

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

July 2, 2023

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus said to his apostles: "Whoever receives you receives me." (Matthew 10:37-42)



Photo by Pat Defiesta

Yard Sale Leaders (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

Confessions: Sat 4:00 - 5:00 pm

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

Staff Changes Coming



We will be saying goodbye to **Andrea Mendoza**, who has served our parish as the Pastoral Assistant for Social Outreach and Advocacy. Andrea has accepted a position with Catholic Community Services. I would like to thank Andrea for all she has done for the parish and wish her well in her new role.

Since PARTNERS IN THE GOSPEL will entail combining the staff of two or more parishes, we are thinking of waiting until our parish family is finalized and announced in January before deciding how to staff this important area of parish ministry. I am counting on the many parish volunteers in our outreach and advocacy programs to keep these ministries active and thriving in this "in-between-time".

Anne Frederick, our Pastoral Assistant for Stewardship and Evangelization, by mutual agreement, has decided to reduce her hours to give her more quality time with her grandchildren. She will continue part-time in her current position.

Our Youth Minister position has remained vacant for over a year. We are currently conducting interviews and hope to fill this position in time for our fall programs.

One of the main roles of our pastoral assistants is to empower and support parishioners to be engaged in ministry. If you are feeling the nudge to participate in a parish ministry please contact Anne, any staff member, or myself.

Fr. Bill



Question: What does this mean for schools?

Answer: Schools are a vital ministry of a parish, and they will benefit from stronger parish families through Partners in the Gospel. In the near term, there will be no changes for Catholic schools. Parishes will be placed in a new parish family in 2024, and then the parish family will have three years to determine how it would like to join together. This planning process will include discernment around all ministries, including Catholic schools.

These leaders may draw upon the Partners in the Gospel resources and tools, as well as the support of the parish liaison.

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 on the electronic version of this bulletin.

Our Church



This Week in Our Church

Sunday, July 2

Mass - 9:00 am

Mass - 11:30 am

Mass - 5:30 pm

Monday, July 3

Yoga - 7:30 am

Word & Communion Service - 9:00 am

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

Tuesday, July 4

OFFICE CLOSED

Fil Am Choir Practice - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, July 5

Mass - 9:00 am

Truthful Reign Band Practice - 7:00 pm

Thursday, July 6

Yoga - 7:30 am

Creation Care Team - 1:00 pm

Hora Santa - 2:30 pm

Mass - 6:30 pm

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

Friday, July 7

Mass - 9:00 am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 9:45 am

Saturday, July 8

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

Yard Sale Leaders Caught in a Rare Moment

St. John the Baptist held its annual yard sale this past weekend. The "preview sale" on Thursday evening brought in hundreds of shoppers from the local area and beyond. A lot more came by to shop on Friday through Sunday. And we couldn't have done this without the awesome and tireless leadership of two wonderful women, **Claudia Smith** and **Kathy Wickward**. They were at the McMullen Center, where all of the items were displayed, since Day 1 of the donations, spending endless hours directing our many helpers to store (and later display) all the wonderful items.

Featured on our cover are **Claudia** and **Kathy**, caught in a candid moment. It was a rare moment that they were both behind the desk looking very relaxed!

See Page 4 for a more details on our Yard Sale.

Our Church

Prayer Requests

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

For those who have **died**:
Robert Adams (brother of Connie Vaughn)
Cheyenne Chilo
(daughter of Deacon Carl & Michelle Chilo)
Godofredo Collantes (brother of Carolina Mendoza)
Benigora Villareal (mother of Brando Villareal)

Walking Through Grief

This is a 9-week (weekly) FREE educational & inspirational program offering support and hope to those experiencing the loss of a spouse, child, parent, friend, or any loved one. Each week will have a different topic of discussion. There will be workbooks, handouts, and other tools to help in your grief journey.

July 12 - September 6, 2023
Wednesdays from 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Online via Zoom

If you are grieving or know of someone who is grieving and you feel this might have some benefit, please contact **Laurie Moloney** at the parish office for more information or to register.

We Have Met Our Goal!

We are at \$126,228.00 in **pledges** for the Annual Catholic Appeal. Our goal was \$117,416.00. If all of the pledges are collected, we will have \$8,812.00 coming back to our parish to replenish our in-parish assistance.

For those of you who have not yet responded, it is not too late. Please prayerfully consider in helping to increase the in-parish assistance funds. It may be the person next to you in Mass who might need your help.

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/

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.

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.

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.

Watch for Our New "Reserved" Chair Markers

It is sometimes hard for the Eucharistic Ministers to find the people who want communion brought to them during Mass. Thanks to members of the Life, Justice, and Peace Commission, who came up with the idea to add chair covers to help the Eucharistic Ministers spot them more easily, we now have yellow-gold chair markers. If you would like communion brought to you, just ask a greeter or the Point Person before Mass to give you a yellow-gold chair cover. Place these covers over your chair back with **the triangle facing towards the aisle**, so it can be spotted easily. They should look like this:



It would also help the Eucharistic Ministers have easier access if the person who needs communion brought to them would sit at the seat closest to the aisle. Thank you for your cooperation.

