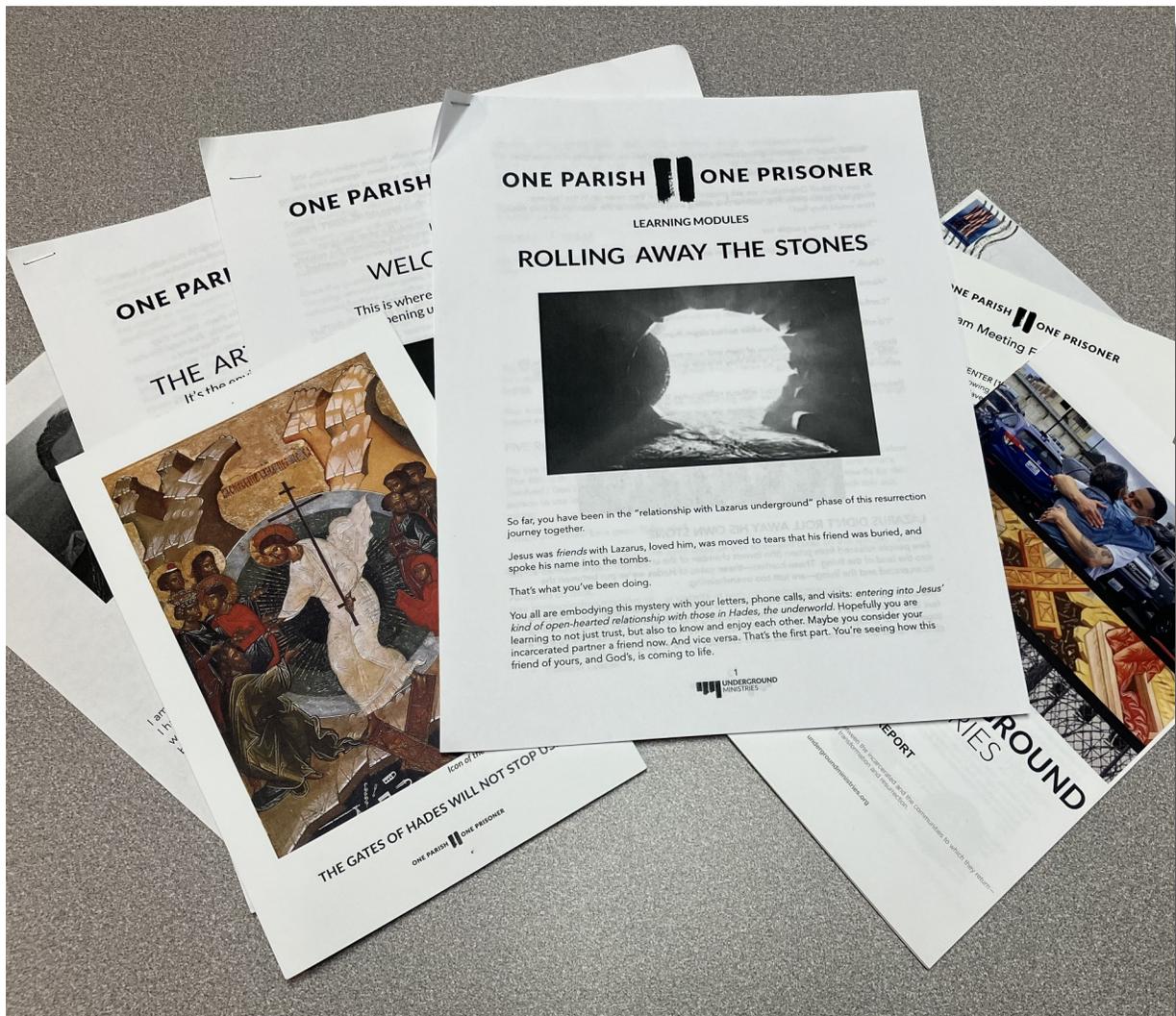


THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

March 26, 2023
Fifth Sunday of Lent
John 11:1-45



Roll away the stone. (John 11:39)

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

Life After Death



On my commute, I often listen to the radio. One thing I am hearing more and more of are funeral homes offering an alternative to cremation called terramation or aquamation (known also as alkaline hydrolysis). It is basically composting the body, turning it into soil, then using it as nutrients for plants. There is a problem with this from our Catholic perspective. While there is nothing wrong with the natural decomposition of the body, there is a problem with re-purposing the body and using it for something else, like fertilizer.

