

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Matthew 26:14-27:66



Mass Schedule

Please see Page 3 for our Mass times this week

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



Holy Thursday Feet Washing

When COVID first hit, I celebrated the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday with only five people in the church. Public liturgies were not possible. In my homily in that empty church I said:

"John's gospel is unique. Unlike Matthew, Mark, Luke and even Paul, John mentions no bread and wine at Jesus' Last Supper. John's focus is on something else: a humble act of service in washing the feet of his disciples. During this extraordinary time, when we must stay home and stay safe, we have no bread and wine to share with our parishioners gathered in homes throughout the area and participating in this Holy Thursday liturgy through social media. It is ironic that today we celebrate the gift of the Eucharist, but cannot share in receiving Holy Communion. How much more important it is this year to grasp and hold on tightly to that conviction that Jesus continues his humble service to each one of us."

The following year, still in a time of social distancing, we had a public Mass for Holy Thursday with a limited number of people, but no foot washing. Last year, my first year with you here at St. John's, we had a full church and the traditional foot washing done by the priest but not in accord with the custom here at St. John's, when the assembly is invited to have their feet washed and to wash the feet of another.

This year, when we gather for the beginning of the Sacred Triduum, we will celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper with the washing of feet as is the custom here at St. John's. All who wish will be invited forward to have his or her foot washed, and then wash another parishioner's foot. Of course, one may choose to simply remain in the Assembly and witness this ritual, rather than directly participate in it. Humble service: it is the key to understanding the Eucharist and understanding our call to be disciples of the Lord.

Fr. Bill



Question: Does this mean parishes/churches are closing?

Answer: No, not necessarily. First, it is important to note the parish is not the church building. The parish is the community of the faithful and all that comes with it.

A parish family is comprised of different parish communities that will eventually become one canonical parish. Decisions will be made at the local level to reflect the needs of each parish community. The parish leadership, with input from parishioners and guidance from the Holy Spirit, will make decisions about how to best carry out the mission locally.

This means that the new parish will determine many things, such as what ministries to provide, what outreach to the community is possible, what Mass times to offer and what properties and buildings will be used and when.

Stay informed! Sign up for the Partners in the Gospel update newsletter at archseattle.org/partners/

Our Church

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." - Mt 21:9



This Week in Our Church

Saturday, April 1

Vigil Mass - 5:30 pm

Service for Louisa Igwenyere (community invited) - 7:00 pm

Sunday, April 2 - Palm Sunday

Mass - 9:00 am

Mass - 11:30 am

Mass - 5:30 pm

Monday, April 3

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, April 4

Word & Communion Service - 9:00 am

Life Justice Peace Meeting - 6:30 pm

WICS - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, April 5

Mass - 9:00 am

Truthful Reign Band Practice - 7:00 pm

Walking Through Grief - 7:00 pm

Youth Group - 7:00 pm

Thursday, April 6 - Holy Thursday

Yoga - 7:30 am

Creation Care Meeting - 1:00 pm

Hora Santa de Reparación - 2:30 pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 pm

Adoration of the Holy Eucharist - 8:00 pm

Friday, April 7 - Good Friday

Stations of the Cross - 3:00 pm

Passion of Our Lord - 7:00 pm

Saturday, April 8

Gospel Reflection SFC - 10:00 am

Easter Vigil - 8:30 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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Please join us in celebration

Palm Sunday, April 1 & 2 normal Mass times

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:

Holy Thursday, April 6 7:00 pm

Stations of the Cross:

Good Friday, April 7 3:00 pm

Passion of the Lord:

Good Friday, April 7 7:00 pm

Easter Vigil in the Holy Night:

Saturday, April 8 8:30 pm

Easter Celebration:

Sunday, April 9 ... 8:00 am; 10:00 am; 12 noon

Our Church

Prayer Requests

For those who are **sick**:

Carolina Mendoza, Fr. Jack Walmesley, Melyssa (granddaughter of Jackie Raczka)

For those who have **died**:

Cecilia Gutierrez
(aunt of Marilou Bickel)
Kevin Montalvo
(father of Pasal Montalvo)



Have you been away from the Church and are interested in returning?

We miss you and we would like to welcome you home.

Anne Frederick in our parish office would enjoy connecting with you. You can reach her at: annef@sjtbcc.org or 253-630-0701 x125 in the parish office for more information.

