

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

September 25, 2022
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:30 am, 5:30 pm (Life Teen)

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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OPEN; contact Joan Williamson above if interested in this position

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

Sunday, September 25

Mass - 9:00 am

Blood Pressure Screening - 10:00 am

Faith Formation - 10:15 am

Mass - 11:30 am

Mass, Life Teen - 5:30 pm

Monday, September 26

Safe Parking Breakfast - 8:00 am

Word & Communion - 9:00 am

Offsite Funeral for Tom Murphy - 10:00 am

Communications Committee Meeting - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, September 27

Word & Communion - 9:00 am

WICS (support for widowed people) - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, September 28

Safe Parking Breakfast - 8:00 am

Mass - 9:00 am

Hispanic Charismatic Group - 6:00 pm

Youth Group Meeting - 6:45 pm

Adult Formation in Spanish - 7:00 pm

Thursday, September 29

Mass - 6:30 pm

RCIA - 7:00 pm

Friday, September 30

Mass - 9:00 am

Hora Santa de Reparación - 1:30 pm

Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 6:30 pm

Saturday, October 1

Parish-wide Zoom 10:00 am

Confessions - 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Mass - 5:30 pm

Pastor's Corner



In fostering the life of the parish, the pastor relies on the advice and expertise of parishioners serving on consultative leadership bodies.

~ Fr. Bill

Parish Governance

"It is the role of the Christian faithful to carry out the mission of the Church in the world. Therefore, all parishioners share the responsibility for that mission with the pastor or other appointed leader."¹

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Councils are those leadership groups mandated by a higher authority outside of the parish. The archdiocese mandates that every parish have a Pastoral Council. The Vatican mandates that every parish have a Finance Council.

Commissions are determined by the parish in light of the parish's identity and priorities. Our parish has the following Commissions: Faith Formation, Life Justice and Peace, Stewardship and Evangelization, and Facilities and Grounds (we are discussing the possibility of a new Liturgy Commission).

The work of Commissions are further subdivided into **Committees** or **Ministries** that have a smaller scope of focus and a more hands on service. There are too many committees in our parish to list here. You can find many of them on our parish website, sjtbcc.org/go-ministries/

This October, we are gathering all who currently serve on a council or commission. This in-person gathering of parish leaders is meant to strengthen our sense of connection as a parish community, review what has and is yet to be accomplished from our previous five-year pastoral plan, and lay the foundation for our pastoral priorities for the next five years in light of our parish synod experience. Using a model of servant leadership, those called to leadership seek to build a faith community, exemplifying diversity in unity and to be a link to the larger Church.

-Fr. Bill

¹ Many Gifts, One Spirit: Church Governance Through Consultative Leadership, Archdiocese of Seattle

Parish Leadership Team

The Parish Leadership Team met on Wednesday, September 7. We discussed the purpose and format of the upcoming Councils and Commissions Convocation in October. This in-person gathering of parish leaders is meant to strengthen our sense of connection as a parish community, review what has and is yet to be accomplished from our previous five-year pastoral plan, and lay the foundation for our pastoral priorities for the next five years in light of our parish synod experience. Members were referred to the pastoral plan for the archdiocese that should be reflected in our parish plan.

Members of the Parish leadership Team are **Joe Burianek, Irene Cervantes, Kathy Dalseg, Bob Denney, Nkechi Echeruo, Stephanie Esteban, Gary Lara, Trish Hanson and Fr. Bill McKee.** **Anne Frederick** and **Joan Williamson** serve as ex-officio members.

Parish Mission



Does our bulletin cover look different this week? It is a photo taken during the stewardship of one of our parish islands, where we were surprised to find some little frogs living. What a great connection with the Care of Creation Season we are currently celebrating!

We hope to feature pictures of our parish and artwork from parishioners, young and old, for upcoming bulletin covers.

We would enjoy sharing your images of how we, the Catholic Community of St. John the Baptist, CARE for God, one another, our parish, and our earth. Please submit your items to bulletin@sjtbcc.org or drop a copy (no originals) at the church's office with your name, phone number, and email address.

Submittals of artwork or photographs must be from you as the artist. No copyright or internet photos or drawings will be accepted. See our website for submission details and guidelines.

If you can identify where the frog picture was taken, email us at bulletin@sjtbcc.org for a chance to win a prize! Prize will be awarded on the first correct answer. Winner's name will be published in the following week's bulletin.

