

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

February 5, 2023
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 5:13-16



*Sunlight shines through the
darkness to brighten the trees
behind our parish. How do we
share the light of Christ with
others and uplift their lives
through our good deeds?*

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**.

From Our Office

Father Bill is enjoying his vacation, visiting his family in Florida. This week, we hear from our Pastoral Assistant for Liturgy and Pastoral Care, Laurie Moloney. If you have any questions or comments on her article, please feel free to reach out to her at extension 111 or email her at lauriem@sjtbcc.org.

We Are the Light of the World



As an amateur astronomer, I have seen the light of distance stars, galaxies, and nebulas magnified in amazing ways when I look through my telescope. I wouldn't be able to see these wonders of God's creation in quite the same way with the naked eye. Just as it's difficult to see fully God's great light in our dark world, Jesus calls us to be the telescope and bring His light into the world.

"Through baptism, we not only receive this light, but we become the light"¹. This is represented at baptism when the godparent lights a candle from the Easter candle, which represents the light of Christ at the Easter Vigil. So how do we keep this light burning and how do we bring it to the world?

Isaiah tells us in today's first reading that if we give bread to the hungry and satisfy the afflicted, then our light shall break forth like the dawn (*Is 58:8*). When we bring God's mercy to others, Jesus' light shines through our lives and, in turn, draws others into the Light of Christ. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us we are the light of the world, and He calls us to let that light shine forth to all (*Mt 5:13-14*).

Here at St. John the Baptist we have many ministries that bring the light of Christ to the world. There's everything from St. Vincent de Paul ministry, Safe Car Parking, Creation Care, and PREPARES to serving as a liturgical minister at Mass. Visit the Ministries pages on our website to see a list of ministries, sjtbcc.org.

And if you haven't yet taken the *Living your Strengths* class, talk to Anne Frederick in the office. It will help you discover where God is calling you to let your light shine.

-Laurie

¹Catechism of the Catholic Church, Second Edition, para. 1216



What Does It Mean for St. John the Baptist?

Over the next 4 years, we as a parish will be discerning how to combine our ministries and operations with one or more of our neighboring parishes.

This will be a deliberate, prayerful process, guided by the Holy Spirit, under the direction of Fr. Bill and an Archdiocesan liaison.

Timeline



Our Church

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

This Week in Our Church

Sunday, February 5

Mass - 9:00 am

Financial Peace University - 10:15 am
Pre-school & Elem Faith Formation - 10:15 am

Mass - 11:30 am

Parent Class, Grades 5-12 Sacramental Prep - 4:00 pm

Mass - 5:30 pm

Monday, February 6

Yoga - 7:30 am

Prayer Ministry Training 9:00 am

Word & Communion - 9:00 am

Knights of Columbus - 6:00 pm

Tuesday, February 7

Word & Communion - 9:00 am

Life, Justice, Peace Commission - 6:30 pm

Adult Faith Formation Bible Study - 7:00 pm

Confirmation, Year 2 - 7:00 pm

Hispanic Music Group - 7:00 pm

WICS (Widow Support) - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, February 8

Mass - 9:00 am

Hispanic Charismatic Group - 6:00 pm

Parish Leadership Team - 7:00 pm

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

Thursday, February 9

Yoga - 7:30 am

Adult Faith Formation Bible Study (Zoom) - 10:00 am

Hora Santa de Reparación - 2:30 pm

Universal Christ Faith Group - 4:00 pm

Facilities & Grounds Commission - 4:30 pm

Mass - 6:30 pm

One Parish, One Prisoner - 7:00 pm

RCIA - 7:00 pm

Friday, February 10

Creative Kindness Sewing Group - 9:00 am

Mass - 9:00 am

Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 6:30 pm

Hispanic Charismatic Group - 9:00 pm

Saturday, February 11

Confirmation Prep, Year 1 - 10:00 am

Gospel Reflection SFC (Zoom) - 10:00 am

Confessions - 4:00 to 5:00 pm

Mass - 5:30 pm

Photo Contest Sunsets

Due to the lack of response, the bulletin team has decided to discontinue the contest. We are discussing several ideas to replace the contest. If you have any ideas or suggestions on how we can encourage parishioners to read our bulletin, please email me, Pat, at bulletin@sjtbcc.org. I'd love to hear your ideas!

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.

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sjtbcc.org

Social Media:



@sjtbcovington

Your Envelopes and Special Collections



It is already February! We continue to have special collections every month, which support causes outside our parish (i.e., PREPARES, Rice Bowl, and Catholic Home Missions).

If you receive envelopes, it is really important that you **use the correct envelope** for your donations, so they will 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!**

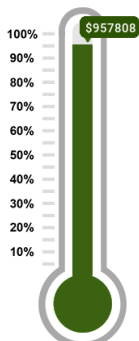
Our Church



We are getting closer to our \$1 million goal! Thanks to the 40% of our parishioners, who have pledged \$957,808.