God has made each one of us unique, adopted us through baptism, and joined us to the Body of Christ. Even in death, we give reverence to the human body for being a unique temple of the Holy Spirit while alive. We profess our belief in the resurrection of the dead, when Christ will raise our mortal bodies and make them like his own. How this happens, we do not know. That it happens, is an article of faith.

The grave for a Christian is a sign of hope that promises resurrection. Just as Christ spent time in a grave, we know that the grave is not the end of our story. The Catholic Cemetery is consecrated ground and is a holy place of prayer, gratitude, and remembrance. It is a reminder that we are part of the People of God, a Communion of Saints. Even if one chooses cremation, the cremated remains should be buried or entombed in a cemetery. Scattering or keeping cremated remains in the home of a relative or friend are not the reverent disposition that the Church suggests.

For those concerned about the environmental impact of burials, Gethsemane Catholic Cemetery in Federal Way will soon offer a natural burial area in which the body is wrapped in a shroud or placed in a completely biodegradable casket. Native grasses and wild flowers replace the traditional manicured lawn. For more information go to mycatholiccemetery.org/gethsemane/ or call 888-884-6772

Fr. Bill



- January 2023: Public launch
- Fall 2023: Invitation to provide input on parish families
- Early 2024: Final parish family structures announced
- July 2024: Parish families go into effect with one pastor
- 2024–2027: Parish families journey together
- 2027: Parish families become one canonical parish

Question: What are the benefits of this approach?

Answer: This highly consultative approach gives parishioners the ability to provide input and take an active role in building their local Church. The process allows communities time to truly journey together and accompany one another while forming one new vibrant community. It is intended to give priests more time for pastoral care.

For more information, please visit archseattle.org/partners/

Our Church

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."
- Jn 11:25

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This Week in Our Church

Sunday, March 26

Mass - 9:00 am
PS & Elementary Faith Formation - 10:00 am
Mass - 11:30 am
Mass - 5:30 pm

Monday, March 27

Yoga - 7:30 am
Word & Communion Service - 9:00 am
Choir (Fil-Am) Practice - 7:00 pm
Choir (Sunday 9am) Practice - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, March 28

Word & Communion Service - 9:00 am
Fil-Am Choir Practice - 7:00 pm
Threshold Bible Study - 7:00 pm
WICS - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 29

Mass - 9:00 am
Truthful Reign Band Practice - 7:00 pm
Walking Through Grief - 7:00 pm
Youth Group - 7:00 pm

Thursday, March 30

Yoga - 7:30 am
Hora Santa de Reparación - 2:30 pm
Mass - 6:30 pm
Choir (Sunday 11:30 am) Practice - 7:00 pm
RCIA - 7:00 pm
Welcome Circle Inquiry Night - 7:00 pm

Friday, March 31

Mass - 9:00 am
Fish Fry - 5:00 pm
Stations of the Cross - 7:00 pm
Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 8:00 pm

Saturday, April 1

Gospel Reflection SFC (Zoom) - 10:00 am
Confessions - 4:00 to 5:00 pm
Mass - 5:30 pm
Vigil Service for Louisa Igwenyere - 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.

