

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

November 13, 2022

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 21:5-19



Photo courtesy of Joan Williamson

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, November 13

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

Monday, November 14

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

Tuesday, November 15

Word & Communion - 9:00 am
Confirmation Year 2 - 7:00 pm
Hispanic Music Group - 7:00 pm
WICS (support for widowed people) - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, November 16

Mass - 9:00 am
American Sewing Guild - 10:00 am
Hispanic Charismatic Group - 6:00 pm
Stewardship & Evangelization - 6:30 pm
Choir (Sunday 5:30pm) Practice 7:00 pm
Grief Ministry - 7:00 pm
Youth Ministry (Grades 5-12) - 7:00 pm

Thursday, November 17

Yoga - 7:30 am
PREPARES - 9:30 am
Creation Care Team Meeting - 1:00 pm
Hora Santa de Reparación - 2:30 pm
Universal Christ Faith - 4:00 pm
Mass - 6:30 pm
Choir (11:30 am) Practice - 7:00 pm
Marriage Prep Team Meeting - 7:00 pm
RCIA - 7:00 pm

Friday, November 18

Mass - 9:00 am
Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 6:30 pm

Saturday, November 19

Parish-wide Zoom - 10:00 am
Thanksgiving Food Basket Distribution 8:00 am
Confessions - 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Mass - 5:30 pm
Strengths Wine & Cheese - 6:30 pm

Pastor's Corner



"If the Book of the Gospels, which is more important than the Lectionary, is not enthroned after the proclamation, why would the Lectionary?"

~ Fr. Bill

Two Books Defined

There are two books from which we proclaim the Sunday readings. The Lectionary is used for the first two readings, and the Book of the Gospels is used for the third reading from Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John. Greater reverence is given to the Book of the Gospels, for it reflects the words of Jesus. The ritual states that the Book of the Gospels may be accompanied by candles and incense, and is kissed, and enthroned upon the altar before the Liturgy of the Word. However, once the gospel is proclaimed, the Book of the Gospel no longer is given any focus. The words of the gospel are now located in the minds and hearts of those who listened to it.

I have never understood the local custom here at St. John the Baptist for placing the Lectionary on a bookstand in the sanctuary after the first two readings. If the Book of the Gospels, which is more important than the Lectionary, is not enthroned after the proclamation, why would the Lectionary? When the lector proclaims "The Word of the Lord," she is not referring to the book, but rather to the act of proclamation - the experience of speaking, hearing, and taking to heart God's Word in the scriptures.

I have asked around a bit to try to understand the origin and meaning of this local custom of placing the Lectionary on the bookstand. It seems to be one of those things describes as "we have always done it that way." Beginning with Advent, I would like not to enthrone the Lectionary on a bookstand after the readings. The goal is to:

- express the dynamic experience of proclaiming God's Word. It is not the book; it is the speaking, listening and taking to heart God's Word.
- not give the impression that the Lectionary is more important than the Book of the Gospels,
- not add an additional focal point in the sanctuary (Only the altar, ambo, presider's chair as well as the crucifix and the paschal candle during the Easter season are mention in the ritual as belonging in the sanctuary)

If anyone can give further insight to why "we have always done it this way," please send me a note.



-Fr. Bill

Father Bill speaking on Prayer

Fr. Bill will be presenting on the **"Liturgy of the Hours - The Other Prayer of the Church."** Please join us on Tuesday, November 22 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the Sanctuary for this opportunity to learn more about this ancient prayer with the Psalms!

Please check out our website sjtbcc.org/ for more details on viewing options.

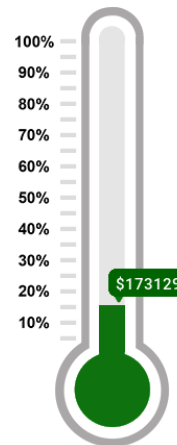
Stewardship



Thanks to all of you, who have turned in your pledge. **We are grateful for everyone's commitment to support our parish and surpassing our goal of \$1million!**

Goal	\$1,000,000
Pledges Received	\$173,129
% of goal	17.31%
# of families at SJTB	1207
# of families pledged	75
% of families pledged	6.2%
Average weekly pledge	\$44.39

Goal: \$1000000



Thank you for support!

