

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

July 23, 2023

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Kingdom of Heaven is like the yeast a woman used in making bread.
Even though she put only a little yeast, it permeated every part of the dough. (Matthew 13:33)



Altar Servers of St. John the Baptist (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

Let Us Sing Together



I recently read an article in the Washington Post entitled, "Singing is good for you. Singing with others may be even better." The article cites studies that linked singing in choirs to reduced stress hormones and increased cytokines, proteins that can boost the body's ability to fight serious illness. Studies have also found a connection between generally singing with lessened anxiety, stimulated memory, increased lung capacity, and an easing of postpartum depression.

It is not a surprise that singing is good for one since we believe we are made by God to sing. In their document on music in divine worship, the U.S. Bishops wrote, "God has bestowed upon his people the gift of song. God dwells within each human person, in the place where music takes its source. Indeed, God the giver of song is present whenever his people sing his praise." (#1).

Every Sunday we have the opportunity to sing together. It is good, both for our physical health and spiritual well-being. It also strengthens us as a community of faith, as we gather to worship our loving God.

Fr. Bill



Question: What can we do now?

Answer: We ask everyone to pray for this renewal effort. Each parish will receive prayer cards to distribute to their parishioners, so they can pray individually and collectively during the year.

Additionally, we ask parish leaders to look for ways to foster community while grounding people in the mission of the Church. A new guide with ideas for how to do this will be issued in February for parish and ministry leaders. Suggestions include activities like:

- Praying The PARTNERS IN THE GOSPEL prayer at Masses
- Lenten small group study across the archdiocese
- Small faith-sharing groups
- Discussions about the Current Reality Report (coming Spring 2023)

Note: 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/.

Our Church



This Week in Our Church

Sunday, July 23

Mass - 9:00 am
Mass - 11:30 am
Mass - 5:30 pm

Monday, July 24

Word & Communion Service - 9:00 am
Choir (Sunday 9:00 am) Practice - 7:00 pm
Choir (Fil-Am) Practice - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, July 25

No events

Wednesday, July 26

Mass - 9:00 am
Truthful Reign Band Practice - 7:00 pm
Walking Through Grief - 7:00 pm

Thursday, July 27

Hora Santa - 2:30 pm
Mass - 6:30 pm
Choir (Sunday 11:30 am) Practice - 7:00 pm

Friday, July 28

Mass - 9:00 am

Saturday, July 29

Gospel Reflection SFC - 10:00 am
Confessions - 4:00 to 5:00 pm
Mass - 5:30 pm



Welcome Back

Do you know someone who has left the Church and may be interested in returning? We would like to welcome them back!

Please contact **Anne Frederick** at our parish office or annef@sjtbcc.org or ext. 125.

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

Our Altar Servers In Action

Altar servers are involved in the holiest and most sacred events of Catholic worship, the Mass. They assist the priest to make worship more reverent, efficient, and beautiful. Anyone can be a server: boys and girls in 4th grade and above, as well as adult men and women.

Featured on our front cover are our wonderful altar servers, lead by **Jeff Babbitt** (top row center picture). We regret that we do not have photos of all of our wonderful altar servers, but we recognize them just the same. Note the diversity in our servers with both the young and old serving as well as the richness of ethnicities.

If you are interested in becoming an altar server and recognize some of these servers, please feel free to reach out to them or to **Laurie** at the office, 253-630-0701.

Our Church

Prayer Requests

For those who are **sick**:
Art O'Neil

For those who have **died**:
Felipe Gamit

(father of the son-in-law of Marissa Bayhorn)
Jeannie Marie Yackley (cousin of Mary Hammock)

What Are Those Yellow Chair Covers For?

Have you noticed those yellow-gold chair “thingies” with a pointed end sticking out on some chairs during Mass? These are our new chair covers to help our Eucharistic Ministers locate someone wanting communion brought to them. If you would like Holy Communion brought to you, please ask a greeter 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.

It would also help the Eucharistic Ministers have easier access if the person who needs Holy Communion brought to them sit at the seat closest to the aisle.

Thank you for your cooperation.

A New Commission is Born

On Thursday, July 13, the new *Liturgy Commission* held its inaugural meeting. Its overall purpose is to advise and support the pastor on the spirituality and prayer life of the parish community. Upholding this purpose, the commission drafted its charter and mission statement: “To enable the people of the St. John the Baptist community to feel like they are one Faith family and one body of Christ.” Note that this is only a draft mission statement.

The group defined roles and discussed how the new parish priorities will be applied to the liturgy. The commission will meet monthly on the second Thursday at 7:00 pm (next meeting is September 14 - no August meeting). Members will rotate being a team leader/ chairperson, facilitator, scribe, and timekeeper.

Members who were present at the first commission meeting are **Marilou Bickel, Pat & Wilson Defiesta, Terry Forczek, Scott Gilyeat, Laurie Moloney, and Laura Rothchilds**. Other members who were unable to attend the first meeting include **Bradley Cuccia, Paul Dehmer, Luis Diaz de Leon, Colin Hotchkiss, and Mary Syslo**.

