

# THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

January 22, 2023  
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Matthew 4:12-23



## Mass Schedule

**Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm**

**Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:30 am, 5:30 pm**

**Weekday Masses: Wed 9:00 am, Thurs 6:30 pm, Fri 9:00 am**

**Word & Communion: Mon & Tues 9:00 am**

## Office Hours & Contact Information

**Monday - Friday: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm**

**Saturday: 10:00 am to 3:00 pm**

**Sunday: Closed**

**253-630-0701**



## 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!

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### 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**.

## From Our Pastor

### When Do You Make the Sign of the Cross?



A couple of weeks ago, when I was teaching an RCIA Class on the Mass, the question emerged about when we make the Sign of the Cross. The Catholics in the group shared how they were trained to make the Sign of the Cross multiple times. It may surprise you when and when not the rubrics call for the Sign of the Cross. Here is a little quiz. Answer **Yes** or **No** to the following if you should make the sign of the cross during these portions of the Mass. The Answer Key is someplace in the bulletin.

1. Anyone entering the church using holy water makes the sign of the cross on themselves.
2. The priest, putting incense in the thurible, makes the sign of the cross over the incense.
3. Anyone, making a genuflection, makes the sign of the cross on themselves.
4. All, at the beginning of Mass while saying "In the Name of the Father," makes the sign of the cross on themselves.
5. All, when the priest says, "May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins..." makes the sign of the cross on themselves.
6. When the priest sprinkles with water, all makes the sign of the cross on themselves.
7. Priest or deacon, before adding water to the wine, makes the sign of the cross over the water.
8. Priest, holding a particle of the host just before dropping it into the chalice, makes the sign of the cross over the chalice.
9. Any minister of communion holding the host and saying "The Body of Christ."
10. Anyone, after receiving Communion, makes the sign of the cross on themselves.
11. The priest, when saying the final blessing, makes the sign of the cross over the people.
12. The people, hearing the final blessing, makes the sign of the cross on themselves.
13. Anyone leaving the church using holy water makes the sign of the cross on themselves.

I must admit - when I took this quiz, I did not score 100%. I share this quiz with you just to acknowledge we so easily add things to the liturgy. It becomes a problem when individual gestures begin to weaken the expression of unity or draws attention to an individual. This quiz comes from Fr. Paul Turner's book, *In these or Similar Words*.

-Fr. Bill



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# Our Church

## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### This Week In Our Church

#### Sunday, January 22

**Mass - 9:00 am**

Pre-school & Elem Faith Formation - 10:15 am  
Blood Pressure Screening - between morning masses

**Mass - 11:30 am**

Welcome Gathering (via Zoom) - 12:30 pm

**Mass - 5:30 pm**

#### Monday, January 23

Prayer Ministry Training 9:00 am  
Word & Communion - 9:00 am

#### Tuesday, January 24

Word & Communion - 9:00 am  
WICS (Widow Support) - 7:00 pm

#### Wednesday, January 25

Word & Communion - 9:00 am  
Hispanic Charismatic Group - 6:00 pm  
Youth Ministry (Grades 5 - 12) - 7:00 pm

#### Thursday, January 26

Hora Santa de Reparación - 2:30 pm  
Word & Communion - 6:30 pm  
RCIA - 7:00 pm

#### Friday, January 27

Word & Communion - 9:00 am  
Craft & Hobby Retreat - 10:00 am  
Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 6:30 pm

#### Saturday, January 28

Craft & Hobby Retreat - 9:00 am  
Gospel Reflection SFC (Zoom) - 10:00 am  
Confessions - 4:00 - 5:00 pm  
**Mass - 5:30 pm**

#### Answer Key

1. Yes	6. No	11. Yes
2. Yes	7. No	12. No
3. No	8. No	13. No
4. Yes	9. No	
5. No	10. No	

### Contact Us!

If you're new to St. John the Baptist parish, welcome! Please feel free to email or call one of us below if you have any questions regarding our parish.

