



THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

June 12, 2022
The Most Holy Trinity 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!



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

"He will glorify me, because he will take from what is mine and declare it to you. Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that he will take from what is mine and declare it to you." - Jn 16:14-15

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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



"One of the challenges we face is that when attendance dips below 40% of the building capacity, the quality of the liturgical experience begins to be affected."

- Fr. Bill

Mass Count

Every May and October the archdiocese asks us to count the number of people attending Mass in-person. This helps them in their planning for assigning priests and judging the viability of a community. Prior to COVID (2018), the average attendance at St. John the Baptist on a weekend was 1,048 which utilized 65.5% of the seating capacity of the church.

Last October, when we were still in the midst of COVID and had a general dispensation from attending Mass in person, the average weekend attendance was 571. As we are emerging from COVID and are now encouraged to attend Mass in-person, our May count was 699, which utilized only 43.7% of our seating capacity. Here is the breakdown by Mass.

Mass Time	Average	% of seating capacity
Sat. 5:30 pm	139	34.75
Sun. 9 am	235	58.75
Sun. 11:30 am	209	52.25
Sun. 5:30 pm	116	29.00

Though we saw a significant gain from last October to May, we still have a lot of rebuilding to do from the devastation COVID racked upon our worshipping community. One of the challenges we face is that when attendance dips below 40% of the building capacity, the quality of the liturgical experience begins to be affected. This is held in tension with the unique identity each Mass has and the community that has formed at each particular Eucharistic celebration.

If you have not yet returned to in-person participation at Mass, please consider doing so. If you are at Mass, please invite others to join you. We also may need you to step forward and take on a liturgical ministry. With fewer people, more will be needed as lectors, servers, Eucharistic ministers, sacristans, and other ministries.

Together, let us continue rebuilding our worshipping community and enhancing the quality of our celebrations by "full, active and conscious participation." The smaller the number at Mass, the greater the need to participate.

-Fr. Bill

This Week At Our Church

Mark Your CALENDAR



Sunday, June 12 - Most Holy Trinity Sunday

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

Monday, June 13

Yoga - 7:30 am
Word & Communion Service - 9:00 am
Young Families of Faith - 10:00 am
Hispanic Charismatic Steering Committee - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, June 14

Word & Communion - 9:00 am
Adult FF "Holy Spirit" Bible Study - 7:00 pm
Celebration of Confirmation - 7:00 pm
WICS (Support for widowed people) - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, June 15

Mass - 9:00 am
American Sewing Guild - 9:45 am
Department Heads Meeting - 1:00 pm
Stewardship & Evangelization - 6:30 pm
Adult Formation Committee - 7:00 pm
Grief Ministry (Zoom) - 7:00 pm

Thursday, June 16 Corpus Christi

Yoga - 7:30 am
PREPARES Meeting - 9:30 am
Creation Care Team - 12:30 pm
Mass - 6:30 pm

Friday, June 17

Mass - 9:00 am
Parish Spring Cleaning - 10:00 am
Hora Santa con al Sagrado Corazón - 1:30 pm
Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 6:00 pm

Saturday, June 18

Parish Spring Cleaning - 9:00 am
Confessions - 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Mass - 5:30 pm



Friday, June 17 at 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
Saturday, June 18 at 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Stewardship

Sunday Collection - June 5, 2022	
SOURCE	AMOUNT
Stewardship Envelope	\$15,307.00
Stewardship Loose Checks	2,622.00
Stewardship Loose Cash	947.00
Holy Day	12.00
Vigil lights	41.70
St. Vincent de Paul	219.00
Bulletin donation	40.00
VBS	300.00
Funeral donation	40.00
Missal sales	15.00
Peter's Pence	5.00
Mass intention	15.00
Multi-cultural donation	40.00
Annual Catholic Appeal	300.00
TOTAL	\$19,903.70



Thanks
for Your
Support!



If you received Father Bill's letter last week, please prayerfully consider your gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal. In addition to the many ministries that support those in need, your gift also supports the staff of St. John the Baptist and Father Bill on a regular basis with a range of services from Parish

Financial Services, Human Resources, liturgy guidance, and property and construction matters. Thank you to the many of you who have chosen to make your best gift by pledging over several months.

