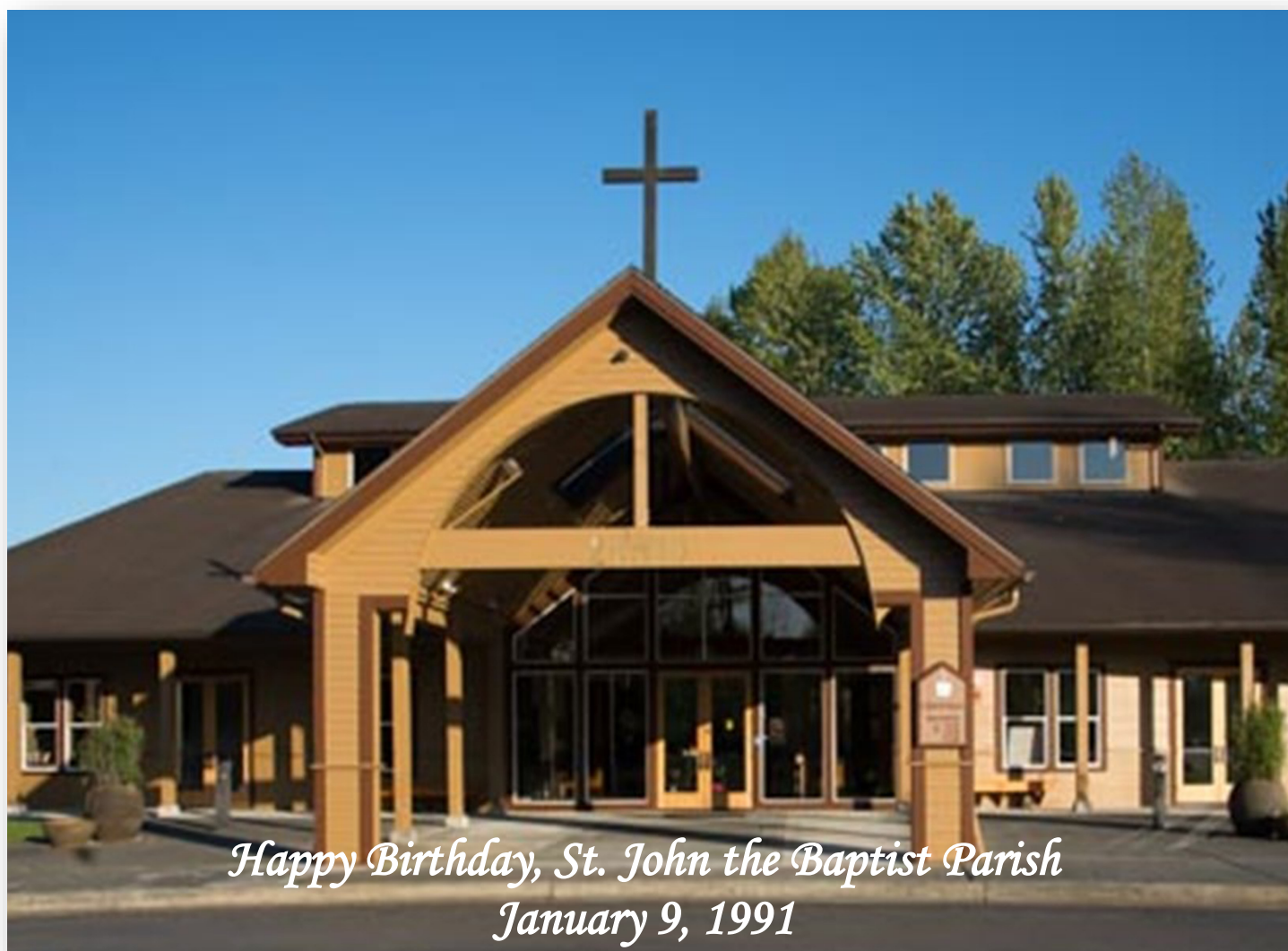


# THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

January 8, 2023  
The Epiphany of the Lord  
Matthew 2:1-12



*Happy Birthday, St. John the Baptist Parish  
January 9, 1991*

## **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!

## 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**.



## Changes in Our 2023 Calendar



Did you notice anything different about the calendar this year?

When Christmas falls on a Sunday, things get rearranged. The feast of the Holy Family is usually on the Sunday between Christmas and New Year's. No Sunday in between these solemnities this year, so the Feast of the Holy Family got moved to Friday, December 30. The Feast of the Lord's Baptism also gets moved. This year it is on Monday, January 9, which brings the Christmas season to its conclusion.

The Feast of the Lord's Baptism is the day we also celebrate our parish anniversary. We rearrange that as well and celebrate on the Solemnity of the Epiphany. With the visit of the Magi, Christ is revealed to the world. We, too, are called to reveal Christ to the world. One way we do that is by being people of Joy.

This year, we would like to offer every parish household a little book about joy and ways to foster it. There are many things that would rob us of joy. We need to be intentional in nurturing it. In this book, Chris Stefanick gives nine rules to rediscover and live joy. After reading this book, let me know if you can come up with a tenth rule that helps you be joyful.

