

# THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

April 23, 2023  
Third Sunday of Easter  
John 6:22-29



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## 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



### Parish Consultative Bodies

When people tell me that they think being a pastor must be difficult, I like to remind them that the job of the laity is much more challenging. All I have to do is take care of a parish. You, the laity, have to transform the world! Even though I think I have the easier job, I still need a lot of help. Councils and Commissions help me, and the parish staff care for the parish community and live out the mission Christ entrusted to us.

The Archdiocese recommends people serve in councils and commissions for a specific term, usually three years, renewable once. One should only serve on one council or commission at a time. This means there is a constant rotation of new people on the various consultative bodies. Therefore, there is ample opportunity to serve.

The process for selection of new members begins with nominations. Suggestions for candidates are surfaced from existing commission members, from the parish staff and – at times - from the parish at large. Sometimes a commission needs a certain expertise. Sometimes it needs new members to help it better reflect the make-up of the parish.

During April and May, we will have a nomination process. I am asking you to nominate people who think would benefit the various councils and commissions. Maybe your spouse needs an evening away from the house once a month. Maybe one of your parish friends has a particular talent or interest that the parish needs. You could even nominate yourself.

Those who are nominated will be invited to an evening of discernment, to look at the role and purpose of the consultative bodies and to see if their gifts and talents match what the councils and commissions need.

Please be thinking of people you could nominate. If nominated, please consider serving. The consultative bodies of our parish are: The Parish Leadership Team (Pastoral Council), the Finance Council, Life, Justice and Peace Commission, The Faith Formation Commission, the Facility & Grounds Commission, the (new) Liturgy Commission, and the Stewardship and Evangelization Commission.

*Fr. Bill*



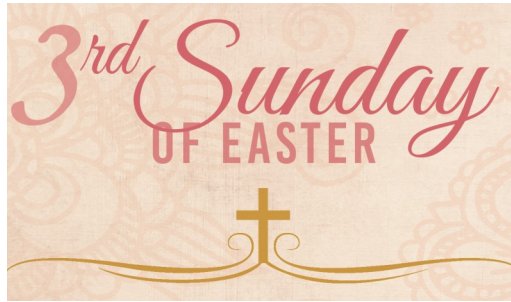
**Question:** Who is leading this effort?

**Answer:** There are many different groups involved in the research, planning, and execution of this strategic pastoral planning effort:

- Partners in the Gospel Core Team - comprised of co-leads;
- Oversight Committee - a diverse group of lay leaders, priests, a religious sister, a deacon, and our superintendent of Catholic Schools;
- Presbyteral Council - made up of priests elected by each of the 10 deaneries who advise and consult with Archbishop Etienne;
- Partners Edge - a research consulting firm that has helped other dioceses work through similar planning efforts;
- Parish family liaisons - will be hired and trained by the Archdiocese of Seattle;
- **You!** We are asking for feedback and input from all employees and Catholics in the Archdiocese of Seattle in Fall 2023.

For information or to sign up for the Partners in the Gospel update newsletter, please visit [archseattle.org/partners/](https://archseattle.org/partners/)

## Our Church



### This Week in Our Church

#### Sunday, April 23

##### **Mass - 9:00 am**

Coffee & Donuts - after 9am Mass  
Faith Formation (Pre-School & Elem) - 10:00 am  
Blood Pressure Screening after morning Masses

##### **Mass - 11:30 am**

Welcome Gathering - 1:00 pm

##### **Mass - 5:30 pm**

#### Monday, April 24

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 25 (Feast of St. Mark)

Word & Communion Service - 9:00 am

Choir (Fil-Am) Practice - 7:00 pm

Threshold Bible Study - 7:00 pm

WICS - 7:00 pm

#### Wednesday, April 26

##### **Mass - 9:00 am**

Truthful Reign Band Practice - 7:00 pm

Walking Through Grief - 7:00 pm

Youth Group - 7:00 pm

#### Thursday, April 27

Yoga - 7:30 am

Hora Santa de Reparación - 2:30 pm

##### **Mass - 6:30 pm**

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

RCIA - 7:00 pm

#### Friday, April 28

##### **Mass - 9:00 am**

#### Saturday, April 29

Gospel Reflection SFC - 10:00 am

Confessions - 4:00 to 5:00 pm

##### **Mass - 5:30 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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**253-630-0701**

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### Do You Want to Be In Pictures?

