

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

November 20, 2022

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Luke 23:35-43



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, November 20

Mass - 9:00 am
Advent Fun Day - 10:15 am
Financial Peace University - 10:15 am
Mass - 11:30 am
Mass - 5:30 pm
First Reconciliation Parent Class (Zoom) - 7:00 pm

Monday, November 21

Yoga - 7:30 am
Prayer Ministry Training - 9:00 am
Word & Communion - 9:00 am
Thanksgiving Dinner for Safe Parking Guests - 6:00 pm
Choir (9 am & FilAm) Practice - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, November 22

Word & Communion - 9:00 am
Confirmation Year 2 - 7:00 pm
Choir (Fil-Am) Practice - 7:00 pm
Father Bill Speaking on Prayer - 7:00 pm
WICS (support for widowed people) - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, November 23

Mass - 9:00 am
Hispanic Charismatic Group - 6:00 pm
Choir Practice - 7:00 pm
Grief Ministry (via Zoom) - 7:00 pm
Youth (Grades 5 - 12) Ministry - 7:00 pm

Thursday, November 24 - Thanksgiving

Office Closed

Yoga - 7:30 am
Mass - 10:00 am

Friday, November 25

Office Closed

Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 6:30 pm
Choir (Fil-Am) practice - 7:00 pm

Saturday, November 26

Confessions - 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Mass with Baptism - 5:30 pm

Pastor's Corner



Today, we celebrate Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the universe. Father Bill shares an article written by Father Paul Turner, pastor of Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Kansas City, MO.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

By Fr. Paul Turner

Jesus Christ is king of all creation. At the end of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples that all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to him (28:18). The Revelation of John calls him King of kings and Lord of lords (19:16). People wanted to make Jesus a king after he worked the miracle of the loaves, but he went away by himself instead (Jn 6:15). They wanted a secular king to govern their land. Jesus wanted to rule their hearts.

The Catholic Church celebrates the kingship of Christ on the last Sunday of the church year. The liturgical year reaches its climax in a celebration that honors the supreme command of Christ. He has dominion over all creation, and he rules every person who believes in him.

The feast of Christ the King entered the Catholic calendar in 1925, which Pope Pius XI had set aside as a holy year. Pius thought the feast would bring the year to a solemn close, help combat the forces of secularism, and remind the world that Christ is its ultimate ruler. The pope chose the last Sunday of October because of its proximity to the end of the liturgical year and to serve as a prelude to All Saints Day on Nov. 1. The same day was already being observed as Reformation Sunday in the Protestant traditions.

Pope Paul VI moved the observance from the end of October to the very last Sunday of the church year in order to exalt its theme even more. Now we end the year with an idea that sums up all that we have celebrated and that prepares us to start anew: this Jesus, whose birth we will soon celebrate, is the king of all creation.



Father Bill speaking on Prayer

Adult Faith Formation invites you to an evening with our Pastor, Fr. Bill McKee on **Tuesday, November 22 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the Sanctuary**. Fr. Bill will be presenting on the **"Liturgy of the Hours - The Other Prayer of the Church."**

Please plan to join us for this opportunity to learn more about this ancient prayer with the Psalms! This event will also be Livestreamed via our Facebook, facebook.com/sjtbcovington.

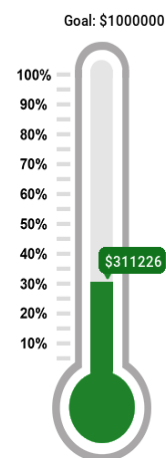
Stewardship



Thank you to all who have submitted pledges for our parish! For those of you who have not yet pledged, you will be receiving a message from the parish in the next week or so. We are grateful for your generous support of St. John the Baptist!

Goal	\$1,000,000
Pledges Received	\$311,226*
% of goal	31%
# of families at SJTB	1207
# of families pledged	148
% of families pledged	12.3%
Average weekly pledge	\$40.44

*Pledge update as of 11/14/22.
See website for more current updates.



Thank you for your support!

Parish Mission

CARE and Yarning for Community



In a world where kindness seems to be lacking, our community has truly shown its heart. Over 275 hats, scarves and mittens were donated to our *Yarning for Community* annual drive on October 29/30 and November 5/6.

So many people will be touched by your generosity. Thank you.

Anne Diaz

Our cover photo reminds us that Advent is drawing near, as is the year 2023. Please pick up your gifts from the parish this weekend after all our Masses.

There is no contest this week, as we reflect on the blessings we are thankful for this Thanksgiving.

From the bulletin staff of St. John the Baptist, we wish you and your loved ones a blessed and happy Thanksgiving!



