

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

May 28, 2023

Pentecost Sunday

Receive the Holy Spirit. (Jn 20:19-23)



Artwork by **Therese McHenry**

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

May Is Mental Health Awareness Month



I recently came across this article from *National Catholic Partnership on Disability*.

"One pastoral need facing the family as well as the parish family and larger community is the need for a better understanding of mental illness - what a mental illness is and what it is not. Mental illness is a biological brain disorder - physical disorder, not a choice, not a weakness, and not bad parenting."

Mental illness can be life-threatening and disabling for the patient and life-changing and traumatic for the family. People with a significant mental illness such as schizophrenia, bi-polar disorder, and major depression have a disturbance of brain chemistry. Irregular brain function causes people with these diseases to perceive their environment differently. With the onset of these diseases come difficulties in thinking, concentration, and organization.

Mental illnesses are treatable. With appropriate effective medication and a wide range of services tailored to their needs, most people who live with serious mental illnesses will be able to find a reduction in symptoms and a more satisfying measure of achievement and independence.

People with mental illness and their families face a stigma that they somehow caused this and are at fault and is a sign of disgrace. Somehow, they are not as good or smart as others. Mental illness, despite research, learning, and education, is still perceived by many people as a character flaw, a moral fault, or a sign of weakness, rather than what it is - a disease of the brain."

Fr. Bill



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 is the role of the liaison?

Answer: The liaison is a professional, who is hired and trained by the Archdiocese of Seattle to support parishes as they journey in their new family to become one parish. They will use the tools, resources, and other guidance currently under development to help the parish family navigate how to approach prayer and worship, evangelization, administration, governance, and other issues in their new configuration - accounting for the gifts and needs of its community.

Our Church



This Week in Our Church

Sunday, May 28 **Pentecost Sunday**

Mass - 9:00 am

Blood Pressure Screening - after morning Masses

Mass - 11:30 am

Mass - 5:30 pm

Monday, May 29

Yoga - 7:30 am

Word & Communion Service - 9:00 am

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

Fil-Am Choir Practice - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, May 30

Word & Communion Service - 9:00 am

WICS - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, May 31

Mass - 9:00 am

Truthful Reign Band Practice - 7:00 pm

Thursday, June 1

Yoga - 7:30 am

Creation Care Team Meeting - 1:00 pm

Hora Santa - 2:30 pm

Safe Parking Meeting - 3:00 pm

Mass - 6:30 pm

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

Nomination Information Meeting - 7:00 pm

Friday, June 2

Mass - 9:00 am

Adoration - 9:45

Hispanic Charismatic Group - 6:30 pm

Saturday, June 3

Gospel Reflection SFC - 10:00 am

Confessions - 4:00 to 5:00 pm

Mass - 5:30 pm



Free Blood Pressure Screening after Sunday morning Masses. Location will be announced at Mass.

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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COVID-19 Restrictions Lifted

Beginning May 27, we will be removing the last social-distanced section in the church and reintroduce the elements of the Eucharist that were on hiatus, such as the cup.

Liturgical ministers will no longer be required to wear masks. Masks are not required for anyone, but we continue to respect those who may be at increased risk of serious illness and choose to continue masking.

Hand sanitizer will be available as well as masks as long as our stock holds out.

Please stay home if you are sick.

We are still livestreaming the 9:00 am Sunday Mass. If you do not want to be in pictures, please let one of the Media Team members know.

If you have any questions on COVID-19 restrictions, please contact the Mass Point Person.

Our Church

Prayer Requests

For those who are **sick**:

**Faye Driessen, Donna Fetch, Doug Johnson,
Mike Jose, Blaine Peterson, Grace Purcell,
John Raczka, Luanne Sestak,
Molly Weller, and Joan Witte**

For those who have **died**:

Esmar Bobadilla (husband of Lowella Bobadilla)
Pauline Lane (sister of Alec and Page Lane)

Flower Ministers Urgently Needed

We need a few people to take on the flower ministry.

One or two weekly ministers are needed to water the plants weekly to keep the greenery looking good all year long. These ministers would also remove any dead leaves or blooms.

We also need a leader for this ministry, who would plan the Christmas and Easter decorations and oversee the ministry.

If you are interested in helping keep our worship space beautiful, **contact Laurie Moloney in the office.**



Thank you again for your response to the Annual Catholic Appeal this year. For those who have not yet made a commitment, this week you will be receiving Archbishop's Etienne's follow-up letter for the campaign. If you have made your pledge and it has crossed in the mail, kindly disregard the letter and thank you for your gift. The funds pledged will support many archdiocesan-wide ministries including CYO camps, faith formation for all ages, and vocations to the priesthood.

Where are we at with our parish goal? We have received gifts and pledges totaling \$117,416 from 207 families of our parish. We are looking forward to surpassing our goal to fully fund our in-parish assistance program. Keep an eye on the tracking thermometer on our website to see our progress!



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/

Last Year's ACA Rebate Funds Parking Lot Improvements

On May 11, the Facilities and Grounds Commission met and finalized recommendations for parking lot security projects, now that the ACA rebate is complete.

The commission has \$32,846.54 to spend on parking lot improvements. They recommended installing a swing gate at the south entrance, speed bumps throughout the lot, additional lighting, and additional cameras in that order.

Other projects recommended by the Archdiocesan risk assessment representative are being considered, including fencing the ponds, installing a pedestrian gate to the neighborhood, and installing electrical "drop" circuits over the work table in the kitchen.



We Are Accepting Items!

We will be taking items after all of the Masses and during office hours on Monday-Friday. We are interested in items that are clean, unbroken, and in working order, such as clothing, toys, household items, sporting goods, yard items, games, toys, and books. We **will not** take car seats, helmets, large appliances, or mattresses. (If you have any mattresses or bed sets to donate, please email bulletin@sjtbcc.org. St. Vincent de Paul will be happy to take them in acceptable condition. Please do not bring to the yard sale.)

Due to limited space, we will take furniture on the last weekend of item acceptance, June 10-11.

We still need help receiving items on the weekends! Please sign up here: archseattle.ccbchurch.com/goto/scheduling/56/public or call Kathy at 253-630-0701.

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 U-Haul, scan me.

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

Our Church



The PREPARES ministry would like to extend a **huge thank you** to this community for its recent generosity supporting families in our community. The items and financial

donations are a tremendous help for moms, who are striving to provide their children with stability and healthy living.

PREPARES is actively seeking new members to meet the requests we receive. If you are interested in learning more or getting involved, please **contact Andrea** at andream@sjtbcc.org or 253.893.6684. Training is provided and time commitments are flexible to your schedule.



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.

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**. Your support will help to keep our bulletin going! Thank you!

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. The position can be full-time, salaried, 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: sjtbcc.org/employment-at-sjtbcc/

Our Community



Join us for the June Theology on Tap with food, drink and fellowship on **June 2, 2023**.

Guest speaker Dr. Sarah Bartel will be speaking on the Theology of the Body.

Adoration: 6:30pm | Program: 7pm

Location: **St. Andrew Catholic Church**,
1401 Valley Ave., Sumner, WA

RSVP at archseattle.org/events/theology-on-tap-with-dr-sarah-bartel/

Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Seattle Young Adult Ministry.



The Marriage Encounter experience is a heart haven that helps you listen, share, and connect more deeply. There's no group discussion. It's just about the two of you learning to be the best, most loving and thriving couple you can be. Mark your calendars.

October 13-15, 2023

Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center (Palisades)
Federal Way, WA
Apply at wwme.org

Contact: Jeff and Sandy Corneil 360-930-2321

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:

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