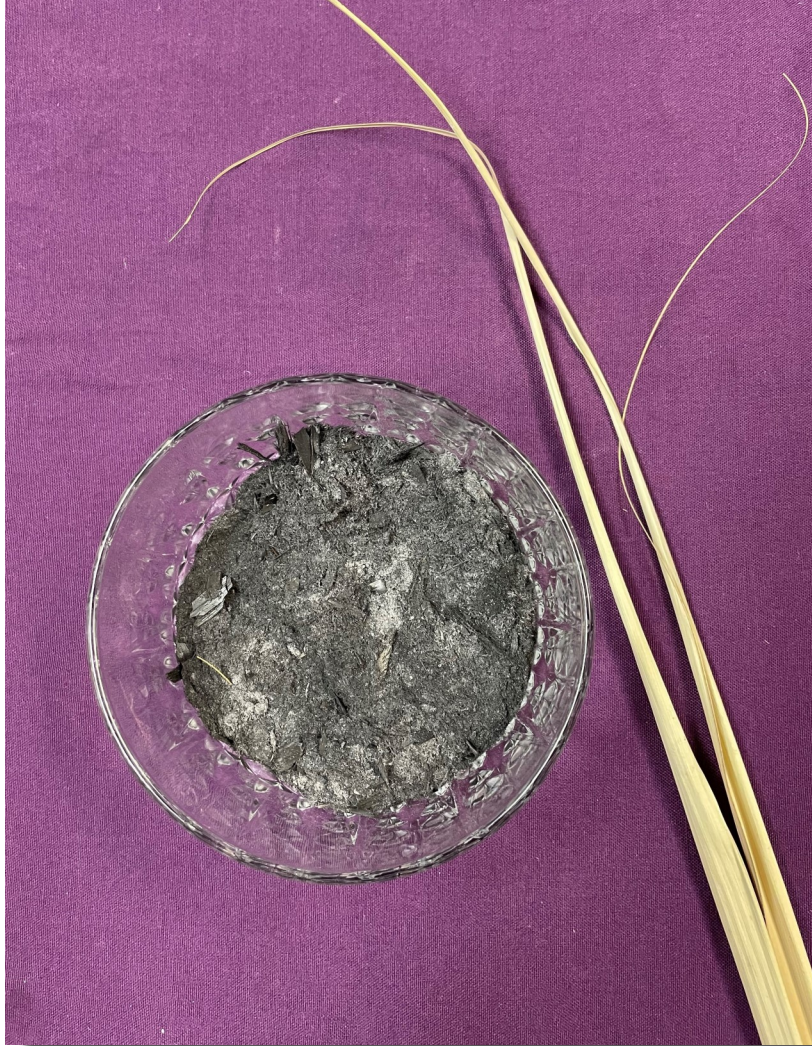


THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

February 19, 2023
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 5:38-48



For you were made from dust, and to dust you will return (*Genesis 3:19*)

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**.

Pastor's Corner

When We Are Called Home



Recently, people have been asking about the "Last Rites." This term has not been used for the past 60 years. The Second Vatican Council, in its reform of the liturgy, restored *Extreme Unction* (the Last Anointing) to its more ancient practice of being not just for the dying, but for the sick. Now known as "the **Anointing of the Sick**", this sacrament prays for healing of body and soul. It is celebrated with those who are seriously ill, anticipating surgery, or suffering from advancing age.

The Church has a special care for those who are dying. There are two prayers for the dying. The first is called **Viaticum**, which translates "for the journey." It is sharing Holy Communion with the dying and focuses on the gift of Eucharist as the promise of eternal life. Jesus said, "The one who eats my body and drinks my blood will live forever." (*John 6:54*) *Viaticum* often includes a renewal of one's baptismal promises that began the journey of faith, now that the journey is reaching its conclusion.

The other prayer for the dying is called the **Commendation of the Dying**. It is a beautiful prayer that includes the litany of the saints and entrusts the dying into the gentle embrace of God. In one sense, it is the sending forth of the Christian soul from this life to eternity. Not only a comfort to the person dying, this prayer can have great meaning for family and friends who have gathered.

The Anointing of the Sick is led by a bishop or priest. *Viaticum* and the *Commendation of the Dying* can be led by a priest, deacon, or even a layperson. With fewer priests possibly covering larger areas, lay people may be called upon more and more to pray with the dying and accompanying them on this journey of faith. Though often difficult, it is a very holy experience.

