

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

June 11, 2023

Solemnity of the Body & Blood of Christ

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. (John 6:51-58)



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 (till 6/17/23)

Monday - Friday: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm (summer hours starting 6/20/23)

Saturday: 10:00 am to 3:00 pm (all year)

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

Preparing for Mass



I prepare for Mass on my Sunday commute by listening to Charles Gounod's, *Messe Solemmelle de Sainte Cecile*. This romantic style Mass was composed in 1855 for three soloists, mixed choir, orchestra, and organ. Not only does it ensure I am wide awake, it also helps my spirit soar as I make my way to the parish and our celebration of the Mass in a more modern style. I pull out of the driveway with *Kyrie Eleison* (Lord Have Mercy). As I pass by the Starbucks, the *Gloria* begins. With the first view of Mount Rainier, the *Credo* (I Believe) starts and the beauty and magnificence of creation reinforces the belief in the Creator. I enter the parking lot as the *Sanctus* (Holy, Holy) concludes. Once at the parish, I begin to think of the people and needs for which I want to pray. I also always think of at least one thing for which I am thankful.

Preparation for Mass can make the Mass more fruitful. That preparation could include looking over the readings, bible.usccb.org/. Most of us drive to church. You can use that time to listen to some relaxing or inspiring music. If you are traveling with family, you can ask each member old enough to speak what is a current need for which to pray and a blessing of the past week for which to give thanks. Remind children they can silently mention those things when we pause of our individual prayers in the Universal Prayers after the Profession of Faith as well as when the bread and wine are brought forward and placed on the altar.

Getting to church can be hectic, especially with little ones. How can you find a moment of peace to help you enter into more deeply the mystery we are about to celebrate? Let me know what works for you.

Fr. Bill

Editor's note: If you would like to send us one or two lines to answer Father's question above, please email us at bulletin@sjtbcc.org.

All Faith Direct accounts were closed on June 1, 2023.

We thank everyone who has donated on this platform and hope you will now transfer your online giving to **Pushpay**.

You can register at pushpay.com/g/sjtbcc

or call the parish office at 253-630-0701
for help over the phone.

Thank you!

Goodbye

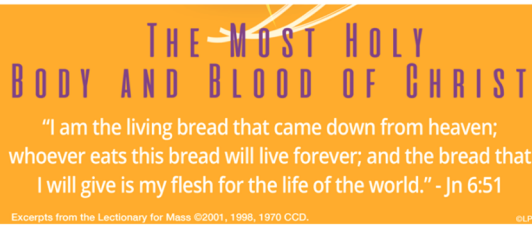


Hello



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Our Church



This Week in Our Church

Sunday, June 11

Solemnity of the Body & Blood of Christ

Mass - 9:00 am

Pancake Breakfast - 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Mass - 11:30 am

Mass - 5:30 pm

Monday, June 12

Yoga - 7:30 am

Word & Communion Service - 9:00 am

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

Choir (Fil-Am) Practice - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, June 13

Guatemala Committee Meeting - 7:00 pm

WICS - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, June 14

Mass - 9:00 am

Truthful Reign Band Practice - 7:00 pm

Thursday, June 15

Yoga - 7:30 am

PREPARES Meeting - 9:30 am

Creation Care Team Meeting - 1:00 pm

Hora Santa - 2:30 pm

Mass - 6:30 pm

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

Friday, June 16

Mass - 9:00 am

Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 6:30 pm

Saturday, June 17

Gospel Reflection SFC - 10:00 am

Confessions - 4:00 to 5:00 pm

Mass - 5:30 pm

Tell Us What You Think!

It has been nine months since we launched the new look on our parish bulletin. The bulletin team would love to hear from you. Please tell us what you like the most about the bulletin as well as where we can improve! Email us at bulletin@sjtbcc.org or if you would like to remain anonymous, feel free to drop a note in the collection basket! We look forward to hearing from you!

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

Thanks to all who came May 19 & 20 for Spring Cleaning! We were able to accomplish so much this year: cleaning chairs, windows, casements, eaves and siding, and working on clearing out weeds from the parking lot islands and ivy from the woods.

Special thanks to: **Kathy Kernan** (Facilities and Grounds Committee Chair) for organizing, **David Aldous** (Facilities Steward), **Carlton Baxter**, **Adrian Beckie**, **Shannon Brush**, **Alex Burciaga**, **Arianna Burciaga**, **Sonia Burciaga**, **Jim and Pat Carroll**, **Tim Clark**, **Irene Cervantes**, **Michael Cervantes**, **Lysarence Degracia**, **Paul Dehmer**, **Anne Frederick**, **Peggy Frisinger**, **Ariana Mclaughlin**, **Kerger Mclaughlin**, **Ken and Carol Nelson**, **Ben Peralta**, **Rene Santiago**, **Diane Seitz**, **Dave and Nancy Zentner**, **Kathy Wickward**, and Cub Scout Pack 506.

Our Church

Prayer Requests

For those who are **sick**:

**Fern Bovee, Mary Bovee,
Erlina Collantes, Godofredo Collantes,
Jim Forczek, and Simon Roberts**

For those who have **died**:

Nanay Nelia (relative of Michael Jinky Lagnada)



We Continue to Accept Items!

We are still taking items after all of the weekend Masses and during office hours on Monday-Friday. Please remember that we can only take 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 used 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.)

We still need help receiving items on the weekends!

