



# THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

May 29, 2022

Solemnity of the Ascension of The Lord

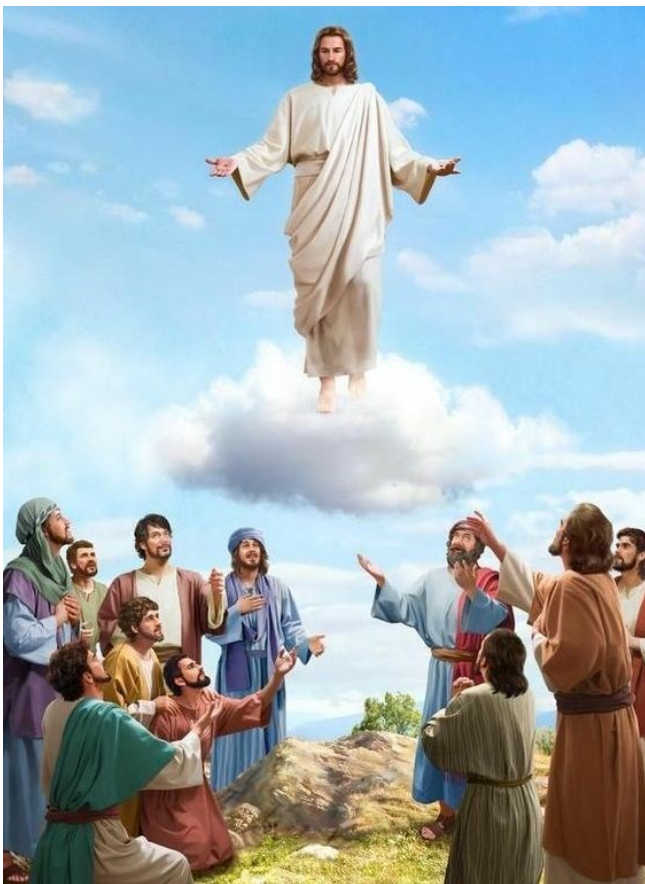
## WELCOME

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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### The Ascension in Brief

Christ's Ascension marks the definitive entrance of Jesus' humanity into God's heavenly domain, whence he will come again (cf. *Acts 1:11*); this humanity in the meantime hides him from the human eyes (cf. *Col 3:3*).

Jesus Christ, the head of the Church, precedes us into the Father's glorious kingdom so that we, the members of his Body, may live in the hope of one day being with him for ever.

Jesus Christ, having entered the sanctuary of heaven once and for all, intercedes constantly for us as the mediator who assures us of the permanent outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Source: The Catechism of the Catholic Church #665-667

-Fr. Bill



**Check your email  
junk folder!**

Every Friday, the parish sends out an email with a link to the bulletin and news about events in the parish.

We send out over 1,000 emails. Some internet servers interpret this as possible spam and may send it to your junk mail folder. If you are not receiving this parish email, please check your junk mail folder. If the parish email is there, please add us as a safe sender. If you are not getting any emails from the parish, call the parish office and make sure we have your correct email. You can always opt out of the Friday email with the bulletin link.

## Mark Your CALENDAR



### Sunday, May 29 - Solemnity of the Ascension

Mass - 9:00 am  
Mass - 11:30 am  
Mass (Life Teen) - 5:30 pm

### Monday, May 30, Memorial Day

Yoga - 7:30 am  
Mass (Memorial Day) - 10:00 am  
Young Families of Faith - 10:00 am  
Cub Scout Pack 506 Den Meeting - 5:30 pm

### Tuesday, May 31

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

### Wednesday, June 1

Communion Service - 9:00 am  
Grief Ministry - 7:00 pm  
Youth Group - 7:00 pm  
Hispanic Charismatic Formation - 7:00 pm

### Thursday, June 2

Yoga - 7:30 am  
Adult FF "Holy Spirit" Bible Study (Zoom) - 10:00 am  
Mass - 6:30 pm  
RCIA - 7:00 pm

### Friday, June 3

Mass - 9:00 am  
Funeral Mass for Jerry Spring - 11:00 am  
Funeral Reception for Jerry Spring - 12:00 noon  
Hora Santa de Reparación - 1:30 pm  
Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 6:00 pm

### Saturday, June 4

Confessions - 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm  
Mass - 5:30 pm



