

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

October 2, 2022

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:30 am, 5:30 pm

Word & Communion: Mon & Tues 9:00 am

Weekday Masses: Wed 9:00 am, Thurs 6:30 pm, Fri 9:00 am



MISSION STATEMENT

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!

WELCOME

Whether you're a registered parishioner or first-time visitor, we hope you feel welcomed.

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.



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THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

Sunday, October 2

Mass - 9:00 am
Faith Formation - 10:15 am
Mass - 11:30 am
Blessing of Pets - 1:00 pm
Mass - 5:30 pm

Monday, October 3

Yoga - 7:30 am
Safe Parking Breakfast - 8:00 am
Word & Communion - 9:00 am
Knights of Columbus Meeting - 6:00 pm

Tuesday, October 4

Word & Communion - 9:00 am
Living Your Strengths Class - 1:00 pm
Life, Justice, Peace Meeting - 6:30 pm
Living Your Strengths Class (Zoom) - 6:30 pm
WICS (support for widowed people) - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, October 5

Safe Parking Breakfast - 8:00 am
Mass - 9:00 am
Hispanic Charismatic Group - 6:00 pm
Middle School & HS Youth Group Meeting - 7:00 pm
Parish Leadership Team - 7:00 pm

Thursday, October 6

Yoga - 7:30 am
Creation Care Team Meeting - 1:00 pm
Hora Santa de Reparación - 2:30 pm
Safe Car Parking Meeting - 3:00 pm
Mass - 6:30 pm
RCIA - 7:00 pm

Friday, October 7

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 9:45 am
Mass - 9:00 am
Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 6:30 pm

Saturday, October 8

Parish-wide Zoom 10:00 am
Funeral for Don Ross - 11:00 am
Confessions - 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Baptism - 5:30 pm
Mass - 5:30 pm
Strengths Wine & Cheese - 6:30 pm

Pastor's Corner



"The chalice is always optional, but it is important for the faithful to be able to partake of this fuller sign of Eucharistic sharing if they wish."

~ Fr. Bill

Communion Under Both Kinds

After more than two and a half years, the chalice may once again be shared with the faithful. All restrictions on the sharing of the Precious Blood with the assembly have been lifted. As we have discovered throughout COVID, every person's comfort level is different and should be respected. People's readiness to receive from the cup will vary.

The Church teaches and believes that Christ is present, body and blood, soul and divinity, in the sacrament of his Body and Blood, and that Christ is fully present under the form of bread and under the form of wine. Thus, even when communion under both kinds is not possible, the presence of Christ is not diminished. However, "sharing in both Eucharistic species reflects more fully the sacred realities that the Liturgy signifies"¹ When we receive under both kinds, "we obey the Lord's command and grow in the likeness of the Lord whose Body and Blood they both signify and contain"²

There have always been concerns around sharing germs when we share the chalice. The Archdiocese has found no scientific evidence indicating a shared cup spreads the COVID-19 virus. Many dioceses have already resumed the sharing of the chalice and have not had issues with transmission of COVID-19. People are not required to receive, and those who wish to do so are not at a greater risk because close contact does not take place. The chalice is always optional, but it is important for the faithful to be able to partake of this fuller sign of Eucharistic sharing if they wish.

There is no mandated timeline for restoring the chalice to the assembly. It will be important to make all needed preparations before reintroducing it, including training additional Eucharistic Ministers, especially in the wiping and turning of the cup which makes it safer for people to receive.

-Fr. Bill

¹ Norms for the Distribution of Holy Communion under Both Kinds, 11

² Norms for the Distribution of Holy Communion under Both Kinds, 2

Parish Mission



The Burning Bush
Ex 3:1-12

Season of Creation 2022



This weekend we close the Season of Creation with our annual Blessing of Pets. This event has been a longtime tradition of our community, brought to our parish through the inspiration of **Tina Reeves**. It folds well into the fabric of our community, one that shows CARE for all of God's creation.

During this Season of Creation, we reflected on the image of the burning bush that appeared to Moses. Exodus 3:2 says, "The angel of the LORD appeared to him as fire flaming out of a bush. When he looked, although the bush was on fire, it was not being consumed." It was through this holy flame that God spoke to Moses.

These last few weeks have given us an opportunity to listen to the voice of God speaking through creation. Many in our parish have shared the ways they have heard the call to CARE including the planting of trees, carpooling, and reducing purchases of single use plastics among other commitments.

Our CARE logo shows a hand holding up a house and a community. In many ways, this logo is the message of *Laudato Si*, to listen to cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. Although we may feel overwhelmed by the cries we hear, let us remember, we are held and receive CARE by God, the Creator of all.

God Bless Our Pets!

Calling all creatures big and small!

