

# THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

August 6, 2023

## The Transfiguration of the Lord

While he was speaking, behold, a bright cloud came a voice that said,  
"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." (Matthew 17:1-9)



Photo by *Ray Palisoc*

**Fil-Am Association of St. John the Baptist at their halo-halo social**  
(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

### Take Mass With You On Your Next Vacation



As a child, summer vacations meant camping trips around the northwest. In planning the trips my parents would make sure that on Sunday, we would be near a Catholic Church for Mass. Sometimes they forgot to check if there was a summer schedule, and a few times we had to wait a bit for the next Mass to begin.

When traveling, the Church asks us to make a "reasonable effort" to be able to participate in Sunday Mass. If near a town, it would be reasonable to see if there is a Catholic Church and what their Mass schedule is. Attending Mass while on vacation is an opportunity to experience both the universality of our faith as well as the uniqueness of each parish community. If there was no church nearby, it would probably not be reasonable to spend the entire day getting to a church. In that case, one could spend some time in prayer with the Sunday readings. It could be a wonderful experience for the family being the domestic Church. If it takes more than reasonable effort to get to church while traveling, one is dispensed from the obligation to participate in Mass.

Vacations are important. They allow us to get away from the ordinary and experience some of God's creation as well as family and friends in new ways. Now that we are emerging from COVID, travel seems a little more reasonable. However, one would not take a vacation from Mass anymore than one would take a vacation from eating or breathing. When traveling with children, it gives parents a wonderful opportunity to teach how important Sunday Mass is, and when its not possible to get to Mass, how important family prayer is.

*Fr. Bill*



## The Journey to Vibrancy



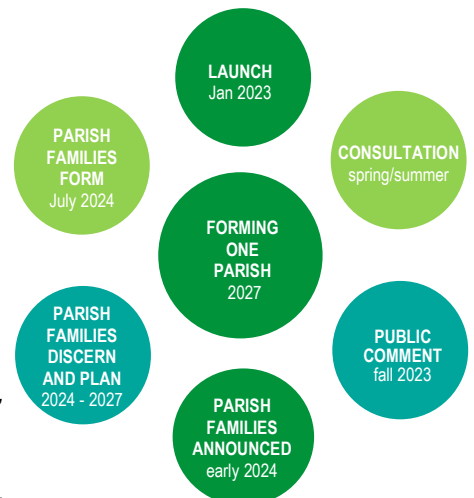
### UNDERSTANDING WHY

The Current Reality Report provides a snapshot of the archdiocese today and outlines data and trends across the region and forecasts demographic changes over the next decade. It also outlines the urgent need for change and why we must re-envision parish life today.

***"The status quo is no longer an option."***  
- Archbishop Etienne

SOURCE: July 2023 Partners in the Gospel UPDATE newsletter, Archdiocese of Seattle

## Timeline



# Our Church



## This Week in Our Church

### Sunday, August 6

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

### Monday, August 7

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

### Tuesday, August 8

Word & Communion - 9:00 am

### Wednesday, August 9

Word & Communion - 9:00 am  
Truthful Reign Band Practice - 7:00 pm  
Walking Through Grief - 7:00 pm

### Thursday, August 10

Mostly Yoga - 7:30 am  
Hora Santa - 2:30 pm  
Facility & Grounds Commission Meeting - 4:30 pm  
OPOP Meeting - 5:00 pm  
Word & Communion - 6:30 pm  
Choir (Sunday 11:30 am) Practice - 7:00 pm

### Friday, August 11

Word & Communion - 9:00 am  
Living Your Strengths Class - 9:45 am

### Saturday, August 12

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

### Find A Mass Near Me

There are many apps that you can download to your phone to find masses near your vacation location. One popular link is *Catholic Mass Times* at [catholicmasstime.org](http://catholicmasstime.org). If you have a favorite link, please share with the bulletin team. We may publish it for others to use. If you have an Apple phone, search "Mass Times for Travel" in the App Store.

## 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)

### Social Media:



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On the Cover

## Come Sample the Filipino Culture

St. John the Baptist is rich in cultural traditions. One of them is the Halo-Halo Social, which is an annual fundraising event hosted by the Fil-Am Association of St. John the Baptist. It features a Filipino dessert "halo-halo," which is a refreshing mix of shaved ice, milk, sweetened beans, fruit, ube ice cream, and more.

Featured on our cover are some of the Fil-Am Association members, led by **Tess Babick** (back right with hat in photo), who prepared for this year's halo-halo social on Sunday, July 30.

The proceeds of this event are used to fund the association's major events like the *Flores de Mayo* in May and the *Simbang Gabi* in December. By hosting events and activities like these, the Fil-Am Association is able to keep the Filipino spirit alive.