We have received gifts and pledges totaling \$73,751 (63.7% of our goal) from 175 families of our parish.

THANK YOU! The average pledge is \$421.43. We are looking forward to surpassing our goal to fully fund our parish project. Keep an eye on the tracking thermometer on the right and in our website to see our progress!

Remember that our goal is \$115,812.00, which 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!



Faith Formation



A Journey In Faith

If you, or anyone you know, are interested in joining the Catholic Faith please contact St. John the Baptist Rite of Christian Initiation Team by connecting with Joan Williamson at 253-630-0701 x109 or joanw@sjtbcc.org.

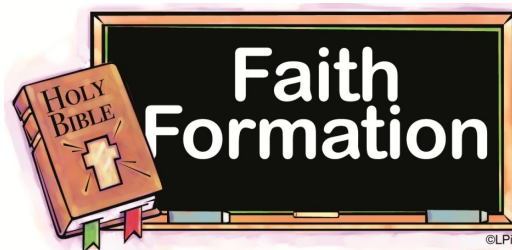


Join us in celebrating our outgoing Youth Minister, **Chelsea Wilde**, at the 11:30am mass on Sunday, June 19!

She will be finishing her position as our Youth Minister at St. John the Baptist, and is joining the staff of LPI, the company who prints our bulletin.

The exciting news is that Chelsea will continue living in the area and being a member of St. John the Baptist Community.

**Congratulations Chelsea.
May God always be with you!**



GROW: Faith Formation

There are Educational Opportunities for all ages. Visit our website at sjtbcc.org/education/ for more information.

In Our Parish

Special Prayers
For Those In Need



Those who are **sick** :

**Steve Daleg, Gina Howell,
Jonathan Lee, and Cheryl Oakley**

Those who have **died**:

Nita Wilderman
(niece of Carolina Mendoza)



**Eat a Plant-Based Meal or
Meals with Ingredients
from Local Farms**

It's Farmer's Market season! Eating plants is good for your body and good for the earth. Find a new recipe to try this week!

The St. John the Baptist Creation Care Team is 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.



Ministries

Are you being called to be a minister? At St. John the Baptist, there are many ministries and people who can help you find a good place to use your God-given gifts. If you are interested in learning more about a certain ministry, please contact Anne Frederick at 253-630-0701 ext. 125 or annef@sjtbcc.org

You can also contact the Ministry Coordinator directly. If you are interested in ministries that work with those in need, for social justice and Catholic advocacy, or for creation care, please visit our Outreach Ministries page at sjtbcc.org/go-ministries/life-justice-and-peace/

Thank you for sharing your talents with others!

Check out our Synod **detailed** report in this bulletin or online at sjtbcc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/SJTB-Parish-Synod-Report-1.pdf or our **summary** report online at sjtbcc.org/2022/06/05/parish-synod-report/



If you have a background in Library Science or simply love books and managing them for the community, we could use your help! St. John the Baptist has a very good size library for adults as well as children. We are looking for a person and/or team to take care of our Libraries. If you are interested, please contact Joan Williamson at 253-630-0701 x109 or joanw@sjtbcc.org.



Adopt Your Own Island!

Have you ever dreamed of owning an island? **Now you can!**

You are invited to take part in caring for God's creation on our parish campus. We have 36 areas available for adoption.

You can sign up as an individual, family, or group at sjtbcc.org/islandadoption/. Adopted plots will have a sign, and **all who adopt will receive a certificate of appreciation.**

"From the hands of God, we have received a garden, we cannot leave a desert for our children... There is hope. We can collaborate... so that our mother Earth may be restored to her original beauty and creation may once again shine according to God's plan."

— Pope Francis

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church sits atop a hill embracing 9.5 acres of God's creation. We are blessed to be on Holy Ground surrounded by beauty. No matter how large or small the garden area you find yourself adopting and improving, you are answering God's call to revere His creation. In return there is an opportunity to experience peace, harmony, and interconnectedness, as your work becomes quality time spent with God in praise, prayer, and gratitude.

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts! All the earth is filled with His glory!" (Isaiah 6:3)

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING



June 19th AFTER SUNDAY MORNING MASSES

WE HAVE A REGISTERED NURSE AVAILABLE TO CHECK YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE IN MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM
contact parish office for more information

From Our Community

Join Archbishop Etienne for the

Multicultural Corpus Christi Mass and Procession

marking the end of the local
phase of the Synod process.



