Troop 46865 Meeting - 6:00 pm
"Adult FF "Holy Spirit" Bible Study - 7:00 pm
St. Vincent de Paul meeting (Zoom) - 7:00 pm
WICS - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, May 18

Mass - 9:00 am
American Sewing Guild - 9:45 am
Adult Formation Committee - 7:00 pm
Silver Rose Service - 7:00 pm
Youth Group - 7:00 pm
Hispanic Charismatic Formation - 7:00 pm

Thursday, May 19

Yoga - 7:30 am
PREPARES Meeting - 9:30 am
Adult FF "Holy Spirit" Bible Study (Zoom) - 10:00 am
Creation Care Team - 12:30 pm
Mass - 6:30 pm
RCIA - 7:00 pm

Friday, May 20

Mass - 9:00 am
Funeral for Gary Grant - 11:00 am
Hora Santa de Reparació - 1:30 pm
Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 6:00 pm

Saturday, May 21

Adult Confirmation Prep Retreat - 9:00 am
Craft & Hobby Day - 10:00 am
Confessions - 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Mass - 5:30 pm



Silver Rose Prayer Service

7:00 pm Wednesday, May 18, 2022

For more information, contact Angelo Battisti
office@sjtbcc.org or
<https://sjtbcc.org/2022/04/30/silver-rose/>

From Our Community

Thank You

FOR DONATING 130+ WELCOME HOME
BASKETS TO THE NEW RENTON PERMANENT
SUPPORTIVE HOUSING!

St. Anthony
St. Stephen
Francis

St. John the Baptist
Vietnamese Martyr
St. Bernadette

St. Teresa
Holy Spirit St.
Holy Family



CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES
SERVING PEOPLE OF ALL BELIEFS



MENTAL HEALTH CARE MATTERS!

- ◇ 46.2% of U.S. adults with mental illness received treatment in 2020
- ◇ 64.5% of U.S. adults with serious mental illness received treatment in 2020
- ◇ 50.6% of U.S. youth aged 6-17 with a mental health disorder received treatment in 2016
- ◇ Annual treatment rates among US adults with any mental illness, by demographic group:
 - Male: 37.4%
 - Female: 51.2%
 - Lesbian, Gay or Bisexual: 54.3%
- ◇ 11% of U.S. adults with mental illness had no insurance coverage in 2020
- ◇ 11.3% of U.S. adults with serious mental illness had no insurance coverage in 2020
- ◇ 148 million people live in a designated Mental Health Professional Shortage Area

Source: <https://www.nami.org/mhstats>. More information and statistics can be found at <https://www.nami.org/mhstats>

Care Closet - Hygiene Item List



The Care Closet meets the needs of basic hygiene products for VMP families.

Items needed are toilet paper, shampoo & conditioner, laundry detergent, kitchen trash bags, dish soap, paper towels, shaving cream (female), feminine hygiene products, and much more. Call for list.

Care Closet items may be dropped off at either location during our regular business hours, Mon - Fri, 8:30-5:00 at both locations. For large quantities, please call ahead.

THANK YOU!

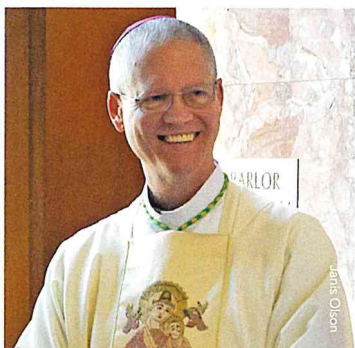
For questions, please contact:
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Annual Catholic Appeal

Bulletin 3

Your gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal helps the Archdiocese of Seattle live out the mission set before us by Jesus Christ. That mission — to help others encounter Jesus, become disciples and make disciples — is at the heart of our efforts. **TOGETHER WE CAN make a difference as disciples of Christ.**



"Mission is not what we have.
It is who we are.
We are the body of Christ."

—ARCHBISHOP PAUL D. ETIENNE

Please Make Your 2022 ACA Gift Today!

Total Pledge	Monthly Gift	
	10 Months	12 Months
\$3,500	\$350	\$290
\$2,500	\$250	\$210
\$2,000	\$200	\$165
\$1,500	\$150	\$125
\$1,020	\$102	\$85
\$750	\$75	\$60
\$540	\$54	\$45
\$360	\$36	\$30
\$240	\$24	\$20

Yes, I want to help support our ministries with a gift or pledge:

- Give online at archseattle.org/GiveACA
- Scan the QR code to make your gift
- Make your gift by phone at 800-809-4921
- Place your ACA envelope into the collection basket at your parish or in the mail



Data below from the 2020-2021 Annual Report

TOGETHER WE CAN be Christ to Others

182
Diocesan Priests

Including
81
Retired Priests

118
Permanent Deacons

20
Seminarians

Including
3
Newly Ordained Priests



72
Catholic Schools



403

Masses
celebrated in person
and livestreamed
each weekend

600,605
Catholics in the
Archdiocese of Seattle



28,732
Square Miles
from cities to farmland

7
Languages
used to
celebrate Masses
including English,
Spanish,
Vietnamese,
Korean, Polish,
and Latin

19,846
Students

2,187
Teachers



3,194
Infant Baptisms



1,499
First Communion



4,704
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