

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

May 14, 2023

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

***"Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone
who asks you for a reason for your hope..."***



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

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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



Priests Consulted on Partners Draft

The priests of the archdiocese met May 3rd to review a draft of the proposed families of parishes. This was already the third draft. In June, the priests will meet again to review a 4th draft. Parish and Catholic school staffs will be consulted in August. All parishioners will be given the opportunity to offer feedback in late September and early October.

In preparation for this consultation, the statistics behind this reorganization will be available the weekend of May 27th and 28th. These numbers will show WHY we need to restructure parish life. This restructuring will include grouping two or more parishes together in what will be called a "Family" of parishes under the leadership of one pastor and possibly assisted by one or more other priests. Over the next three years, each family of parishes will then look at how they best can become one parish. This involves WHAT we should be as a Christian Community.

Here at St. John the Baptist we are having a parish-wide retreat on June 10th (from 9 am to 3 pm—ed.) to seek the Holy Spirit's guidance, to look at our unique identity and history, and to review our own parish priorities arising from the synod session we had last year. This will help us discern how we can enter our family of parishes and seek to be the community the Lord desires us to be. Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend our parish retreat.



The Partners in the Gospel consultative process for parish family configurations has officially begun.

PartnersEdge, consultants who have worked with several other dioceses, delivered "Draft Zero" of potential parish family configurations based on their data analysis. Specifically, PartnersEdge reviewed parish annual report data as well as priest numbers, parish locations, and map data to develop this draft.

"Draft Zero" was then reviewed by the Partners Oversight Committee and the Presbyteral Council to provide input that reflects "on the ground" realities in addition to the data. This process was grounded in prayer and much discernment as the groups examined the potential configurations, reviewed historical relationships, identified multicultural communities, discussed travel and commuting challenges and much more. This additional input was collected to refine the potential parish family configurations with the understanding that the input was not for the final draft, but instead to develop "Draft One" for the next phase of consultation with all the priests in the archdiocese.

Priests will have an additional opportunity (subsequent to the May 3rd meeting) to review and provide feedback before the next draft is developed for feedback and input by parish and school staff and all Catholics later this fall. (Source: Archdiocese of Seattle)

Our Church



This Week in Our Church

Sunday, May 14

Mass - 9:00 am

Mass - 11:30 am Flores de Mayo

Reception following

Mass - 5:30 pm

Monday, May 15

Yoga - 7:30 am

Word & Communion Service - 9:00 am

Choir (Sunday 9am) Practice - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, May 16

Word & Communion Service - 9:00 am

WICS - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, May 17

Mass - 9:00 am

Stewardship Commission Meeting -- 6:30 pm

Truthful Reign Band Practice - 7:00 pm

Walking Through Grief - 7:00 pm

Thursday, May 18

Yoga - 7:30 am

Creation Care Meeting -- 1:00 pm

Hora Santa - 2:30 pm

Yard Sale Meeting - 5:00 pm

Mass - 6:30 pm

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

RCIA - 7:00 pm

Silver Rose Prayer Service - 7:00 pm

Friday, May 19

Mass - 9:00 am

Spring Cleaning - 10 am

Hispanic Charismatic Group - 6:30 pm

Saturday, May 20

Gospel Reflection SFC - 10:00 am

Spring Cleaning - 9 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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On the cover: Bishop Eusebio Elizondo confirmed youth at the 5:30 pm Mass Sunday, May 7. Our newly confirmed members are Aaron Abadilla, Alexa Burciaga, Deo Angelo Hernandez, Gavina Ihwuegbu, Daniel Jamieson, Josue Andres Juarez, Sarah Nicole Martinez, Cristina Maya, Malachi Nguyen, Maiella Pham, Andres Ramirez, Elena Ramirez, Jacob Remfert, Jackson Shimek, Andrew Taulung, Arthur Junior Taulung, Sean Matthew Uy, and Anthony Wagner. Congratulations!



Our Church

Prayer Requests

For those who are sick:

Deacon Anselmo Pardo, Josh LaSharr, Page Lane, and Nancy Ligon

For those who have died:

Federico Ojeda Samson (brother of Patricia Fernandez)



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Annual Catholic Appeal

Give and it will be given to you." – Luke 6:38

Through the Annual Catholic Appeal, our parish has been answering the call to support our own local Catholic community. Your gift supports our youth and young adult ministries for the future of our church, teach the faith and share the beauty of the gospel, and support our priests and lay leaders with training, including all the administrative services needed to support our parish.

Thank you to all who have returned your ACA pledges and gifts. As you know, all funds received over our goal will be returned to our parish to support our in-parish assistance program.



