



THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

September 4, 2022
Twenty-third 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!



OFFICE HOURS:

Mon-Fri 9am to 4pm; Sat 10am to 3pm

Sunday Liturgies:

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 6:30 pm, Fri 9am**

Confession: Saturday at 4pm

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Pastor's Corner



"As we make our way through COVID, let us strive to hold up the value of work and find ways to ensure work always adds to the dignity of the human person."

- Fr. Bill

Labor Day

As we celebrate Labor Day, it is good to remind ourselves that work is a fundamental right and a good for the human person. Work is an appropriate way for one to give expression to and enhance his or her human dignity. The Church teaches the value of work and comes from its nature as something necessary. Work is needed to form and maintain a family, to have a right to property, and to contribute to the common good of the human family.

The economic well-being of a country is not measured exclusively by the quantity of goods it produces but also by taking into account the manner in which they are produced and the level of equity in the distribution of income, which should allow everyone access to what is necessary for their personal development and growth.

Based on principles of solidarity and subsidiarity, this best takes place by people working together on the local level. The Church's consistent teaching, since *Rerum Navarum* in 1891 supports the rights of workers to choose whether to organize, join unions and bargain collectively, and to exercise these rights without reprisal. Workers, owners, employers, and unions should work together to create decent jobs, build a more just economy, and advance the common good. At their best, labor unions embody solidarity and subsidiarity, while advancing the common good. They help workers "not only *have* more, but above all *be* more. [and] realize their humanity more fully in every respect."

COVID has certainly been a challenge for many workers and employers. Many have lost jobs; many have had to work from home; many struggle to balance the needs of family with the demands of work. While unemployment benefits have been a lifeline for many, they have discouraged some from returning to work. Difficulty in filling positions have resulted in a more just wage for many service providers. As we make our way through COVID, let us strive to hold up the value of work and find ways to ensure work always adds to the dignity of the human person.

Fr. Bill

This Week At Our Church



NOTE OUR NEW OFFICE HOURS ON THE FRONT PAGE

Sunday, September 4

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

Monday, September 5 (Labor Day) - OFFICE CLOSED

Safe Parking Breakfast - 8:00 am
Word & Communion - 9:00 am
Knights of Columbus Meeting - 6:00 pm
Fil-Am Practice - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, September 6

Word & Communion - 9:00 am
LJP Commission Meeting - 6:30 pm

Wednesday, September 7

Safe Parking Breakfast - 8:00 am
Mass - 9:00 am
Hispanic Charismatic Group - 6:30 pm
Adult Faith Formation *in Spanish* - 7:00 pm
Parish Leadership Team Meeting - 7:00 pm

Thursday, September 8

Facilities & Grounds Commission Meeting - 4:30 pm
Mass - 6:30 pm
RCIA - 7:00 pm

Friday, September 9

Mass - 9:00 am
Creative Kindness Sewing - 9:00 am
Hora Santa de Reparación - 1:30 pm
Marriage Encounter Gathering - 5:30 pm
Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 6:30 pm

Saturday, September 10

Faith Formation Parish-Wide Zoom - 10:00 am
Confessions - 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Mass - 5:30 pm



Sunday, September 18

Faith Formation Catechist Training
Parish Mission (through Tuesday)

Stewardship

Sunday Collection - August 28, 2022	
SOURCE	AMOUNT
Stewardship Envelopes	\$8,572.00
Stewardship Loose Checks	1,674.50
Stewardship Loose Cash	947.00
Holy Day	172.00
Vigil lights	45.10
St. Vincent de Paul	1,097.00
Faith Formation fees	510.00
ACA	640.00
Facility Use deposit	200.00
School supplies donation	50.00
Missal sales	3.00
Faith Direct 8/15/22	18,400.00
TOTAL	\$32,310.60

Thank You!

FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Prayer requests

For the sick :

Richard Blackmore, Rosario Brunken, Carman Herrear, Gina Howell, Carolina Mendoza, Cheryl Oakley, Cheyene Reugger, Joe Welsh, and Mary (request to withhold last name)

For those who have died:

Tania Peterson
(grand daughter of Judy Peterson)
Grace Wickward
(mother-in-law of Kathy Wickward)

Faith Formation



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.

Ministry Spotlight



Hearing God's Call to Proclaim His Holy Word - What does it mean?

Perhaps you have been asked to or felt a calling to become a Lector. The Word of God is one of the most precious gifts we have, so let's take a moment to think about what it means to join the Lector Ministry. The definition of a lector is "the reader who is appointed for a function proper to him/her—that of reading the word of God in the liturgical assembly." But, what does it really mean to be a part of the Lector Ministry?

A lector is someone who has been called from among the people to proclaim the Word of God. "Called" to proclaim the Word of God. Wow. How amazing is it to be called by God to have the honor of proclaiming His Holy Word, delivering His message, to your friends and family at Mass? This carries some responsibility with it, as well as endless blessings.

Obviously, this ministry does entail the fundamental elements of public speaking, but even more importantly, it entails spiritual elements. It's not about the "performance" by the lector—it's about the message being delivered to God's people. The lector is the conduit of God's message. To read well spiritually means using the invisible qualities of proclaiming the Scriptures as the true Word of God. This means you will need to pray with the scripture regularly, understand the message within and deliver that message to the congregation.

Being a lector is not only a great way to give of our time and talent to our parish community, it is also a great way to get back spiritual blessings beyond compare. Being a part of the celebration of the Mass in this Ministry provides an awesome connection to the congregation.

Do you hear a calling to participate in the Lector Ministry? Remember that the call may come in the form of any sign from someone approaching you to join the Ministry to an inkling in your mind that perhaps this is a way you can give back to your parish community. Still not sure if it's the right Ministry for you? Please take a few minutes to speak to the lectors you see at Mass and find out more. We pray that, if this is the right Ministry for your talent, you will also experience the countless blessings that we do as lectors.

Norm & Tia Bailey
Lector Ministry Coordinators

Our Church



The Burning Bush
Ex 3:1-12

Listen to the
Voice of Creation
SEASON OF CREATION 2022

Season of Creation 2022

During the Season of Creation, we invite you to bring up gifts of fresh produce to the crate on the altar. These gifts may be from your garden or store-bought. All donations of fresh produce will be delivered to the Storehouse.

A blessing the Pollinator Garden was held on September 3. St. John's Creation Care Team is happy to share some of the steps taken to install our new Marian/Pollinator Garden. In our application for Saint Kateri Habitat certification we expressed a desire to create a Marian/Pollinator garden in the future. We received our certification and signs, but also much support and advice in meeting this goal. There are many different kinds of flowers and herbs that take on Marian significance that can be planted in a Mary garden.

Pollinators are animals that move from plant to plant, searching for life sustaining protein-rich pollen. Pollinators are also an important source of food for other wildlife. This often unnoticed service is an essential contribution that requires human support. Unfortunately, this service is at risk from habitat loss, pesticide use, and introduced diseases.

In hopes of receiving financial assistance for this project, the Creation Care Team applied for a grant from Victory Noll Sisters via Catholic Climate Covenant. We were grateful and delighted to be awarded \$700 to help fund our Marian/Pollinator Garden!

In December 2021 we began our soil preparation following the "Back to Eden" method of layering with newspapers, compost, and wood chips on the designated weedy surface. In March 2022 new irrigation and the attractive fence was installed.

The plants were then selected based on their native status, pollinator benefits, Marian connections, survival in full sun, and low invasiveness. When the weather was suitable, the following plants were installed in our new Marian/Pollinator garden.