Our Church

We All Made It Happen!

From the minute our co-chairpersons, **Claudia Smith** and **Kathy Wickward**, stepped up to lead our Yard Sale to the very last box that was taped shut to drop off at Value Village, we couldn't have done it without our wonderful volunteers! We dedicate this column to thank ALL of our wonderful parishioners and their families, friends, and neighbors, who have made this the most successful yard sale ever! The energy was fantastic, the items were of great quality, and most of the customers enjoyed themselves thoroughly; so much so that many came back for a second and third time with their family and friends.

Our hats off to these wonderful people who gave so much of their time to help with every step of the yard sale.

Angel & Pat Anderson, Lisa Anderson, Richard Archer, Angelo Battisti, Carlton & Debbie & Claire Baxter, Marilou Bickel, Carol Boespflug, Jim & Pat Carroll, Sue Cassidy, Irene Cervantes, Michael Cervantes, Jean Colin, Kelly & Bailey Cooksey, Elena Cortez-Lang, Sean Cusack, Pat Defiesta, Bob Denney, Erin & Kellen & Meghan, Jean Fennessy, Magin & Jaden & Carlee Fernandez, Anne Frederick, Michelle Godkin, Karen & Tom Harvey, Janet Hernandez, Sabah Jabbouri, Denise Jackson, Lyn Johnson & Mary Murphy-Johnson, Tom Kane, Art & Susan Kienle, Dawn Kunz, Rene Label, Ben Lee, Haifa Marzouga, Andrea Mendoza, Monica, Michele Myers, Gretchen Ojala, Leah Ojala, Barbara O'Neill, Betty Lou Partridge, Delores Paul, Ben Peralta, Mary Petersen, Gloria Pritchett, Rose Racicot, Susan Ravotti, Carey Riggio, Mark Rosenberger, Angie & Maggie & Jessie & Raymond Santiago, Lucian & Barbara Schilo, Martha Schmelzer, Charlie & Diane Seitz, Connie Teece, Cynthia & Kevin Wanjohi, Rick West, Tim West, Jaime & Avery Windham, and Jose Zuniga.

Though mentioned only once, many of our volunteers have been there many days and many hours each day.

Some of you may not have had the chance to sign in the day you helped. You all are no less important to the success of the yard sale, and you are greatly appreciated for every little thing you've done to help. Our apologies if your name has been missed or your last name is not noted. The names above were taken off the sign-in sheet that was in the kitchen.

The end result of all of this effort, by donors, volunteers, and buyers, is \$24,045.00. When expenses are considered, we should **net over \$23,000.00** for the weekend, the **most in the history of St. John's yard sales!** This is before clothes and books will be taken to Value Village to sell at their per-pound rate in August.

If anyone has additional clothing and linens that they would like to have taken off their hands, please bag it in

tall **white** kitchen garbage bags and bring to the office before August 9, 2023 for our textile drop off in August.

A very special thanks to the Yard Sale Committee Members. This event could not happen if it weren't for your endless hours of planning: **Carlton Baxter, Tom & Karen Harvey, Lyn Johnson, Mary Murphy-Johnson, Susan Ravotti, and Connie Teece.** We can't thank enough our leaders, **Claudia Smith** and **Kathy Wickward.**

Volunteers have such big hearts, no matter how little time they have. Your help with our yard sale truly reflects your compassion, your unselfish caring, your patience, and your love for your parish and fellow parishioners.

May God continue to bless you for your generosity and continue to lead you to give freely of your time, talent, and treasures!

Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely. - Psalm 112:5



Homebound

Ministers Needed for Pastoral Care to the Homebound

"Even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn, and the poor are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect."

- Pope Francis

Those who carry Holy Communion to the sick and homebound continue the community's act of worship in the Mass. You bring the Body of Christ that is present in the Mass to them, both in the form of the Eucharist and in form of the community. For the sick and homebound, the reception of Communion is not only a privilege but also a sign of support and concern shown by the St. John the Baptist community for its members who can't attend Mass.

Pastoral Care also is a ministry of presence. Simply being present and listening to those who cannot attend Mass is a powerful ministry. At St. John's we have ministers who take communion to the sick and homebound, and those who visit, listen, and pray with them in the form of words and music.

Right now, **we have a critical need for more pastoral care ministers.** Our community is aging and many more people have requested communion than we have ministers to take it to them.

Please contact **Laurie Moloney** at the parish office if you'd like to become a pastoral care minister to the homebound or at lauriem@sjtbcc.org.

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.

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- 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%**.

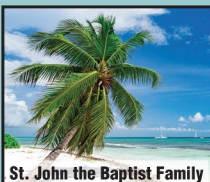
Between 2010 - 2019 (pre-pandemic) **Sacraments declined 11%**.

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



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