-Fr. Bill

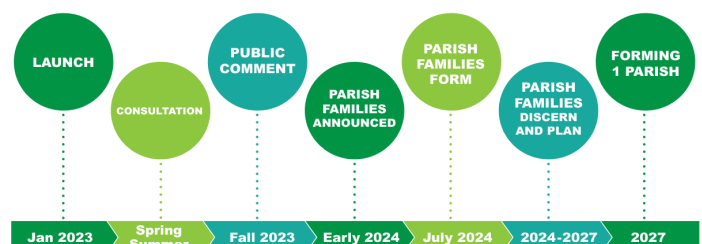


Why Do We Need Partners in the Gospel?

Today we face many realities that impact parish life and make it difficult to fully live out our mission. This archdiocesan-wide renewal effort will help us better support vibrant, sustainable, mission-focused parish communities across the entire Archdiocese of Seattle.

Partners in Gospel is the next stage of the strategic pastoral planning effort taking place across the Archdiocese of Seattle to re-invigorate and renew our local Catholic Church.

Timeline



Our Church

7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

This Week in Our Church

Sunday, February 19

Mass - 9:00 am

Financial Peace University - 10:15 am

Lent Event - 10:15 am

Mass - 11:30 am

RCIA Dismissal - 11:30 am

Mass - 5:30 pm

Monday, February 20

Yoga - 7:30 am

Prayer Ministry Training 9:00 am

Word & Communion Service - 9:00 am

Fil Am Practice - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, February 21

Word & Communion Service - 9:00 am

Living Your Strengths - 10:30 am

Adult FF Bible Study - 7:00 pm

Guatemala - 7:00 pm

Hispanic Music Group - 7:00 pm

St. Vincent de Paul - 7:00 pm

WICS (Widow Support) - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, February 22

Ash Wednesday

Mass & Ash - 9:00 am

Word & Ash - 5:30 pm

Hispanic Charismatic Group - 6:00 pm

Mass & Ash - 7:00 pm

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

Thursday, February 23

Yoga - 7:30 am

Adult FF Bible Study (Zoom) - 10:00 am

Hora Santa de Reparación - 2:30 pm

Mass - 6:30 pm

Knights of Columbus Lectino Divina - 7:00 pm

RCIA - 7:00 pm

Friday, February 24

Mass - 9:00 am

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry - 5:00 pm

Stations of the Cross - 7:00 pm

Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 8:00 pm

Saturday, February 25

Gospel Reflection SFC (Zoom) - 10:00 am

Confessions - 4:00 to 5:00 pm

Mass - 5:30 pm

The Letter (Meal) - 6:30 pm

The Letter (Film) - 7:00 pm

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

Pastor:

Father Bill McKee, ext. 105, billm@sjtbcc.org

Bookkeeper:

Nancy Moore, ext. 102, nancym@sjtbcc.org

Bulletin:

Pat Defiesta, bulletin@sjtbcc.org

Facility Grounds & Building:

David Aldous, ext. 114, davida@sjtbcc.org

Facility Use & Scheduling:

Kathy Wickward, ext. 101, kathyw@sjtbcc.org

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Joan Williamson, ext. 109, joanw@sjtbcc.org

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Therese McHenry, ext. 123, theresem@sjtbcc.org

Liturgy & Pastoral Care:

Laurie Moloney, ext. 111, lauriem@sjtbcc.org

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Anne Frederick, ext. 125, annef@sjtbcc.org

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Luis Diaz de Leon, ext. 108, luisd@sjtbcc.org

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Andrea Mendoza, ext. 115, andream@sjtbcc.org

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sjtbcc.org

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@sjtbcovington

Faith Formation

Confirmation Preparation for Adults



If you are an adult who would like to complete your Rites of Initiation by receiving the sacrament of Confirmation, please contact Joan Williamson at joanw@sjtbcc.org or 253-630-0701 x109.

Help Us Make Banners for 1st Eucharist

During the month of May at St. John, we have between 20-40 children who celebrate their 1st Eucharist!

We need help cutting the symbols that go on the banners. Simply stop by the Faith Formation table in the narthex and pick up the materials. Take them home, cut the pieces and return them to the same table when you are finished. All you need is a pair of scissors - we supply the material, pattern and directions. Easy-peasy! Questions? You can always contact Therese McHenry at Theresem@sjtbcc.org. **THANK YOU!**



Our Church

Prayer Requests

For those who are **sick** :

**Ray Babick, Faye Driessen, Luz Manalo,
Tom Sawyer, Joanne Strohl, and Rob Waters**

For those who have **died**:

Frank & Rosealie Diedrich (cousins of Terry Forczek)

Walking Through Grief

This is a 9-week FREE educational & inspirational program offering support and hope to those experiencing loss.

March 1 - April 26

Wednesdays from 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Online via Zoom

If you are grieving or know of someone who is grieving and you feel this might have some benefit for you, please contact **Frank Hammock** at the parish office at **253-630-0701**.

