



THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

July 24, 2022

Seventeenth 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!



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread,' and he says in reply from within, 'Do not bother me.' I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence." - Lk 11:5b, 7a, 8

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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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OPEN; contact Joan Williamson above if interested in this position

Pastor's Corner



"Letting others know that you are Catholic and the positive influence this is for may be one way of helping others find Christ."

- Fr. Bill

Have you invited anyone to church lately?

This past year was only the third time in my 39 years of priesthood that I experienced an Easter Vigil without any baptisms.

COVID may have played a role in that. On the other hand, maybe the invitation was never extended. That invitation often begins with the average Catholic in the pew. You are the ambassadors for the parish and for the Church. Others, who may be searching for God, might hear in your description of our faith community or see in your manner of life something that attracts their interest or awakens a longing in their hearts.

When talking with relatives, friends, or neighbors, is there a way to share something you value about our parish or about the Catholic Faith? It could be as simple as sharing the parish's value of caring for the environment or engagement in issues of social justice and compassion. Perhaps it is the experience of being part of a community that is important to you or the style of Catholic worship. Letting others know that you are Catholic and the positive influence this is for may be one way of helping others find Christ.

Sometimes a direct invitation can work. "I'm going to church this weekend; would you like to join me?" "Have you ever thought about becoming a Catholic?" You may be the only way God has to draw someone to the faith. When you see someone moving into your neighborhood, as you welcome them to the local community, might you ask, "Do you have a church community? Are you looking for one?" If they already belong to another denomination, you could still help them find where that denomination is located.

You may be the invitation someone needs to draw closer to Christ. Being that invitation might help you draw closer to Christ as well.

-Fr. Bill



This Week At Our Church



Sunday, July 24 - Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mass - 9:00 am

Mass - 11:30 am

FREE Blood Pressure check after 9:00 & 11:30 masses

Mass (Life Teen) - 5:30 pm

Monday, July 25

Safe Parking Breakfast - 8:00 am

Word & Communion - 9:00 am

Communications Committee Zoom meeting - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, July 26

Word & Communion - 9:00 am

WICS (Support for widowed people) Meeting - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, July 27

Safe Parking Breakfast - 8:00 am

Mass - 9:00 am

Adult Formation in Spanish - 7:00 pm

Thursday, July 28

Word & Communion - 6:30 pm

Friday, July 29

Mass - 9:00 am

Hora Santa de Reparación - 1:30 pm

Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 6:00 pm

Saturday, July 30

Faith Formation Parish-wide Zoom 10:00 am

Wedding (Nguyen/Pham) - 1:30 pm

Confessions - 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Mass - 5:30 pm



What: **BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING**

When: **Sunday, July 24 (this weekend)**

Time: **After 9:00 & 11:30 Sunday masses**

Where: **Conference Room (across office lobby)**

By whom: **Betty Lou Partridge, RN**

Faith Formation & Ministry



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 the parish office.

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!

Pastoral Care Ministers to the Homebound



Pastoral Care also is a ministry of presence. Simply being present and listening to those who cannot attend Mass is a powerful ministry.

Right now, **we have a critical need for more pastoral care ministers.** Our community is aging and many more people have requested communion than we have ministers to take it to them.

Contact Laurie Moloney at the parish office if you'd like to become a pastoral care minister to the homebound.



Good News! Registration for the 2022-23 Faith Formation programs is now OPEN!

We are very excited to return to 100% in-person programs come September. NOW is the time to sign up preschoolers through highschoolers for Faith Formation and Sacramental Preparation. This is an awesome program, and we would love for you to join our team! Please contact Therese McHenry at the parish office for more information about all our volunteer opportunities.

Registration forms can be found on the Faith Formation table in the Narthex, in the office, and on our website at sjtbcc.org/education/registrations/

Stewardship

Sunday Collection - July 17, 2022

SOURCE	AMOUNT
Stewardship Envelopes	\$2,550.00
Stewardship Loose Checks	7,185.00
Stewardship Loose Cash	740.00
Vigil lights	48.00
St. Vincent de Paul	173.00
Archdiocese for Military	67.00
Eucharistic Bread donation	20.00
Preschool Registration	40.00
Youth Group Registration	90.00
TOTAL	\$10,913.00



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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.

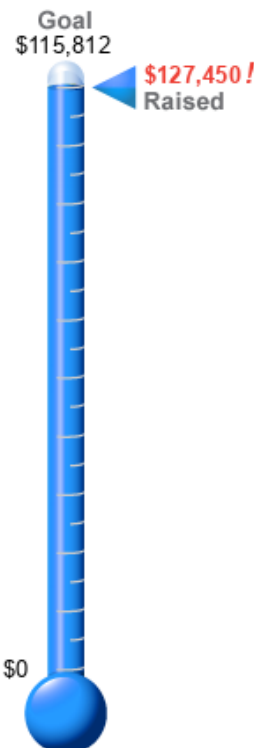
As of July 18, we have received gifts and pledges totaling \$127,450 (110% of our goal) from 290 families (24.4%) of our parish! THANK YOU! The average pledge is \$439.48.

