



THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

July 10, 2022

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

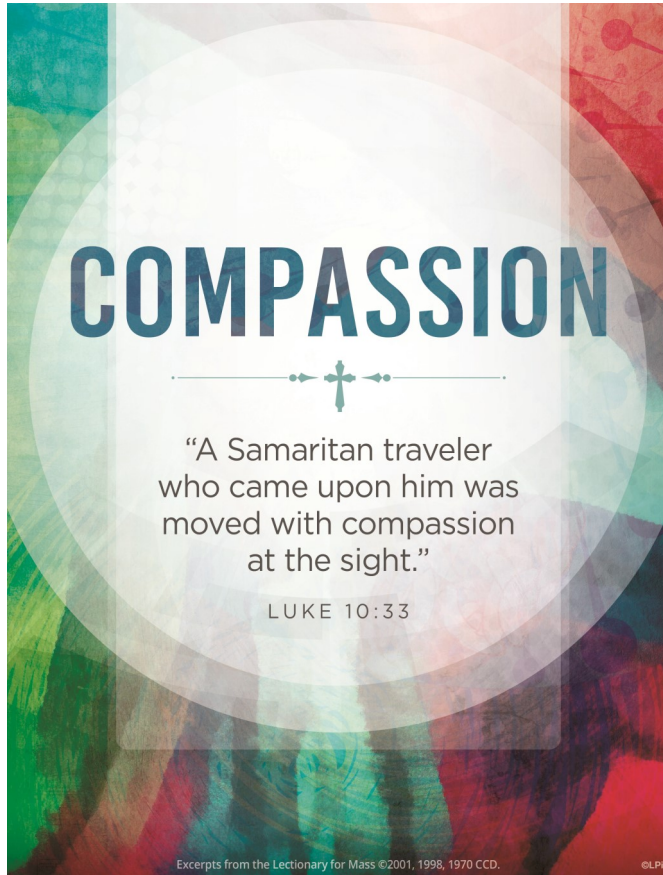
WELCOME

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!



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS (6/20 - 9/5): **Mon-Fri 9am to 3pm; 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



"Three key themes that emerged were community, leadership, and handing on the faith to the next generation"

~Fr. Bill

For a Synodal Church

On October 9, 2021, Pope Francis began a two-year process of listening and dialoguing in the Church. The starting point was at the parish level. From January through March of 2022, 263 St. John the Baptist parishioners gathered in 21 parish synod sessions to share their experience of being Church. We submitted our parish report to the Archdiocese the first part of May. You can view the parish report from our webpage: sjtbcc.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/SJTB-Parish-Synod-Report-1.pdf. On June 30, the Archdiocese submitted its Synod Synthesis Report to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). The synthesis report captures feedback from nearly 1,000 online and in-person gatherings, involving over 11,000 people across Western Washington. The report will now be included in a national synthesis process before a consolidated United States report is submitted to the Vatican for the October 2023 Synod of Bishops in Rome.

Three key themes that emerged were community, leadership, and handing on the faith to the next generation.

- **Community:** Listening sessions revealed the importance of community. The value of parish communities, barriers to belonging, and the marginalization of LGBTQ+ people were key topics of discussion around Church communities as "a home, not an institution."
- **Leadership:** Discussion focused on the role of Church leadership at the national level, the impact of the parish priest, models of leadership, the role of women, and concerns around both transparency and trust in the wake of the abuse crisis.
- **Passing on the faith:** One of the most prevalent themes centered on sharing the faith with future generations, with a focus on how youth are disconnected. Meanwhile, youth reported feeling judged and feel like they do not belong.

To read the full ten-page report, please visit the Archdiocese of Seattle website archseattle.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Final-Synthesis-with-appendix-min.pdf

Thank you to all who participated in our parish sessions and to those who served as facilitators and scribes.