### Saturday, June 11

Knights of Columbus Family BBQ - 1:00 pm

### Sunday, June 12

High School Senior Sunday Mini Retreat - 2:00 pm

### Friday, June 17 & Saturday June 18

Parish Spring Cleaning

### Saturday, June 27 - July 1

Vacation Bible School

## Stewardship

Sunday Collection - May 22, 2022	
SOURCE	AMOUNT
Stewardship Envelope	\$2,566
Stewardship Loose Checks	1,687.50
Stewardship Loose Cash	911.27
Holy Day	60.00
Vigil lights	21.25
St. Vincent de Paul	170.00
Rice Bowl	53.41
VBS	200.00
Facility Use deposits	500.00
Safe Car Parking	289.50
Postage	24.00
Baptism	150.00
Small Faith Group	95.76
Stole fee	300.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,028.69</b>



Thanks  
for Your  
Support!



If you received Archbishop's follow-up letter, please prayerfully consider your gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA). In addition to the ministries that support those in need, this campaign ACA also directly supports the staff of

St. John the Baptist on a daily basis with a range of services from property and construction, to finance, Human Resources to Parish Stewardship. At this time, **we have heard from 116 families, about 38.5 % of our parish.** The average pledge is \$384.63. Thank you to the many of you who have chosen to make your best gift by pledging over several months, helping us reach our goal in short time.

Our apologies for inadvertently reporting in the previous weeks that our goal of \$115,812.00 in its entirety will be used to fund parking lot safety improvements. Note that \$115,812.00 will go to the Archdiocese of Seattle to support their 60+ ministries.

**Anything above and beyond this amount will be returned to St. John to fund parking lot safety improvements.**

**Please give generously!**



## Synod

*Irene Cervantes is a member of our Parish Leadership Team. During our recent Synodal listening sessions, Irene frequently participated as a scribe. She partnered with another parishioner to write the Synodal summary St. John the Baptist sent to the Archdiocese. Irene reflects on her experience leading up to the writing of this summary below.*



Before starting to write the Parish Synod Summary, I spent time in the Sanctuary. It was quiet. It seemed peaceful. However, I sensed that I was not alone. I was surrounded by the voices of our community and our parishioners;

voices that were written on the posters, which were on the wall waiting to be heard. I walked around reading, rereading, reflecting, and praying. At times a certain comment would stand out. I remembered I had heard it during a Listening Session. I would stop and picture that person. I would relive that moment and again feel the sincerity, the honesty, the hope, or the hurt. I heard love for our church. I heard joy and excitement. I also heard sadness and disappointment.

As I listened, I sensed that the responses were not coming from the top of their heads. The comments were coming from their hearts. Their ideas were formulated as though this was something they had been thinking of for a while. How could this be? The question had just been asked. I realized that people were taking this seriously: this is our church, this is our future. And people were hoping for change. Their answers were based on what mattered to them. There were many separate Listening Sessions, yet certain common themes began to emerge.

I continued to walk in the church that was now full of voices. I listened as I walked and prayed. I listened with respect. I listened with my heart. And my heart was full of gratitude. It was full of gratitude and humility at the task that was before us, not just for the present, but for the future as well. Not just for some, but for our entire community.

Throughout the Synod process, we started each Listening Session with a Prayer to the Holy Spirit. It was only by continuing that prayer and keeping in mind the question, "What steps does the Holy Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in journeying together?" that we could do justice to the voices of the community. It was in that spirit that Synod Summary has been written.

~ Irene Cervantes



## In Our Parish



Those who are **sick** :

**Kristi Baird, Jackie Raczka,  
Cheryl Oakley, and Arlene Warnke,**

Those who have **died**:

**The more than one million people,  
who have died of COVID in our country**

### 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**.

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.



On Thursday, May 12, the **Finance Council** met to review the results of the April Financials and to review and approve the Fiscal Year (FY) 22/23 Annual Budget. The Budget was reviewed and approved by the Committee. The projected income for FY 22/23 is \$1,237,966.00 and expenses are projected to be \$1,289,304.00. The committee also discussed the need to add more members to the Finance Council. If you are interested in learning more about volunteering for the Finance Council or if you have any questions regarding the Budget, please reach out to David Cromer, our Pastoral Administrative Assistant, by sending an email to [davidc@sjtbcc.org](mailto:davidc@sjtbcc.org) or by calling the church office.

Share **your** thoughts

If you have any thoughts on our bulletin or would like to see something addressed, please contact us at [bulletin@sjtbcc.org](mailto:bulletin@sjtbcc.org). We appreciate any and all feedback/input you give us.