Please prayerfully consider how you can support St. John the Baptist

Goal: \$1000000



Goal	\$1,000,000
Pledges Received *	\$957,808
% of goal	95.8%
# of families at SJTB	1217
# of families pledged	466
% of families pledged	38.3%
Average weekly pledge	\$39.53

* Updated 1/30/23

Monthly Council and Commission Meeting Report

On January 12, St. John the Baptist's Facilities and Grounds Commission met, discussing the electrical work completion for the air conditioning, the kitchen garbage disposal, and potential projects for the 2023 ACA rebate - especially given recent Archdiocesan safety recommendations. There is a possibility of applying for a FEMA Non-Profit Security Grant through the federal government. A list of potential Boy Scout Eagle projects is maintained.

On January 19, St. John the Baptist's Finance Council met to review the parish financial statements. Currently St. John the Baptist has a **net income (surplus) \$47,582 as of December 31, 2022** because of the remaining PPP funds paid for payroll, and we are not paying for a youth minister. Council members reviewed stewardship pledge results and will start the budget process in February, when they expect to have a more accurate view of expected revenue for Fiscal Year 2023/24. Revenue is expected to decrease slightly. Members learned of the Partners in the Gospel initiative of the Archdiocese and discussed potential fiscal effects.

Join the fun for our second Wine and Cheese Party!

Fr. Bill Invites WOO and Relators Saturday, February 18 After 5:30 pm Mass McMullen Center

RSVP by February 14 Annef@sjtbcc.org



Prayer Requests

For those who are sick :

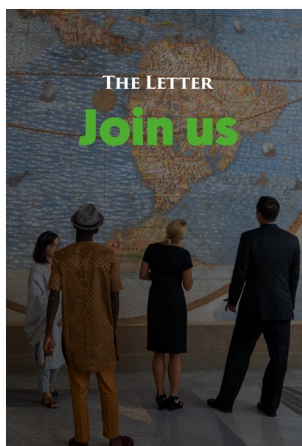
Susan Christ, Robert Costanzo, Faye Driessen, Helen Martinez, Nina Tenerelli, Jeannette Waters

For those who have died:

All of our family and friends who have died

The Letter Film Screening & Lenten Supper

Hosted by SJTB Creation Care Team



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

We are called to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor on **Saturday, February 25 at 7:00 pm** in the McMullen Center. A simple Lenten supper will be served from 6:30 - 7:00 pm, followed by a viewing and discussion of the film to consider how we can take action.

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



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



Dance Night Coming Soon!

Friday, February 17 | 6:00 - 8:00 pm.

Mark your calendars! This is geared toward families with children of all ages, and there will be an opportunity for some social dancing instructions. Light refreshments will be provided. Contact Kathy at the church office or KathyW@sjtbcc.org for more information or to offer assistance with this event.

Gate Is Fixed!

A huge **THANK YOU** to **Tim Graves** for coming over and taking our gate to his shop to weld. He repaired the break and he and David reinstalled the gate in a matter of two days. We appreciate your stewardship, Tim!



Lent



LENT Save the Dates!

Please be sure to mark your calendars for the following:

Faith Formation Lent Event - February 19

10:15 - 11:30 am

Ash Wednesday - February 22.

Mass with Ash distribution - 9:00 am & 7:00 pm
Liturgy of the Word with Ash distribution - 5:30 pm

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 local the community



Our Community



“Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.” Let the light of your marriage sacrament shine for all. Make your light bright by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.

Apply at wwme.org

February 17-19, 2023

La Quinta Inn & Suites, Tacoma WA

March 10-12, 2023

Spokane, WA

May 19-21, 2023

Seattle, WA



Beds Wanted

Our parish's conference of **St. Vincent de Paul** is looking for new or gently used twin beds (mattress & box spring) for our neighbors in need. If you have a bed set to donate, please contact Pat at bulletin@sjtbcc.org. Volunteers from St. Vincent de Paul will come and pick up from your house. Thank you very much!



Vine Maple Place is growing! With the Maple Valley and Kent facilities, they are working to serve more homeless families throughout South King County than ever before. There are currently two critical opening that we are looking to fill:

- Child & Youth Family Stability Assistant Manager
- Child & Youth Program Specialist

Complete job descriptions can be found here on the link to our careers page vinemapleplace.org/about-us

At Vine Maple Place, families receive the care and assistance they need to leave homelessness forever, and it only happens because of the community and valuable partners like **you!**

“Prayer reawakens the soul from slumber and focuses it on what matters, on the purpose of existence. Even during our busiest days, we must not neglect prayer!”

- Pope Francis



PREPARES, Pregnancy & Parenting Support, is our “promise to care” to mothers and fathers from pregnancy to the child’s fifth birthday – no matter their beliefs. This program is a way we can “walk our talk” about celebrating the gift of life and making sure that no child, born or unborn, is ever abandoned or alone. Statewide, PREPARES has supported thousands of families with one-on-one companionship and child essentials.

The bishops of Washington State hope to expand this parish-based program in order to serve more families. **Your gift**, no matter the amount, **will have real impact in fulfilling the promise** to families in need to provide life-affirming and life-changing support.

To donate to the Bishops' PREPARES Valentine Appeal visit www.preparesforlife.org. To learn more or volunteer with the St. John the Baptist PREPARES ministry, please contact Andrea at x115 or andream@sjtbcc.org.

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