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About Our Bulletin Cover "Roll Away The Stone"

Our One Parish, One Prisoner (OPOP) team has been walking with Chaz as he nears his release date. Much like Lazarus, Chaz's reentry into society involves a coming back to life – rolling away stones and unwrapping layers. Our recent conversations with Chaz have involved digging into these stones and layers as we look towards the ways that we, as the OPOP team and our larger St. John the Baptist parish community, can support his reentry process. This includes helping him coordinate extensive dental care, and through that, helping him recognize and embrace his own dignity as a child of God. It includes helping him put together budgets and resumes and interview preparation. It includes finding suitable housing that would be able to welcome his daughters. It includes building a support network of new friends that he can call to chat or see a movie with or go hiking with. In the coming weeks and months, we will be sharing more ways in how our community can support Chaz in rolling away these stones, just as Jesus commanded to his people, as Chaz comes back to life outside of the prison walls.

Our Church

Prayer Requests

For those who are sick:

Janet Jump, Ashley Sakae, Fr. Jack Walmesley, Melyssa (granddaughter of Jackie Raczka)

For those who have died:

Mary Margaret Cinquegrana

(cousin of Anne Frederick)

Bret DeLuccia

(cousin of Laurie Moloney)

Alex MaGee

(father of Deirdre Smith)

Easter Lilies Needed

You are invited to make a donation of \$10 (suggested amount) on behalf of a loved one for the lilies that we will use to decorate the church for Easter.



Write the name of the person you wish to remember on a memorial card (available in the Narthex), place the card in the envelope with your payment, and deposit it in the collection box in the Narthex. The memorial cards will be displayed in the Narthex on Easter.

Deadline is April 2, 2023.

Rebate Adds to Parking Lot Fund



We have just received our 5th Annual Appeal rebate check in the amount of \$4,043.32. This makes a total of **\$24,585.14** that will be used for parking lot safety enhancements.

Thank you to all who have paid AND continue to pay their Annual Appeal pledge.



**WELCOME
GATHERING**

Have you recently joined our parish?

Please join us on **April 23** for lunch and our next gathering.

All registrants will receive free gifts!

Contact Anne Frederick at annef@sjtbcc.org or 253-630-0701 ext. 125 for more information and to **RSVP by April 18.**

Need Help for Catholic School Education?

St. John the Baptist parish has, from its beginning, supported Catholic School education as a part of our vision of Faith Formation.

If you have, or are planning to have, your children attend an elementary Catholic school during the 2023-2024 school year, please fill out this form and submit **no later than March 31, 2023**. You will find the Catholic Elementary School In-Parish Tuition Application Form for 2023-24 at this link: archseattle.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/92/responses/new. Please call Kathy Wickward at the parish office if you have any questions.

We Have Adopted A Street!



The Creation Care Team is pleased to announce that 156th Avenue SE between SE 256th Street and SE 264th Street has been adopted by St. John the Baptist! This segment of road is directly in front of our church property. We are grateful for parishioner and City of Covington Clean Team Maintenance Technician, **Jennifer Leeden**, for this invitation and opportunity.

We will be hosting our first official cleanup on **Saturday, April 15** from **9:00 -11:00 am**. **Registration is limited and required**. For safety purposes, these cleanups will be limited to adults, and those interested in participating can contact Andrea at 253-893-6684 or email andream@sjtbcc.org **by Sunday, April 9**.

There are opportunities available for families with youth interested in cleanup efforts. Please let us know if you would like to explore these options.

Thank you for considering and spreading the message of *Laudato Si* throughout our community.

Goodbye



PushPay® Update

Hello



Pushpay

Last week, we reported that about 81 parishioners made the switch to Pushpay. Today, we have over 264 parishioners who have switched over! We're slowly getting there.

We also addressed some of the basic questions last week (**please see last week's bulletin**), and we have one more frequently asked question.

Q: Do I need a cell phone to sign up?

A: A cell phone makes it easier, because Pushpay will send you a text to confirm your number. However, if you have a computer and a landline at home, Pushpay will send a recording of a confirmation number that you can then enter as you sign up. When the program asks for your mobile number, click "Need Help?" and you will see a variety of options.

For more information, please see last week's bulletin or our website at sjtbcc.org/online-giving/

St. John the Baptist Yard Sale Is Back!



The yard sale is back after a three-year COVID hiatus! Please save this date: **June 22 - 25, 2023**. We will open up the McMullen Center to sell our previously beloved treasures.