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, \$11,638 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!



In Our Parish



Those who are **sick** :

**Eddie Dolan, Darryl Grad, Susan Hanson,
Elijah Hannah & family, Bernadette Kidd,
Helen Martinez, Cheryl Oakley,
Grace Wickward, and Jean Wilford**

Those who have **died**:

Brian Johnson
(son of Lyn Johnson and Mary Murphy-Johnson)
Isa Chiftis
(friend of Diane Rosenberger)



OPOP Commissioned

On Sunday, July 10 at the 9:00 AM Mass, the One Parish, One Prisoner (OPOP) team was present to receive a blessing and commissioning. This group of parishioners has made the commitment to walk intentionally with our incarcerated friend, Chaz, as he works towards release and re-stabilization in our community. We give a special thanks to **Maureen Curran, Ben Lee, Carol Nelson, Abraham Ritter, Renee Samuelsen, Verne Schweiger, and Nancy Zentner** for their "yes" to this journey of mutual transformation.

Our Library Wants You!



We are looking for a person and/or team to take care of our Libraries. If you are interested, please **contact Joan Williamson** at the parish office.

Wanted: 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!

Our SVdP Neighbors Need You!



Jesus said, "Love your neighbor as yourself". How is your St John the Baptist SVdP conference living out that mission? Here's a recent story.

John and his family are refugees from Afghanistan. Through World Relief Organization (WRO), they found a home in Kent. WRO paid the first five months of their rent, and then John was to take over. But through some misunderstanding, John did not pay. So John and his family owed almost \$5000 in rent and were served a pay-or-vacate notice. With SVdP's \$500 plus pledges from SVdP's partners in the Kent area, John and his family were saved from eviction. Through partnering with other community agencies, St. John's SVdP conference helped a neighbor avoid being homeless.

Through your generosity, our SVdP conference here at St. John's is making a positive difference in the community! Please contact Pat Defiesta at patd@SVdPSeattle.org to learn more about becoming involved and **helping out our neighbors in need.**

Have Fun Without Flying

Think about how to travel on vacation with friends and family in a more sustainable way. You might travel together by train instead of by plane or cruise ship. Travel slowly, discovering the closeness and wisdom of each other and others.



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.



We still have a handful of our 36 areas available for adoption.

Visit us at sjtbcc.org/islandadoption/ for more information and to adopt an island.



Considering Separation or Divorce?

Wait! There is an alternative. Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has brought healing to tens of thousands of troubled marriages worldwide. Your situation may seem hopeless, but there is always hope, and you are not alone in your struggle. For confidential information about Retrouvaille, or to register for our upcoming program on October 14-16, 2022, call 206-706-2608 or go to helpourmarriage.org.



We Need A Reliable Vehicle

The Storehouse is working with an individual in need of a reliably-working vehicle. If you have any resources or leads, please reach out to the Storehouse directly for more information at [253-631-3038](tel:253-631-3038) or info@covingtonstorehouse.org



World Day
for Grandparents
and the Elderly
2022

Celebrate World Day for Grandparents & Elderly on July 24, 2022

Pope Francis has established throughout the Church the celebration of the World Day for Grandparents and Elderly (laityfamilylife.va/content/laityfamilylife/en/amoris-laetitia/iniziativa-e-risorse/giornata-mondiale-e-anziani.html) on the **fourth Sunday of July**, near the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.

The announcement of this celebration coincided with the celebration of the Year of Amoris Laetitia Family, which began on the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, the husband of Mary, on March 19, 2021. It concluded at the World Meeting of Families in Rome in June 2022. The theme for this year's celebration is "In Old Age They Will Still Bear Fruit" (Ps. 92:15). The theme is meant to emphasize how **grandparents are a gift both to society and the Church**. For more information on the theme please see the Dicastery for Laity, Family, and Life's announcement, laityfamilylife.va/content/laityfamilylife/en/news/2022/kit-pastorale-per-la-celebrazione-della-seconda-giornata-mondiale.html. Read the Holy Father's message for the Second World Day for Grandparents and Elderly vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/nonni/documents/20220503-messaggio-nonni-anziani.html

Source: USCCB

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." It asks the question, "How can we foster the development of the potential of migrants and refugees?" To hear the responses of others, we invite you to check out this video and pray about your answer. youtube.com/watch?v=mbqOVRIBMR4

Rachel's Corner

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

Have you been feeling the regret and guilt gnawing away at you and have had no recourse where you could get any true relief? The women of Project Rachel™ understand what that is like. Join them on the next retreat at the end of August.

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at Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center Federal Way

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