

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

June 18, 2023

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Kingdom of heaven is at hand. (Matthew 9:36 - 10:8)



Photo courtesy of **Bruce Barnes**

Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast (See Page 3)

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

Love Your Neighbors and Pray For Those Who Persecute You



It is impossible to paint the gay and lesbian community with one broad, brush stroke. There is great diversity and many differences.

One very tiny group, which has been in the news lately may seem to be mocking Christianity and labeled by some as a hate group and anti-Catholic. They may evoke dismay or anger for those who love our Catholic faith. But remember the words of Jesus in Matthew's gospel: "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you.'" (Matthew 5:44). In the same section of the Gospel, Jesus warns against anger. But I say to you, "Whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment." (Matthew 5: 22). This is a challenging command from the Lord, especially when it seems someone is attacking what we hold dear. But if we respond only in anger, we may be abandoning the very faith we hold dear.

Nowadays, most people know someone who identifies as part of the LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer or questioning)+ community. *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches us how we should treat them. "They must be accepted with respect, compassion, and sensitivity" (#2358). That is the official teaching of the Church. We may not agree with some of their choices or lifestyle, but it does not lessen the respect, compassion, and sensitivity deserved by every child of God and every human being.

Fr. Bill



Question: How will priests be selected for the new parish family?

Answer: As with all priest placements, the Priest Personnel Board (PPB), made up of priests and Chancery leaders, makes recommendations to Archbishop Etienne. Each priest will have an individual conversation about their desires and how they would like to serve in the future - either as a pastor, a parochial vicar, or in a different supportive role.

Note: Since 1/22/23, a new question was featured in this column weekly. 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/

Be sure to read about our retreat on Page 5.

Our Church



This Week in Our Church

Sunday, June 18

Father's Day

Mass - 9:00 am

Mass - 11:30 am

Mass - 5:30 pm

Monday, June 19

Yoga - 7:30 am

Word & Communion Service - 9:00 am

Prayer Ministry Small Faith Community - 9:30 am

C2C Meeting - 11:30 am

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

Tuesday, June 20

Word & Communion Service - 9:00 am

Fil Am Choir Practice - 7:00 pm

Guatemala Meeting - 7:00 pm

WICS - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, June 21

Mass - 9:00 am

American Sewing Guild - 10:00 am

Department Heads Meeting - 1:00 pm

Hispanic Charismatic Group Meeting - 6:00 pm

Stewardship & Evangelization Commission - 6:30 pm

Truthful Reign Band Practice - 7:00 pm

Thursday, June 22

Yoga - 7:30 am

Hora Santa - 2:30 pm

Yard Sale (Preview Sale) - 6:00 pm

Mass - 6:30 pm

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

Friday, June 23

Yard Sale - 9:00

Mass - 9:00 am

Funeral Mass for Pat Frost - 11:00 am

Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 6:30 pm

Saturday, June 24

Yard Sale - 9:00

Gospel Reflection SFC - 10:00 am

Confessions - 4:00 to 5:00 pm

Mass - 5:30 pm

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Free Blood Pressure Screening after Sunday morning Masses on **June 25**. Location will be announced at Mass. Mark your calendars!

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

Knights of Columbus Host Successful Pancake Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all who attended and supported our recent Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, June 11, 2023.



Your generous donations generated \$2,000 for the St. John the Baptist Guatemala Mission Project, which supports our sister parish, Union de las Aldeas Corpus Christi.

Pictured on the front cover are our Knights, **Jim Carroll & Peter Kupper** serving breakfast **Bonnie Sawyer** (back towards camera).

If you missed this breakfast, we hope you can attend the next one; date to be announced.

Our Church

Prayer Requests

For those who are **sick**:
Fern Bovee, Mary Bovee,
Simon Roberts, and Jean Wilford

For those who have **died**:
Pat Frost,
Godofredo Collantes (husband of Erlinda Collantes)
Phillip Palczynski (brother of Mary Hammock)

We Bid a Fond Farewell to Pat Frost



Pat Frost was our Pastoral Assistant for Liturgy and Pastoral Care until she retired in 2017.

She battled Parkinson's for many years and fought till the very end until she was called home to our Lord on June 5, 2023. May she rest in peace.

Pat will always be remembered for her smiling face and her love of creating miniatures. She was active in the local miniature clubs and regularly displayed her art.

There will be a funeral Mass held at St. John the Baptist on **June 23, 2023 at 11:00 am**. A reception will follow the funeral. Details will be announced.

She is survived by her husband, Wendell, and her three daughters, Kirsten, Megan, and Ashley. The family invites anyone who knew Pat to share some fond memories with her family on this website:
everloved.com/life-of/patricia-lee-frost/

Annual Catholic Appeal

If you received Archbishop's follow up letter, please prayerfully consider your gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA).