-Fr. Bill



## Our Church



### THIS WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

#### Sunday, January 8

(The Epiphany of the Lord)

**Mass - 9:00 am**

Financial Peace University - 10:15 am

Pre-school & Elem Faith Formation - 10:15 am

**Mass - 11:30 am**

**Mass - 5:30 pm**

#### Monday, January 9

(The Baptism of The Lord)

Word & Communion - 9:00 am

Prayer Ministry Training - 9:00 am

Funeral for Doug Ackerman - 11:00 am

Funeral Reception (Doug Ackerman) 12:00 noon

Choir (9 am Mass) Practice - 7:00 pm

#### Tuesday, January 10

Word & Communion - 9:00 am

Choir (Fil Am) Practice - 7:00 pm

Guatemala Meeting (offsite) - 7:00 pm

Hispanic Music Group - 7:00 pm

WICS (Widow Support) - 7:00 pm

#### Wednesday, January 11

**Mass - 9:00 am**

Hispanic Charismatic Group - 6:00 pm

Faith Formation - 7:00 pm

Choir (Sun 5:30 pm) Practice - 7:00 pm

Youth Ministry (Grades 5 - 12) - 7:00 pm

#### Thursday, January 12

Adult Faith Formation - 10:00 am

Creation Care Team Zoom - 1:00 pm

Hora Santa de Reparación - 2:30 pm

Facilities & Grounds Commission - 4:30 pm

Universal Christ Faith Group - 4:00 pm

One Parish, One Prisoner - 5:00 pm

**Mass - 6:30 pm**

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

RCIA - 7:00 pm

#### Friday, January 13

**Mass - 9:00 am**

Creative Kindness Sewing Group - 9:00 am

Phone Volunteers Party - 9:00 am

Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 6:30 pm

Hispanic Charismatic Group - 9:00 pm

#### Saturday, January 14

Prayer Ministry Team - 9:00 am

Stewardship & Evangelization Commission - 9:00 am

Gospel Reflection SFC (Zoom) - 10:00 am

Confessions - 4:00 - 5:00 pm

**Mass with Baptism - 5:30 pm**

### Prayer Requests

For the sick :

**Ray Babick, Juan Carlos Barragan, Charlotte French, Molly Murphy, and Sam Sullivan**

For those who have died:

**Lowell Klapperich**

(brother of Denise Jackson, Joan and Dolores Paul)

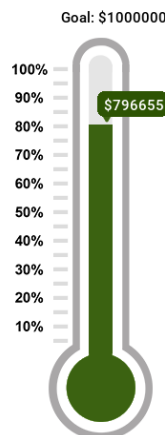
**James McCall** (father-in-law of Carol Holmes)



**STEWARDSHIP** is about generously sharing God's gifts with one another, which is foundational to our mission at St. John the Baptist.

Please pray that this year each one of us will experience the joy of Sacrificial Giving: of generously sharing our gifts to help us build our parish community and the Body of Christ.

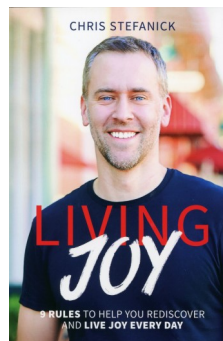
### Your pledge matters!



Goal	<b>\$1,000,000</b>
Pledges Received *	<b>\$796,655</b>
% of goal	79.6%
# of families at SJTB	1212
# of families pledged	380
% of families pledged	31.4%
Average weekly pledge	\$40.32

\* Pledge update as of 12/28/22.

**Thank you for your support!**



To celebrate the founding of our parish, please pick up a copy of **Living Joy** after all Masses the weekend of January 7 and 8.

Joy is at the heart of being a generous steward, which is part of our mission statement. As Chris Stefanick says in his book, "To experience true joy, your heart has to shift from self-centered to other-centered." The

paradox of joy is that we find it through acts of charity. We hope this book helps each of us find ways we can give thanks and experience the wonderful joy of a grateful heart!

## Our Church

### Start Your Year off with St. John the Baptist!

Please plan to join us for any or all of the following:

#### January:

- 8 ---- Epiphany
- 8 ---- Celebration of Parish Anniversary
- 15 --- Coffee & Donuts
- 21 --- Knights of Columbus Crab Feed
- 22 --- Blood Pressure Check
- 27 --- Craft & Hobby Retreat
- 28 --- Craft & Hobby Retreat
- 31 --- Threshold Bible Study, Tuesday Evening Session Begins

#### February:

- 2 ---- Threshold Bible Study Thursday Morning Zoom Session Begins
- 3 ---- First Friday Adoration
- 3 ---- Family Dance
- 6 --- Living Your Strengths sessions begin
- 12 --- Coffee & Donuts
- 12 --- Welcome Gathering for New Parishioners
- 18 --- Craft & Hobby Day
- 18 --- Strengths Wine and Cheese Night for WOO and Relators
- 19 --- Lent Event
- 19 --- Blood Pressure Check
- 22 --- Ash Wednesday
- 24 --- Knights of Columbus Fish Fry
- 24 --- Stations of the Cross
- 25 --- The Letter Film Screening & Lenten Supper

#### March:

- 3 ---- First Friday Adoration
- 3 ---- Stations of the Cross
- 10 --- Stations of the Cross
- 12 --- Coffee & Donuts
- 17 --- Stations of the Cross
- 18 --- Craft & Hobby Day
- 19 --- Blood Pressure Check
- 24 --- Stations of the Cross
- 31 --- Knights of Columbus Fish Fry
- 31 --- Stations of the Cross



### Consider Becoming a Liturgical Minister



We are recruiting for sacristans, point persons, Eucharistic ministers, altar servers, cross bearers, lectors, greeters, and sound and video ministers.