Multicultural Corpus Christi Mass and Procession and closing of the local phase of the Synod

This Mass will also mark the completion of the local Archdiocesan phase of Pope Francis' Synod process. Let us continue to journey together in the Body of Christ.

The Solemnity of Corpus Christi honors the real presence of the body (corpus) of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, which includes a procession of the Blessed Sacrament displayed in a monstrance.

Join us in person at St. James Cathedral on **June 18 at 5:30 pm** or watch livestream on vimeo.com/event/2146277 or [@ArchdioceseofSeattle](https://www.facebook.com/ArchdioceseofSeattle) on Facebook.



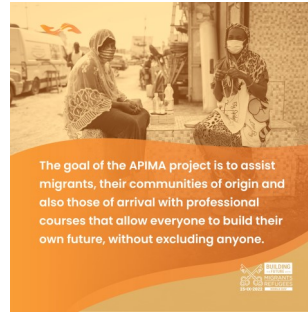
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We believe in compassion, love, and respect for all people, especially those who are poor and vulnerable. **Catholic Community Services provides a continuum of care for homeless and low-income people** throughout Western Washington. Through day centers, emergency shelters, and emergency services, we provide warm and safe refuge from the streets.

Many of our programs have facilities where homeless men, women, and children can come to bathe, launder clothes, receive medical attention, alcohol/drug treatment - services that help to normalize and stabilize lives. To help them make connections to secure lives again, we provide case management and employment support.

If you are in need of assistance, please visit our page ccsww.org/get-help/

2022 World Day of Migrants & Refugees



This year's theme for the 2022 World Day of Migrants & Refugees is *Building the future with migrants and refugees*. Each month we will highlight a different subtopic leading us towards the day celebrated in September.

This month's subtopic is "A Future for All" and highlights the work of the Action for the Protection and Integration of Migrants in (West) Africa (APIMA) project. For more information on this effort, check out this article: crs.org/stories/coping-covid-19-and-migration-pressure-senegal from Catholic Relief Services.



Summer KidZone

Each summer Vine Maple Place offers children and youth weekly onsite mini day-camps called Summer KidZone. They have an **urgent need** for Summertime Volunteers to support the team and help provide a week of creative, adventurous, healing, fun activities from **Jun 28 - Aug 24**. (Days/times vary)

More information on this volunteer opportunity can be found at our website volunteermatch.org/results/opp_detail.jsp?oppid=2385499

Rachel's Corner Hope and Healing After Abortion

"The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble". Psalm 9:10

Sometimes our very thoughts and feelings after having been through the experience of abortion, are what oppresses us the most. Have you considered what it would be like to know you had a refuge from that oppression, a safe place where you are loved unconditionally? Join us on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat and encounter God's merciful embrace where you can rest and be free of all oppression and condemnation.

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St. John's Annual Spring Cleaning is taking place on Friday, June 17 from 10a.m. to 5p.m. and Saturday, June 18 from 9a.m. to 4p.m. Please sign up and help make our Parish shine!

Friday tasks include moving chairs, window cleaning, dusting, and vacuuming.



Saturday is the day to get the entire place ready for the Summer Celebrations. All are welcome to pitch in and lend a hand to beautify our buildings, parking lot, and grounds.





St. John the Baptist Catholic Community of Covington Synodal Report

On October 9, 2021, Pope Francis formally opened a two-year process of listening and dialoguing in the Church. This Synod on Synodality, following from the Church's "renewal" proposed by the Second Vatican Council, is both a gift and a task: by journeying together and reflecting together on the journey that has been made, the Church will be able to learn through Her experience which processes can help Her to live *communion*, to achieve *participation*, to open Herself to *mission*.

From January through March of 2022, 263 parishioners gathered in 21 parish synod sessions to share their experience of being Church. They identified challenges the Church is facing today as well as their hopes and dreams for the Church. This resulted in 61 pages of comments. Our Parish Leadership Team and those who facilitate the synodal sessions gathered in retreat to review the comments and began to identify major themes that seemed to be emerging. Two members of the Parish Leadership Team were then entrusted with the prayerful task of further refining those themes for the parish's summery report to the Archdiocese.