We have been having system issues and apologize for the inconvenience, so our update in this bulletin is not current. We will have updates for you during Mass announcements. 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 completing 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/

June 20 is World Refugee Day



This week we celebrate World Refugee Day in an effort to recognize our sisters and brothers, who have been displaced by crisis and to pledge our support for their safe refuge, relief, and recovery. A refugee is a person who has been forced to flee his or her country because of a well-founded fear of persecution, conflict or violence. According to the United Nations, every minute 20 people leave everything behind to escape war, persecution or terror (un.org/en/observances/refugee-day). An increasing number of people have been displaced by climate change, disasters, population growth, economic inequality and conflict. As of mid-2022, there are more than 32 million refugees worldwide (unhcr.org/refugee-statistics/) including 5.4 million people from Ukraine. Worldwide, 103 million people have been forcibly displaced from their homes. More than 30,000 people are displaced every day. Nearly 14 million girls and boys under the age of 18 are refugees, accounting for more than 40% of the refugee population. For every three children who live outside their countries of birth, one is a child refugee. (Source: [Catholic Relief Services](http://CatholicReliefServices.org))

Here at St. John the Baptist we are making space for those leaving unstable situations through our **Welcome Circle** efforts. A Welcome Circle consists of parishioners, who wrap around an individual or family entering into the United States through a process called Humanitarian Parole. This year, our Welcome Circle has been accompanying Alina, whose family had already resettled in the Seattle area from Ukraine. We are hoping to expand our Welcome Circle efforts to sponsor an additional individual or family. At this point, the Archdiocese is able to welcome individuals from Ukraine, Haiti, Cuba, Nicaragua, and Venezuela. Our parish has received a generous grant from the Archdiocese of Seattle to pursue these efforts. If you are interested in learning more or getting involved, please contact Andrea at andream@sitbcc.org or call/text 253-893-6684).

Interested in being a liturgical minister?

We are recruiting for sacristans, point persons, Eucharistic ministers, altar servers and cross bearers, lectors, greeters, and sound and video ministers. **Contact Laurie Moloney** at our parish office.



Thank you for sharing your talents with others!

Our Church

Yard Sale is One Week Away!

Our community has donated a wealth of beautiful and useful items for us to sell at bargain prices! Now is the time to tell your family, friends, and neighbors about this yard sale and for you to volunteer!

The preview sale is Thursday, June 22, from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. For \$8, you can get the first look and opportunity to buy popular items. We will take checks, cash, and credit cards on that evening's sale.

The main days of the sale are Friday and Saturday, June 23 & 24, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Come hunt for that bargain item, that something useful you have thought of getting for a long time, that item of decor that fits your home perfectly, the midcentury modern item that has made a design comeback, or the white elephant gift that keeps on giving.

The final morning of the sale is June 25 from 9:00 am to noon. If there are a lot of items left, we may re-institute \$8 per bag day!

We have only a handful of people helping to clean up. We need an army! **Please consider signing up for the afternoon of the 25th**, especially if you have not been able to volunteer during the sorting and through the sale.

A new development is this: we are signed up to have Value Village pay us for our leftover items! They will take our soft goods (clothes, linens, bags) and boxes of books for \$0.25/pound. Collecting and storing these items until August 12 will be our challenge. If you are unable to make this Sunday's deadline to donate items, this will give you another chance, to help store our items until August 12! More information to follow.

We are able to accept items until the last Mass this Sunday, the 18th. Please do **not** just drop off items that create more work for our already exhausted volunteers. Remember, that not all items can be accepted. Please do **not** bring items containing chemicals, large appliances, helmets and used safety gear, or items that are broken, shredded, stained, or intimate. If it's broken, we can not resell it. Please be mindful of that.

Partners in the Gospel Retreat Held on June 10

About 63 members of St. John the Baptist gathered on Saturday, June 10 under the leadership of Fr. Bill and Joan Williamson to consider the work of the Holy Spirit in the founding of our parish, in the history of the Archdiocese, and in the initiative of the Archbishop who is asking nearly all parishes to merge into parish families by July 2024.

Fr. Bill shared a handful of statistics from the "Current Reality Report" which is available on the Archdiocesan website Partner's page: archseattle.org/partners/. These statistics form a large part of the reasoning behind the impetus to merge parishes.



Retreat participants watched a video "The Chair," which is available at this link: thechair.vhx.tv/the-chair-the-western-rock-mountain-region/videos/the-chair-seattle-wa (viewers will need to set up an account with the Chair website).

Before lunch, **Rose & Sam Racicot** and **Laura & Fred Sutton** (pictured in photo above) presented the parish history. After lunch, members of the parish leadership team, **Bob Denney** and **Trish Hansen**, presented the new parish priorities for feedback before they are officially adopted. Those are currently available on our website bulletin page in the June 4 edition of the bulletin.

There is a timeline on the right wall of the sanctuary. We encourage all parishioners to write their names and dates they became a member on one of the white stickers and place them on the timeline. This provides a visual of when we came together as a worship family.

We Need You For Our Guatemala Mission



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 in Guatemala 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. We are going back on July 23 – Aug 2, 2023 with a team of nine. How can you help?

We are underway with fundraising for our 2023 Guatemala mission trip and sanitation project. Learn more on our website page: sitbcc.org/guatemala/. You can [make a donation electronically to support our efforts in Guatemala](#) or drop off a check to the parish office. Thank you!

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