~Fr. Bill

This Week At Our Church



Sunday, July 10 Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass - 9:00 am
Baptism Prep - 9:00 am
Fil-Am Coffee & Donuts - after 9:00 & 11:30 masses
Mass - 11:30 am
Mass (Life Teen) - 5:30 pm
Charismatic Praise & Worship - 7:30 pm

Monday, July 11

Safe Parking Breakfast - 8:00 am
Yoga - 7:30 am
Word & Communion - 9:00 am
Hispanic Charismatic Steering Committee - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, July 12

Word & Communion - 9:00 am
Stewardship & Evangelization - 6:30 pm
WICS (Support for widowed people) - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, July 13

Safe Parking Breakfast - 8:00 am
Mass - 9:00 am
Grief Ministry (Zoom) - 7:00 pm
Adult Formation in Spanish - 7:00 pm

Thursday, July 14

Yoga - 7:30 am
Universal Christ Faith Formation Group - 4:00 pm
Celebration of Life - 4:00 pm
Facility & Grounds Committee - 4:30 pm
Celebration of Life - 5:30 pm
Mass - 6:30 pm

Friday, July 15

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

Saturday, July 16

Faith Formation Parish-wide Zoom 8:00 am
Funeral for Brian Johnson - 11:00 am
Confessions - 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Mass - 5:30 pm



Sunday, July 24, 2022

Free Blood Pressure Check

Stewardship

Sunday Collection - July 3, 2022	
SOURCE	AMOUNT
Stewardship Envelopes	\$5,520.00
Stewardship Loose Checks	1,167.00
Stewardship Loose Cash	932.00
Holy Days	10.00
Vigil lights	38.50
St. Vincent de Paul	330.00
Eucharist Bread donation	20.00
VBS	1,080.00
Peter's Pence	270.00
Honey Bucket reimbursement	292.50
Archdiocese For Military	5.00
Missal	5.00
TOTAL	\$9,670.00



Annual Catholic Appeal

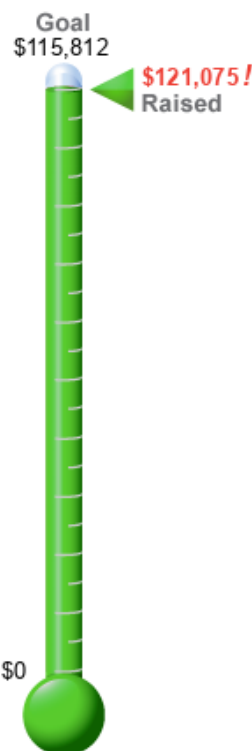
Thank you to all of you who have returned your Annual Catholic Appeal pledge. Your gift makes a difference to our brothers and sisters in all places in life.

As of July 5, we have received gifts and pledges totaling \$121,075 (105% of our goal!) from 271 families (22.8%) of our parish. THANK YOU! The average pledge is \$446.77.

We have reached AND surpassed our goal! But please don't stop here. Remember, **anything above and beyond \$115,812 will be returned to St. John to fund our projects.** This means that to date and once everyone has fulfilled their pledges, \$5,263 will come back to St. John the Baptist to help fund parking lot safety improvements. If you have not yet pledged, please prayerfully consider doing so online at archseattle.org/GiveACA.

Keep an eye on the tracking thermometer to the right and on our website to see our progress!

Thank you for your generosity!



Ministry

Consider Becoming A Liturgical Minister



We are recruiting for sacristans, point persons, Eucharistic ministers, altar servers, cross bearers, lectors, greeters, and sound and video ministers.

Visit sjtbcc.org/2022/06/17/seeking-new-liturgical-ministers/ for more information and sign up.

Thank you for sharing your talents with others!



Life, Justice, Peace Commission Seeking Members

Do you have a heart for caring for those on the margins and ideas on how we can continue to be Christ's hands and feet in our community and world? We need your voice! Our commission is looking to grow in membership representing our diverse family of faith. If you are interested and/or have questions about this Commission, please do not hesitate to reach out! Please contact Andrea at 253-893-6684 to set up a time to chat.



Learn More About Our Outreach Ministries

St. John the Baptist has a number of outreach efforts individuals can engage with.

To find out more about a particular ministry, please check our website at sjtbcc.org/go-ministries/life-justice-and-peace/

Throughout the year, the parish community assists or supports a number of causes that individuals can engage on a one-time or short-term basis. If this is something you are interested in, please contact Andrea Mendoza at 253-893-6684.

