

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

June 25, 2023

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus said to the Twelve: "Fear no one." (Matthew 10:26-33)



PREPARES Ministry (See related story on 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 3:00 pm (summer hours)

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

Come One, Come All to Mass!



During the month of May (as well as October), we take a count for the Archdiocese of all the people attending Mass. We have good news! There has been a 30% increase in Mass attendance over last year. Average attendance this year was 904 people (adjusting for the very popular Flores de Mayo celebration). Last year, as we were still emerging from COVID, average attendance was 699. However, we are still 19% below pre-COVID levels of attendance.

One statistic from the current reality report for *PARTNERS IN THE GOSPEL* is that church facility utilization (based on the number of people the church can hold) has declined to 46%. That means the average Mass in our archdiocese is less than half full. Our attendance numbers show our church facility utilization at 56.5%. Only two of our weekend Masses are less than half full.

The good news is that we have room for more people! If you haven't seen a friend at Mass recently, call them and see how they are doing. Invite them to come to Mass with you. Is there a family member or neighbor you could invite to church? You could even bribe them with a meal afterwards.

Fr. Bill



Question: What does this mean for parishioners?

Answer: Overall, parishioners should experience a more vibrant and engaged Catholic community. They will have more opportunities for personal faith growth and the opportunity for a closer relationship with their parish leaders.

Practically, it also means that parishioners will experience administrative changes. This will differ by parish family, but some changes might include a new pastor and parochial vicar, changes to Mass times and locations, and new outreach ministry opportunities.

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/. Please be sure to check our flyer in the electronic version of this bulletin.

Our Church

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows." - Mt 10:31

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1992, 1979 CCD

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This Week in Our Church

Sunday, June 25

Mass - 9:00 am

Yard Sale - 9:00 am

FREE Blood pressure screening after both morning Masses

Mass - 11:30 am

Mass - 5:30 pm

Monday, June 26

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, June 27

Word & Communion Service - 9:00 am

WICS - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, June 28

Mass - 9:00 am

Truthful Reign Band Practice - 7:00 pm

Thursday, June 29

Yoga - 7:30 am

Hora Santa - 2:30 pm

Mass - 6:30 pm

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

Friday, June 30

Mass - 9:00 am

Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 6:30 pm

Saturday, July 1

Gospel Reflection SFC - 10:00 am

Confessions - 4:00 to 5:00 pm

Mass - 5:30 pm



Articles That Don't Make Our Bulletin Deadline

The bulletin is sent out every week in an email that also contains updates, sneak previews, and other information that sometimes does not make the bulletin deadline. (Articles are due 10 days before the Sunday you want your article to appear.) If you would like to have the bulletin link sent out in the weekly Friday email, please contact Kathy at kathyw@sjtbcc.org.

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

PREPARES Supports Families

A statewide program called PREPARES is helping to strengthen thousands of low-income families, regardless of beliefs and pregnancy/childhood challenges.

Here at St. John the Baptist, PREPARES, under the leadership of **Molly Murphy** and **Andrea Mendoza**, is an active ministry helping dozens of families in our parish. A few weeks ago, there was a diaper drive that brought in about \$260.00 and dozens of diapers & wipes donated to help the cause. Thank you to those who donated!

Pictured on the front page is **Molly Murphy** with one of our PREPARES neighbors, Nahid, who calls Molly, "My angel."

If you would like to get involved in this ministry, please contact the parish office at 253-630-0701.

We invite you to honor motherhood by visiting preparesforlife.org/get-involved

Our Church

Prayer Requests

For those who are **sick**:
Jim Forczek, Debbie Laville,
Jean Wilford, and Pol

For those who have **died**:
Cheyenne Chilo (daughter of Deacon Carl & Mary)
Jacqueline Kane (mother of Phil & Dana Kane)
Nanya Nelia (relative of Michael & Jinky Lagnada)
Doris Grenier Pare (cousin of Jackie Raczka)

Interested in being a liturgical minister?



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

Or you may talk to these people at the Masses to find out more about being a minister: **Jeff Babbit** for Altar Servers & Cross Bearers, **Luis Diaz de Leon** for Audio, **Pat Defiesta** for Eucharistic Ministers, **Kathy Kernan** for Greeters, **Norm & Tia Bailey** for Lectors, **Paul Dehmer** for Sacristans, and **Laurie Moloney** for video. They are coordinators for the listed ministries.

Did You Lose Something in Church?

We might have something that you have lost while attending Mass. If you think you left it in church, please check our LOST AND FOUND area at the east end of the narthex. It is on a shelf to your right as you turn the corner to go to the office. We hope we can reunite these lost items with the owner. If you still think you lost something while attending Mass but can't find it there, please contact the office at 253-360-0701.

We Are Looking for the Owner of This Device



This was found in one of the donation bags. We would like to reunite this device with the owner. It contains a lot of family photos and videos that might be irreplaceable to some family.

Please call **Kathy Wickward** at the office at **253-630-0701** as soon as possible to identify the pictures, and we will reunite this device with you.

We will not sell this device until we hear from the owner.

We Couldn't Have Done It Without You!

The largest thrift store pop-up in South King County, also known as the *St. John the Baptist Yard Sale*, is off to a tremendous start! The McMullen Education Center is filled almost to the rafters with parishioners' pre-loved items, having waited three years for this moment to arrive at last.

