

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

November 6, 2022

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 20:27-38



Photo 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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Pastoral Asst. for Youth Ministry 5-12:

OPEN; contact Joan Williamson if interested

THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

Sunday, November 6

Mass - 9:00 am

Financial Peace University - 10:15 am

Elementary Faith Formation - 10:15 am

Mass - 11:30 am

Mass - 5:30 pm

Monday, November 7

Yoga - 7:30 am

Prayer Ministry Training - 9:00 am

Word & Communion - 9:00 am

Knights of Columbus Meeting - 6:00 pm

Choir (9 am & FilAm) Practice - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, November 8

Word & Communion - 9:00 am

Guatemala Off Site - 7:00 pm

Confirmation Year 2 - 7:00 pm

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

Wednesday, November 9

Mass - 9:00 am

Hispanic Charismatic Group - 6:00 pm

Safe Environment Training - 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 10

Yoga - 7:30 am

Adult Formation Committee Meeting - 10:00 am

Hora Santa de Reparación - 2:30 pm

Facilities & Grounds Commission Meeting - 4:30 pm

Mass (Veteran's Day) - 6:30 pm

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

RCIA - 7:00 pm

Friday, November 11

Mass - 9:00 am

Creative Kindness Sewing Group - 9:00 am

Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 6:30 pm

Choir Practice (Fil Am) - 7:00 pm

Hispanic Charismatic Group - 9:00 pm

Saturday, November 12

Parish-wide Zoom - 10:00 am

1st Reconciliation Parent-Child Inservice - 10:00 am

Confessions - 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Mass - 5:30 pm

Pastor's Corner



"It takes all of us, developing and sharing our gifts and strengths, to foster a strong and vibrant parish community."

~ Fr. Bill

Retirement

David Cromer, our Pastoral Assistant for Administration, has announced his plans to retire at the end of the calendar year. David has only been with us since May, but he has made an important impact on the parish. We have benefited from his skills and expertise. Increased family responsibilities and a growing "bucket list" has led him to discern that it is the proper time to enter retirement.

This position of Pastoral Assistant for Administration oversees and directs the business functions for the parish including personnel, finance, technology, and facilities. The one in this role assures compliance with Archdiocesan policies as well as local, state, and federal laws and regulations. The Pastoral Assistant for Administration supports and helps make possible all the ministries that take place in and through the parish.

Like all parish staff members, parishioners are needed to assist in the care of the parish. If you have any expertise in human resources, finance, technology, or facilities, please contact David or me, so that we can have strong support for our next Administrator.

Archbishop Etienne has stated, "By virtue of our common baptism, lay people and ordained ministers have a shared responsibility for the life of the Church and the spread of the Gospel." It takes all of us, developing and sharing our gifts and strengths, to foster a strong and vibrant parish community.

This position is being listed on the archdiocesan webpage at archseattle.org/careers/



-Fr. Bill

Father Bill speaking on Prayer

Adult Faith Formation invites you to an evening with Father Bill McKee on **Tuesday, November 22 from 7-8:30pm 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 not be livestreamed, but a recording will be available on our Facebook page, facebook.com/sjtbcovington.

Stewardship



Thanks to those of you who have already returned your Parish Stewardship commitment card. If you have not yet pledged, please prayerfully reflect on the **Stewardship of Treasure Chart** sent with Fr. Bill's letter to evaluate your sharing of resources with our parish community. Your return of a commitment card as soon as possible helps us act as good stewards as we plan our parish budget. Your pledge allows us to allocate funds to best serve the needs of our St. John the Baptist Catholic Community. Your generosity blesses us all!

The cover photo is a gentle reminder to fill out your **Stewardship of Treasure** pledge cards. If you know the exact location of where this picture was taken, 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 guess online. Winner will be notified by email. GOOD LUCK!



Scan me to submit your guess

Parish Mission

CARE and Our RCIA Team



There is a saying in educational circles that one can never really know a subject until he or she is asked to teach it. That may be true, but I don't think the idea is carried far enough. We need to ask why is this true? I think I have found at least a partial answer in being a member of the RCIA team for the past number of years. This idea is true, because it has to do with CARING. (What a wonderful concept we have chosen for our theme this year).

As a member of the RCIA team, I can teach because I care about others. I care enough to know that I can learn from each candidate, catechumen, and team member. I can walk with each of them on their faith journey as they can walk with me on mine. I have learned though, that I can't be fully engaged in that process unless I consciously remember that it is important to deepen my relationship with Jesus through prayer. That means that I am caring for myself and caring for the community, both sides of the same coin.

There are so many ways to care within our St. John the Baptist community. Let each of us in our own ways try to make this a genuine year of caring.

Submitted by **Mary-Kaye Soderlind**

Ministry Spotlight



Our media team at work:

Daniel Victor, Kathy Wickward, Wilson Defiesta

During COVID, we took a giant leap into the high tech world. **Kathy Wickward** remembers, "In the two years that we have had a video ministry, I have seen the many ways it has enhanced our community: from livestreaming the Mass, weddings, and funerals to being able to sing. I love the challenge of getting the perfect camera angle and transition between the parts of the Mass. I love that no one need miss a moment like our littlest altar server holding the book on her head for Father to read. It's fun, it's fast paced (sometimes), and it keeps us connected with one another."

