

# THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

April 9, 2023  
Easter Sunday  
John 20:1-9



## **Calvary Sunset**

Artist: **Michael Machata**

Age: 8

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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



### Welcome To St. John the Baptist!

What Sunday is to the week, Easter is to the year. It is our most important liturgy, celebrating Jesus' victory over sin and death. And not only is Jesus now alive, Jesus is life itself, and this life he shares with us.

This is the Life that animates St. John the Baptist Catholic Community. We gather to worship in gratitude for all God has done for us and trusting in the promise of eternity. We grow in our discipleship. Each one of us is on a particular journey of faith. Each one of us has another step to take. We accompany each other, wherever we may be on this journey, and we go in service. We have Good News to share, doing so with acts of love and compassion, caring for all God's people, caring for God's creation.

Easter Sunday is a day we welcome many people. There are those who are here every Sunday, for whom Mass is the highlight of the week and a source of strength for the coming week. We welcome family members and relatives who are visiting for the holiday. We welcome those of other faith traditions, who join their family members and friends today. COVID has kept many people away from in-person gatherings. We welcome those who are now transitioning back to in-person worship. There may be other things that have kept folks away. If you are one of those joining us today, we are so glad you are here with us today. We hope that whatever has kept you away can be resolved, healed, or forgiven. If you are one of our neighbors without a faith community to call your own, welcome!

Wherever you are at on this journey of faith, the St. John the Baptist Catholic Community is here to walk with you. Together, may we discover the presence of the Risen Lord, who has promised to remain with us forever.

You can find more information about our faith community on our web page at [sjtbcc.org](http://sjtbcc.org). You can also call the parish office and chat with myself or any of our staff at 253 630-0701.

Welcome!

*Fr. Bill*



Partners in Gospel is the strategic pastoral planning effort taking place across the Archdiocese of Seattle to re-invigorate and renew our local Catholic Church. It will bring most parishes together into a new family structure with two or more parishes. The pastor, parish leaders, and parishioners will determine how this new family will best join together to carry out the mission of the Church as one parish.

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

## Our Church



### This Week in Our Church

#### **Sunday, April 9 - EASTER Sunday**

Mass - 8:00 am  
Mass - 10:00 am  
Mass - 12 noon

#### **Monday, April 10**

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 11**

Word & Communion Service - 9:00 am  
Choir (Fil Am) Practice - 7:00 pm  
Guatemala Meeting - 7:00 pm  
WICS - 7:00 pm

#### **Wednesday, April 12**

Word & Communion Service - 9:00 am  
Truthful Reign Band Practice - 7:00 pm  
Walking Through Grief - 7:00 pm  
Youth Group - 7:00 pm

#### **Thursday, April 13**

Yoga - 7:30 am  
Hora Santa de Reparación - 2:30 pm  
One Prisoner One Parish Meeting - 5:00 pm  
Mass - 6:30 pm  
Choir (11:30 am) Practice - 7:00 pm  
RCIA - 7:00 pm

#### **Friday, April 14**

Mass - 9:00 am

#### **Saturday, April 15**

Adopt-A-Street Clean Up - 9:00 am  
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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[sjtbcc.org](http://sjtbcc.org)

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*from the staff of St. John the Baptist*



# Our Church

## Prayer Requests

For those who are **sick**:

**Melyssa**  
(granddaughter of Kathleen Schmidt)

For those who have **died**:

**Jorge Enrique Beckles**  
(brother of Susan Easter)

Correction: The bulletin staff of St. John the Baptist sincerely apologizes to the family of Melyssa, whose grandmother requested that we pray for her wellness. Her grandmother was erroneously listed with the wrong name. It should be Kathleen Schmidt. We continue to pray for Melyssa.

## WELCOME GATHERING

Have you recently joined our parish? Please join us April 23 for **lunch** and to receive **free gifts**!

Contact Anne Frederick [annef@sjtbcc.org](mailto:annef@sjtbcc.org) or the parish office for more information and to RSVP by April 19

## 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](mailto:ThereseM@sjtbcc.org)

Do you know someone who has left the Church and may be interested in returning?