We look forward to hearing from you and seeing your creativity!

Ministry Spotlight

Safe Parking



The Safe Parking ministry is a collaborative effort supported by a collection of volunteers, case workers from Catholic Community Services, the City of Covington, and the Covington Police Department. The ministry is a well-developed and highly successful program that provides homeless individuals, who live in their cars, a safe place to park at night.

Once trained, volunteers sign up to be on call for a week at a time. From Monday to Sunday they monitor the cameras and do an occasional "drive-by" just to reassure guests that we are looking out for their safety.

The highest priority is the safety of all those involved, guests, volunteers, and any parishioners who may be on the premises.

In the event of an issue that raises safety concerns, a decision to contact the Police department first results in a call to the station with either a non-urgent request for them to visit the lot when they have a window of opportunity, or go immediately if something warrants such a response.

New volunteers serve a one-week apprenticeship before becoming a regular participant.

Since 2018 we have had a steady stream of guests and a steady stream of volunteers. We have had NO issues and are pleased to be close to completing our FIFTH year of service to our guests.

To join this wonderful ministry, or if you have any questions that you would want to ask, please **contact Andrea Mendoza at the church office.**

Norm Bailey
Safe Parking Ministry

Other Ministries

Elementary Faith Formation needs your help!

Do you want to share God's love and our Catholic faith with the youngest among us? Then I have just the opportunity! In a couple of weeks, we will have 78+ eager children ready to begin their faith formation classes each Sunday morning. We are looking for Catechists/teachers at every grade level (Preschool - 4th grade). We provide training, support, and love. This is a fun, rewarding experience that will captivate your heart as well as your soul. If you would like to volunteer, please **contact Therese McHenry at the parish office.**

There are also opportunities to volunteer with Youth Group and Life Teen. **Contact Joan Williamson at the parish office.**

Other Ministries



Season of Creation 2022

Calling all creatures big and small!

Please bring your beloved animal to receive a blessing next weekend! If your pet does not travel or play with others well, we invite you to bring a picture! We also want to celebrate those companions that we have lost along the way. If you have a pet that has passed away, please bring a photo of them for a special blessing.

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 Storehouse Food Bank in Covington.

**Sunday, October 2 at 1:00 pm
Outside McMullen Center**



During the Season of Creation, we invite you to continue bringing 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. Please remember to bring in your Season of Creation commitments to share with the community!

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@sjtbcc.org**. If emailing, please note "Scarves, hats, and mittens" on the subject line.

Prayer Request

For the sick :

**Peter Behrens,
Rose Nabarrete,
Eden Wallace**

For those who have died:

Hannelore Hogan (mother of Kathy Collins),
Joyce Kordon (aunt of Gloria Pritchett),
Steven Moloney (brother of Laurie Moloney),
Richard Phillips (brother of Margie Vieira)

Save the Dates!

Walking Through Grief

October 19 - December 14, 2022
Wednesdays from 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Online via Zoom

If you are grieving or know 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**. If emailing, please note "Walking Through Grief" on the subject line.

Financial Peace University will be holding nine sessions beginning in **November** between Sunday morning masses in the parish conference room. Stay tuned for exact dates.



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**.

Community Appeal



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

From Our Community

World Day of Migrants & Refugees



This weekend we celebrate the World Day of Migrants and Refugees. Pope Francis calls us to welcome and work alongside migrants and refugees to bring the heaven to earth. We lift up this day with the prayer Pope Francis offered in his message this year,

Lord, make us bearers of hope, so that where there is darkness, your light may shine, and where there is discouragement, confidence in the future may be reborn. Lord, make us instruments of your justice, so that where there is exclusion, fraternity may flourish, and where there is greed, a spirit of sharing may grow. Lord, make us builders of your Kingdom, together with migrants and refugees and with all who dwell on the peripheries. Lord, let us learn how beautiful it is to live together as brothers and sisters. Amen.

Car Seats Needed

Pregnancy Aid has seen an increase in requests for car seats. If you have a donation of a car seat, please contact Judy at office@sjtbcc.org (note "Car Seats" on subject line) or Andrea at the office to coordinate delivery. Thank you for your generosity!

Bring Christmas to a Seafarer!

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!



News from CCS Sacred Heart

The Sacred Heart Family Shelter is settling into the heart of the Kent community. To read more about the happenings of the shelter and ways you can support families in need, please visit conta.cc/3euTbqg

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)

September 24, 2022

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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