



# THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

July 31, 2022

**Eighteenth 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!

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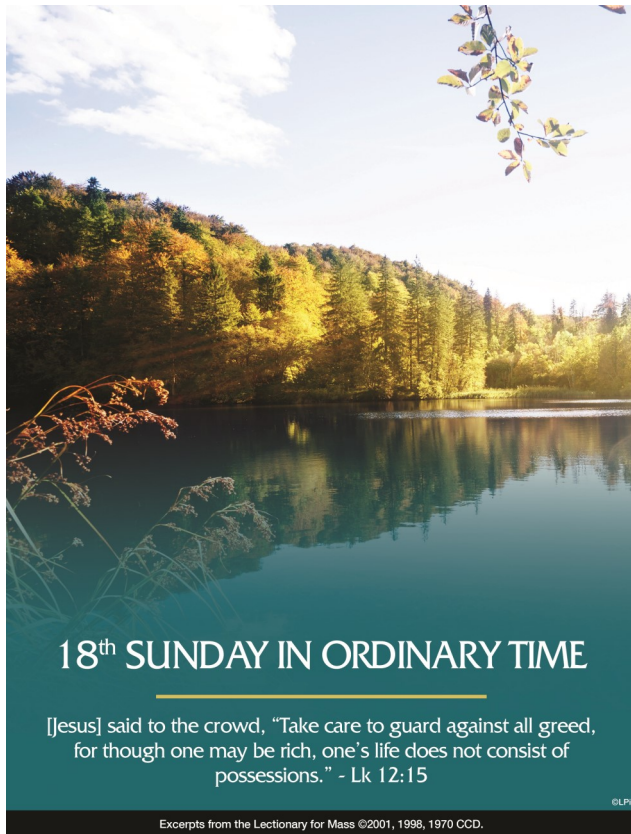
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**OPEN**; contact Joan Williamson above if interested in this position



**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

## Pastor's Corner



*"A daily Mass gives you thirty minutes of peace."*

- Fr. Bill

### Come to One of Our Daily Masses

One Sunday, a little child asked me what I did during the week since the church was open only on Sundays. She was a little surprised to discover there is Mass or prayer in the church every day of the week. I also do a few more things than just preside at Mass, though that might be the most important thing I do.

Did you know that St. John the Baptist Parish has an evening Mass at 6:30 PM on Thursday? I am presuming it is not in the forefront of most parishioners' minds since only a handful of parishioners attend. I did an informal survey of evening weekday Masses in our South King County Deanery. In our Deanery, there is an evening Mass every weekday. At those other parishes, the lowest attendance was 35; the highest attendance was 200 (that was a Mass in Spanish). We get an average of five to eight at our Thursday evening Mass.

An evening Mass makes it possible for many who are still working to attend a weekday Mass. The majority of those attending our morning weekday Mass at 9:00 AM are retired, though we do get some stay at home parents as well as those who work a swing shift.

A daily Mass gives you thirty minutes of peace. Our lives are noisy and not because they always have to be, but because we have been conditioned to need constant stimulation. Our phones, iPads, and televisions usually win the battle for our eyes just about everywhere we go, even at the dinner table. A weekday Mass is a chance to unplug. Go to Mass and leave your phone in the car, you won't regret it.

Daily Mass gives us an opportunity to restructure our prayer life. Going to Mass during the week regularly exposes us to new forms and focuses of prayer. The Mass can teach us that prayer has a lot to do with being thankful, with celebrating God's merciful love, and with praying for others. Daily Mass can and will improve our prayer habits if we let it.

