

# THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

August 27, 2023

**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church,  
and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. (Matthew 16:13)

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Photo courtesy of *Kathy Wickward*

**Guatemala Team Meeting in Serchill, San Marcos, Guatemala**  
(see related story on Page 3)

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## **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

### Our Disabled Brothers and Sisters - We Welcome You



I am not a morning person. It takes me a few cups of coffee to get going in the morning. That is nothing compared to the efforts of many of our brothers and sisters living with disabilities or mobility issues and in need of walkers, canes, or wheel chairs. I am deeply impressed by the efforts they make to be able to celebrate Mass with the community. Their determination shows a deep love and devotion for the Eucharist.

We have now designated five (5) special seating areas for those with walkers or wheel chairs, marked by a decal on the floor. This gives greater visibility to these special areas. Those with walkers or wheelchairs can sit anywhere in the assembly they wish. We simply ask folks not to block aisles or impede the communion procession. The decals mark areas where chairs have been removed to give greater room. They also serve as a reminder not to put chairs in those spaces after rearranging chairs for different events.

The chair next to the decal should also be reserved for those who accompany the one with the walker or wheelchair. One reserved spot has access to a power outlet in order to allow for a respirator connection.

If you need Communion brought to you, please ask the greeters and they will attach a yellow cover to the back of your chair to help the Eucharistic minister find you.

To those living with disabilities, thank you for the witness you give and for your love and devotion to the Eucharist you express. If your disability is keeping you from church, please call the parish office and we will try to arrange a Eucharistic Minister to bring you Communion during the week. Also, call the office if you would like to volunteer for this ministry.

*Fr. Bill*



## PARISH MISSION

Journey Together With Christ

**September 17 - 19, 2023**

As we accompany each other in faith, Jesus calls us to freedom! Through Christ, we are free to be loved by God and to make loving choices in our life. This Parish Mission will explore our call to live in the freedom God brings us and to encourage God's love and mercy as we faith **journey** together. More details will be announced in our future bulletins.

# Our Church



## This Week in Our Church

### Sunday, August 27

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

### Monday, August 28

Mostly Yoga - 7:30 am  
Word & Communion - 9:00 am  
Choir (9am Sunday) Practice - 7:00 pm

### Tuesday, August 29

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

### Wednesday, August 30

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

### Thursday, August 31

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

### Friday, September 1

Mass - 9:00 am  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 9:45 am

### Saturday, September 2

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

### Why is it Called Tuesday?

The names of the days of the week were modeled after the Latin names. The Latin days of the week were named after planets, which were named after gods. The Latin for *Tuesday* was *diēs Mārtis*, "Mars' day," with Mars being the Roman god of war. And so the Anglo-Saxons swapped out Mars for their Germanic counterparts - in Old English that was *Tiu*, yielding **Tuesday**. (Source: Dictionary.com)

### 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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[sjtbcc.org](http://sjtbcc.org)

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@sjtbcovington

(On the Cover)

### Union de las Aldeas Corpus Christi

Who or what is Union de las Aldeas Corpus Christi (UACC)? For years now, you've been hearing that name mentioned in our Masses here at St. John (SJTB). UACC is a parish in the Diocese of San Marcos, Guatemala and is a sister parish of SJTB since the first few years of the parish's being.

This year on July 23 - August 2, the Corpus Christi Companion Parish Committee of SJTB, led by Jim Tanasse, visited Guatemala to focus on building relationships and work on consensus building for the next project. They also met with two remarkable non-governmental organizations, SERES and Opal House, to learn more about their missions and to see how they could connect with "our" villages.

Some of the committee members are featured on our cover this week with a photo from their trip to Guatemala.

Please pray for the continued success of our relationship with UACC.

## Our Church

### Prayer Requests

For those who are sick:

**John Lawless**

For those who have died:

**Fred Fischer** (cousin of Francis Miller)

**JoAnne McConnell**

**Virginia Sandoval** (mother of Blanca Mendoza)

**Jean Wolford** (sister of Joan Williamson),

**Lawrence "Red" Zender** (uncle of Joan Williamson)

**Those who have lost their lives to natural disasters**



A Mighty River  
Amos 5: 24

## Let Justice and Peace Flow

Season of Creation 2023

### Clean Our Adopted Street and Respect The Mighty River

Let justice roll on like a river,  
righteousness like a never-failing stream! - Am 5:24

The Creation Care Team of St. John the Baptist invites you to a street cleaning event on **Saturday, September 23, from 9:00 am - 11:00 am**. We hope you can help clean our adopted street in front of our parish. Removing trash from land surfaces helps keep it out of tributaries and rivers, thereby respecting The Mighty River.

Because of safety reasons, these cleanups are unfortunately limited to **adults only**. Please register here **by September 17**. [archseattle.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/483/responses/new](https://archseattle.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/483/responses/new)

Have you joined St. John the Baptist in the last year?  
We would love to welcome and get to know you!



