THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST May 8, 2022

Fourth 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



"What we raise over our parish goal is returned to the parish for our own needs."

- Fr. Bill

Parish Rebate from this year's Annual Catholic Appeal

When I am out and about shopping in Federal Way, where I live, I am surprised by the number of boarded up windows and wall sections of businesses where an out-of-control car ran through. At my bank, a car smashed through a wall and entered the bank lobby, barely missing an employee's desk. A recent safety inspection of our parish campus highlighted that same risk to our buildings. Our parking lot also has seen an increased number of incidents of people speeding around, doing donuts.

Back in February, our parish hosted a weeklong Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) workshop for the city of Covington. Our parish received a set of design principles to reduce the incidence of crime and malicious behavior by manipulating the environment in a way that creates a safer space.

Based on our safety inspection and our CPTED report, we are using this year's rebate from the Annual Catholic Appeal to add planter boxes to protect our building from runaway cars and parking curbs/stops and speed humps to discourage reckless driving in our parking lot. Improved lighting to the parking lot and the exterior of the buildings would also be added.

Your support of the Annual Catholic Appeal funds many important ministries in the Church throughout western Washington. What we raise over our parish goal is returned to the parish for our own needs. This year that rebate will improve the safety of our parking lot while increasing a little more green around the blacktop. **Thank you for your support.**

-Fr. Bill



Synod



The Synod team is working on a summary document for the archdiocese, which is now in the final edit phase. There will be something more concrete to report out next week.

In the meantime, please enjoy the following article from Catholic News Agency, October 9, 2021 on Synod.

Pope Francis: Path to 2023 Synod on Synodality Faces Three Risks

(Vatican City, October 9, 2021)

Pope Francis urged Catholics to be conscious of three "risks" as they embark on the path to the 2023 synod on synodality.

Speaking at an event marking the opening of the two-year process leading to the synod on Oct. 9, the pope said that proceedings could be impeded by "formalism," "intellectualism," and "the temptation of complacency."

Addressing the first risk, he said, "If we want to speak of a synodal Church, we cannot remain satisfied with appearances alone; we need content, means, and structures that can facilitate dialogue and interaction within the People of God, especially between priests and laity."

"Why do I emphasize this? Because sometimes there is some elitism in the presbyteral order that makes it detached from the laity; and the priest ultimately becomes the 'master of the house' and not the shepherd of a whole Church that is moving forward.

"This requires changing certain overly vertical, distorted, and partial visions of the Church, the priestly ministry, the role of the laity, ecclesial responsibilities, roles of governance, and so forth."

Turning to the second risk, he cautioned that the synod "could turn into a kind of study group," losing itself in abstraction.

He said that the process would then consist of "the usual people saying the usual things, without great depth or spiritual insight, and ending up along familiar and unfruitful ideological and partisan divides, far removed from the reality of the holy People of God and the concrete life of communities around the world."

The final risk, he said, was to adopt an attitude that "We have always done it this way.

"Those who think this way, perhaps without even realizing it, make the mistake of not taking seriously the times in which we are living," he commented.

"The danger, in the end, is to apply old solutions to new problems. A patch of rough cloth that ends up creating a worse tear.

"It is important that the synodal process be exactly this: a process of becoming, a process that involves the local Churches in different phases and from the bottom up, in an exciting and engaging effort that can forge a style of communion and participation directed to mission."

The pope was speaking at a live-streamed "moment of reflection" for the opening of the synodal path at the Vatican's New Synod Hall.

Reprinted from Catholic News Agency https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/249236/pope-francis-path-to-2023-synod-on-synodality-faces-three-risks

Stewardship

Sunday Collection - May 1, 2022		
SOURCE	AMOUNT	
Stewardship Envelopes	\$7,889.00	
Stewardship Loose Checks	8,137.00	
Stewardship Loose Cash	778.50	
Easter	25.00	
Vigil lights	28.76	
St. Vincent de Paul	501.00	
Missals	10.00	
Mass intentions	20.00	
Rice Bowl	31.70	
TOTAL	\$17,420.96	







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Please make your 2022 ACA gift today.