Please be aware that the 9:00 am Sunday Mass is livestreamed to our media sites. If you would rather not appear in a livestream, please plan to attend our other Masses: Saturday at 5:30 pm or on Sunday at 11:30 am or 5:30 pm.

Many of our events have amateur photographers present, and some fantastic photos have been posted on our various media sites. If you would rather not have your likeness photographed at events or published in the bulletin or on our website, please let the photographer at the event know. He/she will make every effort to avoid pointing the cameras at you.

If you have any questions, please **contact Kathy Wickward** at [kathyw@sjtbcc.org](mailto:kathyw@sjtbcc.org) or ext. 101.

## Our Church



### Prayer Requests

For those who are **sick**:

**Rosalie Arquisa, Pat Defiesta, Antonio Manalo, Teresita Martinez, Bonnie Sawyer, Bob Schellhorn, Robert Waters, and Melyssa**

For those who have **died**:

**Zenaida Constantino** (friend of Carolina Mendoza)  
**Antonio & Teresa Mendoza**  
(brother and sister-in-law of Rafael Mendoza)  
**Flora Perry** (aunt of Tess Reyes)

### Help People Sing with Joy to the Lord!

Do you ever wonder who prepares the song lyrics and prayers that are on the video screens at Mass? Volunteers do it. And **we need more help!** This is a ministry that you can do at home in your spare time. All you need is a basic knowledge of how to use PowerPoint. You can be instrumental in helping our community fully and actively participate in the Mass by helping with this ministry. Please **contact Laurie Moloney** at [lauriem@sjtbcc.org](mailto:lauriem@sjtbcc.org) or ext. 111 if you are able to help.

### Come, Receive the Sacraments!

As Lent comes to an end and we begin the Easter season, we will see the Rites of Initiation begin to be celebrated in our Catholic Liturgies. These Rites (Baptism, Confirmation, and First Eucharist) affect the persons receiving them in many ways, most especially in their relationship with Jesus and their relationship with the Church community. God extends grace to these individuals through these Sacraments. We can celebrate these Rites at other times in our Liturgical year, but there is a special emphasis on the reception of new and full members during the Easter season each year. Often times, when we witness these celebrations, we ponder our own need for Sacraments. If you, or someone you know, need any or all of these Sacraments of Initiation please **contact Joan Williamson** at [joanw@sjtbcc.org](mailto:joanw@sjtbcc.org) or ext. 109.

### Come Celebrate With Us

St. John the Baptist's Filipino-American Association invites you to the annual *Flores de Mayo* celebration at the **11:30 am Mass on May 14**.

Flores de Mayo, which means Flowers of May, is a celebration to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary. There will be a rosary and a procession before Mass. After Mass, there will be a reception with delicious food.

Everyone is invited!

### Calling All Photographers

We are looking for photographers to take pictures at events, so we can post them on the bulletin cover, to the website, and the annual report.

People are far more interesting than objects, and this is a way to let people know what we do and how we enjoy being around each other! **Contact Kathy Wickward** at [kathyw@sjtbcc.org](mailto:kathyw@sjtbcc.org) or ext. 101.

### Annual Catholic Appeal 2023 Begins

**"Give, and it will be given to you."** Luke 6:23 is the theme of this year's Annual Catholic Appeal, and this weekend kicks off the 2023 Campaign. The Annual Catholic Appeal funds ministries and services for your local Catholic community across Western Washington. This combined effort of parishes and missions ensures the availability of outreach ministries, education, faith formation, administration services for parishes, and much more! You should have received Archbishop Etienne's in-depth letter this week, highlighting the ministries that support our communities.

This year, our parish has set a **goal of \$117,416.00**. Across the Archdiocese the average gift was \$497. **All gifts received over our goal will be returned to the parish to replenish our in-parish assistance fund.** Please prayerfully consider how you can participate in helping our parish be a light to others.