This is the report that was sent to the Archdiocese. We are one of 130 parishes in our archdiocese that participated in the synodal process involving over 11,000 individuals. The archdiocese will prepare a ten-page report from these parish reports and send it to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops this June.

1. Common or Important Themes

Church as a Guiding Light

- **Christ is in everyone and everything**
- As Church, we are culture and called to be transforming leaven in our world offering healing and forgiveness.

Church Leadership

- Radical new perspective required in light of sexual abuse history, current issues and politicizing our faith.
- Ease the rigid hierarchy, recognize the importance of women, expand diaconate to include women and move towards ordination to married people and women.

Younger Generations

- Great concern for young peoples' place in the church.

Education and Growth

- Growing the community spiritually and in numbers by providing sacramental and spiritual education through all life stages.
- Supporting families through the life & Liturgy of the parish and in their role of fostering faith in the home.
- Faith formation fostering greater knowledge of the faith and establishing a stronger relationship with God.

A Servant Church

- Living a faith that looks across multiple generations, locally, nationally and globally with a focus on social outreach.

Prayer, Worship and Community

- A faith community centered on Welcoming, Eucharist, and Word, layered with Diverse Prayer and the joy of more music.
- Holding onto the dream of deeply knowing one another; builds stronger community and fosters service to others.

2. Dreams, Desires & Aspirations

Growth – Spiritually and as a People

- Come alive with greater opportunities to grow in our faith and widespread participation in Small Faith Groups.
- Learning / Relearning the richness of our liturgy and places of worship.
- Opportunities for service / outreach across all generations and family compositions.
- Larger focus on social (systemic) issues such as homelessness, climate change, the arms race, etc.

Liturgy

- Respect the plurality of peoples' different liturgical styles and spirituality while establishing a liturgy that includes and speaks to people of all ages – esp. children.
- Re-vitalization of Life in the Spirit and Charismatic Movement across the archdiocese.

Inclusion, Acceptance & Engagement

- Church offers true witness, full inclusion, total acceptance and unconditional love for **all** people regardless of where they are.
- Inter-faith actions with other church denominations and religions (Jewish, Muslim, etc.).
- Active engagement and dialogue that is bi-directional and appeals, reaches and connects across generations while involving all ages, cultures & diverse family types.
- Strengthening family structure and cross-cultural ties.
- Priest as both sacrament and example. Out of the sacristy and engaged in pastoral services.

Ordination

- Expand the role of women and open ordination to women & married people.
- Reform seminaries to develop Shepherds and better meet the needs of “seekers”.



3. Challenges & Opportunities

Challenges

- Lack of unity within the church holds us back from achieving our potential as a powerfully vibrant *beacon of spiritual light and agent of change*.
- Church has developed a negative reputation due to its missteps, (e.g. sex abuse handling), which overshadows the good the church does in the world and mutes its voice of resurrection, forgiveness and mercy.
- Rigidity of the ordained or those in leadership, who too often focus on rules versus pastoral care and have lost touch with the needs of its people.
- Church is no longer in touch with the realities of its people as well as society in general.
- Young adults are not finding the Catholic Church meaningful and relevant to the experiences of our time.

Opportunities

- Communicate our faith in ways that excite and inspire; honoring the celebration.
- Foster an inclusive community, esp. divorced & LGBTQ), recognizing everyone's gifts & talents and fully utilizing women in ministry of the church.
- Get beyond our image; move to our mission of leading change and helping the poor and disadvantaged.
- Offer improved education & materials regarding women's health care.
- Using language that is understood by non-English speaking parishioners and children.
- Embrace that life is messy – Apply Faith and Prayer to help accept and thrive in it.
- Greatly expand spiritual formation and development for all ages, especially the young and young adults.

4. What Steps Does the Holy Spirit Invite Us to Take in Order to Grow

The Holy Spirit invites us to feed the spiritual hunger that people desire, be kind and inclusive with others, foster deeper relationships with God and our neighbors, better know and accompany one another on our faith journey, create of sense of belonging with all whom we come in contact with, support vocational callings, become more aware of barriers placed in front of others while finding ways to remove them, and embrace the Holy Spirit's guidance in leading with love in all we do.

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