Hopefully you've had a chance to read Archbishop Etienne's letter and the importance and impact of your gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Please consider Archbishop's message as you discern your gift. We hope you will take time to read the campaign materials and prayerfully consider how you and your family will participate. Use the envelope in the pew or the QR code above to give today. Keep an eye on the tracking thermometer on our website to see our progress!

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

Please give generously.

Faith Formation



- \$40 per child; \$100 max per family
- Preschool (Ages 3 & 4) children must have a parent on site
- Middle school (Grades 6-8) will have the opportunity to help out as a junior leader or assist at the different stations (i.e., crafts, kid vid, snacks, story time)
- High School (Grades 9-12) register on the volunteer form

Register at https://bit.ly/3Ms1lv4





Adult Formation Committee Meeting Notes April 22, 2022

In attendance (Zoom): Joan Williamson, Paul Dehmer, Tina Reeves, & Arlene Warnke

- 25 people are participating in small faith groups for the "Holy Spirit & Spiritual Gifts" Bible Study program that started in April.
- Planning for the "Evening with Jeff Renner Faith & Environment: Care for Creation" Adult Formation program on Tuesday, April 26
 - Andrea M. will run AV board.
 - Planning for up to 120 participants, both in person and live-streamed.
 - Jeff plans to arrive at 6:00 pm to set up. Joan, Andrea, & Paul will arrive at 6:00 pm also.
 - HDMI connection to Jeff's laptop.
 - Handouts: pens & 1" x 4" strips of compostable paper.
 - Sign up sheets.
 - Need support from the rest of the Creation Care Team to welcome people beginning at 6:30 pm.
 - Paul to do intro of Jeff.

Next meeting – Wednesday, May 26 to start planning for 2022-23 programs.

In Our Parish



Please pray for those who are sick:

Kristi Beckley, Josefina Diaz de Leon, Gina Howell, Cheryl Oakley, and Mary Weidert

Please pray for those who have died:

Mike Freeman (brother of Joan Spring), and Rosalie Mosher (sister of Gary Fuchs)



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

<u>Walking Through Grief</u> 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.



Check your car's tire pressure



Properly inflated tires improve the car's gas mileage. This will not only decrease your carbon emission but also save you money.

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.

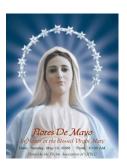
THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST WELCOMES

DAVID CROMER

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The tradition of Flores de Mayo



May, rain pours after a long dry spell and flowers bloom overnight. Fragrant flowers fill the air. Predominantly Catholic Filipinos celebrate the beneficial rain by giving praise to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Colorful flowers are used to decorate churches during festivities, known as the "Flores De Mayo" (Flowers of May).

Many celebrate by praying the rosary, offering flowers to the Blessed Virgin Mary, and sharing homemade delicacies. Sunday best is worn while singing and dancing to welcome the rain that will water the new crops.

These festivities culminate in an elaborate procession to the Church where Mass is celebrated. The procession is called "Santacruzan" (Festival of the Holy Cross), a commemoration of the finding of the Holy Cross in Jerusalem by Saint Helena, mother of Constantine the Great. Behind her is a float carrying the image of the Blessed Virgin Mary, followed by a band.

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 (11:30am)
- Holy Mass



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



Sunday, May 8 - World Day of Prayer for Vocations

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

Monday, May 9

Yoga - 7:30 am
Word & Communion - 9:00 am
Christ's 2nd Commandment - 10:00 am
Young Families of Faith - 10:00 am
Cub Scout Pack 506 Den Meeting - 5:30 pm
Hispanic Charismatic Steering Committee - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, May 10

Word & Communion - 9:00 am
Girl Scout Troop 46865 Meeting - 6:00 pm
Stewardship & Evangelization Commission - 6:30 pm
Adult FF "Holy Bible Study" (Zoom) - 7:00 pm
WICS - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, May 11

Mass - 9:00 am
Guatemala Committee - 7:00 pm
Youth Group - 7:00 pm
Hispanic Charismatic Formation - 7:00 pm