Our Children And The Liturgy



For the past five Sundays of Lent, we have presented a Children's Liturgy to our 5 to 10-year-olds who have attended the 9:00 am Mass. It has been very well received by both the children and their parents! We would love to continue to offer this each Sunday during Mass, and **we are looking for a team of volunteers** who would like to bring this ministry to life! If the idea of breaking open the Word of God with our children sounds rewarding, please, call Therese McHenry at 253- 893-6687 or email Theresem@sjtbcc.org

Rebate Adds to Parking Lot Fund



In case you missed the article in last week's bulletin, we 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.**

Last Chance for Easter Flowers!

You are invited to make a donation of \$10 (suggested amount) on behalf of a loved one for the flowers 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.

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 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.**

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

Volunteers Needed for St. John the Baptist Yard Sale

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



We still 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!

 **ParishStaq**

Please Don't Delete Us!

Group emails are now being sent through our new software, using the email: archseattle@ccbchurch.com.

Remember that **these are legitimate emails!** Feel free to open them and/or click on the links. If you do not see our bulletins emails on Fridays, **please check your spam folder.** If they are not in your spam folder, please contact Kathy Wickward at the church office or kathyw@sjtbcc.org.

Lent

Journey With Us

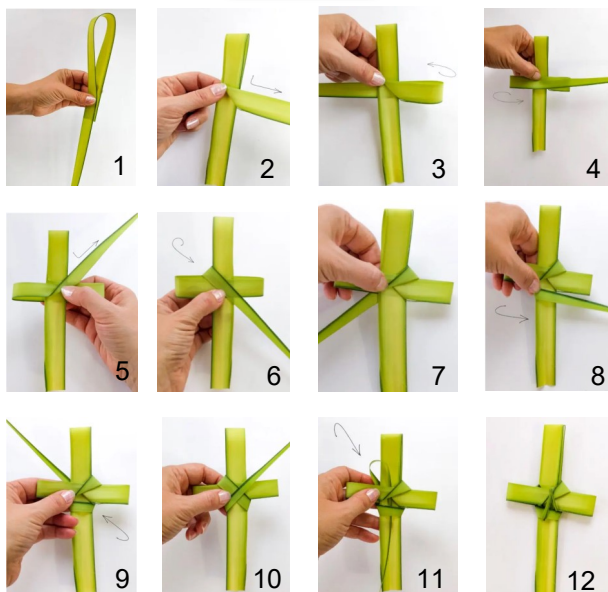


CRS Rice Bowl shares stories of hope from CRS' work around the world. These stories are examples of how your Lenten alms are helping communities find solutions to problems like hunger and malnutrition. Take a virtual journey with us to Honduras, the Philippines, and Kenya! Last week, we shared with you a recipe from Guatemala. Look for other meatless recipes at crsricebowl.org/recipe. For more information about Rice Bowl, visit crsricebowl.org.



Stations of the Cross
March 31 at 7:00 pm
Led by Faith Formation (family friendly!)

How To Make A Palm Cross



For written instructions, visit equippinggodlywomen.com/faith/how-to-make-a-palm-cross-instructions/

Have a blessed Palm Sunday!

Our Community

Celebrate people of all abilities in our Catholic faith community
Virtual Inclusion Mass



Join Bishop Elizondo for livestream Mass as we celebrate people of all abilities in our Catholic faith community. Come to experience the richness of inclusion community.

Saturday, April 15, 2023
10:00 – 11:00 am

This Mass is livestream only, on Zoom from the Archdiocese of Seattle's Chancery Chapel.

To register, visit us at archseattle.org/ministries/outreach-ministries/inclusion-ministry/inclusion-mass-registration/



Are you called to ministry with the justice-involved community? If so, please join us and jumpstart your discernment process. Our jail & prison ministry and reentry volunteers will be available for questions and networking. Join us for a very special conversation about our "Village of Compassion – a Community Care Team," comprised of servants who will courageously share their stories of interfaith work and experiences of transition from the inside-out.

Questions? Joseph E. Garcia at 206-293-2844 or Joe Cotton at 206-382-4847, joe.cotton@seattlearch.org

Sponsored by Archdiocese of Seattle Criminal Justice Ministry.

Tuesday, April 25, 2023
11:00 am – 1:00 pm

St. James Cathedral Pastoral Outreach Center,
910 Columbia Street, Seattle, WA 98104

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 17 at ipjc.org/turning-the-tide-for-ecology-registration/.

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