**253-630-0701**

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[sjtbcc.org](http://sjtbcc.org)

#### **Social Media:**



@sjtbcovington

### Your Envelopes and Special Collections



It is January! Starting this month, we will have a special collection every month, which support causes outside our parish (i.e., Mission Sunday, NW Catholic).

If you receive envelopes, it is really important that you **use the correct envelope** for your donations, so they get credited to where you would like them to go. If we receive a donation in a Special Collection envelope, we assume it is intended for that Special Collection. But, if you are using that envelope because you don't have the stewardship envelope you need for that week, **please write the word STEWARDSHIP** in large letters somewhere on that envelope, so we can credit it correctly.

Thank you so much for all of your generosity to the parish and special causes. **We appreciate you!**

## Finance

### Parish Stewardship and Budgeting



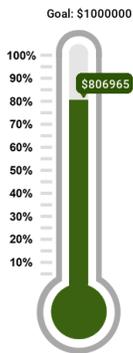
**Can you help?** Thank you to all, who have pledged to support the financial needs of our parish. For those who we have not heard from, we will be reaching out to you during the next few weeks.

Like you, St. John the Baptist needs to steward our resources to continue serving our parish family.

**Without your support, we may need to cut ministries, programs, and possibly staff.** Please take a moment and prayerfully discern how God is calling you to make a financial commitment to our parish.

You may **fill out a pledge** online at [sjtbcc.org/stewardship-of-treasure/pledge/](http://sjtbcc.org/stewardship-of-treasure/pledge/) or you can also complete a pledge card and drop in the collection basket or simply call the parish office at 253-630-0701.

**Your pledge REALLY DOES matter!  
THANK YOU!**



Goal	\$1,000,000
<b>Pledges Received *</b>	<b>\$806,965</b>
% of goal	80.5%
# of families at SJTB	1212
# of families pledged	385
% of families pledged	31.76%
Average weekly pledge	\$40.21

\* Due to the MLK holiday, there are no updates for the 1/16/23 week.

### Parish Stewardship - December 2022

Expected Stewardship Income	\$95,327.00
Actual Stewardship Revenue	\$126,294.00

### Bill of the Month

*Evergreen Fire & Security* is the monitoring company for our alarm system. Along with monitoring, they also conduct required annual inspections and make needed repairs on our backflow system and kitchen hood.

St. John the Baptist Parish pays *Evergreen Fire & Security* **\$1,452/year** for the monitoring of our alarm system.

In the first six months of this fiscal year, St. John the Baptist Parish also paid them **\$6,825.00** for the required annual inspection of and repairs to our backflow system as well as the required annual inspection of our kitchen hood.

Your stewardship gifts truly support our parish!

**Thank you for your generosity!**

## Our Church

### Prayer Requests

For those who are **sick** :

**Juan Carlos Barragan,  
Eileen Murphy-Fitch, and  
David Hanna**

For those who have **died**:

**Olga Diorio** (sister of Mary),  
**Dorothy French** (mother of Vicky Warnock), and  
**Victor Maria Joseph** (father of Daniel Victor)

### Stewardship: Parish Ministries

At St. John the Baptist, there are many ministries and people who can help you find a good place to use your God-given gifts. If you are interested in learning more about a certain ministry, please contact Anne Frederick at 253-630-0701 ext. 125 or email [annef@sjtbcc.org](mailto:annef@sjtbcc.org)



### Outreach Ministries

St. John the Baptist has a number of outreach efforts individuals can engage with.

To get involved with any of these ministries, please contact Andrea Mendoza at 253.893.6684 or email [AndreaM@sjtbcc.org](mailto:AndreaM@sjtbcc.org)



If you would like to learn more about the "why" behind the outreach we engage with, please visit our Catholic Social Teaching & Advocacy page at [sjtbcc.org/go-ministries/outreach-advocacy/](http://sjtbcc.org/go-ministries/outreach-advocacy/).