Thursday, May 12

Yoga - 7:30 am Adult FF "Holy Spirit" Bible Study (Zoom) - 10:00 am Women's SFC: Universal Christ - 4:00 pm Mass - 6:30 pm RCIA - 7:00 pm

Friday, May 13

Creative Kindness Sewing Group - 8:45 am Mass - 9:00 am Hora Santa de Reparació - 1:30 pm Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 6:00 pm

Saturday, May 14

First Eucharist Photos - 9:00 am
Baptism Prep - 9:00 am
First Eucharist Mass - 1:00 pm
First Eucharist Reception - 2:00 pm
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@sitbcc.org or
https://sitbcc.org/2022/04/30/silver-rose/

From Our Community

Rachel's CornerHope and Healing After Abortion

"People need to know about this program! I like myself more, I respect the body God gave me, and emotionally, I have relief from the heavy burden of guilt."

-Testimonial

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

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

Email <u>projectrachel@ccsww.org</u>.

Visit us at <u>www.ccsww.org/projectrachel</u> or www.facebook.com/projectrachelww.

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YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

- 21% of U.S. adults experienced mental illness in 2020 (52.9 million people). This represents 1 in 5 adults.
- ♦ 16.5% of U.S. youth aged 6-17 experienced a mental health disorder in 2016 (7.7 million people)
- 6.7% of U.S. adults experienced a co-occurring substance use disorder and mental illness in 2020 (17 million people)

Annual prevalence of mental illness among U.S. adults, by demographic group:

- Lesbian, Gay or Bisexual: 47.4%
- Non-Hispanic white: 22.6%
- Non-Hispanic black or African-American: <u>17.3%</u>
- Non-Hispanic Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander: 16.6%

Annual prevalence among U.S. adults, by condition:

- Major Depressive Episode:8.4% (21 million people)
- Schizophrenia: <1% (estimated 1.5 million people)
- Bipolar Disorder: 2.8% (estimated 7 million people)
- Anxiety Disorders: <u>19.1%</u> (estimated 48 million people)

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



As Catholics, we are called to put our faith into action by living the Gospel and accompanying each other as we encounter Jesus Christ. Your gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal provides each of us the opportunity to come together as a Catholic community to continue helping our sisters and brothers throughout the Archdiocese of Seattle. **TOGETHER WE CAN grow in our faith and love of God.**

Your gift directly supports archdiocesan ministries, faith programs and pastoral services including:

- Evangelization
- Campus Ministries
- · Catholic Schools
- Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) Camps
- · Criminal Justice Ministry
- · Faith Formation
- Hospital Ministry
- · Marriage & Family Life

- · Mental Health Ministry
- · Multicultural Ministries
- · Parish Support Services
- Priest, Deacon and Seminarian Support
- · Religious Education
- Youth & Young Adult Ministries

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Youth & Young Adult Ministries
Your gifts help gather young adults
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with Christ. Youth ministry develops
and supports youth ministers and
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youth through formation gatherings,
volunteer trainings, leadership
development and more.



Hospital Ministry

We comfort the sick at hospitals across Western Washington, offering prayer, sacraments and companionship to patients and their families. The ACA provides grants to support regional hospital ministry efforts to serve the specific needs in each region across the archdiocese.



Criminal Justice Ministry
We are a team of Catholic
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committed to supporting all
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pastoral care, including Masses,
sacraments, bible studies,
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- □ Traditional Burial
- ☐ Mausoleum Entombment

Location(s) I'm Interested In:

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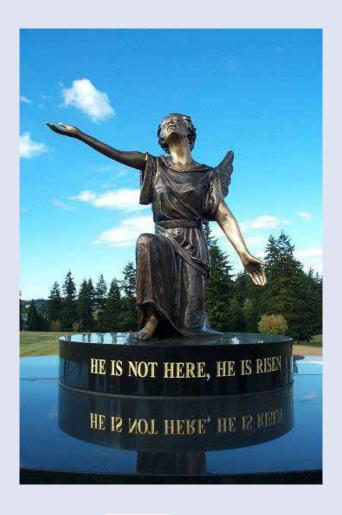
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