

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

October 23, 2022

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lk 18:9-14



Actual photo of S.JTB parishioner hands, courtesy of Anne Frederick

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 23

Mass - 9:00 am

Blood Pressure Screening after morning masses

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast—10:00 am

Elementary Faith Formation - 10:15 am

Mass - 11:30 am

Mass - 5:30 pm

Monday, October 24

Word & Communion - 9:00 am

Faith Formation - 6:00 pm

Choir (9 am) Practice - 7:00 pm

Communications Committee Meeting - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, October 25

Word & Communion - 9:00 am

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

Wednesday, October 26

Mass - 9:00 am

Hispanic Charismatic Group - 6:00 pm

Youth Ministry (Grades 5-12) - 7:00 pm

Choir (Sun 5:30 pm) Practice - 7:00 pm

Thursday, October 27

Hora Santa de Reparación - 2:30 pm

Mass - 6:30 pm

Choir (11:30 am) Practice - 7:00 pm

RCIA - 7:00 pm

Parish-wide Leadership Meeting - 7:00 pm

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting - 7:00 pm

Friday, October 28

Mass - 9:00 am

Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 6:30 pm

Saturday, October 29

First Reconciliation Meeting, Parent-Child - 9:00 am

Parish-wide Zoom 10:00 am

Confessions - 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Mass - 5:30 pm

Pastor's Corner



"There is a story told of Pope John the XXIII. When blueprints of a new seminary were brought to him, he took one look and rejected them. He said, "My seminary is for human beings, not angels." Seems like the architects forgot to add restrooms. Bathrooms are important.

~ Fr. Bill

Pardon our dust



Sprucing Up Our Church

You may notice a few facility projects going on.

We are sprucing up the restrooms in the church. This was the project for our 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal rebate. With the money received, we are able to redo the counter tops; get new sinks; and paint and replace some of the tilework. When a person moves into a new house, there is a house blessing with a prayer for each room. Many are a little surprised that even the bathroom gets a blessing. It goes something like, "Lord you gave us physical bodies to be the living temple of your Holy Spirit. Out of love for you, may we care for our bodies as living members of the Body of Christ." There is a story told of Pope John the XXIII. When blueprints of a new seminary were brought to him, he took one look and rejected them. He said my seminary is for human beings, not angels. Seems like the architects forgot to add restrooms. Bathrooms are important.

The other project is adding a railing around our baptismal font. Our insurance company is requiring this. A few years ago, a visitor tripped and fell into the font. This resulted in an injury and a sizable insurance claim. We were reminded of this requirement in our last building inspection by the Archdiocese. The railing is designed to be removeable for the Easter Vigil and other times the font is used. Funding for this project comes from our capital reserve.

-Fr. Bill



Parish Councils and Commissions Convocation

All those serving on councils and commissions will gather in person on Thursday, October 27. We will gather for the 6:30 Mass (open to all parishioners) and then move to the social hall for the convocation.

Stewardship



This weekend begins our yearly focus on Parish Stewardship. You will soon be receiving a letter from Fr. Bill and our parish's annual report. **We invite you to reflect prayerfully on how God has blessed you and how God has called each of us to share a designated portion of these blessings.** Your gifts help our parish to continue our mission to serve one another in the name of Jesus Christ. It allows us to provide assistance to those in need, to livestream Mass to our homebound, to prepare children and adults to receive our Sacraments, to keep the lights on, and to coordinate our wonderful ministries. **Your gift truly matters and we are grateful for you!**

Parish Mission

CARE and RCIA



Have you ever heard the phrase, "claimed by Christ?" As in, You, Person in the sanctuary at St John's, you are Christ's own! Christ knows you by name. You are, because at the moment of creation, God thought of you!

In RCIA, we meet weekly, always beginning the new year wearing name tags, because we want to recognize each other by name. It's a little thing, but it shows we care about each person. We hear the seeker's desire to become a member of these people who are God's own. We proclaim the good news of God's hand reaching for our hand through our own life stories, as well as addressing the Bible, Salvation History, and the Catholic way of understanding Jesus' good news!

How can we not care for each of our precious members preparing to be baptized, sealed by the Spirit, and fed by the very Bread of Life?

Submitted by **Carol Nelson**

Hands of Stewards

Our cover photo this week represents stewardship. Your financial gift supports our church, our ministries, and the mission of Jesus Christ here on earth. Please pray for generous hearts to the letter and pledge card that Father Bill will be sending soon.

Cover Photo Winner - Prayer Shawls

The exact location of the prayer shawls is the counter between the mail room and the library. Congratulations to **Mary Petersen**, whose name was drawn from a list of correct entrants. Stay tuned for our next contest on 10/30!

Ministry Spotlight



The Stewardship and Evangelization Commission met twice in the past few weeks to develop our Vision and Mission statements in preparation for the Leadership Convocation on October 27. Our second meeting began with 30 minutes of silent adoration in front of the Blessed Sacrament, which was a particularly grace-filled time for all of us.

We hosted our first Wine and Cheese Party on Saturday evening, October 8. Parishioners who have Achiever as one of their Top 5 Strengths and their significant others enjoyed an evening of light refreshments as well as connecting and sharing their stories. It was a fun way for parishioners to meet some new people and explore what it is like to be an Achiever and living with one. We also had a "One in 33 Million" moment, when we found out that **Joe Burianek** and **Paul Dehmer** share the same Top 5 strengths in the same order! What a rare and wonderful encounter! Thanks to Fr. Bill and the Stewardship and Evangelization Commission, with **Jennifer Burianek** organizing the evening. Our next party will be Saturday, November 19. If you are a WOO Relator, look for an invitation soon!