Following in the footsteps of **Tracy Hajek, Claudia Smith** ably took the lead this year, throwing herself into the sale with energy and retail smarts. She and her fur baby Oscar spent hours on site (and off site) working to direct, advertise, design, organize, and be alongside the team. And while the sale is not over yet, we would like to share our gratitude for the team that spent hours and days getting McMullen set up for the sale.

There's the receiving team of **Ken Arreola-Tialavea, Carlton Baxter, Anne Carney, Bob Denney, Jean Fennessy, Magin Fernandez, Jaden Fernandez, Haifa Kattan, Claire Murphy, Michele Myers, and Connie Teece**. They pulled in items large and small, directed donors to the proper rooms, and stuck around to help get items distributed to the right rooms.

Then there's the sorting team, who also pitched in to receive items, and worked hours beyond their sign-up commitments to ensure items made it to the right room and organized and displayed items attractively and in a way that ensured no item was hidden from view - a challenge, considering the sheer volume! We especially appreciate **Angel Anderson, Lyn and Mary Murphy Johnson, Susan Ravotti, Kathy Wickward, and Jose Zuniga**, all of whom donated long hours and a terrific sense of humor. We could also not have done without the help of **Richard Archer, Carol Boespflug, the Cassidys - Janet, Fiona, Sandra, & Sue, Elena Cortez-Lang, Anne Frederick, Marilou Gutierrez-Moulton, Tom and Karen Harvey, Hien Ho, Art and Susan Kienle, Thao Nguyen, Ben Peralta, Pamela Primiani, Carey Riggio, Barbara Schile, and Kevin and Cynthia Wanjohi**.

Thanks also to our facilities steward, **David Aldous**, who set up the space and helped direct the team to resources.

We still need a team for clean up! Some items that are not sold (books and soft items such as clothing, linens, and bags) will be stored until August 12, when we will deliver them to *Value Village* for an additional \$0.25 per pound. Habitat for Humanity and St. Vincent de Paul will take some of the furniture that did not sell, and the rest we will deliver to Goodwill and Re-PC.

We'd also like to thank the parish programs that gracefully made room for us as we took over their meeting space: *Yoga, Faith Formation, Knights of Columbus, OPOP, and Cub Scouts*.

Watch this space next week for results and more gratitude!

Our Church



Many thanks to our wonderful sorting crew for the yard sale: (clockwise)

Susan Ravotti, Richard Archer, Ben Peralta, Angel Anderson, Claudia Smith, & Anne Frederick
Not pictured: **Elena Cortez-Lang, Lyn & Mary Murphy Johnson, & Jose Zuniga.**

There will be more pictures and gratitudes next week!

Comfort a Loved One With Prayer Shawls



The *Yarning for Community* ministers are offering free shawls, which are blessed to comfort your loved one in times of sickness or in need of healing or support.

There are about 20 shawls for the taking. Please feel free to pick up a shawl at the parish office during office hours. Or you may contact a parish staff member or the Mass Point Person before or after Mass on where to obtain them. May your loved one be comforted by these prayer shawls.

Our Community

Sacred Heart Shelter Volunteer Opportunity

Did you know that Catholic Community Services has a shelter for families with children experiencing homelessness located in Kent?



The Sacred Heart Shelter moved from its Seattle location to South King County in 2022 and are looking to build connections in our community. They are currently seeking volunteers to assist with kid activities and crafts throughout the summer. Contact juliet@ccsww.org for more information!

St. Joseph Parish School is Enrolling



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Spiritual Exercise in Everyday Life (SEEL)



SEEL Puget Sound is a nine-month retreat following the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, with retreat communities in Seattle and Tacoma meeting at St. Joseph Church in Seattle and also on Zoom.

The SEEL retreat starts in September and continues through May. It is a powerful, life-changing program of prayer and spiritual direction that can be done by busy people in the midst of their daily lives.

SEEL is accepting applications now for the retreat starting in September 2023. There are options to choose mostly Zoom or mostly in-person in Seattle.

To learn more about SEEL and schedule options visit seelpugetsound.org. Questions? Call 206-721-3518.



Don't take a summer vacation from your marriage; have it enrich your marriage! Time with your spouse on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend is an investment that will pay dividends!

Sign up for upcoming WWME weekends at wwme.org.

August 25-27, 2023 (Beaverton, OR)
October 6-8, 2023 (Spokane, WA) &
October 13-15, 2023 (Federal Way, WA)

Contact: Jeff and Sandy Corneil 360-930-2321

Understand the WHY behind Partners in the Gospel

“The status quo is no longer an option...”

- Archbishop Paul D. Etienne

What did Archbishop mean when he said this? Over the past few decades, we have witnessed dramatic changes related to demographics, culture, and parish life. It's clear we need to change structures so we can re-envision parish life and better achieve our mission as Church.

Uncover the current reality about the Archdiocese of Seattle in a new report that:

- Highlights the landscape of the archdiocese today
- Reviews historical trends for local parish engagement, sacramental life, vocations and clergy, finances, and much more
- Forecasts future trends based on today's current reality
- Clearly underscores WHY we need to embark on Partners in the Gospel

Read the Current Reality report or watch a presentation of the data at archseattle.org/partners

Did you know...

The **median age of all registered parishioners is 56** compared to the overall median age across the Archdiocese of 39.

Between 2010 – 2022, the **Hispanic population grew 53%**.

Between 2010 - 2019 (pre-pandemic) **Sacraments declined 11%**.

64% of parishes operate a deficit (excluding extraordinary activity).

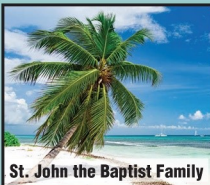


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