An announcement that help was needed in the video ministry, inspired **Jose Zuniga** to volunteer. "I thought that my experience might be useful, as I have a background in networked data and electronic systems. After one Saturday Mass, I stopped by the video desk and asked, 'What's involved?' To my surprise the response was 'Glad you asked. If you are interested, you're in.' Since that evening, I have learned about the methodology of broadcasting. More importantly, I learned how this ministry impacts our overall Catholic community. The time spent in broadcasting video of special events, wedding, funerals, and the weekend services, can mean so much to those unable to attend. I have enjoyed working with friendly, caring, and generous people in this ministry, we are supportive of each other, and I call them friends."

Daniel Victor felt God's call to use his talent in this ministry. "We started the video ministry during the pandemic as a team formed by like-minded people who have the passion to use their skill sets to bring worship to our homes. In the initial days we recorded the Mass a couple of days before Saturday, then we would take turns to edit the video and post them on the website so that parishioners could attend the Mass online. Livestreaming technology in our Church has evolved with multiple cameras, professional audio, and projecting lyrics and prayers. Our team collaborates, so we can deliver a quality video experience for our parishioners. We have also developed good friendships, and all of us love to be a part of this ministry. We get to learn about professional studio quality software, equipment, and cameras. It's quite easy and fun to learn these techniques, since we constantly feel God's hand guiding us. I love being a part of this ministry, as it has been a blessing in my life in many ways."

Contact **Laurie Moloney** in the office if you are interested in this ministry, or simply stop by the back of the church after Mass.

Submitted by **Laurie Moloney**

Our Church

Prayer Requests

For the sick :

**Vicky Dalseg, Luz Manalo
John Moore, Bryan Torres
Kathy Znak**

For those who have died:

Megan Chicha (niece of Kathleen Williams)

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.



Parish Advent Retreat with Dan Schutte



Mark your calendars now! Tell friends and family from around the Archdiocese! Dan Schutte will be with us **Friday, December 9** from 7:00 - 8:30 pm and **Saturday, December 10** from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm for our Annual Parish Advent Retreat!

Save the date; more information will be coming soon!

Junk the Junk Mail!

An average U.S. home receives as much as 40 pounds of junk mail a year. You can cut down on the clutter and help the environment by registering (for a small fee) with the Data & Marketing Association to reduce the amount of junk mail you receive.

Go to dmachoice.thedma.org/register.php



Calling All Crafters



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 Diaz** at sitbcc.org/contact-us/. Please write Hats, Scarves, & Gloves on the subject line. Thank you for your support.

Our Church

St. John the Baptist in partnership with Hilltop Red Apple

THANKSGIVING DRIVE

Our Thanksgiving Drive is underway to raise funds to provide Thanksgiving meals to hundreds of local families in Western Washington. Each meal comes with enough food to feed a family of 4-6 and contains a 10 lb. turkey, 5 lb. bag of potatoes, package of rolls, stuffing, canned vegetables, yams, cranberry sauce, gravy, and a pumpkin pie. Every dollar is helpful in reaching our goal. Donations can be made online at tinyurl.com/sjtbthanksgiving, cash or check. Checks can be made out to St. John the Baptist; include *Thanksgiving meals* on the memo line. Envelopes will be available in the narthex and parish office.

Volunteers opportunities for the distribution of meals will be offered soon. For questions, please **contact Andrea** at **253-893-6684** or **andream@sjtbcc.org**. Thank you for your ongoing support of this project!

Youth Ministry Volunteers Needed!

We have kicked off our year with Youth Ministry (5th-12th graders) on Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30pm. We have 79 students in this age group, and 14 wonderful leaders! Our gathering consists of an opening session (game, song, prayer, teaching), small groups session, and ending prayer! We are in **need of 5-6 more dynamic adults**, who enjoy working with middle or high school youth, love God, and can facilitate small groups. We are focusing on Christology this first half of the year, and the Holy Spirit the second half of the year!

Please **contact Joan Williamson** at the parish office or joanw@sjtbcc.org if you are interested in serving!



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.



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

Our Community

Rachel's Corner Hope and Healing After Abortion

"God is our refuge and our strength, an ever-present help in distress. Thus we do not fear, though earth be shaken and mountains quake to the depths of the sea, though its waters rage and foam and mountains totter at its surging. God is our refuge and our strength."

- Psalm 46:2-4

Have you felt like your world, as you knew it, fell apart the day you had an abortion? Do you wish you could find a mental and spiritual refuge in a safe place where you are understood? God is inviting you to a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat where you can find those things in His merciful embrace. Give Him a chance to show you what it is like to rest in Him.



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Permanent Diaconate Information Sessions



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.

Thanksgiving Day Service Opportunity

Our neighbors at **St. Stephen the Martyr** 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.

You Are Invited!

What: Cristo Rey Seattle Presentation on
Catholic high schools across the United States.

Where: Nana's Southern Kitchen
10234 SE 256th
Kent, WA 98030

When: Thursday, November 10, 2022
7:00 - 8:30 pm

For more information on Cristo Rey,
please visit cristoreyseattle.org/

PARISH STEWARDSHIP TIME. TALENT. TREASURE.



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

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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