

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

May 21, 2023

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

And behold, I am with you always, until the end of age. (Mt 28:16-20)

2023 First Communicants (see Page 3 for list of names)



Photo courtesy of **Malcolm Chang**

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

COVID-19 Protocols



The World Health Organization has declared that COVID-19 is no longer considered a *health emergency* on a global scale. Our government has also ended the "emergency" classification in our own nation. We, therefore, are relaxing some of our parish protocols and returning to the way we celebrated Mass prior to the Covid emergency.

There will no longer be a socially-distanced section in the Assembly. The hosts will no longer be kept covered on the altar. Eucharistic Ministers (EMs) will no longer be required to wear masks, as they distribute communion. It will be their option if they want to use one or not. EMs will sanitize their hands when they come up to the altar, not immediately before distributing communion. If a communicant receives communion on the tongue, the EM will sanitize his hands only if he believes saliva has touched his fingers. Sharing from the cup will return as an option. Because of the positive feedback we have received, we will continue to invite people to come forward with their tithe and food donations.

COVID-19 has not disappeared, and there still are tens of thousands of cases in the country. Here is what you can do to keep the community safe.

- If sick with any cold or flu symptoms, stay home.
- Keep updated with your vaccinations.
- If you have been exposed to COVID-19, follow CDC guidelines.

For the time being, we will continue to supply masks and hand sanitizer for those who wish to use them.



Every week since 1/22/23, one question was featured in this column. A new question was featured every week, thereafter. Please continue to read this section, as each week contains a different question. These questions and answers and other information can also be found at archseattle.org/partners/

Question: What does consultation involve?

Answer: Consultation gives everyone a chance to review the potential family structure, pray to the Holy Spirit about it, and provide their input.

The process was built intentionally to ensure everyone has the opportunity to offer input. Specifically, there will be several stages of consultation:

- Draft 1: Input from Oversight Committee and Presbyteral Council.
- Draft 2: Changes incorporated and then shared with all priests.
- Draft 3: Changes incorporated and shared with all priests, internal audiences, and the public.
- Draft 4: Changes incorporated and shared again with all priests.
- Final input will be incorporated by the Oversight Committee and Presbyteral Council, who will then make a final recommendation to Archbishop Etienne.
- In early 2024, the final parish family configurations will be announced.

Our Church



Solemnity of the Ascension transferred to Sunday, May 21

In our part of the country, the celebration of the *Ascension of the Lord* has been transferred to the 7th Sunday of Easter (May 21). Ascension Day is 40 days after Easter, which would be May 18. Since this solemnity is not a civil holiday as in other parts of the world, it could be difficult celebrating this feast if one had to work. Moving it to a Sunday allows more people to observe this important event in the life of our Lord.

This Week in Our Church

Sunday, May 21 The Ascension of the Lord

Mass - 9:00 am
Mass - 11:30 am
Mass - 5:30 pm

Monday, May 22

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

Tuesday, May 23

Word & Communion Service - 9:00 am
Fil-Am Choir Practice - 7:00 pm
St. Vincent de Paul Meeting - 7:00 pm
WICS - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, May 24

Mass - 9:00 am
Truthful Reign Band Practice - 7:00 pm

Thursday, May 25

Yoga - 7:30 am
Hora Santa - 2:30 pm
Mass - 6:30 pm
Choir (11:30 am) Practice - 7:00 pm
RCIA - 7:00 pm

Friday, May 26

Mass - 9:00 am
Dance Night - 6:30 pm
Hispanic Charismatic Group - 6:30 pm

Saturday, May 27

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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On The Cover

Our cover photo features our parish members, who received the sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time on Saturday, May 13, 2023. We welcome the following!

Danielle Agu-Ibe, Noah Byrd, Elliot Cameron, Alexander Corpuz, Angelica Corpuz, Lleyton Dieterich, Tiffany Do, Sabrina Fadonougbo, Tatiana Fernandez, Ailani Fernandez, Christian Hassinger, Arye Hernandez, Sabine Legal, Chloe Macariola, Raelyn Mascarenhas, Ryan McDermott, Abryanna Mejia, Collin Mendoza, Ana Nava-Ramirez, Christopher Nava-Ramirez, Audrey Olaes, Nicholas Riggio, Ezekiel Smith, Julia Topacio, Marcos Uribe, Sebastian Uy, Daleyza Valdez, Natalie Valdez, Juliana Varelia, Franco Vargas, Gaston Vargas, Nanhi Wasielewski, and Poonam Wasielewski.

Congratulations to all! May the blessings of Christ be upon you always!