Parishioners, whose Top 5 Strengths include "Achiever," enjoy a Wine & Cheese gathering hosted by the Stewardship & Evangelization Commission on October 8.



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Other Ministries

Pancake Breakfast To Benefit



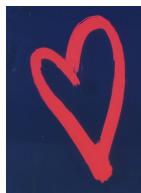
Sunday, October 23, 2022

10:00 - 11:30 am

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus

The annual Apples Sales Fund Raiser in October and November typically supports this program. However, our Grower's apple orchard in Yakima was attacked by a flock of birds that destroyed the entire crop this year. Please keep our Grower in your prayers and also continue to support our Coats for Kids program by joining us on our pancake breakfast.

Phone Volunteers Needed



Do you have some free time this Advent to help us reach out to fellow parishioners? We are seeking volunteers to help make phone calls. This will be a fun and engaging opportunity to share our CARE for others at St. John the Baptist! Contact Anne Frederick for more information Annef@sjtbcc.org or 253-630-0701 x125

Here's to Your Smile!

Ever wonder how many toothbrushes you go through in a year? It may be time to switch to a bamboo option. In addition to your new brushes, try out some silk dental floss; many come in refillable glass containers. You can even opt for toothpaste tablets and ditch the plastic tube altogether. To further reduce your plastic waste in the bathroom, consider ditching your plastic razor for an all-metal safety razor.



FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING



Fourth Sunday after morning masses

WE HAVE A REGISTERED NURSE AVAILABLE TO CHECK YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE IN MAIN CONGREGATION ROOM
contact parish office for more information

Prayer Requests

For the sick :

Doug Ackerman and **Alec Lane**

For those who have died:

Dailinda Cabral (mother of Lynn Silva)

Adelina Fabia (friend of Carolina Mendoza)

Judith Fox (sister of Roger Hanson)

Susan Hanson (wife of Roger Hanson)

Irene Santiago (sister-in-law of Nesty Santiago)

From Our Community

THE STOREHOUSE Volunteers Needed

Please assist families and individuals facing food insecurity in our community! The Covington Storehouse needs volunteers to assist with sorting donations and distribution. Morning, evening, weekday, and weekend shifts available and are flexible regarding commitment levels. If interested, please fill out our volunteer form at form.jotform.com/Storehouse_info/volunteer. Or call/text 253-631-3038 or email info@CovingtonStorehouse.org



Thanks for your participation in World Mission Sunday last weekend! Through your generous contributions to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, you are Christ's witnesses, building the Church

in the Pope's missions around the world, feeding the poor, and aiding the missionaries who are sharing the Gospel worldwide. May God bless you for your compassionate missionary spirit! World Mission Sunday donations make possible the following:

- ♦ 844,000 catechists teaching the faith
- ♦ 258,540 Religious Sisters caring for children and families
- ♦ 38,140 seminarians preparing for the priesthood
- ♦ 26 million children in primary schools
- ♦ 12,000 clinics caring for the sick and dying
- ♦ 8,750 homes for orphaned children and the elderly

Thank you!



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.

Note: We will add the topic to this event two to three weeks before the event.

To Register: archseattle.org/ministries/outreach-ministries/mental-health-ministry/wellness-wednesdays/

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

Wellness Wednesdays virtual events will be held on Zoom and will take place on the first Wednesday of the month.

Celebration of Our Saints Mass

Saturday, November 5, 2022
11:00 am at [St. James Cathedral](#)
804 Ninth Ave., Seattle, WA 98104

Join us for the Celebration of Our Saints Mass, celebrating the saints from our diverse cultural communities. Our Saints inspire and intercede for us. When we become aware of their lives, we grow in our faith and trust in God.

Permanent Diaconate Information Sessions



The Archdiocese of Seattle has opened the inquiry year for the permanent diaconate for Catholic men generally aged 35 to 56 interested in

learning more about being a deacon! Go to archseattle.org/deacon/ to find out about the process, dates for upcoming information sessions and how to be considered a candidate.

Hope and Healing After Abortion

"It doesn't matter how fragile you might feel when it comes to your relationship with God. Everything is possible. God took my life torn to pieces and re-created me with the fire of His love." -Retreat testimonial



Have you felt like your life has been torn to pieces? Join us and let God, with His merciful love, make you whole again by putting the pieces back together.

English: (206) 920-6413 / Español: (206)-450-7814

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Project Rachel is a program of Catholic Community Services

Masses for Feast of All Souls' Day

Wednesday, November 2, 2022

10:30 am at [Gethsemane Cemetery](#)
37600 Pacific Hwy. S., Federal Way, WA 98003
Bishop Schuster, Presider

7:00 pm at [St. John the Baptist Parish](#)
With special remembrance of those who died this year.

Cristo Rey Seattle Feasibility Study

cristoreyseattle.org

We are seeking input from **families of 7th graders** about a possible new college prep and career focused Catholic Jesuit high school with an annual tuition of ~\$1,000 located in SE Seattle/Skyway/Renton. To provide an affordable education and valuable real-life work experiences, students have an internship 1 day per week for all 4 years of high school in a professional office setting. In Seattle students might work in the offices of companies like Twitch, Microsoft, Accenture, Darigold, Costco, and Expeditors among others.

If you are interested in offering feedback and expressing interest, please complete a survey using the following QR Code or visiting the Cristo Rey Seattle Feasibility Study Website: <https://www.cristoreyseattle.org/for-prospective-families>



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