

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

October 9, 2022

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lk 17:11-19



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 9

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

Monday, October 10

Yoga - 7:30 am
Safe Parking Breakfast - 8:00 am
Word & Communion - 9:00 am

Tuesday, October 11

Word & Communion - 9:00 am
Living Your Strengths Class (Zoom) - 6:30 pm
Guatemala Committee Meeting - 7:00 pm
WICS (support for widowed people) - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, October 12

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
Faith Formation Commission - 7:00 pm

Thursday, October 13

Yoga - 7:30 am
Funeral for Susan Hanson - 11:00 am
Hora Santa de Reparación - 2:30 pm
Facilities & Ground Commission Meeting - 4:30 pm
Mass - 6:30 pm
RCIA - 7:00 pm

Friday, October 14

Staff Retreat
Mass - 9:00 am
Creative Kindness Sewing Group - 9:00 am
Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 6:30 pm

Saturday, October 15

RCIA Retreat - 9:00 am
Parish-wide Zoom 10:00 am
Craft & Hobby Day - 10:00 am
Confessions - 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Mass - 5:30 pm

Pastor's Corner



"Please be patient and understanding with us if we are a bit slower or have a dazed look in our eyes." ~ Fr. Bill

Back to School for the Parish Staff

The parish will be transitioning to a new software for greater effectiveness in managing our parish census, keeping up to date with parishioners, improving communication, and consolidating the various programs we are currently using into one system. Every parish in the archdiocese will be transitioning to this new system. You will not notice anything new until the spring. However, the parish staff begins training on the new system. This extensive preparation will involve two sessions a week plus homework for the staff beginning now and lasting through the spring.

This is a major commitment of time and energy for a staff already busy about many things. They may be a bit slower in returning a call or e-mail. They could even be a little frazzled as they strive to get everything accomplished with less time as they take on this new task of learning a completely new system. I am including myself in this description!

Please be patient and understanding with us if we are a bit slower or have a dazed look in our eyes. A word of encouragement is always helpful. Moreover, that phrase, "Is there anything I can do to help?" would surely be welcomed.

-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.

Parish Mission

CARE and Our Bulletin



In the [September 18, 2022](#) issue of our bulletin, we launched our new year's mission, CARE, with a new bulletin format. We mentioned that CARE extends to our communication platform, which includes our website, our Flocknote email, and our bulletin.

We hope that when you open our bulletin, either in print or online via our website, you will feel the spirit we share with one another, the spirit of CARE. From the first page of our bulletin, which illustrates our lives here at St. John the Baptist, through the photos and artwork of our parishioners, to the very last page, which proudly displays all of our sponsors who make the bulletin possible, we demonstrate and celebrate CARE. Whether through Father Bill's articles or any of the articles written by various parishioners, we hope you feel informed and want to be engaged.

If you have a story or artwork to share about CARE here at St. John the Baptist, please let us know! You can email us at bulletin@stjbcc.org.

CARE to write and share the news with the community of St. John the Baptist!

CARE and the Garden of Good Shepherd



During this year of CARE, we thank *Northwest Catholic* for shining a spotlight on the Garden of the Good Shepherd and our newly blessed Marian Pollinator Garden on their website. *Northwest Catholic* is the official magazine and news site of the Archdiocese of Seattle. To read this article, please visit nwccatholic.org/news/brenda-sexton/covington-parishioners-care-for-creation-and-community

A special thank you to **Margie Battisti** and **Hazel Kroll** who coordinate the Garden of the Good Shepherd and all involved with caring for God's creation through our parish grounds in many different ways.

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 10, and let us know! One winner will be drawn on the following Tuesday and announced in the October 16 bulletin. Winner will also get a prize! Please be as descriptive as you can with the location. Good luck!

This Sunday's Gospel, Lk 17:11-19, tells us how faith healed one of the lepers. As we trust in our faith to heal, let these shawls be a physical reminder of the healing power of faith. If you know of someone who needs healing and could use one of these shawls, please contact the **parish office**.

Ministry Spotlight



In October 2020, Pope Francis released his most recent encyclical *Fratelli Tutti: On Fraternity and Social Friendship*. It is fitting that the publication of this document, rooted in the building of relationship, occurred during Respect Life Month. In it Pope Francis writes, "Solidarity means much more than engaging in sporadic acts of generosity. It means thinking and acting in terms of community" (FT 116).