Let us all welcome this new commission and pray for their success in achieving their mission. Members are held to a 3-year commitment in this commission.

Let's Hike Together!

The community of St. John the Baptist is invited to join **Michele Myers** and **Matt Englert**, as they lead you on a hike through the Cedar River Landsburg Trailhead in Ravensdale.

Difficulty level: EASY

Date: **Saturday July 29, 2023**

Start: **8:30 am** - meet at church roundabout for an opening prayer
9:30 am - proceed to Landsburg Trailhead (start trail)

End Time: noon

Where: Cedar River Trail
Landsburg Trailhead, Ravensdale
Cross streets: **Landsburg Rd SE & SE 252nd PI**

Bring:

- Lunch
- Sturdy hiking shoes (close-toed tennis shoes, hiking boots, etc.)
- Water bottle
- Backpack
- Dress for the weather (hat, sunscreen, wear layers of clothing)

This will be a great hike for kids or anyone who just wants to do a gentle hike in excellent company.

For more information please visit kingcounty.gov/services/parks-recreation/parks/trails/regional-trails/popular-trails/cedar-river.aspx

If you have further questions, please email Pat at bulletin@sjtbcc.org. Emails will be forwarded to Michele for response.

Have a safe and wonderful time!



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Our Church

We Need Diapers!

Our *PREPARES* volunteers are currently walking with 12 moms and their children living in our community. Many of these are recently-arrived immigrants, who are navigating life in a new country. We thank you for your recent support with Size 6 diapers, and we now have gone through our supply of Sizes 4 and 5 diapers as well. **If you are able to assist with Sizes 4 and 5, please drop donations of diapers** at the office or the Life, Justice, Peace table. These gifts of diapers will help provide a sense of stability to these moms.

We continue to receive requests from moms looking for connection and support. Our ministry is hoping to add new volunteers, who have a heart for walking with moms with young children. If you are interested or would like to know more, please contact the main office at **253-630-0701**. Ongoing training is provided.

Fresh Fruits and Veggies Wanted



If you are the farmer whose seeds fell upon fertile soil and produced abundant crops (Matthew 13:8), please share your blessings of produce with us!

The Garden of the Good Shepherd is open to receiving donations of fresh produce to share with our friends at the Covington Storehouse, our local food bank. Each year, food grown in our parish garden is delivered to the food bank weekly until the fall, along with any donations that have been collected.

Donations may be from your garden or purchased from the store and can be dropped off at the main office or in the crate outside the McMullen Center.

Blessed are those who are generous, because they feed the poor. (Proverbs 22:9)

Chaz Needs Dental Work

The *One Parish One Prisoner* (OPOP) team is excited to continue supporting **Chaz**, as his release date rapidly approaches. Through our journey with Chaz, he has identified that needing to receive extensive dental work is a major challenge in keeping him from a successful transition back into society. The OPOP team is researching different dental opportunities to find which may be the most cost-effective for Chaz. If you are involved with or connected to the dental community and think this may be something you may be able to provide insight or support for, please contact the main office at **253-630-0701** to get connected to the OPOP team.

The OPOP team will be sharing other ways to support Chaz on his impending transition in the next few weeks. Stay tuned!

Mechanic & Pet Foster Family Needed

The *Safe Parking* team is seeking resources for fostering animals. We currently have a family with children in our program, but they have a pet which is a barrier to securing emergency shelter. The goal is to identify someone to foster their dog, so the family can transition into a shelter and be reunited once they secure stable housing. **If you have any connections to animal fostering**, please contact the CCS Safe Parking Case Manager, Stephanie at 253-508-2755.

One of our Safe Parking guests needs some work done on their vehicle, as their AC is not working and only one door is able to open at this time. The Safe Parking team is looking into resources in the community that may help with this, but **if anyone is involved with or connected to the auto repair community**, please contact the main office at 253-630-0701.

We currently have a full slate of guests in Safe Parking. The ministry is **seeking a few more volunteers to help support this ministry**. Training is provided.



Based on the book, *Living Your Strengths*, learn about your special talents from God and how to share them with others!

New classes begin on Friday mornings in person on August 11, 18 and 25.

Strengths classes are three to four weeks in length. They can be scheduled during the day in person or an evening class via Zoom. For more information about this fun and informative program, contact Anne Frederick at 253-630-0701 x 125 or email at annef@sjtbcc.org.

Our Community

Join us for our
6th Annual Knights of Columbus
Father John J. Daly ASSY 2960 (Kent, WA)
Charity Golf Tournament



Auburn Golf Course
Friday, September 15, 2023
Check in 6:30 - 7:15 am
Tee-off 7:30 am

Four-man Scramble Shotgun Start
Team & Individual Awards

Entry fee: \$150 per person
\$600 per team of 4; singles welcome

Sponsorship & donations will be appreciated!

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