### SB 5280 Clergy Mandatory Reporting and Maintaining the Clergy Penitent Privilege

SB 5280 is a bill requiring that clergy be mandatory reporters for child abuse and neglect. The bishops of WA state continue to support clergy as mandatory reporters, at all times and in all places, except when the information has been obtained during the sacrament of reconciliation.

SB 5280 passed the WA House of Representatives a couple of days ago, and unfortunately, now includes an amendment which removes the clergy-penitent privilege. SB 5280 now goes back to the Senate for passage or not, so **it is time to persuade Senators to vote against this amended bill.** Our parish is in a "swing legislative district," meaning that **senators may be sensitive to freedom of religion issues if they hear from enough voters from their district.** Along with the Washington State Catholic Conference (WSCC), Father Bill asks that you **please email and call your senator today** through the WSCC's quick Action Alert at [wacatholics.org/be-an-advocate/action-center](http://wacatholics.org/be-an-advocate/action-center) to make your voice known, stating that the clergy penitent privilege must be preserved and protected.



## Our Church

### Thank You to Our Street Cleaning Team



As we celebrate Earth Day this weekend, we take a moment to say a special thank you to our parishioners who spent part of their Saturday (April 15) morning caring for creation in and around our parish. We had 12 individuals come out for our first street cleanup along 156<sup>th</sup> Ave SE. It was a wonderful morning for new and longtime members of our parish to get to know one another, as we picked up garbage along the road.

**Thank you to the following** (pictured from left to right on the photo to the left):

**Emilio Mayorga, Tim Graves, Cheri Ayres-Graves, Jennifer Leeden** (City of Covington Clean Team Maintenance Technician), **Jose Zuniga, Angelo Battisti, Margie Battisti, Monica Exum, Andrea Mendoza, Paul Dehmer, Renee Samuelsen, and Ben Leeden.**



Would you be interested in welcoming new members into our parish?

We are looking for singles, couples, and families to assist our new parishioners develop a personal connection with our wonderful community.

For more information, please **contact Anne Frederick** at [annef@sjtbcc.org](mailto:annef@sjtbcc.org) or ext.125.

### FREE BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING



**Sunday, April 23, 2023 after morning mass**

A registered nurse is available to check your blood pressure.

Location will be announced at Mass. Contact Parish office for more information.

## Our Community

### The Necessity of Faith in Caregiving - A Father's Perspective



As a parent and social worker, Deacon Ronnie San Nicolas will share about the need for faith in caring for his autistic son diagnosed with a medical condition that impacts 1 in 200 children and youth resulting in mental illness like symptoms. St. James Cathedral's Mental Health

Wellness Ministry and the Archdiocese of Seattle Mental Health Ministry are sponsoring Wellness Wednesdays, a monthly educational forum featuring professionals from various mental health disciplines speaking on topics of interest.

To Register: [archseattle.org/ministries/outreach-ministries/mental-health-ministry/wellness-wednesdays/](https://archseattle.org/ministries/outreach-ministries/mental-health-ministry/wellness-wednesdays/). Zoom link will be emailed to you.

**Wednesday, May 3  
7:00 – 8:30 PM**

For more information, please contact Joe Cotton at [joe.cotton@seattlearch.org](mailto:joe.cotton@seattlearch.org)



### An In-Person Marriage Encounter Experience

*"Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you."* (Malachi 3:1)

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For more information about Worldwide Marriage Encounter, please visit [wwme.org](http://wwme.org). For questions, or to find out more about a Virtual Encounter Weekend, feel free to contact: Jeff and Sandy Corneil at 360-930-2321.

# QUO VADIS DAYS

JUNE 26-29, 2023  
AT CAMP HAMILTON

This amazing 4-day camp for high school men grades 9-12 with priests and seminarians from the Archdiocese of Seattle will provide participants the opportunity to:

- Learn more about the priesthood
- Deepen their faith
- Better discern God's call in their lives

Space is limited to 60 participants.

*The nominal \$50 fee can be waived in cases of need.*

Email the Office of Vocations with questions:

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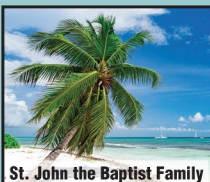


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