Parish Mission

CARE for Creation



On October 30, Archbishop Etienne released a statement from the Washington State Bishops entitled, *Caring for Creation and the Common Good in the Lower Snake River Region*. Addressing the serious decline in salmon in the region as an indicator of great environment damage, the Bishops call on state and federal policymakers to care for creation. In doing so, they implore that the voices of all impacted be included, paying particular heed to the Original Peoples of Washington, to act as "principle dialogue partners" in these decisions. To read the full statement, please visit: wacatholics.org/ui/img/global/WSCC-Press-Release-LSR-11.3.22.pdf

Submitted by **Andrea Mendoza**

How cute is our cover photo this week with members of our Faith Formation group! Faith formation classes are engaging and celebrating life!

If you know what Christian name Halloween goes by, please fill out the entry form in the narthex or scan the QR code; form is at the bottom of the page. You may also visit us at sjtbcc.org/2022/09/20/seeking-art-photos-for-bulletin/ to submit your entry online. Winner will be notified by email. GOOD LUCK!



Scan me to submit your guess

Ministry Spotlight

St. John the Baptist in partnership with Hilltop Red Apple

THANKSGIVING DRIVE

When I was in high school, my family faced some difficult times financially due to unemployment. While going through this experience was not necessarily my ideal way of spending my teenage years, I am grateful for the ways people stepped forward to support us, especially around the holidays. The love we were shown then was formational for me in how to be in this world.

Our parish is currently in the middle of our annual Thanksgiving campaign, in an effort to provide hundreds of meals to families in need throughout Western Washington. Most of these families are our neighbors residing here in South King County, as meals are distributed through our St. Vincent de Paul Ministry, Catholic Community Services, Children's Home Society, Kent School District, and Kent Youth & Family Services. A number of meals also support families of our service men and women stationed at Joint Base Lewis-McChord.

These meals are only possible through our long-standing relationship with Dean Hasegawa, manager of Hilltop Red Apple, who works tirelessly to figure out ways to keep the cost of our meals low. Volunteers, young and old, come through on a chilly Saturday November morning to put these meals together with smiles and laughter abounding.

In a time when there is so much division and discord in our world, this day shines a light on the very best of who we can be – a community that takes care of one another, spreading love and hope. As someone who was once on the receiving end of the support of others, these meals can be life-changing.

To make this event a success, we are in need of donations to meet the need that has been requested. Inflation has affected us all, but it has been especially challenging for families already struggling to make ends meet.

Envelopes can be found in the narthex and parish office. Donations can also be made online by visiting tinyurl.com/sjtbthanksgiving or scanning the QR code listed below. We also appreciate donations from families and friends, as this has grown to be much more than a St. John the Baptist ministry.

We are also looking for volunteers! Please **contact Andrea** at andream@sjtbcc.org or by calling/texting 253-893-6684 for more information.

We thank you for being a light in a world filled with darkness through your donations, volunteering, and prayers.



Submitted by **Andrea Mendoza**

Our Church

Prayer Requests

For the sick :

Steve Barlow, Vicky Dalseg, Amy Herman, Alec Lane, John Moore, Jack Rouse, Tom Sawyer, and Kathy Znak

For those who have died:

Trudi Mary Restis, Andrew Bevilacqua (uncle of Jennifer Berg), **Eveline B. Green** (mother of James green), **Veterans who died in service of their country, Those inscribed in the Book of the Dead**

Join the fun for our second Wine and Cheese Party!

Contact Anne in the parish office to register for an upcoming Living Your Strengths class!



Advent Fun Day is Coming!



Join us at the McMullen Center on November 20 from 10:15 - 11:15 am! This is an event for the whole family. Come make crafts, decorate cookies, and pick-up materials to help celebrate the Season of Advent! If you would like to help with this event and bring joy to our families, please **contact Therese McHenry** at the church office.

Join Us in Prayer

Our Saturday morning Small Faith Community (Parish-Wide Zoom group) was moved by the story of Zacchaeus in the Gospel on October 30. Our discussion led to the experiences with Jesus that each of us has had on retreats. This led to our need for a Youth Minister here at St. John the Baptist. **Irene Cervantes** made a commitment to **praying daily at 3:00 pm for a talented, trained Youth Minister to join us**; one who is a good fit for our community and we are a good fit for them. Each person in the group made a commitment to the daily prayer as well. Please join us, where ever you are, at 3pm daily saying a prayer for us to find a great Youth Minister! Thank you!



Our Parish Advent Communal Reconciliation Service with individual confession and absolution will be **Saturday, December 3 at 10:00 am**. Come, prepare to receive Christ this Christmas by receiving him in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Our Church



WELCOME GATHERING

November 13 after 11:30 Mass in McMullen Center

Did you join the parish in 2022? If so, you are invited to join Fr. Bill for lunch and conversation. All registrants will receive free gifts!