Please sign up here: sjtbcc.org/yard-sale-volunteers-needed/ or call Kathy at 253-630-0701.

Visit our website at sjtbcc.org/events/ for the different volunteer opportunities. More hands will make the job easier. Thanks for volunteering!

And don't forget to invite your family, friends, and neighbors to come to our yard sale on June 23-25.



**Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, June 11
10:00 - 11:30 am**



Net proceeds from donations will support our sister parish in Guatemala, Union de las Aldeas Corpus Christi



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/

Annual Catholic Appeal

If you received Archbishop's follow up letter, please prayerfully consider your gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA). Father Bill, in the next few weeks, is also sending out letters to those still considering their gift to the ACA campaign. He is inviting you to participate in being a part of the blessings we are praying for.

Where are we at with our parish goal? As of June 5, we have received gifts and pledges totaling \$111,376.00 from 250 families, averaging \$445.50 per pledge. We are looking forward to surpassing our goal of \$117,416 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/

Support the Guatemala Mission Project

Would you like to learn more about the upcoming mission trip and sanitation project for our companion parish in Guatemala? The St. John the Baptist parish and mission group have journeyed with the parish villages of Union de Las Aldeas Corpus Christi for more than 20 years. During our last seven visits to Guatemala, we have established a wonderful reciprocal relationship of faith sharing and practical projects to improve the daily lives of the people. How can you help?

Join the Knights of Columbus and the Guatemala Mission group on Sunday, **June 11, from 10 – 11:30 am** for a pancake breakfast fundraiser for our 2023 Guatemala mission trip and sanitation project. The photo on the right shows an existing outhouse. With proceeds from the Pancake Breakfast, we hope to replace it with a new latrine. Come and see videos of past mission trips and projects, talk to mission group members, and enjoy great food and conversation. Learn more on our website page at sjtbcc.org/guatemala/. Hope to see you there!



Our Church

Celebrate June 19



Juneteenth is the oldest celebration that commemorates the end of slavery in the United States. It is a celebration of continued societal progress and respect for all cultures and people.

The core message of freedom for all continues to live on with the annual celebration of this historic day in United States history. It is a day of reflection, a day of renewal, a pride-filled day. It is a moment in time taken to appreciate the African American experience. It is inclusive of all races, ethnicities, and nationalities. It is a day to build coalitions that enhance all communities. On Juneteenth, we come together young and old to listen, to learn, and to refresh the drive to achieve. It is a day where we all take one step closer to better utilize the energy wasted on racism. Juneteenth is a day that we pray for peace and liberty for all.

One Parish One Prisoner (OPOP) Update Come Meet Chaz!

The OPOP team would like to invite you to meet Chaz at the Knights' Pancake Breakfast on June 11. Chaz will be joining our community, as it supports our efforts in Guatemala and would love a chance to say hello and personally thank the parish for their ongoing prayers of his journey. He will be sharing a few words at each of the morning Masses. The OPOP team would like to thank the Knights of Columbus for their recent generous donation to support Chaz on his journey once he exits incarceration.

St. Vincent de Paul Update The Generous Will Be Blessed

The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor. (Proverbs 22:9)

The St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) conference of St. John the Baptist thanks its generous donors for their monetary and furniture donations.

For the period of January 1-May 31, 2023, we paid out \$41,984.00 in goods and services. That includes rent, utilities, beds (purchased through our system), food, hygiene & cleaning products, and bus tickets. We have some generous parishioners, who donated beds and furniture estimated at \$850.

Your donation of money and/or goods were also deeply appreciated by our neighbors, who were helped during this period. Our volunteers experience the heartfelt gratitude with every delivery they make.

We prayerfully ask that you continue to donate, especially of your time and talent. May God continue to work through our SVdP conference and parish to bless those in need.

Our Funeral Committee Needs Volunteers

If you have experienced the loss of a loved one and have had their funeral at St. John the Baptist (SJTb) in the times before and after COVID, chances are that you have experienced the amazing love, care, and food provided by the Funeral Reception Committee headed by Kathy Faille. This has been a part of the SJTB ethos of care in our gatherings since nearly the beginning. Families have appreciated the tremendous community support that a reception represents at a difficult time in their lives.

Typically 6-12 parishioners set up the room, prepare the food, and help with clean up. Unfortunately, the team is short-handed, as age and illness reduce the ranks. If the team cannot fill its roster, it will not be able to host receptions for SJTB funerals. **Currently, the ministry is on hiatus until we can find more volunteers.** We need men and women who can work on their feet for at least 4, and up to 6 hours, on the occasional Thursday or Friday (up to three times per month).

Please contact the office if you are called to and can participate in this important work.

Our Community

A poster for CyberCamp employment. It features a green background with a circular graphic on the right showing two young girls smiling. The text reads: "WE ARE HIRING SUMMER CAMP STAFF". Below this, it says: "If you're looking for a job to make a difference while having fun, camp is for you. You'll help campers make friends, grow in their faith, and unplug from technology for a week all while playing outdoors. Staff must be 16 by July 1." At the bottom, there is a button that says "Apply Now!".

cyo.camp/employment

Rachel's Corner Hope and Healing After Abortion



The women and men of the Project Rachel ministry invite you to let God begin to clear the murky waters that appeared after the loss due to an abortion decision. He wants you to learn to see yourself as He sees you.

Call for a compassionate & confidential conversation.
English: 206-920-6413 | Español: 206-450-7814
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