## Our Church

### Prayer Requests

For those who are **sick**:  
**Jerry Anderson, Ken Gonzales,  
Laurie Moloney, Art O'Neil, and Pol**

For those who have **died**:  
**All who have left us for eternal life**



### Coats for Kids in November

Thank you to all who purchased or made donations during the recent Knights of Columbus (KoC) Cherries Sale. Your generosity resulted in **over \$2,000** for the *Coats for Kids* Program. In the coming weeks, coats will be ordered and will likely be distributed in November in time to keep a lot of kids in the Kent School District warm.

Join the fun and food for our next *Strengths* party!

Fr. Bill is inviting all of our **Includers, Developers** and **Learners**

**Saturday, August 26**

After 5:30 pm Mass  
McMullen Center

RSVP by August 22  
[Annef@sjtbcc.org](mailto:Annef@sjtbcc.org)



### Welcome Gathering



Have you recently joined our parish? If so, please join us on **September 10** for our next gathering. Lunch will be provided. All registrants will receive free gifts!

Contact **Anne Frederick** at [annef@sjtbcc.org](mailto:annef@sjtbcc.org) or 253-0630-0701 x125 for more information.

### Fresh Fruits and Veggies Wanted

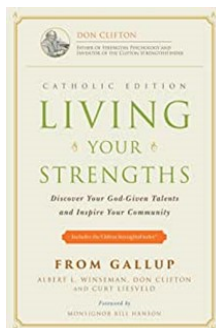
The Garden of the Good Shepherd is open to receiving donations of fresh produce to share with our friends at the Covington Storehouse, our local food bank. Each year, food grown in our parish garden is delivered to the food bank weekly until the fall, along with any donations that have been collected.

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)



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



*Living Your Strengths* classes are three to four weeks in length. They are either scheduled during the day in person or in the evening via Zoom. For more information about this fun and informative program, contact Anne Frederick at 253-630-0701 x125 or email at [annef@sjtbcc.org](mailto:annef@sjtbcc.org).

## Our Church

### Father Bill Will Be on Vacation

If you're going to be looking for Fr. Bill between **August 7 and August 16**, he won't be here. He'll be on vacation! Fr. Jim Coyne will be presiding at the Vigil on August 12 and morning Masses on Sunday the 13th. Fr. Bill Heric, whom Fr. Bill has known since high school, will preside at the Sunday evening Mass. Fr. Jim will also preside on the solemnity of the Assumption on August 15.

Have a wonderful and safe vacation, Fr. Bill!

### Childcare Volunteers Needed



The parish would like to offer childcare for some of our upcoming events, and we need volunteers to be caregivers for our children while their parents attend our events. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact the parish office at **253-630-0701** for more information.



We will be collecting school supplies to benefit students in the Kent School District. Watch those "back to school" sales, and pick up items to help kids get off to a good start this school year.

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

Thank you for your support!

### Did You Lose Something in Church?

Don't forget to check our Lost & Found area to the left (east end) of the narthex. We might have something that you have lost while attending Mass. 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 think you lost something while attending Mass but can't find it there, please contact the office at 253-360-0701.

## Our Community



Vine Maple Place is a Christian organization that breaks the generational cycle of homelessness by working with single parents and their children. Our approach offers safety, provides stability, and equips to self-sufficiency.

If you are interested in supporting VMP's mission, there are a number of volunteer opportunities to get involved in. They are especially in need of the following:

- Essential hygiene products and bedding
- Snacks for hungry kids
- Women's wear-to-work clothing
- Welcome basket of household essentials
- Meals-In-A-Bag for families

There are more opportunities on our website at [vinemapleplace.org/get-involved](http://vinemapleplace.org/get-involved).

**FAITH & FAMILY DAY**  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 26 | 1:10 P.M. | KC VS. S

Join us for Faith and Family Day at T-Mobile Park! Gather your friends and family for some summer baseball and claim a limited-edition Mariners-themed Faith and Family t-shirt when you purchase through this special offer. Stick around postgame for a faith-based concert! Those picture perfect PNW days will be here before you know it.

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Tickets must be purchased through Group Sales representative to receive t-shirt.

Scan QR code to purchase!



Register now to attend this retreat for incoming juniors and seniors to explore ways to grow in relationship with the Lord and discern God's plan in your life. Led by Fr. Justin Ryan and hosted by Youth Ministry Services.

**August 15-17, 2023**

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For more information contact us at

[archseattle.org/events/high-school-retreat/](http://archseattle.org/events/high-school-retreat/)

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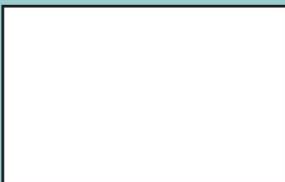

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