A Prayer for Married Couples

This prayer is said daily by Archbishop Etienne's parents, Paul and Kay Etienne:

Keep us, O Lord, from pettiness.
Let us be thoughtful in word and deed.
Help us to put away pretense,
and face each other in deep trust
without fear or self-pity.
Help us to guard against fault finding,
and be quick to discover the best in each
other and in every situation.
Guard us from ill temper and hasty judgment.
Encourage us to take time for all things,
to grow calm, serene, and gentle.
Help us to be generous
with kind words and compliments.
Teach us to never ignore, never to hurt,
and never to take each other for granted.
Engrave charity and compassion on our hearts.

O Mary, conceived without sin,
pray for us.

**"Root your love and life in the Lord,
and all will be well.**

I cannot begin to share the impact upon all of us kids and grandkids seeing and hearing Mom and Pop daily pray together. Prayer is what allows couples, parents, families, and individuals to carry the crosses and trials of each life, with a hope in God's promise of presence and grace."

~ Archbishop Etienne,
Archdiocese of Seattle



Once again, prayer ministry will be offered following weekend Masses beginning February 25-26. This ministry had been provided for a number of years prior to the start of COVID, then discontinued since the beginning of 2020. As with other Parish activities, masks are optional when seeking prayer ministry. Additional prayer ministers have been added to this ministry and all ministers have recently completed an updated training program.

Parishioners are invited to bring any requests for prayer support whether for physical, emotional or spiritual needs. Prayer ministry will be held behind the altar following each weekend Mass.

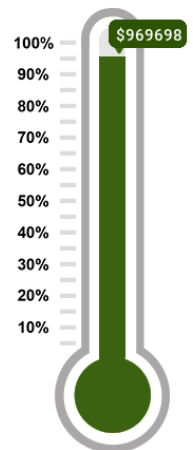
**WELCOME
GATHERING**

Have you recently joined our parish? Please join us
February 26 via Zoom for our next gathering. All
registrants will receive free gifts!

Contact Anne Frederick annef@sjtbc.org or 253-0630-0701 x125
for more information

Goal	\$1,000,000
Pledges Received *	\$969,698
% of goal	97%
# of families at SJTB	1221
# of families pledged	500
% of families pledged	41%
Average weekly pledge	\$37.29

* Updated 2/13/23



Parish Stewardship - January 2023

Expected Stewardship Income	\$108,409.00
Actual Stewardship Revenue	\$111,316.00

Bill of the Month for January

The bill of the month for January is the medical benefits cost for the staff. This monthly expense was **\$7,912.86** for January.

Your stewardship gifts truly support our parish!

Thank you for your generosity!

Lent

What To Do With Old Palms



Our cover photo reminds us that we are now entering the season of Lent, which has 46 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday.

Remember to **bring your old palms for burning**. Place them in the bin in the narthex. They will be used as ash on next year's Ash Wednesday.

Did you know that the proper way to dispose of palms is to either burn them or bury them? They must never be discarded in the trash.

A Special Lenten Journey for 5-10 Year Olds Needs Your Help!



For five Sundays during Lent beginning February 26, all 5 to 10-year-olds attending the 9:00 am Mass will be invited to join the Children's Liturgy of the Word.

Children will be called forward after the Introductory Rites and will proceed to the McMullen Center, where they will celebrate the Liturgy of the Word in a way that is designed especially for children.

This is an exciting way for children to hear and discuss God's Word and gain an appreciation for their liturgical heritage as Catholics.

We are looking for adults to help with this exciting Lenten ministry. If you would like more information, please contact Therese McHenry at Theresem@sjtbcc.org or 253-893-6687.



LENT

Save the Dates!

Stations of the Cross - 7:00 pm on
2/24, 3/3, 3/10, 3/17, 3/24, & 3/31 (Fridays)

Lenten Reconciliation Service
March 4, 10:00 am

Easter Retreat
More details to follow (date TBD)



Knights of Columbus
Friday Family Fish Fry
Fridays, 2/24, 3/10, & 3/31
5:00 - 6:30 pm

Breaded Fried Cod, French Fries,
Clam Chowder, and drinks

Proceeds will support parish ministries
and the local community

Stations of the Cross



Fridays in Lent at 7pm

February 24 Stations of the Cross will be bilingual,
led by St. John's **Hispanic Community**

LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE FOR CATHOLICS

WHEN

Ash Wednesday & Good Friday = Fasting & Abstinence
Every Friday = Abstinence

WHO?

Catholics 14+ practice abstinence,
Catholics 18-59 practice fasting

WHAT IS FASTING?

One full meal & two smaller meals ≠ one full meal

WHAT IS ABSTINENCE?