*We would like to welcome them home.*

Anne Frederick in our parish office looks forward to connecting with you!  
[annef@sjtbcc.org](mailto:annef@sjtbcc.org) or 253-630-0701 x125

## Can You Lend Us a Hand?

Our annual parish deep cleaning will be held on **Friday, May 19** from 10:00am to 4:00 pm and **Saturday, May 20** from 9:00am to 4:00 pm. Many hands make light work. Help us wash windows, clean chairs, wipe down and dust hard-to-reach spaces, and move items into yard sale storage. **Please RSVP**, as lunch and snacks will be provided. Sign up for either day at this link: [archseattle.ccbchurch.com/goto/scheduling/55/public](http://archseattle.ccbchurch.com/goto/scheduling/55/public) or contact the office if you can come.



## Let's Clean That Street!



Remember that we have our first official cleanup of the street in front of our church property (156th Ave. SE) 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](mailto:andream@sjtbcc.org) by **Sunday, April 9.**



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

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

For more information please contact [annef@sjtbcc.org](mailto:annef@sjtbcc.org) or 253-630-0701 x125

## ParishStaq

### Please Don't Delete Us!

Remember, emails coming from [archseattle@ccbchurch.com](mailto:archseattle@ccbchurch.com) **are legitimate emails!** Feel free to open them and/or click on the links. If you do not see our bulletin 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](mailto:kathyw@sjtbcc.org).

## Volunteers Needed for St. John the Baptist Yard Sale

**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. Our sale is on June 22-25. Thank you!



## Easter



1. **Learn about Easter.** Go to the USCCB's page, "What is Easter?" [usccb.org/prayer-worship/liturgical-year/easter/](https://usccb.org/prayer-worship/liturgical-year/easter/) to learn more about it and share with others.
2. **Light a Paschal candle.** Make your own [catholicallyear.com/blog/homemade-easter-candles-or-the-coronavirus-wins/](https://catholicallyear.com/blog/homemade-easter-candles-or-the-coronavirus-wins/) or just use a simple white candle and say the Paschal greeting with your family as you light it at dinner.
3. **Pray your daily 15.** Resolve this Easter Season to spend 15 uninterrupted minutes with our Lord every day. It will change you.
4. **Start a gratitude journal.** Every day, write down something you are grateful for to God.
5. **Say a daily aspiration.** Find a joyful quote or aspiration from Scripture to say every day this Easter.
6. **Pray for others' joy.** Start a prayer list in a journal or on the notes app on your phone to remind yourself for your daily prayers. Let others know you are praying for them.
7. **Joyfully feast.** Easter is the feast of all feasts, a time of celebrating and feasting. Enjoy dessert tonight!
8. **Celebrate with music.** Make an Easter song list.
9. **Explore Catholic Media.** Tired of only hearing secular news? Go to Northwest Catholic's website [nwcatholic.org/](https://nwcatholic.org/)
10. **Seek the Eucharist.** Christ is risen and is present in the Eucharist. Seek him at Mass and adoration.
11. **Celebrate with baking.** Bake all Easter season: Paschal Lamb cake, Resurrection cookies, lamb bread [nwcatholic.org/voices/northwest-catholic/jesus-vs-the-easter-bunny](https://nwcatholic.org/voices/northwest-catholic/jesus-vs-the-easter-bunny)
12. **Go on a local prayer trek.** Hike two local outdoor stations of the cross or bike a local rosary route. Learn more at [nwcatholic.org/news/jean-parietti/summer-spirituality-in-western-washingtons-great-outdoors](https://nwcatholic.org/news/jean-parietti/summer-spirituality-in-western-washingtons-great-outdoors)
13. **Serve others joyfully.** Look for ways you can show Christ's love to others, helping a neighbor or at your parish.
14. **Share the joy.** Leave a bowl of sealed Easter candy on your front porch with a "Happy Easter" sign to thank delivery people.
15. **Make a sweet reminder.** Put 50 chocolate foil Easter eggs or jelly beans in a jar and eat one a day to remind you it's the Easter season.

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## Our Community



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**, from the Archdiocese of Seattle's Chancery Chapel.

To register, visit us at [archseattle.org/ministries/outreach-ministries/inclusion-ministry/inclusion-mass-registration/](https://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](mailto: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

**Planning for Senior Care: Everything You Need to Know**

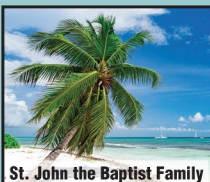
**April 5, 2023**  
**7:00 pm – 8:30 pm**  
**Location: via Zoom**

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.

To Register: [archseattle.org/ministries/outreach-ministries/mental-health-ministry/wellness-wednesdays/](https://archseattle.org/ministries/outreach-ministries/mental-health-ministry/wellness-wednesdays/)



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