-Fr. Bill



## This Week At Our Church



### Sunday, July 31 - Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

### Monday, August 1

Safe Parking Breakfast - 8:00 am  
Word & Communion - 9:00 am  
Knights of Columbus Membership Meeting - 6:00 pm

### Tuesday, August 2

Word & Communion - 9:00 am  
WICS (Support for widowed people) Meeting - 7:00 pm

### Wednesday, August 3

Safe Parking Breakfast - 8:00 am  
Mass - 9:00 am  
Adult Formation in Spanish - 7:00 pm  
Parish Leadership Team Meeting - 7:00 pm

### Thursday, August 4

Creation Care Team Meeting - 1:00 pm  
Mass - 6:30 pm

### Friday, August 5

Mass - 9:00 am  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 9:45 am  
Hora Santa de Reparación - 1:30 pm  
Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 6:00 pm

### Saturday, August 6

Faith Formation Parish-wide Zoom 10:00 am  
Wedding (Easter/Beckles) - 2:00 pm  
Confessions - 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm  
Mass - 5:30 pm



### Sunday, August 28, 2022

Free Blood Pressure Check  
after the 9:00 & 11:30 masses

## Stewardship

Sunday Collection - July 24, 2022	
SOURCE	AMOUNT
Stewardship Envelopes	\$4,086.00
Stewardship Loose Checks	3,044.50
Stewardship Loose Cash	979.50
Vigil lights	25.50
St. Vincent de Paul	1,187.00
Archdiocese For Military	195.00
Mass intentions	65.00
Elementary Faith Formation	45.00
Missal sales	5.00
Peter's Pence	25.00
Faith Direct 7/15/22	20,418.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$30,075.50</b>



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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.

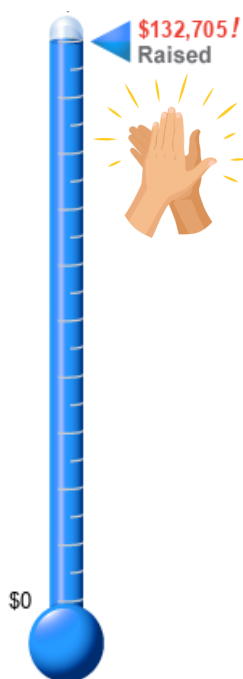
**As of July 22, we have received gifts and pledges totaling \$132,705 (114.6% of our goal) from 299 families (25.1%) of our parish! THANK YOU!** The average pledge is \$443.83.

**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, \$16,893 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](http://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!**



## Faith Formation & Ministry



Faith  
Formation  
Registration

**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 high schoolers for Faith Formation and Sacramental Preparation. This is an awesome program. 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/](http://sjtbcc.org/education/registrations/)



**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.



**Consider Becoming A Liturgical Minister**

Visit [sjtbcc.org/2022/06/17/seeking-new-liturgical-ministers/](http://sjtbcc.org/2022/06/17/seeking-new-liturgical-ministers/) for more information and sign up.

**Thank you for sharing your talents with others!**



*A Journey In Faith*

If you, or anyone you know, are interested in joining the Catholic Faith please contact the St. John the Baptist Rite of Christian Initiation Team by connecting with **Joan Williamson** at the parish office.



## In Our Parish



Those who are **sick** :

**Darryl Grad, Susan Hanson,  
Barbara Hogenhout, Bernadette Kidd,  
Helen Martinez, Cheryl Oakley,  
Grace Wickward, and Jean Wilford**

Those who have **died**:

**Victoria Mendoza Cordero** (sister of Carolina Mendoza),  
**Ed Cruz,**  
**Marion Darragh** (friend of Teresita Parks)



### 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.

### The Stewardship and Evangelization Commission



We met on Wednesday, July 13, at 6:30 pm via Zoom. The meeting opened with prayer and Sam Racicot facilitating our discussion on pages 23-25 of our book, "The Art of Accompaniment." This was followed with a report and future planning for our adopted parish island.

Sarah Pierson will be developing a monthly calendar for us to work on maintaining and enhancing this space. Our first work team date is Saturday morning at 9 am on August 6.

The commission was pleased to learn that plans are being made by the Knights of Columbus and C2C to bring back Supper Club, which was a very popular activity several years ago in the parish. Jennifer Burianek and Bren Triplett will reach out to Dave Richardson and Lyn Johnson to find out how our commission might be able to collaborate with this project.