Contact Laurie Moloney at [lauriem@sjtbcc.org](mailto:lauriem@sjtbcc.org) for more information and sign up.

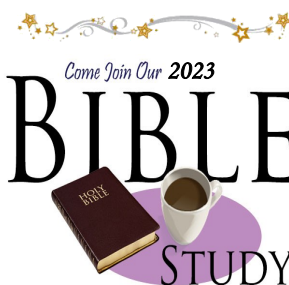
**Thank you for sharing your talents with others!**

### Returning Catholics

No matter how long you have been away and no matter the reason, we invite you to consider renewing your relationship with the Catholic Church.



We miss you, and we would like to welcome you home. If you left the Church in pain that we have caused; if you feel you have done something to separate yourself from us; if you have married outside the Church; if you attend Mass only at Christmas and Easter, for weddings or funerals but do not receive Holy Communion; or if you have not been to confession in a very long time, please contact Anne Frederick [annef@sjtbcc.org](mailto:annef@sjtbcc.org) or call 253-630-0701 x125. We look forward to walking with you on your faith journey.



"The Questions Jesus Asked"  
Threshold Bible Study for Adults  
Tuesdays: Jan 31 - Apr 25 (except Apr 4 & 11)  
Thursdays: Feb 2 - Apr 27 via Zoom (except Apr 6 & 13)

**Registration coming soon!**



### What are your Top 5 Talents?

Come join our four-week reflection and study opportunity to know how and in what ways God has gifted you.

Stay tuned for future classes or contact Anne Frederick at [annef@sjtbcc.org](mailto:annef@sjtbcc.org) (253-630-0701) for more information.

## Our Church



Liturgical worship is a vital part of our life together as a faith community. Elements that enhance worship, like music, singing, and parishioner participation all contribute to a prayer experience that touches each of us deeply and draws us into worship.

Another element that contributes to our experience is the beauty of our worship space. You've probably noticed the plants around the altar and crucifix and in the narthex. Or you have noticed the lilies at Easter and the poinsettias at Christmas. Would you be surprised to learn that the plants and flowers that have become part of our worship here at St. John the Baptist are all cared for and arranged by volunteers?

I am one of those volunteers. I have been a member of our parish off and on since the Spring of 1993. Over the years I've participated on various committees and councils. I've had the privilege to serve as a Sacristan, Eucharist Minister, and now a Lector. And now I also serve our community by helping care for the plants and flowers in our worship space.

Creating a beautiful space in which we gather for worship is an important part of our life together as a faith community. A beautiful sanctuary reminds us of the beauty of God's creation. Sharing my gifts of creativity and appreciation for color by volunteering in the Flower Ministry in our parish is one way for me to praise God for the beauty of Creation and share with all of you in worship.

As with most of the activities at our parish, the Flower Ministry is in need of more volunteers. You don't need to have a florist background or have a "green thumb" or have a garden in your backyard. All you need is an appreciation for beauty and some free time to help care for our worship space.

~ Submitted by **Mary Syslo**

### 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 sign up by scanning the QR code or visiting the link provided! We look forward to connecting!



[SJTBCCCovington.flocknote.com/  
StJohntheBaptist](https://sjtbcccovington.flocknote.com/StJohntheBaptist)



# THANK YOU!

## Much Gratitude to Our Advent Phone Volunteers!

During Advent, St. John the Baptist was blessed by 20 phone volunteers, who called every household in our parish. We extend our gratitude to **Ann Andrews, Marge Battisti, Jennifer Burianek, Andrea Chay, Maureen Curran, Zelig Dolan, Tim Graves, Denise Jackson, Christine Martincic, Jeanette Millmann, Marilou Moulton, Michele Myers, Betty Lou Partridge, Sarah Pirson, Pam Primiani, Susan Ravotti, Louanne Sestak, Mary Syslo, Ellie Thomas, and Bren Triplett**. They were able to reach out to families seeking Communion for the homebound, people looking to return to Mass, and a family searching for a funeral for their son. Many wonderful conversations ensued, and we look forward to staying in contact with those requesting future support from our parish.



## Knights of Columbus Crab Feast is back!

**Saturday, January 21, 2023**

Doors open: 6:30 pm  
Dinner: 7:00 pm



\$50 / person  
\$275 / reserved table for 6  
120 tickets available

Dungeness Crab, Caesar Salad,  
Clam Chowder, Corn on the Cob,  
Rolls, Dessert, & Drinks

**Tickets on sale after all Masses  
in the church office, or see any Knight.**



## Keep in touch!

Online:



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