RSVP by November 8 to Anne Frederick annef@sjtbcc.org
or 253-0630-0701 x125



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 and enter our council number 11780 for local information.

Our Office Needs You!

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.



Blessings of a Fall Day at St. John the Baptist!



The Fall Grounds Clean-Up Work Party on Saturday, November 5, was blessed by good weather. Turn-out was a bit meager, but the 18 people who came accomplished great works. Bushes were trimmed, weeds were pulled, and tree branches and trunk pieces were hauled away.

Thank you to **Annette Anderson, Margie Battisti, Ben Peralta, Sam DiBella, Paul Dehmer, Kathy Kernan, Hazel Kroll, Al & Rita Myer, Michelle Myer, Ken & Carol Nelson, Chris & Sarah Pirson, Mark Rosenberger, Bren & Elliot Triplett, and David Zentner** for all of your hard work to get the parish grounds ready for winter.

David Aldous, Facility Steward

Our Community

Thanksgiving Day Service Opportunity

Our neighbors at **St. Stephen the Martyr (Renton)** are hosting a Thanksgiving meal for those in need and are seeking volunteers to make this a successful event. There are many roles available from setup to preparation to serving and more.

If you are interested, please contact Darlene Simpson at 253-631-1940 x 127 or dsimpson@ststephenslife.com. Volunteer sign-up deadline is 11/15/22.

St. Anthony School is Now Enrolling



Are you interested in your child receiving a mission-based, community-focused Catholic education? St. Anthony is now enrolling for limited spots for the current school year and for all grades for next school year (2023-24). Please visit our website at sasr.org or email Jean Dang at dang@sasr.org to set up a school tour or to learn more info.

Rachel's Corner Hope and Healing After Abortion

"Like a ship's anchor hidden far beneath the water's surface, God is at work in our lives even when we don't see Him...even when we can't hear Him. So when our faith falters, remember, we don't need to see, we don't need to hear, we just need to trust. Jesus is your anchor."
- June Hunt

Since your involvement in an abortion decision have you felt like you have been adrift in a sea of regret and anger and you have no way to put that into words nor anyone you can tell about how it has affected you? The Women of Project Rachel® understand that feeling and are inviting you to join them on a Rachel's Vineyard Retreat.



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Needs Volunteers & Resources

We are looking for **adult mentors** for youth 8 years and older. Training is provided. If you feel called to provide this sort of relationship to youth in our community, please contact Stephen Vissel at (Maple Valley) 425-432-2119, stephenv@vinemapleplace.org or Charlie Alford, at (Kent) - 425-200-2573, charlesa@vinemapleplace.org.

To find out all the ways you can support these families with **resources**, please visit: vinemapleplace.org/get-involved.html. If you have any other questions, contact Lisa O'Leary at lisao@vinemapleplace.org or call 425-432-2119 ext. 104.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP TIME. TALENT. TREASURE.



PLEASE PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER
GOD'S GIFTS TO YOU AND MAKE
YOUR PLEDGE TODAY.

Parish Advent Retreat with Dan Schutte



Friday, December 9: 7-8:30 PM
Saturday, December 10: 9 AM - 3 PM

"You are Near," "Here I Am, Lord," "These Alone are Enough" - Dan Schutte's music has been part of the heartbeat for the Church for more than 50 years. His music and writing flow from his knowledge of and deep love for Sacred Scripture, his Ignatian spirituality and his years of Ministry.

You are invited to join Dan as he uses his gifts to lead us in the spirit of Ignatius on our Parish Advent Retreat.

Open to all. No cost for admission. Lunch included on Saturday.

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Knights of Columbus Seahawks Ticket Raffle

Two Seats (\$350 Value)
Sunday November 27, 2022



Las Vegas Raiders at Seattle Seahawks
1:05 PM Kickoff

\$10 Per Raffle Ticket, 3 Raffle Tickets for \$25

Two Seats, Sect 311, Row J, Seats 3-4, 30 Yard Line, Under Cover
Drawing on Monday Nov 21. Electronic Ticket Transfer.

**Proceeds will support Columbus Charities /
LAMB (Least of All My Brethren) Program.**

LAMB supports housing the homeless, feeding the hungry,
aiding the disabled, education assistance, and pro-life.

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)

November 19, 2022

February 18, 2023

March 18, 2023

April 15, 2023

May 20, 2023



- 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!

*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.

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