Starting in September, Fr. Bill would like to arrange some wine and cheese gatherings of parishioners with shared strengths from the "Living Your Strengths" program. Ideas on how to incorporate these events as part of intentional and inclusive parish hospitality were shared.

Our next Welcome Gathering is scheduled for Sunday, August 28 at 1 pm. The current plan is to offer this gathering in person and we will try to incorporate meal planning with the Knights of Columbus.

The final agenda item was focused on reaching out to invite younger members of our parish to join the commission. Two names were recommended and they will be contacted to find out if they would be interested in participating. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, August 6 at 6:30 pm via Zoom. Because Sam Racicot will not be able to attend, we will not include a section from our book for discussion at this meeting.

- Anne Frederick

### Clean With Ecological & Biodegradable Products

We care for the atmosphere and our health by avoiding chemical compounds that degrade ozone, pollute the air, and cause damage to our respiratory system.



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.

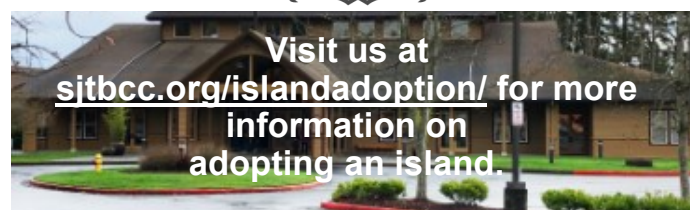
### Wanted: Fresh Produce

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!**



## From Our Community



### Mental Health and Aging in the Post-COVID Era

This presentation will review some of the mental health challenges all of us have been experiencing during the pandemic, with a particular emphasis on the impact on older adults and practical strategies for helping aging individuals stay mentally healthy and resilient in difficult times. It will include time for an open discussion to share your own reflections and to answer questions you might have about successful cognitive and psychological aging.

Dr. Susan McCurry is a practicing clinical psychologist and Research Professor Emeritus at the University of Washington School of Nursing. Her career has focused on development and evaluation of training programs for family and professional staff caring for persons with cognitive impairment, assessment, and treatment of sleep disturbances in older adults, and research studying the environmental, behavioral, and psychosocial factors associated with successful cognitive aging.

St. James Cathedral's Mental Health Wellness Ministry and the Archdiocese of Seattle Mental Health Ministry are sponsoring **Wellness Wednesdays**, a monthly educational forum featuring professionals from various mental health disciplines speaking on topics of interest.

Zoom link to join:  
[seattlearch-org.zoom.us/j/87157205880](https://seattlearch-org.zoom.us/j/87157205880)



Inclusion Ministry presents:

**Virtual Inclusion Mass with Bishop Elizondo**  
Saturday, **August 13, 2022**  
10:00 AM

Livestreamed via Zoom from the Chancery Chapel

Join Bishop Elizondo for a livestream Mass as we celebrate people of all abilities in our Catholic faith community. To register, visit us at [archseattle.org/ministries/outreach-ministries/inclusion-ministry/inclusion-mass-registration/](https://archseattle.org/ministries/outreach-ministries/inclusion-ministry/inclusion-mass-registration/)

Questions? Please contact Deacon Ronnie San Nicolas at [dcnronnie@yahoo.com](mailto:dcnronnie@yahoo.com)

### Rachel's Corner

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

Would it help to be understood by other women who have been in a similar situation and who really know what that regret and pain stuffed down inside is like? Let them tell you about Project Rachel and how it has changed their lives. Join the women on the next confidential Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat at the end of August.

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**Wanted!**

Please join our **back-to-school supply drive** to support low-income schools in the Kent School District through the work of Communities in Schools. We will have a bin in the Narthex at the Life, Justice, Peace table for you to fill with school supplies. Supplies will be collected **through August 28, 2022**.

**Thank you for your support!**



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