### Welcome Gathering - Revised Date



Have you recently joined our parish? Please join us for an upcoming gathering on **February 26, 2023**. **Please note the new date!** All registrants will receive free gifts!

Contact Anne Frederick [annef@sjtbcc.org](mailto:annef@sjtbcc.org) or 253-0630-0701 x125 for more information.

Our parish needs a person with **welding skills** to repair the gate to our dumpsters, which broke during the windstorms last month. Like good stewards, we hope to find someone within the community to do this small project for the church before seeking a contractor. Please contact David Aldous, our facility steward, at ext. 114 if you are able to take this on. Thank you!



## Our Church

### Thank You Giving Tree



Thank you to all the St. John parishioners, who helped make Christmas a lot brighter for the many clients who received gifts and toys and especially diapers through the Giving Tree program this Christmas. You were all so very generous, and that generosity will help *Pregnancy Aid of Kent* serve lots of needy babies and their parents this winter. Thanks also for the car seat donations, the beautiful clothes, and other gifts to make our job a lot easier. Please let us help you or someone you know, who might be struggling this winter.

Sincerely, **Judy Peterson** and *Pregnancy Aid* Staff

### Sign Up to Receive Our Weekly Email!

Did you know that Fr. Bill sends out an email every week with a link to our bulletin and other important information? If you are not receiving these, please call the office or **sign up** by scanning the QR code or visiting the link provided! We look forward to connecting!

[SJTBCCovington.flocknote.com/StJohntheBaptist](https://SJTBCCovington.flocknote.com/StJohntheBaptist)



## Our Community

Support the  
**Northwest  
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The **Northwest Catholic Collection** will be taken up next week at all Masses.

Through *Northwest Catholic* magazine, [NWCatholic.org](http://NWCatholic.org) and social media, the Church is able to enter every home with stories to inspire, teach, and help form disciples. For this reason, Northwest Catholic is sent free of charge to every registered Catholic household in Western Washington. Your donation is a great way to share the gift of faith with others. Thank you for your past and continued support of this annual collection.



**"YOU ARE MY FRIENDS"** John 15:14

The Inclusion Ministry invites you to an archdiocesan-wide virtual social gathering and dance.

Wednesday, January 25, 2023  
6:30 – 7:30 pm  
Virtual Event via Zoom

Join the **Inclusion Ministry** community in welcoming the winter months during an hour of fun, fellowship, games, and – of course – dancing! We are actively celebrating people of all abilities in the Catholic Church!

The Archdiocese of Seattle Inclusion Ministry serves and works collaboratively with our parishes and schools to promote the inclusion and meaningful participation of people with disabilities in the life of our Catholic faith community.

To RSVP, visit us at [archseattle.org/ministries/outreach-ministries/inclusion-ministry/inclusion-ministry-event-rsvp-form/](http://archseattle.org/ministries/outreach-ministries/inclusion-ministry/inclusion-ministry-event-rsvp-form/)

For questions, please contact Joe Cotton at [joe.cotton@seattlearch.org](mailto:joe.cotton@seattlearch.org)

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January 27 - 29 | Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center  
Register: [tinyurl.com/2p9f4rfc](http://tinyurl.com/2p9f4rfc)



Volunteers are urgently needed in the Maple Valley and Kent locations.

Children & Youth - Kent location:

- Thursday, 5:30-6:30pm, help with babies and toddlers 0-2 years old.

Children & Youth - Maple Valley location:

- Wednesday, 4:00-5:30 pm, **tutors** to help students with math, reading, and writing.
- Wednesday, 5:30-7:30 pm, **male mentors** to work with 8-12 year old boys

General needs:

- Tuesday, 5:15-7:30 pm, work with children ages 0-12
- Thursday, 5:15-7:30 pm, work with kids 0-12
- Thursday, 5:30-7:30 pm, work with middle school and high school students

For more information and other volunteer opportunities, please visit us at [vinemapleplace.org/get-involved.html](http://vinemapleplace.org/get-involved.html) or contact Lisa at [LisaO@vinemapleplace.org](mailto:LisaO@vinemapleplace.org) or 425-432-2119 ext 104.