The following plants are currently in our garden during this inaugural year: *Rosa pisocarpa* (Wild Rose or Cluster Rose aka "Heart of Mary"), *Achillea millefolium* (Yarrow aka "Christ's back"), *Lupinus* (Lupine aka "Flight to Egypt"), *Lobelia cardinalis* (Cardinal Flower, name alluding to robes worn by cardinals), *Potentilla* (Cinquefoil aka "Mary's Hand of Pity"), *Kinnikinnick*, *Spirea*, *Tagetes* (Marigolds [There is a legend that Mother Mary used marigolds as money and so the early Christians put marigold blooms at her feet instead of coins as an offering]) and *Zinnias*

Please visit our Marian/Pollinator Garden located adjacent to the Garden of the Good Shepherd.



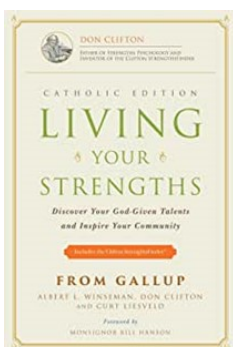
Find out your Top 5 Talents and explore how to use them in all aspects of your life!

Come join our four-week reflection and study opportunity to know how God has gifted you.

New classes begin this fall both in person and Zoom options.

We will be meeting on Tuesday from 1 to 2:30 pm in person and on Tuesday evenings 6:30 to 8 pm via Zoom. In person classes begin on September 27 and Zoom starts on October 4. Other dates and times can be arranged on request to fit a variety of schedules.

To register or for more information, contact Anne Frederick at 253-630-0701 x 125 or email at annef@sjtbcc.org



From Our Community



NEUROFIBROMATOSIS: Becoming informed

DATE: Sep 7, 2022
TIME: 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

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.

In this week's Wellness Wednesday on September 7, Michael Hoyal will discuss his involvement with the Children's Tumor Foundation, whose mission is to drive research, expand knowledge, and advance care for individuals who live with a rare neurological disease, neurofibromatosis (NF), which is a group of genetic disorders. He will speak about the Foundation's focus on raising awareness about NF, current research in this field, as well as information about the disease itself.

Michael is a Seattle native with deep ties to the St. James Cathedral community. He attended St. Joseph's School in Seattle and Seattle Preparatory School. Michael lives the core values taught at these schools including selflessness, advocacy, and service. Michael currently attends Howard University, majoring in Biology. He plans to become a medical doctor. He is currently combining his interests in science and outreach by spreading knowledge about neurofibromatosis. Michael also plans to organize events at his school to fundraise for research on this disease.

Zoom link to join: <https://seattlearch-org.zoom.us/j/87157205880>

Rachel's Corner

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

"He reveals deep and hidden things and knows what is in the darkness, for the light dwells with him."
- Daniel 2:22

Have you been hiding your shame and regret in a deep and dark place within, hoping no one would ever know? God knows. He wants to help you be free of that burden and discover merciful forgiveness.

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You are loved with an everlasting Love!



Vine Maple Place extends an invitation to a community open house celebrating one year of services in Kent. Open to all, young and old.

OPEN HOUSE:
September 10th, 2022 (11 AM - 3 PM)
Kent - Regional Family Hope Center
24044 104th Ave SE, Suite 102
Kent, WA 98030

The Open House includes: food trucks, coffee, raffle, tour facility, opportunities to donate & volunteer

Safe Car Parking Expands

After meeting with the City of Covington and Catholic Community Services (CCS), the Safe Parking program is expanding from six spaces to eight spaces. Both the City and CCS recognized the important service that St. John's provides with this ministry and are grateful for this partnership. **The ministry is always searching for new volunteers who will help provide support to our guests.** If you are interested in getting involved with this ministry, **please contact Andrea at 253.893.6684 or email at AndreaM@sjtbcc.org**

2022 World Day of Migrants and Refugees



As we approach the World Day of Migrants and Refugees on September 25, whose theme is "Building the future with migrants and refugees," we lift up the final sub-topic: "Growing Together as a Church."

Pope Francis says "Sharing different expressions of faith and devotions offers us a privileged opportunity for experiencing more fully the catholicity of the People of God."

How can we embrace this diversity within our own community and continue to grow together as a church?

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