Our Church

Prayer Requests

For those who are **sick**:

**Jaime Babbit, Doug Johnson,
Mike Jose, and Deacon Anselmo Pardo**

For those who have **died**:

Maryelea Brown,
Freddie Chavallo (cousin of Manny Martinez)
Wilfredo Abadilla
(father of Will, Christopher, and Sean Abadilla,
and Stefanie Mottola)

Heartfelt Gratitude for Years of Beauty



Mary Syslo and Judy Fuchs have worked to make our church beautiful for many, many years. They have maintained our beautiful plants and decorated for many Christmases, Holy Weeks, Easters, Pentecosts, and more. But after so many years, they are ready to move on to other ministries.

We need a few people to take their place. First, we need one or two weekly “plant waterers” to keep the greenery looking good all year long. They would water the plants weekly and remove any dead leaves or blooms. Second, we need a leader for this ministry, one who would plan the Christmas and Easter decorations and oversee the ministry.

If you are interested in helping to keep our space beautiful, please contact **Laurie Moloney in the office**. Judy and Mary aren’t going anywhere, so they will be available to answer any questions you may have.

Many, many thanks to you, Judy and Mary! May God bless you on your next adventure!

Synod Update



Work began in April on the *Instrumentum Laboris*, the working document for the first session of the Sixteenth Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops that will convene in October of this year.

Download the North American Final Document at usccb.org/synod.

A further development is that Pope Francis has modified the makeup of the Synod of Bishops. He has replaced the auditors, who do not have a vote, with 70 non-bishop members, who do have a vote, including priests, consecrated persons, deacons, and lay faithful, with the stipulation that 35 of these persons be women. (Source: www.synod.va)

Senate Bill 5280

Advocates sent 4,687 messages to their legislators, urging them to protect children, the clergy-penitent privilege, and the sacrament of reconciliation. Ultimately, the bill did **not** pass out of the Legislature. Read more about it at this website: votervoice.net/iframes/WSCC/newsletters/48318



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Annual Catholic Appeal

Give and it will be given to you. (Luke 6:38)

Some of you may already know that in addition to the ministries that support those in need, the Annual Catholic Appeal campaign also directly supports the staff of St. John the Baptist and Father Bill on a daily basis with a range of services from property and construction to finance, from Human Resources to Clergy services. Our goal is \$117,416. **We have received \$50,440 in donations** from 207 families.

Thank you to all of you who have chosen to make your best gift by pledging over several months, helping us reach our goal in short time.



Make your pledge by scanning the QR code on the left, or complete the pew envelope, which may be mailed or included in the collection basket. Or give online at archseattle.org/give-serve/giving-opportunities/annual-catholic-appeal/giveaca/

One Parish, One Prisoner (OPOP) Update

We are delighted to share that **Chaz** was named Employee of the Month for April at his work. Congratulations Chaz!

He currently has strong relationships with all three of his daughters and his father, all of which were damaged due to the choices he made before incarceration. His ultimate hope is to join the plumbing union as an apprentice and establish a career in that field. He tested and interviewed for this role in April and expects to receive word in mid-June. Let us hold this in prayer.

The OPOP team is also extremely excited to extend an invitation to meet Chaz in person next month! We will share more information about this in upcoming weeks. Chaz is very grateful for the prayers and support of the St. John the Baptist community, as he works to rebuild his life post-incarceration.

Our Church

Yard Sale

We're getting close to the big day of June 22 (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 and 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, scan me.



If you can help **sort items** in the weeks before the sale, scan me.

If you can **work the days of the sale**, scan me.



If you can **clean up** and drive a UHaul, scan me.

Or you can view the different volunteer opportunities at sjtbcc.org/events/



Adult & Teen Volunteers Needed

We are in need of volunteers to help make our Vacation Bible School a success. If you are interested in volunteering please register at our website:

archseattle.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/201/responses/new

or **contact Joan Williamson at the office** for more info.

Youth Ministry Position Re-opened

St. John the Baptist is looking for one or more people to work with youth in the 5th-12th grades. 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: sjtbcc.org/employment-at-sjtbcc/

Correction To Last Week's Bulletin

Our apologies to **Bruce Barnes**, one of our photographers here at St. John the Baptist. We failed to mention that he provided the photo for the bulletin cover and the confirmation group picture on Page 3 of the 5/14/23 edition of the bulletin. Thank you Bruce!

Our Community

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

Rachel's Corner Hope and Healing After Abortion

Before ascending into heaven, Jesus promised His disciples that He would return soon. In Matthew 28:20, He said, "I am with you always, to the end of the age." This promise is a reminder that Jesus is with us always, even when we are lost, alone, or carry the wounds of past decisions. As he walks through life with us, Jesus reaches out and offers us his mercy and healing!

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St. Anthony Is Hiring

St. Anthony School in Renton is looking to hire teachers in 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 6th, and 7th/8th grade middle school math. If you are interested or would like to inquire about any of these open positions, please email your resume to Deacon Michael at cantu@sasr.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:

vocations@seattlearch.org

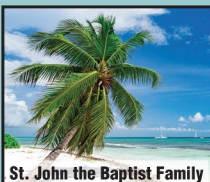
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