It's easy to give to the ACA:
Online at archseattle.org/GiveACA
or scan the QR Code on the left with your phone.

Welcome Back

Do you know someone who has left the Church and may be interested in returning? We would like to welcome them back!

Please contact Anne Frederick at our parish office or annef@sjtbcc.org or ext. 125. Chat with Anne on how we can welcome them back to our church.

Nominations Requested for Parish Councils and Commissions

Please fill out the form online, or simply tear this form out of the bulletin and leave it in the offering basket. Nominate yourself or another parish member.

Name of person you are nominating:

Ever thought of working for the Church?

We have openings at our Catholic parishes, schools and the Chancery. It's a great way to use your talents to serve the Lord and his people!

See all openings at archseattle.org/careers

Youth Ministry Position Re-opened

St. John the Baptist is again looking for one or more people to work with youth in the 5th-12th grades. The position can be a full time, salaried position or broken into two part-time positions. We would love to fill this position before our program year starts in September! Check out the job description and learn how to apply on our website: <https://sjtbcc.org/employment-at-sjtbcc/>



Needs Drive

This weekend the PRE-PARES ministry at St. John the Baptist is collecting items to fill PREPARES Support Bags that will be distributed to disadvantaged mothers in our community.

Currently, our volunteers are ministering to at least 10 families- mothers, expectant mothers, and lots of babies and kids! With this Mother's Day collection, we are hoping to restock our supplies in order to continue and expand our outreach. Please see our list at <https://sjtbcc.org/2023/05/08/prepares-mothers-day-drive/>. There will be a crib in the narthex this weekend to collect donations. We have also had a huge increase in requests, and are looking for people interested in this ministry. Contact Andrea at ext. 115 for more information.

Check the commission you are nominating that person for:

- ☐ Pastoral Leadership Team
- ☐ Finance Council
- ☐ Facilities and Grounds
- ☐ Faith Formation
- ☐ Stewardship
- ☐ Life, Justice, Peace
- ☐ Liturgy

Our Church



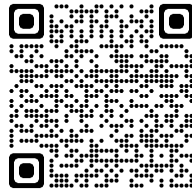
May 19 10 am to 4pm

May 20 9 am to 4 pm

Sign Up for Lunch!

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Speaking of Spring Cleaning, the Yard Sale is back, June 22nd (preview sale), June 23 & 24 (9 am to 5 pm), and June 25 (9 am to Noon).

We will take second-hand and new items in good, working condition. We will not accept broken or soiled items. You can sign up to help by pointing your phone camera at these QR codes!

If you can accept items after the masses, starting May 20, sign up [here](#):

If you can help sort items in the weeks before the sale, sign up [here](#):

If you can work the days of the sale, sign up [here](#):

If you can clean up and drive a UHaul, sign up [here](#):



Have you considered advertising in our bulletin?

Advertising pays for our bulletin printing and is particularly well suited for those in "word of mouth" businesses such as real estate, law, dentists, contractors, auto repair and the like. Our representative from our publisher, Jill Labberton, would love to tell you more about advertising with us. Her number is 206-617-6169.



Congratulations to our First Communicants and their families! On May 13th, we welcomed 33 children to the table of the Lord at a very special 1st Eucharist Mass!

Danielle Agu-Ibe
Noah Byrd
Elliot Cameron
Alexander Corpuz
Angelica Corpuz
Lleyton Dieterich
Tiffany Do
Sabrina Fadonougbo
Tatiana Fernandez
Ailani Fernandez
Christian Hassinger
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Sabine Legal
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Ezekiel Smith
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Marcos Uribe
Sebastian Uy
Daleyza Valdez
Natalie Valdez
Juliana Varelia
Franco Vargas
Gaston Vargas
Nanhi Wasielewski
Poonam Wasielewski

A special thanks to Father Bill and to all friends and family members for celebrating with us on this special day!

Many thanks to our Sacramental preparation team and teachers: Cathy Olaes, Lito Vargas, Rachel Mascarenhas, Christina Victor, Carol Boespflug, Susan Ravotti, Laura Sutton, Joan Williamson, and Therese McHenry.

And to all those who participated in the liturgy: liturgical ministers, music ministers, technology & photography support, reception hosts and all others who had a hand in this sacred event - many, many thanks!

Vacation Bible School
St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
July 17 -21, 2023
9am - 12 noon

\$30 per participant. Those that register by June 19th will be guaranteed a shirt.

Adult and teen volunteers needed!
Age minimum for teen volunteers is completion of 6th grade
Adult volunteers 18 and older must complete a the safe environment training as well as have a completed background check

Registration Now Open
www.sjtbcc.org

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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