

# THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

October 30, 2022

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lk 19:1-10



## 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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**OPEN;** contact Joan Williamson if interested

## THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

### Sunday, October 30

Mass - 9:00 am  
Elementary Faith Formation - 10:15 am  
Mass - 11:30 am  
Mass - 5:30 pm

### Monday, October 31

Yoga - 7:30 am  
Word & Communion - 9:00 am  
Choir (alternate 9 am & FilAm) Practice - 7:00 pm

### Tuesday, November 1 (All Saints Day)

Mass, All Saints Day - 9:00 am  
Mass, All Saints Day - 7:00 pm  
WICS (support for widowed people) - 7:00 pm

### Wednesday, November 2 (All Souls Day)

Mass (All Souls Day) - 7:00 pm  
Grief Ministry Meeting - 7:00 pm  
Parish Leadership Team Meeting - 7:00 pm  
Youth Ministry (Grades 5-12) - 7:00 pm

### Thursday, November 3

Yoga - 7:30 am  
Creation Care Team - 1:00 pm  
Hora Santa de Reparación - 2:30 pm  
Safe Parking Meeting - 3:00 pm  
Universal Christ Faith Group - 4:00 pm  
Mass - 6:30 pm  
Choir (11:30 am) Practice - 7:00 pm  
RCIA - 7:00 pm

### Friday, November 4

Mass - 9:00 am  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 9:30 am  
Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 6:30 pm  
Choir Practice (Fil Am) - 7:00 pm  
Family Dance Night - 6:00 pm

### Saturday, November 5

Fall Clean Up - 9:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Parish-wide Zoom - 10:00 am  
Confirmation Year 1 Parent Orientation - 10:00 am  
Confessions - 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm  
Mass - 5:30 pm

## Pastor's Corner



*"Your commitment to stewardship as a way of life is an expression of your care for the People of God and for all God's creation."*

~ Fr. Bill

### The Five Principles of Christian Stewardship

As we begin our annual parish stewardship campaign, it is good to keep in mind the five principles of Christian stewardship.

1. Stewardship is **PLANNED**. It is a decision that requires some thought and planning. Our gift giving is part of our financial planning, not just what is left over after all the other bills. This year, in my letter to you, we included a worksheet that helps you look at your charitable giving throughout the year. We cannot respond to every request that fills our mailboxes, so it is good to decide what charities we want to support and feel good about what we can do, not guilty at what we cannot do.
2. Stewardship is **PROPORTIONAL**. It reflects a certain percentage of our income. The goal could be the biblical tithe of ten percent: 5% to the parish and 5% to other charities. It most likely will take a while to reach that goal. If you are new to stewardship, you could consider starting at two percent, increasing a half a percentage point each year if your situation allows.
3. Stewardship is **SACRIFICIAL**. It is a gift united with the sacrifice of Christ and given in the context of the sacrifice of the Mass. Whether you bring the Sunday envelope to the altar or use electronic fund transfer or credit card payment, what you share with the community is intrinsically united with Jesus' gift of himself in the Eucharist. Your charitable giving represents the gift of yourself.
4. Stewardship is **THANKFUL**. It is offered as a grateful response for what God has done for us.
5. Stewardship is a **GIFT**. Like any gift to a loved one, what is donated is given without condition and without reservation, and given in appreciation and care. CARE is our parish theme this year. Your commitment to stewardship as a way of life is an expression of your care for the People of God and for all God's creation.

-Fr. Bill



## Stewardship



This week, we are asking everyone to prayerfully reflect on how we are called to continue to sustain our parish and the ministries that support the mission of Jesus Christ. **Thanks to Tia and Norm Bailey**, who are sharing a powerful witness talk about the joy of giving back to God's community this weekend. We ask that all our parishioners partake of that joy and return their commitment card as soon as possible.

Our cover photo for last week's and this week's bulletin are actual hands of our generous parishioners. May it remind us to give generously to God's calling of our treasures.

## Parish Mission



Our September 18, 2022 bulletin described in detail the various ways we demonstrate CARE in our parish. Past bulletins have touched upon CARE and God's creation here on our grounds, CARE and communication through different media platforms, and CARE and several ministries that sustain our parish. This week, we feature CARE and our front office.

If you visit or call the parish office on a Thursday or Saturday, you will be greeted by one of our most dedicated and favorite volunteers, **Kathleen Grizzle**.

One of Kathleen's Top 5 Strengths is Consistency, and we are grateful for her talent. Kathleen is reliably present when we need her. She is ready to take on a new challenge and master the skill(s) required. Nothing energizes her more than reorganizing files and cabinets. And above all, she does so with an ever-ready smile and laughter.

Kathleen will be a new Point Person for our Sunday morning 11:30 am Mass. You might recognize her by the pink name tag she wears. If you see her, please say hello, as she truly enjoys getting to know everyone in our parish and is always happy to help you out!

If you are interested in volunteering for this position, please **contact Nancy Moore** at the parish office or catch Kathleen during the 11:30 am Mass on Sundays.