No meat

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Our Community



Considering Separation or Divorce?

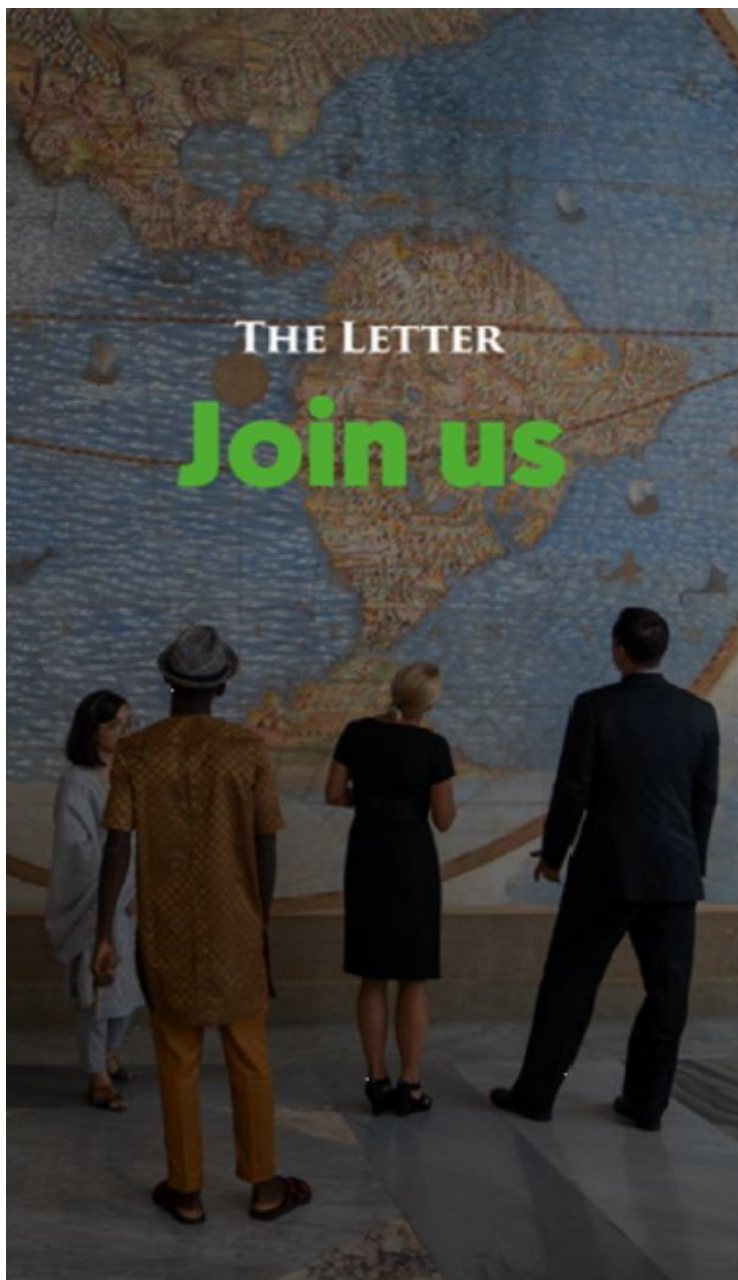
Wait! There is an alternative. Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has brought healing to tens of thousands of troubled marriages worldwide. Your situation may seem hopeless, but there is always hope, and you are not alone in your struggle. For confidential information about Retrouvaille, or to register for our upcoming program on **April 14-16, 2023**, call 206-706-2608 or go to www.helpourmarriage.org.



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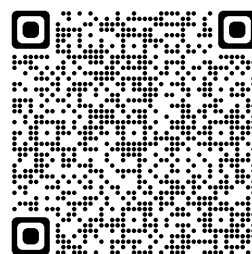
The Marriage Encounter experience is a heart haven that helps you listen, share, and connect more deeply. There's no group discussion. It's just about the two of you learning to be the best, most loving and thriving couple you can be.

March 10-12, 2023
Spokane, WA
Apply at wwwme.org



Film Screening & Lenten Supper

Saturday,
February 25
6:30 pm - meal
7:00 pm - film



Join us in the McMullen Center to watch ***The Letter***, a documentary film about how our spiritual values call us to take action on the planetary emergency.

For more information or to register, please visit actionnetwork.org/events/the-letter-film-screening-lenten-supper, scan the QR code above, or contact Andrea in the office at 253-893-6684 or andream@sjtbcc.org

Please **RSVP by February 22** for food planning purposes.

ST. JOHN THE
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FORMATION



LENT EVENT

February 19, 2023
McMullen Center
10:15-11:30am

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ADULTS WELCOME**

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for LENT**

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