

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

June 4, 2023

The Most Holy Trinity

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son. (Jn 3:16-18)



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



Being a Vibrant Faith Community Now and in the Future

During the Parish retreat on June 10, we will be seeking feedback on our proposed parish priorities that arose from our synod experience. Please review the current draft.

1. St. John the Baptist Catholic Community offers Christ-like inclusion and acceptance.

- We desire to accompany all on this journey of faith.
- We delight in the rich diversity of cultures and traditions.
- We recognize, respect, and are enriched by the experiences and perspectives of women and those who are marginalized or underrepresented.

2. St. John the Baptist is rebuilding an actively engaged faith community.

- We seek to welcome back those who have left the Church.
- We offer healing and hope to those hurt or wounded by the Church.
- We develop stewards, who gratefully share their gifts of time, talent, and treasure for the building up of God's Kingdom.
- We continue the synodal process as we engage with Partners in the Gospel.

3. St. John the Baptist forms missionary disciples guided by the Holy Spirit.

- We strive for all to grow and share in their faith.
- We engage, respond, and increase our understanding to better serve youth, young adults, and families by meeting them where they are in life and in their faith journey.
- We reach out beyond our parishioners to the needs of the wider community, extending the care and compassionate love of God.

Fr. Bill



Please join us for a retreat on **Saturday, June 10** from 9:00am - 3:00 pm. (Lunch will be provided.) Please see the flyer in this bulletin for more information.

Goodbye



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/sitbcc or call the parish office at 253-630-0701

for help over the phone.

Thank you!

Hello



Pushpay

Our Church



This Week in Our Church

Sunday, June 4

The Most Holy Trinity

Mass - 9:00 am

Mass - 11:30 am

Mass - 5:30 pm

Monday, June 5

Yoga - 7:30 am

Word & Communion Service - 9:00 am

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

Tuesday, June 6

Life Justice Peace Meeting - 6:30 pm

Fil-Am Choir Practice

WICS - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, June 7

Word & Communion - 9:00 am

Truthful Reign Band Practice - 7:00 pm

Thursday, June 8

Yoga - 7:30 am

Hora Santa - 2:30 pm

OPOP Meeting - 5:00 pm

Mass - 6:30 pm

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

Friday, June 9

Mass - 9:00 am

Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 6:30 pm

Saturday, June 10

"Partners In The Gospel Retreat" - 9am to 3pm

Confessions - 4:00 to 5:00 pm

Mass - 5:30 pm

Tell Us What You Think!

It has been almost 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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Making Work Fun

On the cover: the Stewardship and Evangelization Commission had a work party "on the island" on Saturday, May 13. Many thanks to the members, who lent a helping hand: **Ang Battisti, Anne Frederick, Christine & Natalie Martincic, Michelle Myers, and Sam Racicot!**

We have had a wonderful response to our "adopt an island" program to beautify our church grounds! With the warm sunny weather, the weeds have found their way back into many of our islands. Now is the time to take a few hours or half the day to pull those pesky weeds and trim the bushes and maybe plant a new plant or two.

Thank you to everyone else for your help keeping our grounds beautiful!

Our Church

Prayer Requests

For those who are **sick**:

Erlina Collantes, Fay Driessen, Donna Fetch, Jim Forczek, Bob Kozura, Blaine Peterson, Grace Purcell, Louanne Sestak, and Joan Witte

For those who have **died**:

Tom Deoaat (friend of Jackie Raczka)
Pauline Lane (sister of Alec & Page Lane)
Ernesto Macaranas (friend of Carolina Mendoza)
Ricky Moseley (grand son-in-law of Teresita Parks)
Marina Valdez (mother of Marife Rivera)



We Continue to Accept Items!

We are now taking items after all of the weekend 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 large items 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.

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



**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



Come Meet Chaz! (OPOP Update)

The One Parish One Prisoner (OPOP) team would like to invite you to meet **Chaz** at the Knights' Pancake Breakfast on June 11. Chaz will be joining the 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. We hope to see you there!

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 May 28, we have received gifts and pledges totaling \$88,365.00 (erroneously reported at \$117,416 last weekend) from 193 families (erroneously reported as 207 families last weekend). 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

Volunteers Needed Immediately for Flower Ministry



Did you notice the beautiful red, yellow, and orange flowers in the sanctuary for Pentecost last weekend? We want to be able to beautify our sanctuary with flowers for the liturgical seasons in the future, but we need volunteers for this ministry.

There are two roles in this ministry. First, we need one (or more) people to water the plants in the narthex and sanctuary each week. The more volunteers we get, the less often you will need to water.

We also need a leader for this ministry. This person will manage the plant waterers to ensure someone is on point to water each week. This person will also plan for the major holiday decorations, such as ordering poinsettias or lilies and arranging them in the sanctuary and narthex before Christmas and Easter.

Please consider joining this ministry and keeping our sanctuary beautiful. **Contact Laurie Moloney** or call the office to volunteer.



Vacation Bible School Canceled

We regret to announce that Vacation Bible School for Summer 2023 will be canceled. We have been unable to get the number of volunteers needed to make this happen.

We hope to have better luck next summer. Please prayerfully consider volunteering for Vacation Bible School during Summer 2024.

For questions, please **contact Joan Williamson at the office.**

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 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



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Join us June 10 as we begin the journey of Partners in the Gospel, the restructuring of the Seattle Archdiocese. The retreat will commence in the sanctuary.

The purpose of this retreat is to establish a foundation from which to enter into Partners in the Gospel. We will gather in prayer, focus on the role of the Holy Spirit throughout salvation history, take a brief look at the history of the archdiocese as well as its current reality, and work to finalize our own parish priorities arising from our synod experience.

For more information on Partners in the Gospel, please visit archseattle.org/partners.

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Partners in the Gospel

Parish Retreat

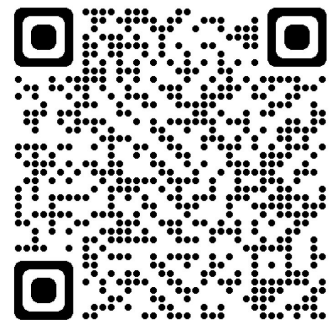
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9 AM - 3 PM

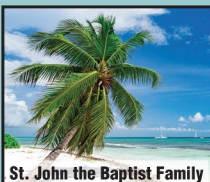
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