## Ministry Spotlight



### Stewardship of Crayons

When we think of parish ministries, most of us focus on service for adults. However, here at St. John the Baptist, we have a stewardship opportunity for our preschool- and elementary-age children. It is our **Stewardship of Crayons**. Each Sunday, parents are encouraged to pick up a coloring sheet that highlights the Sunday readings. Children can also take a bundle of crayons with them. You can find these items both on the Stewardship table and the Faith Formation table in the Narthex (front of Church).

As the family leaves Mass, we ask that the child returns the crayons to the basket on the table, so they might be available for the next Mass. It also encourages the children to use the crayons carefully. We appreciate how few crayons are broken and how well they have been returned.

You are all doing a wonderful ministry by helping our youngest parishioners to learn how to take care of the gifts they have been given and to be grateful for their blessings!

Feel free to color the picture below!



## Prayer Requests

For the **sick** :

**Alec Lane**  
**Nancy Temple**  
**Bryan Torres**

For those who have **died**:

**Dailinda Cabral** (mother of Lynn Talbot)

## Our Church

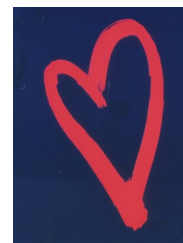
### Learn Life's Lessons!

It is important to learn lessons that first present themselves in family life: how to show love and respect for life; the proper use of things; order and cleanliness; how to show respect for the local ecosystem and all creatures; how to learn and mature; how to ask without demanding; saying "thank you" in genuine gratitude; and controlling aggressiveness and greed. "These simple gestures of heartfelt courtesy help to create a culture of shared life and respect for our surroundings." (Laudato Si', 213)



### 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** at our parish office for more information.



We would like to provide a quick update on our parish's journey with our incarcerated friend, Chaz. Before meeting Chaz, we were informed that our parish would have the opportunity to pilot a new *One Parish One Prisoner* (OPOP) experience, because our friend Chaz's incarceration is currently via electronic monitoring. While Chaz is restricted in many ways, he has been able to be a part of our monthly Zoom calls. Our team has continued to engage via letter writing and more recently, having phone conversations as we grow in relationship with him. Our mutual hope is to be able to meet in person one day soon! Please pray for Chaz and the entire OPOP team as we continue to navigate this journey together. In the months to come, we hope to share a few of Chaz's own words with you on his journey, faith, and transformation.

*Yarning for Community* is collecting hats, scarves, and gloves for the homeless. There will be collection boxes in the narthex and the office until November 7. For more information, please contact Anne at [sjtbcc.org/contact-us/](http://sjtbcc.org/contact-us/). Please write Hats, Scarves, & Gloves on the subject line. Thank you for your support.



## Our Church

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### THANKSGIVING DRIVE

We will be kicking off our annual Thanksgiving Drive in November to provide holiday meals to hundreds of local families. Each meal contains enough food to feed four to six people. Meals are distributed to families through Catholic Community Services, Children's Home Society, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Kent School District, Kent Youth & Family Services, and St. Vincent de Paul. Please visit our website, Facebook page, and future bulletins for ways to support this cause.



Bring the entire family for an evening of dancing in the Parish Hall

A Family Dance Night will be held in the parish hall on Friday, November 4 from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm. This is geared toward families with children of all ages, and there will be an opportunity for some social dancing instructions. Light refreshments will be provided. Come make a joyful MOVEMENT to the Lord and connect with some fellow parishioners. Contact Christine at [sjtbcc.org/contact-us/](http://sjtbcc.org/contact-us/) for more information or to offer assistance with this event. Please put Family Dance Night on the subject line. Hope to see you all there!



The Knights of Columbus is an international Order of Catholic men, who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others, and defend values in a busy changing world.

Our local Harry J. Tucker Jr. Council #11780 will be holding a membership drive at all Masses on the weekend of November 12 & 13. Whether you become an individual member or a member of our council, you will find that Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way.

If you would like to join today, simply go to [KofC.org/joinus](http://KofC.org/joinus) and enter our council number 11780 for local information.



Dear Parishioners, Thank you for the diapers, clothes, and personal items donated to the PREPARES collection drive celebrating Respect Life Month. Our closet is now well stocked with the necessities that new moms and babies need to feel healthy and loved! Your generosity allows us to continue to serve moms, babies, and families in our community! Gratefully, The St. John the Baptist PREPARES Ministry

Interested in becoming a volunteer? Catholic Community Services Staff will provide **PREPARES** training for new volunteers on Saturday, November 12 from 9:30 am to 11:30 am at St. Stephen the Martyr. To learn more or to register Contact Kathleen Tansey at [peggyb@ccsww.org](mailto:peggyb@ccsww.org)

## Our Community

### 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.

### 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.

### Hope and Healing After Abortion

"Cling to God and leave all the rest to Him:  
He will not let you perish. Your soul is very  
dear to Him, He wishes to save it."

- St. Margaret Mary Alacoque



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### Cristo Rey Seattle Feasibility Study

[cristoreyseattle.org](http://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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