**IS GOD CALLING YOU?**

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

**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/](http://archseattle.org/deacon/) to find out about the process, dates for upcoming information sessions and how to be considered a candidate.

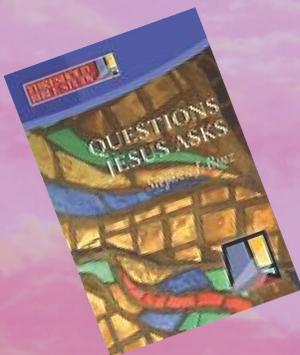
St. John the Baptist Catholic Church  
Adult Faith Formation

# Questions Jesus Asks

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Join us as we dive into the very questions Jesus asked his believers while he walked this earth! How would you answer?



A Couple Questions we will reflect on:  
Why is asking questions an essential part of the ministry of Jesus?  
What characteristics create a good question?

**Tuesdays 7-8:30pm**  
In person Jan 31 - April 25, 2023  
(except April 4 & 11)  
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**Thursdays 10-11:30am**  
via zoom Feb 2 - April 27, 2023  
(except April 6 & 13)  
Cost is \$10.00 for the book

<https://tinyurl.com/5n8bdryu>

For more information contact Joan Williamson  
253-630-0701 x109 joanw@sjtbcc.org



**St. John the Baptist Catholic Church  
25810 156th Ave SE, Covington, WA 98042**

# Craft & Hobby Retreat

*Come when you can, stay as long as you can*

**Friday, January 27, 2023  
10:00 am to 9:00 pm  
(Leave your things overnight)  
and**

**Saturday, January 28, 2018  
9:00 am to 9 :00 pm**



*Think you never have enough time or space to work on your craft or hobby projects? Would you like to spend some quality time with others having fun and being creative? Then this 'retreat' is for YOU! Don't delay. Space is limited. Your completed registration form and payment in full guarantees your spot.*

Questions? Call or email Nancy 253-630-0701, ext. 102 or  
[nancym@sjtbcc.org](mailto:nancym@sjtbcc.org)

**Register and pay your fees by January 20th**



- Uninterrupted time to work on your craft or hobby
- Lots of work space
- Bring your own supplies—share ideas
- Bring a small snack item to share
- Bring your own lunch & beverages
- Dinner will be provided on Friday & Saturday (6:30 pm)
- Breakfast will be provided on Saturday (9-10 am)
- Invite a friend
- Free Make-n-Take
- Have fun!



**As part of our retreat, you will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities:**

- **Bring items to donate** to Catholic Community Services Homeless (see *information next page*)
- **Purchase raffle tickets** for various prizes (proceeds will be donated to SVDP). Raffle tickets will be \$1 each. You choose which item or items you want to win.
- Relax and unwind with a session of **Chair Yoga** (offered free on Friday night)
- Attend **free "make and take"** and learn to Zentangle on either Friday or Saturday. All supplies will be provided.

2023 Craft & Hobby Retreat Charity  
Catholic Community Services CCS Engagement Program

CCS Community Engagement Program helps those struggling with homelessness in many ways. One of those is providing these homeless people with food and toiletries. You can help by donating some of the items below:

- Milk (note that it may prove difficult to store and deliver)
- Eggs
- Peanut Butter
- Cheese
- Full size bottles of shampoo, conditioner, and body wash
- Laundry detergent
- Bleach
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste (full size)
- Wash Cloths
- Plates
- Silverware
- New socks
- New underwear (no other clothing donations, please)

Please be as generous as you can to help our neighbors in need. Everyone who brings donations will receive a free raffle ticket. The proceeds from our raffle will also go to CCS Engagement.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!





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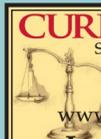
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