This week we highlight the PREPARES ministry – a ministry committed to walking alongside families in need. In the past year a few of these families include a single mom fleeing an abusive partner, a grandmother caring for her young granddaughter, and a mom and dad who recently arrived to the US trying to navigate raising their children in a new culture without the support of the family left behind, for whose lives they now fear.

The ministry meets monthly to debrief the visits they have had with their various families. Sometimes there are tangible ways the volunteers are able to help, by providing some diapers or baby formula. Often the needs of the family exceed what a volunteer is able to provide. Those are the times where the beauty of this ministry shines. Walking with a mom or dad or grandparent, loving their children and letting them know they are not alone in their journey.

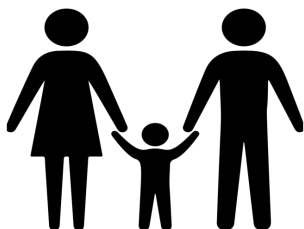
PREPARES is seeking new volunteers to join this walk. If you are feeling called, please contact Andrea at the parish office or AndreaM@sjtbcc.org. Training is provided!

In honor of Respect Life Month, PREPARES is holding a diaper drive this weekend for the following items:

- 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!



Other Ministries



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 9:00 am - 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.

Plant Trees!



They clean our air, protect our drinking water, and provide food and habitat for animals. Studies show they even improve our mental health.

Trees also absorb the CO² that contributes to global warming and release oxygen back into the air.

In one year, an acre of mature trees absorb the amount of CO² produced by a car driven 26,000 miles. Planting trees also helps prevent soil erosion, increases land fertility, and can add value to your property. Trees that provide shade can also significantly reduce your energy bills. When selecting trees, choose native types to support local wildlife. Spring and Fall can be good times to plant.



Financial Peace University

Our first session will begin on **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, not only to stay out of debt but to build a life of generosity!

Classes will be held between Sunday morning Masses in the parish conference room. For more information, please **contact Anne Frederick at the parish office**.

We Pray

For the sick :

**Peter Behrens, Mary Grizzle,
Julius Johnson, Luz Manalo,
Terry Nelson, Charlie Seitz,
Eden Wallace**

For those who have died:

Rita Drew (aunt of Sarah Pirson)
Donald Ross (father of Maria Lyon)

We Help

Walking Through Grief

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

October 19 - December 14

7:00 - 9:00 pm

Online via Zoom

Please **contact Frank Hammock at the parish office** or office@sitbcc.org for more information.

From Our Community



Hosted by the Native American community and the Archdiocese of Seattle's Multicultural Ministry, join Bishop Elizondo in celebrating the gift of Native American Catholics to the Church, particularly

by honoring St. Kateri Tekakwitha, the first Native American saint. St. Kateri Tekakwitha, the Lily of the Mohawks, was born in New York State in 1656. She was noted for her deep prayer life and special devotion to the Eucharist. Join us in a joyful celebration of Native American faith and culture.

**Saturday, October 22 - 11:00 AM
St. James Cathedral**

CCS has released their latest newsletter highlighting stories from their South King County programming. In this edition, a couple of these include Volunteer Services and Katherine's & Rita's Houses. To read the whole newsletter, please visit conta.cc/3y2seRz.

We Celebrate World Mission Sunday Together Next Week!

Next week, we join Catholics around the world for the celebration of World Mission Sunday. We are called to offer our prayers and financial help for the Church's missionary work in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe. Please be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith for the Missions. Thank you!

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.

Community Appeal

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 Andrea at the parish office** to coordinate delivery. **Thank you for your generosity!**

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

VINE MAPLE PLACE Items Needed

Moms and kids escaping homelessness need the basics of food and hygiene essentials but our cupboards are bare! If you can help with hygiene basics, meals in bags, beds and bedding, please contact us at 425-432-2119 or visit us at vinemapleplace.org/get-involved.html

Terrific Tuesday Meals Needs Volunteers

Do you have a flair for the kitchen? Terrific Tuesday Meals is seeking additional volunteers to assist with meal prep Tuesday afternoons at St. Stephen the Martyr. Meals are prepared weekly for families experiencing homelessness. If you're interested in or have questions, please contact terrifictuesdaymeals@gmail.com.

Note: a food handler's permit will be required to assist with food preparation.



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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