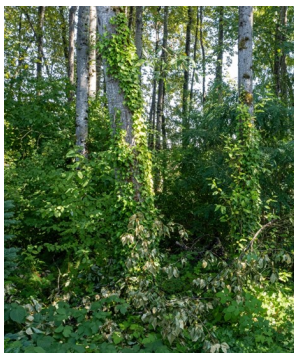
### Welcome Gathering Food, Fellowship, and Gifts

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 AFTER 9 AM MASS**

Contact Anne to RSVP or for more information:  
[annef@sjtbcc.org](mailto:annef@sjtbcc.org) or 253.630.0701 x 125

Fr. Bill is looking forward to meeting you  
and finding out how the parish might serve you!

### Season of Creation Help Remove Invasive Ivy



Invasive English Ivy is taking over the woods near the South entrance to St John's campus. It's growing up the trees, smothering ornamental plants, and preventing native plants from growing in the understory.

Join us on **Saturday, September 9 from 9:00 am to noon** to clear it out.

We recommend wearing long sleeve shirts, long pants, and garden gloves. Bring your pruning shears if you have them. Community service credit will be available for high school students.

Register here **by September 3**  
[archseattle.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/485/responses/new](https://archseattle.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/485/responses/new)



This is sponsored by Creation Care Team and Facilities & Grounds Commission.



### Pancake Breakfast Sunday, September 10 10:00 - 11:30 am



Net proceeds from donations will support St. John the Baptist's ministries.  
"Supporting those that assist others."

### Know They Neighbor

We are kicking off the fall rotation of **Supper Club** and you are invited to join!

You can register as an individual host or a host pair. Each group will have three hosts, who will take turns hosting a meal at their home. Once each one has hosted, then you have finished the rotation. More details on the parish website.

We are accepting registrations through the month of August and will begin hosting in September.

Registrations are now open for:

- Singles (no children)
- Families (children included)
- Couples (no children)

Register by scanning the QR Code to the right or visiting our website.



## Our Church

### Fresh Fruits and Veggies Wanted



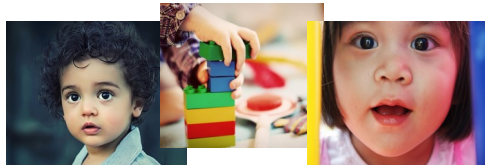
Please share your bountiful harvest with The Garden of the Good Shepherd. Donations may be from your garden or purchased from the store and can be **dropped off at the main office or in the crate outside the McMullen Center.**

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

### Protecting Our Church

We have 7 out of 14 positions open on our security team. Volunteers on the security team pick one day every other week to come to the church campus after 9:00 pm to ensure all doors are locked and the alarm is set.

For more information or if you are interested in this ministry, please contact David Aldous at [davida@sjtbcc.org](mailto:davida@sjtbcc.org) or call the office at 253-630-0701.



**Please consider helping us provide childcare for upcoming parish events.**

**A few hours of your time will allow our young families to participate in upcoming discussions about planning for Partners in the Gospel.**

Contact parish office at [office@sjtbcc.org](mailto:office@sjtbcc.org) for more information.

### Help Maui Get Back on Her Feet Again

On August 8, a wildfire destroyed the town of Lahaina, Maui in Hawaii and took with it over 100 lives and left behind a path of ashes. About 850 are still missing.

The USCCB currently recommends two opportunities to donate to Maui wildfire relief efforts: The Hawai'i Catholic Community Foundation, [tinyurl.com/MauiCatholic](http://tinyurl.com/MauiCatholic) and Catholic Charities Hawaii [catholiccharitieshawaii.org/maui-relief](http://catholiccharitieshawaii.org/maui-relief). Please consider helping our brothers and sisters on Maui get back on their feet again.



### Children's Liturgy of the Word Come Join Our Team

Help support this ministry! We need you to:

- help children have an age-appropriate experience of the Liturgy of the Word;
- help children apply the Word of God to their own experiences and actions;
- help children become closer to God; and
- help children learn how to participate, both internally and externally, in the celebration of the Mass.

We want to continue offering a Children's Liturgy of the Word this fall during the 9:00 am Mass and need **volunteers to support this ministry**. If you have a heart for children and the Mass, this may be the calling for you. For more information, please contact **Therese** at [ThereseM@sjtbcc.org](mailto:ThereseM@sjtbcc.org) or call 253-630-0701 ext. 123.



### Faith Formation Registration

The 2023-24 Faith Formation Registration is now open for our children in Preschool to Grade 12. The exciting news is that you can register and pay online!

Registration forms can be found at [sjtbcc.org/](http://sjtbcc.org/) on the Faith Formation page. If you have any questions, email or call us.

- Preschool to Grade 4 - **Therese McHenry**  
253-630-0701 ext. 123 or [theresem@sjtbcc.org](mailto:theresem@sjtbcc.org)
- Grades 5 to 12 - **Peter Guthrie**  
253-630-0701 ext. 110 or [peterg@sjtbcc.org](mailto:peterg@sjtbcc.org)



We are still collecting school supplies to benefit students in the Kent School District.

Please **drop off your items in the bin at the Life, Justice, Peace table out in the narthex.**

Thank you for your support!

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