### Facilities & Grounds Spring Cleaning Event

**COME JOIN US!**



**Friday, June 17 at 10:00 am to 5:00 pm**

**Saturday, June 18 at 9:00 am to 4:00 pm**

Come one day or both days!

Even 90 minutes of service will bless us all!

### SPECIAL FUN AND FEATURES ON SATURDAY

-  **HOTDOG** grilled by our Knights of Columbus
- Island  Program

Families, friends, and ministry groups will have an opportunity to learn about caring for a small plot of our parish property.

For more information, visit us at <https://sjtbcc.org/2022/05/15/parish-wide-spring-cleaning/>

### Try Cooking One Pot Meals



By using one pot to cook your meal, you save on electricity, gas, and water, which reduces your footprint and may even give you leftovers for the week!

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.

## From Our Community



### May is Mental Health Awareness Month

Archdiocese of Seattle Mental Health Ministry

#### THE RIPPLE EFFECT OF MENTAL HEALTH

##### FAMILY:

- At least 8.4 million people in the U.S. provide care to an adult with a mental or emotional health issue
- Caregivers of adults with mental or emotional health issues spend an average of 32 hours per week providing unpaid care

##### COMMUNITY:

- Mental illness and substance use disorders are involved in 1 out of every 8 emergency department visits by a U.S. adult (estimated 12 million visits)
- Mood disorders are the most common cause of hospitalization for all people in the U.S. under age 45 (after excluding hospitalization relating to pregnancy and birth)
- Across the U.S. economy, serious mental illness causes \$193.2 billion in lost earnings each year
- 20.8% of people experiencing homelessness in the U.S. have a serious mental health condition
- 37% of adults incarcerated in the state and federal prison system have a diagnosed mental illness
- 70% of youth in the juvenile justice system have a diagnosable mental health condition.
- 8.4% of Active Component service members in the U.S. military experienced a mental health or substance use condition in 2019.
- 15.3% of U.S. Veterans experienced a mental illness in 2019 (31.3 million people).

##### WORLD:

- Depression and anxiety disorders cost the global economy \$1 trillion in lost productivity each year
- Depression is a leading cause of disability worldwide

If you or someone you know is in an emergency, call [The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline](https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/) (https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/) at 800-273-TALK (8255) or call 911 immediately.

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



#### 2022 World Day of Migrants & Refugees Theme Introduced



This month Pope Francis introduced the theme for the 2022 World Day of Migrants & Refugees: *Building the future with migrants and refugees.*

"Together with the believers of other religions, together with the weakest. This is the path, because the future will be one of hope if we are together."

- Pope Francis

#### Rachel's Corner

Hope and Healing After Abortion

*"Transforming! I came hurting, along with everyone else, and through the wonderful guiding hands of the retreat leaders we all showed the amazing grace of healing."*

- Testimonial

Our next Rachel's Vineyard Retreat will be June 10-12. Please contact Angie at [projectrachel@ccsww.org](mailto:projectrachel@ccsww.org) or call 206-920-6413 to register for the retreat or for more information.

**Call for a compassionate & confidential conversation**  
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Email [projectrachel@ccsww.org](mailto:projectrachel@ccsww.org).  
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[www.facebook.com/projectrachelww](https://www.facebook.com/projectrachelww).

*Project Rachel is a program of Catholic Community Services.*  
***You are loved with an everlasting Love!***



#### Terrific Tuesday Meals

Volunteers with Terrific Tuesday Meals have continued providing a weekly hot take-away meal to those in need at **Holy Spirit in Kent** throughout the pandemic. They **are seeking volunteers** to assist once or twice a month with these meals. Volunteers arrive at 5:45 pm and assemble the meal bags for a 6:30 pm distribution. The distribution and clean up are typically completed by 7:15 pm. If you would like to volunteer or know more information, please contact Chari at [terrifictuesdaymeals@gmail.com](mailto:terrifictuesdaymeals@gmail.com).



**Come one...**

**Come some of you.....**

- ☐ **Families**
- ☐ **Individuals**
- ☐ **Teens**
- ☐ **Groups**

## **All Parish Spring Cleaning**

**Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup> and/or Saturday,  
June 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Many hands (spread out) make light work!!**

**Help us get ready for summer!**

- ☐ **We provide cleaning supplies**
- ☐ **You bring muscle, enthusiasm and gloves!**
- ☐ **Clean the Sanctuary, and Grounds**



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