Ministry Spotlight



The Finance Council is a committed group of parishioners, who meet monthly to review the financial health of the parish and make decisions that have implications for the livelihood of staff, ministries, and facilities. A few of the primary duties of the Finance Council are:

- setting up, facilitation, and tracking of an annual budget,
- prioritization of capital projects and expenditures,
- compliance with archdiocesan rules and procedures,
- communication with budget owners, and
- serving up recommendations to the Pastoral Council and Father Bill for consideration

There are many parts that make up our parish, but the things that really identify us as a community are:

- our liturgy and spirituality - the Mass and celebrations,
- our Faith Formation - religious education, adult formation and sacraments,
- our social outreach programs,
- our community life and parish staff, and
- our facilities and grounds

All of these things are necessary to facilitate the aspects of our parish life and maintaining all of these elements is vital for the health, growth, and welfare of this our parish community, as well as the broader community that we all live, work, and serve in. The Finance Council helps bring this to life by ensuring the generous gifts of the parish community are nurtured through good stewardship and invested wisely to help grow our parish mission.

Current members of the Finance Council are **Donna Bell, David Cromer, Mike Dennis, and Mark Hadnett, .**

We are actively looking to increase the number of members to around six or seven. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Mike Dennis at the parish office. No experience or credentials are necessary – just curiosity!

Submitted by **Mike Dennis**

Our Church

Prayer Requests

For the sick :

Steve Barlow, Jackie Cleveland, Amy Herman, Alec Lane, Cheryl Oakley, Jack Rouse, and Tom Sawyer

For those who have died:

Webb Green (friend of Zelig Dolan)
Those whose names are inscribed in the Book of the Dead



Mark Your Calendars - New Wine & Cheese Gathering!

Many of our WOO and Relator parishioners were not able to attend our gathering scheduled for November 19, so we have changed the date to **February 18, 2023**.

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



The Giving Tree is Up!

Have you noticed the difference in décor in our narthex? We have our Giving Tree up to collect donations for our St. Vincent de Paul and Pregnancy Aid ministries. Please pick up a tag or two (or three!) and return gifts to the narthex or parish office, **unwrapped**, by **Sunday, December 18**.

Financial donations can also be made online by visiting tinyurl.com/sjtbholidays. We will have more information, including a link to our Amazon wish list, available in future bulletins. Thank you for wrapping around families in need this holiday season!

Attention Covington & Maple Valley Residents!



You can care for creation in your local community by adopting a drain! Stormwater drains are a direct connection from roads and streets into streams, rivers, and other waterways. Plastic bottles, tire bits, and other debris washed into a drain can wind up in the nearest water source.

By adopting a drain, you commit to keep it clear of trash, leaves, and other debris. To find a drain near you, please visit wa.adopt-a-drain.org/. For more information, pick up a flyer on the Life, Justice, Peace table. Thank you for doing your part to care for creation!

Did you know that you can choose St. John the Baptist to receive a tiny portion from every order you place through Amazon?



To get started with AmazonSmile, visit smile.amazon.com on your web browser and sign in with your Amazon.com credentials. Choose St. John the Baptist (Covington, WA) to receive donations and start shopping. That's all there is too it! Happy shopping!

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.

Our Community

Rachel's Corner Hope and Healing After Abortion

"I finally admitted to what I did, faced it and feel forgiven. I was able to honor the life of my children, and have peace knowing they are in heaven. I feel like the burden is lifted, not totally, but lighter. I've given it all to God." - Testimonial

Acknowledging before God what your role was in the abortion decision is not easy. But it is one of the first steps to letting God help you with the regret and the burden you carry. Are you ready to lay that burden down? The women of Project Rachel® have been there too and are ready to stand with you as you take those important steps



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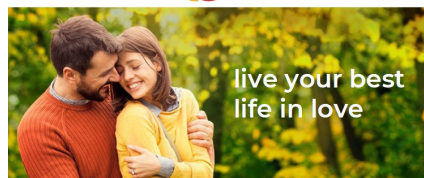


Are you interested in your child receiving a mission-based, community-focused Catholic education? St. Anthony is now enrolling for limited spots for the current school year and for all grades for next school year (2023-24). Please visit our website at sasr.org or email Jean Dang at dang@sasr.org to set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

IS GOD CALLING YOU?

The Archdiocese of Seattle has opened the inquiry year for the permanent diaconate

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.



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Questions?

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Jan 13-15, 2023 Bismarck, ND
Mar 10-12, 2023 Spokane, WA
May 19-21, 2023 Seattle, WA

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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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