We welcome **Claudia Smith** as our fearless leader! She is excited to talk to seasoned volunteers and new ones! Please contact her at our church office, 253-630-0701, to sign up. **We need volunteers** to accept items on four weekends in May and June, sort and price items, staff a room the weekend of the event, be cashiers, and be a clean up crew - including U-Haul drivers. We will start taking items on May 20. Thank you!

Lent

Journey With Us



CRS Rice Bowl shares stories of hope from CRS' work around the world. These stories are examples of how your Lenten alms are helping

communities find solutions to problems like hunger and malnutrition. Take a virtual journey with us to Honduras, the Philippines, and Kenya! Last week, we shared with you a recipe from Guatemala. Look for other meatless recipes at crsricebowl.org/recipe. For more information about Rice Bowl, visit crsricebowl.org.

Knights of Columbus Friday Family Fish Fry Friday March 31 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm



Breaded Fried Cod, French Fries, Ivar's® Clam Chowder, and Drinks

Proceeds will support parish ministries and the local community.



Fridays in Lent at 7:00pm

<u>Date</u>	<u>Led by</u>
March 24	Stewardship & Evangelization
March 31	Faith Formation (Family Friendly)

Some Lent Fasting Ideas

- Spend time volunteering as a family.
- Introduce children to a charity, and explain to them how and why to donate to it.
- Create a jar to collect change to donate.
- Give a smile to someone you pass.
- Support a business that advertises in our church bulletin.
- Play "Guess the Saint" each day.
- Pick a relative each day and pray for him/her.
- Fast from social media for a day (extra credit if you can do this).

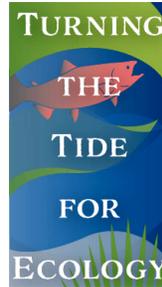
Humor of the Week



Did you notice that every time you're at a restaurant during Lent, the menu always seems a little fishy?

Our Community

Turning The Tide For Ecology 2023 Catholic Earth Day Summit Seattle University Student Center April 22, 2023 | 9:00 am - 4:00 pm



Join the Creation Care Network for this year's environmental justice summit. The includes keynotes on integral ecology and salmon recovery, Mass (celebrated by Archbishop Etienne), panel on climate action, discernment, group reflection, and action. All are welcome to this free event. Register by April 7 at ipic.org/turning-the-tide-for-ecology-registration/.

Hosted by: Seattle University ICTC and Creation Care Network
Sponsored by: Archdiocese of Seattle, St. James Cathedral, St. Joseph Parish, Seattle University ICTC, Catholic Climate Covenant, Intercommunity Peace & Justice Center



DATE: APRIL 5
TIME: 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM
LOCATION: ZOOM

Wellness Wednesdays: A brief overview of different senior care providers and what is important when looking for care, as well as knowing the signs that a move is needed. This session features Sandra Cook of Aegis Living.

Zoom link to join: seattlearch-org.zoom.us/j/87157205880

For more information, please contact Joe Cotton at joe.cotton@seattlearch.org. To Register: archseattle.org/ministries/outreach-ministries/mental-health-ministry/wellness-wednesdays/



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 helpourmarriage.org.

Welcome Circle Inquiry Night

"It was difficult to do and there were doubts, did I do it right? But on arrival here and when I stayed for a month, I began to see God's will for this and my life. I feel at home."

- Alina

When:

7 PM - 8:30 PM
Thursday, March 30

Where:

St. John the Baptist
McMullen Center, Room B

Questions:

AndreaMesjtbcc.org (email)
253-893-6684 (call/text)

Learn how you can **welcome the stranger** by supporting our refugee brothers and sisters.



Evening will include:

Sharing by Alina & members of her Welcome Circle

Presentation by Amy Nash with the Archdiocese of Seattle Immigrant & Refugee Services

Q&A

Opportunities to get involved



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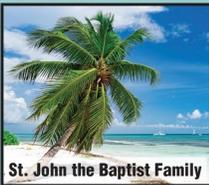
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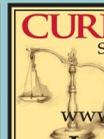
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