In Our Parish

Special Prayers
For Those In Need



Those who are **sick** :

**Bev Lago, Linda McAfee,
Carolina Mendoza, and Cheryl Oakley**

Those who have **died**:

Brian Johnson
(son of Lyn Johnson & Mary Murphy-Johnson)

Innovate While Practicing Sustainable Fashion



Create your own handmade clothes, asking others to teach you or watching YouTube videos about how to knit. Start or join a group with your friends to exchange used clothes. In cold weather, do not turn the heating up too high if you can wear warm clothes. Learn more about the Buy Nothing Project in your area at buynothingproject.org/.

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.

Own Your Own Island!



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

You can sign up as an individual, family, or group. 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

For more information, visit sjtbcc.org/islandadoption/
To sign-up for an island today, visit forms.gle/6z22xiGicPV7FR6s8



Collecting Fresh Produce!

Our crate and cooler are out by the McMullen Center, ready to receive donations of fresh produce! These donations can be either grown from your own garden or bought at the store. Like your donations of non-perishable food items, these are delivered weekly to the Storehouse, where they are used to provide nutritious sustenance to our Covington neighbors facing food insecurity.

Thank you for your generous donations!



A Million Thanks To Our Volunteers!

Once again, thank you very much to all of our volunteers, who helped clean and beautify our church building and grounds! In case you missed it, **names of all the volunteers were mentioned in the July 3 issue of our bulletin**, which can be found at sjtbcc.org/gather-sacramental-community-life-2/bulletin/

In-parish assistance available

Did you know that St. John the Baptist has funds set aside for parishioners in need? These funds are available to **all** our parish families and are confidential.



If you find yourself struggling to make ends meet, please let us know. You can **call the parish office or let a staff member know**, and we' will make sure to do what we can to help you through this difficult time.

From Our Community



CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES
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We Are Hiring

Catholic Community Services is looking for two individuals (one full time & one part time) to help grow and support the PREPARES ministry in SW Washington. PREPARES is an initiative of the Catholic Bishops of Washington State and creates the capacity within every Catholic parish to assist pregnant women, fathers, and their families by walking with them on the journey from pregnancy to their child's fifth birthday. The PREPARES SW Area Coordinator will be responsible for the development, maintenance, and ongoing support of a network consisting of Catholic parishes, volunteers, and approved partners for the purpose of supporting pregnant and parenting women, families, and their children. The PREPARES SW Area Coordinator will serve the southwestern region of Western Washington, prioritizing the growth of ministries serving Spanish-speaking communities. Focus is on volunteer recruitment from those communities and will continue the support and growth of PREPARES ministries at all parishes in the SW region. For the full job listing and to apply, visit us at careers-ccsww.icims.com/jobs/intro

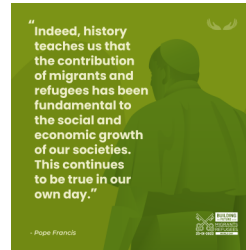
ONE PARISH || ONE PRISONER

St. John Welcomes Chaz

After months of discernment, St. John the Baptist has officially launched One Parish One Prisoner (OPOP). For the next couple of years, a group of parishioners will be walking alongside an incarcerated friend as he works towards release and stability. This friend's name is **Chaz**. In the weeks and months to come, the St. John's OPOP team will share more information about Chaz with the community as well as ways you can get involved in Chaz's journey. This weekend, a member of the OPOP team will share a few words about Chaz at each of the Masses. During the 9:00 am mass, the OPOP team will be commissioned. Let us pray for the whole OPOP team, especially Chaz, during this relationship of mutual transformation.



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 "Growing Together as a Society." In his address for the 2022 World Day of Migrants and Refugees, Pope Francis shares this quote regarding the contributions of migrants and refugees. He goes on to say "Their work, their youth, their enthusiasm, and their willingness to sacrifice enrich the communities that receive them. Yet this contribution could be all the greater, were it optimized and supported by carefully developed programs and initiatives. Enormous potential exists, ready to be harnessed, if only it is given a chance." As we continue to meditate on *growing together as a society*, how do we see migrants and refugees enriching our communities?

Rachel's Corner

(a program of Catholic Community Services)
Hope and Healing After Abortion

"Healing the brokenhearted and binding up their wounds. He brings peace to your borders." (Psalm 147:3,14)

Do you yearn to receive healing for the wound that abortion left in your life? Would you like to mend your broken heart with the true peace that only God can give? Join us on the next confidential Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat at the end of August and allow it to begin!

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Considering Separation or Divorce?

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