

# THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

May 7, 2023

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

*Jesus said to him, "I am the way  
and the truth and the life."*



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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



### Closed Doors, Open Hearts

One little change you may notice is that we are now keeping the doors from the narthex to the church closed. Please do not prop them open (except as Mass ends). We are keeping the doors closed to be good stewards of God's creation and reduce energy use. Whether it is heating the building or cooling it with our new air conditioning, keeping the doors closed should lessen the demand on our units.

Another reason to keep the doors closed is the noise factor. Before Mass, some parishioners want to visit, some want to spend a moment in quiet prayer. We would like to accommodate both. The closed doors will make it a little quieter inside the church as others are visiting in the narthex.

Parents of little ones sometimes need to take their children to the narthex during Mass. Keeping the doors closed gives these parents a little space to help deal with fussy little ones. We welcome children of all ages, knowing they get upset sometimes. The narthex can be a space to take children when needed. A big thank you to parents who make that effort to bring their children to Mass!

Please be attentive to anyone who may need help opening the door and entering the church, especially those with wheelchairs or walkers. It can be a simple but important act of hospitality to open the door for another. Opening the door for someone might just be that moment of contact when you could welcome a guest or greet a fellow parishioner.

One of the things that amazes me is how this parish has maintained a strong sense of welcoming and hospitality. That does not happen on its own, but through a conscious decision on the part of many. May our hearts always be open to one another and especially to our guests and visitors.



### Save the Date! All-Parish Partners Retreat

**Saturday, June 10, 2023** from 9 am to 3 pm, starting in the church Sanctuary.

This retreat will be a time of prayer, reflection on our history as a parish and an Archdiocese, understanding the current realities that the Catholic Church in Western Washington faces as reported by the Archdiocese, and providing input on our parish priorities moving forward: especially in light of the synod process we completed last year as a parish. While we will not have any information to share about our potential family grouping, this will be a time to consider what factors will contribute to a good match, so that our input in the fall will be well informed. There will be a lot of small group time to listen and provide input to one another and to the Pastoral Leadership Team advising Fr. Bill. More information to come!

## Our Church



### This Week in Our Church

#### Sunday, May 7

**Mass - 9:00 am**

Faith Formation (Pre-School & Elem) - 10:00 am

**Mass - 11:30 am**

**Mass - 5:30 pm** Confirmation Mass

#### Monday, May 8

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, May 9

Word & Communion Service - 9:00 am

WICS - 7:00 pm

#### Wednesday, May 10

**Mass - 9:00 am**

Truthful Reign Band Practice - 7:00 pm

Walking Through Grief - 7:00 pm

Youth Group - 7:00 pm

#### Thursday, May 11

Yoga - 7:30 am

Funeral and Reception for Nancy Adamson—11 am

Hora Santa de Reparación - 2:30 pm

One Parish/One Prisoner Monthly—5 pm

**Mass - 6:30 pm**

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

RCIA - 7:00 pm

#### Friday, May 12

Funeral for Richard Miller—11 am

**Mass - 9:00 am**

#### Saturday, May 13

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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@sjtbcovington

**On the cover:** Our newest members met in McMullen and added their stone to our baptistery on Sunday, April 23rd. If you are interested in welcoming new members into our parish, we are looking for singles, couples, and families to assist our new parishioners to 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.

We are quickly approaching the end of the church fiscal year. If you have spent money on a program of the church and are holding on to receipts for reimbursement, please submit them to the staff member responsible for your program by June 1st so that you can be reimbursed.



## Our Church

### Prayer Requests

For those who are **sick**:

**Page Lane, Nancy Ligon, Dennis Taft, Pat Frost,  
Kristy Knabel and Irene Knabel**

For those who have **died**:

**Richard Miller (husband of Julie Miller), Nancy  
Adamson (wife of Scott Adamson) and Rosie  
Luna (sister of Teresita Parks)**



Thank you to all those who have returned your Annual Catholic Appeal pledge. 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. For your convenience, you can use a Pew envelope, scan the QR code on the envelope, or fill out the online form to make a safe and secure gift to the appeal. Consider pledging over multiple months to be able to give your best gift and support our parish in funding our in-parish assistance program.



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with your phone.

### 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:

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Check the commission you are nominating that person for:

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



### Flores de Mayo—May 14 at 11:30 am Reception Following

Flores De Mayo is a Filipino religious-historical-cultural tradition which was introduced by the Spanish friars in 1800's. From the Spanish meaning "Flowers of May," it is one of the most popular Catholic festivals in the Philippines, and is engraved in the hearts and minds of Filipino Catholics. This is a timely event since flowers bloom and crops grow during the month of May, the beginning of the rainy season, making Flores de Mayo a time of thanksgiving by farmers. The community would gather in Churches to pray the Rosary and offer flowers to the Blessed Virgin Mary. At the Eucharist, more flowers are usually offered during the Presentation of Gifts.

The highlight of Flores De Mayo is the "Santacruzán." This term is derived from two Spanish words "Santa" and "Cruz," which is translated as Holy Cross. Santacruzán is a grand procession that re-enacts the finding of Holy Cross in 321 A.D. by St. Helena (Reyna Elena) who is the mother of Constantine the Great (Constantino), the first Christian Emperor in Rome. During the procession, the community sings songs of praise to the Blessed Virgin Mary on their way to the Church. Coincidentally, the month of May is the celebration of Mother's Day. It is but fitting and meaningful to be able to celebrate Mother's Day and Flores de Mayo to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mother of Jesus.

Here at St. John the Baptist, the Filipino-American Association appreciates celebrating this Filipino Catholic tradition with the community. We believe that this is an essential element of our faith and worship. It is also a path towards accepting and understanding various cultures.

## Our Church

### PREPARES Mother's Day Event!



Needs Drive

The weekend of May 13/14 the PREPARES ministry of St. John the Baptist is hosting a Mother's Day "needs drive." We will be 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! They are greatly appreciative of the wonderful items the St. John the Baptist community has contributed in the past. With this Mother's Day collection, we are hoping to restock our supplies in order to continue and expand our outreach.

Appropriate items to donate include:

- Diapers and pull-ups (Please, no newborn diapers. Babies outgrow them too fast!)
- Diaper wipes
- New baby blankets
- New clothes (pajamas, underwear, socks; ages infant to 5 years)
- Baby shampoo and toiletries
- New or gently used puzzles, toys and beginner books
- Comfy socks/slippers for mom
- Maternity store gift cards
- Financial contributions (cash or checks made out to St. John the Baptist-memo: PREPARES ministry)

Donations will be accepted after each of the masses on May 13/14, Mother's Day weekend. A baby crib will be set-up in the narthex. Thank you!

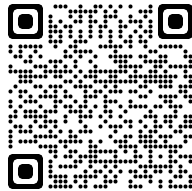


May 19 10 am to 4pm

May 20 9 am to 4 pm

Sign Up for Lunch!

[archseattle.ccbchurch.com/  
goto/scheduling/55/public](http://archseattle.ccbchurch.com/goto/scheduling/55/public)



And 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. This is our only fundraiser of the year! 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:



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

\$30 per participant. Those that register by May 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](http://www.sjtbcc.org)

### 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](mailto:annef@sjtbcc.org) or ext. 125. Chat with Anne on how we can welcome him/her back to our church.



# 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.

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[vocations@seattlearch.org](mailto:vocations@seattlearch.org)

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with the gifts of

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Saturday, May 20  
After 5:30 pm Mass  
McMullen Center

RSVP by May 17

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