Please bring your beloved animal to receive a blessing this weekend!

To show our CARE for animals in need, we invite you to bring a donation of pet food that we will be passing to the Covington Storehouse Food Bank.

Sunday, October 2 at 1:00 pm
outside McMullen Center

Where Is This?

If you know the location where the picture on the front of this bulletin was taken, please email us at bulletin@stjbcc.org by Monday, October 3, and let us know! One winner will be drawn on the following Tuesday and announced in the October 9 bulletin. Winner will also get a prize! Please be as descriptive as you can with the location. Good luck!

Congratulations to **Marge Battisti**, the winner of our Frog picture contest! Margie has won a Starbucks card. You too can win a prize if you enter our "Where Is This?" contest. Prizes may vary from contest to contest.

Ministry Spotlight



On Point!

Have you ever wondered who opens the doors and turns on the lights to welcome you when you arrive for Mass? Have you wondered how the Mass is celebrated so smoothly each weekend with all the liturgical minister roles filled? We have our point people to thank for this. Each Mass has only one point person, so it is an extremely important position.

Being a point person is the first step in welcoming the community to the Mass. As I walk through the church, opening doors and turning on the lights, I think of all the people who will soon arrive to a friendly place. In addition, as I work to ensure that all the liturgical spots are covered, I am helping to ensure the Mass is as rich and meaningful for all in attendance. It is an honor to help people get as much out of the Mass as possible. Another benefit of being a point person is that I get to know a lot of people. It is wonderful to know the names of the people I am helping to welcome to the Mass.

Mary Peterson, Point Person at the 9 am Mass, says, "I'm kind of a 'behind the scenes' kind of gal, and Point Person is right up my alley. I get to assist my community without much fanfare. Some of the duties I cherish are:

- Ensuring that those who can't walk have the precious Body of Christ brought to them at their seat (I am assisted in this by the wonderful greeters).
- Ensuring the air quality is as good as it can be by engaging the air handlers and fans, so hopefully everyone is comfortable, and no one gets COVID because of poor ventilation.
- Ensuring all the lights are on, the doors are unlocked and open, the nursery is open, and live streaming is on.
- Ensuring the bathrooms are clean, and lights are on.
- Making sure all ministers are present and finding substitutes if necessary.

I've been doing this ministry for many years and hope to share my joy with new people who want to find a way to serve our community in this way."

Pat Defiesta is honored to be called as a disciple of Christ by being the Mass Point Person. Not only does she get to know the parishioners and ministers better, but she also gets to play an important role in making sure the smallest details of Mass get taken care of so everyone can worship in comfort.

Rose Racicot, Point Person at the Life Teen Mass, says "As point person, I get great joy out of coordinating ministers to make the liturgy come alive. The spirit works through me to invite parishioners to serve at Mass and engage with the community."

In my five years here at St. John's, we have never had anyone volunteer to be a new Point Person, so we are in dire need! If this sounds like a ministry you are interested in, **contact me at the parish office** for more information.

Laurie Moloney
Pastoral Assistant for Liturgy & Pastoral Care

Other Ministries

Yarning for Community

Before we know it, the cold weather will be here. Please start planning for the annual collection of hats, scarves, and mittens for the homeless. They can be handmade or purchased but need to be washable. There will be collection boxes in the narthex and in the parish office in October.



Do you know someone who is ill, grieving, lonely, or just needs some extra love? We have many beautiful handmade prayer shawls waiting to be wrapped around that special person. Please come to the parish office and take your pick.

Yarning for Community meets every Monday and Friday at 12 noon and Wednesdays at 1:00 pm in the Covington library. Come join us for a couple of hours of knitting, crocheting, and companionship. All are welcome.

For more information please **contact Anne Diaz at the parish office or office@sitbcc.org**.

We will be **pruning shrubbery and trees** and transporting accumulations of yard debris to the compost pile and yard waste container on Saturday, **November 5 from 9:00am - 4:00 pm**. Service projects for Eagle Scouts and Girls Scouts available.



- Repair/Replace sanctuary chair couplers
- Chain link fence around the garage
- Extend/Add concrete sidewalks around parish grounds and retention ponds.

Every year, the Seattle Seafarers' Center provides about 1,000 ditty bags stuffed with basic personal necessities to merchant seafarers. These bags are one way we help seafarers celebrate Christmas while they are far from home during the holiday season. Seafarers help make Christmas possible by transporting lots of goods to the US. Help make a seafarer's Christmas by providing them with a ditty bag to say thank you!

There are lots of ways to participate. You can make drawstring bags or knit hats, or you can purchase basic supplies (e.g., body soap, deodorant, and toothpaste) and drop those off at the Center. You can also make a financial gift that will be used to purchase more supplies for ditty bags. To find out more, visit our website mts-seattle.org/ or contact the Seattle Seafarers Center office@mts-seattle.org.

Thank you!



Prayer Request

For the **sick** :

Peter Behrens
Charlie Seitz
Eden Wallace

For those who have **died**:

Jon Hanson (brother-in-law of Nancy Hampson)
Hannelore Hogan (mother of Kathy Collins)
Rose Nabarrete (mother of Reid Nabarrete)
Trey Robinson (great grandson of Debbie Poirier)

Happening This Month

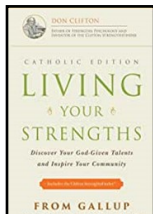
Walking Through Grief

This is a 9-week FREE educational & inspirational program offering support and hope to those experiencing loss.

October 19 - December 14

Wednesdays from 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Online via Zoom

If you are grieving or know of someone who is grieving and you feel this might have some benefit for you, please **contact Frank Hammock at the parish office or office@sjtbcc.org**.



Find out your Top 5 Talents!

Tuesdays

In-Person: September 27 - October 18

Zoom: October 4 - 25

Contact Anne Frederick
at the parish office for more info

From Our Community



Catholic Campaign for Human Development thanks you for your recent generous support! The funds from this collection will go to support those on the margins who live in poverty in the United States. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Visit usccb.org/nationalcollections and click "How to Give" under "Resources."

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 Oct. 14-16, 2022, call 206-706-2608 or go to www.helpourmarriage.org.

Rachel's Corner

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

"What an amazing way to experience forgiveness and bring your heart closer to Christ. You leave the darkness and embrace the light!" - retreat testimonial

Join us and discover the merciful embrace that is just for you.

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You are loved with an everlasting Love!

Community Appeal



In celebration of Respect Life Month, the St. John the Baptist PREPARES ministry is holding a diaper drive the **weekend of October 8/9**.

We will be collecting the following items to help support moms and families in need:

- diapers (sizes 3, 4, 5, and 6)
- baby wipes
- NEW clothes, babies' size 6 months thru kids' size 7/8 (onesies, shirts, pants, dresses, socks, etc.)
- lotion/shampoo/bath items for both moms and babies

Donated items can be placed in the PREPARES crib located in the church Narthex. Thank you for respecting life by caring for vulnerable moms, babies and families!

PREPARES is a pregnancy and support ministry launched by the Washington State Catholic bishops with the promise of care from pregnancy to the child's fifth birthday to mothers and fathers, no matter their beliefs. The PREPARES program celebrates the gift of life and makes sure that no child – born or unborn – is ever abandoned or alone.



Skyrocketing Prices are Hurting our Families!

Moms and kids escaping homelessness need the basics of food and hygiene essentials but our cupboards are bare!

Hygiene Basics: Provide families with the ability to shower and keep a clean and safe home.

Meals-in-a-Bag: Families come to Vine Maple Place hungry. Meals-in-a-Bag provide Mom with what she needs to make a home cooked meal for her family.

Beds and Bedding: We provide 20 beds each month to families leaving homelessness and we are very low on new pillows, mattresses, and frames.

To support any of these needs and more, please visit vinemapleplace.org/get-involved.html



St. John the Baptist is offering
Financial Peace University

**Our next session will begin in
November 6, 2022**

This program offers a variety of online and written resources for money management and investing in your future. The nine sessions will be facilitated by a fellow parishioner and retired financial executive, who will share his expertise with participants.

**This program is the perfect gift for parents and grandparents to share
with your young adult children!**

It helps people of all ages with planning for the future to
not only to keep out of debt but to build a life of generosity!

Classes will be held between Sunday morning Masses in the parish
conference room.

Suggested donation is \$50/couple or individual, as the parish is subsidizing
50% of the cost. Scholarships also are available.

To register or to receive more information, please contact Anne Frederick at
annef@sjtbcc.org or 253-630-0710 X125

2022/2023 St. John the Baptist

Craft & Hobby Group Meeting Dates

Welcome Back!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

10 am—5 pm

(Come when you can, stay as long as you can)

October 15, 2022

November 19, 2022

February 18, 2023

March 18, 2023

April 15, 2023

May 20, 2023

*Our 15th Annual Craft and Hobby Retreat will
be Friday and Saturday, January 27-28, 2023*

*(10 am—9 pm Friday, leave your things overnight, come back Saturday
for breakfast at 9 am and stay until 9 pm)*

If you have questions or want more information, please contact NANCY MOORE in the parish office.

(253) 630-0701, ext. 102 or nancym@sjtbcc.org



- No cost! Nothing to buy!
- Uninterrupted time to work on your craft .
- Bring your own supplies
- Bring your own snack and lunch.
- Invite a friend.
- The ***Yarning for Community*** group will join us!



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