


# THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

September 3, 2023

**Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

If any of you wants to be my follower, you must turn you must turn from your selfish ways,  
pick up your cross, and follow me. (Matthew 16:24)

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Be gracious  
to us, O Lord,  
for we are  
in distress.

**PSALM 31:9**

God, bring  
consolation  
and relief

*to Maui.*

**Lahainaluna**

(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

### Determine our Future Here at St. John the Baptist



Next month, we begin a parish-wide consultation of the proposed parish family to which St. John the Baptist Parish will belong. PARTNERS IN THE GOSPEL will bring most parishes in the archdiocese together into a new family structure with two or more other parishes. This parish family will be under the leadership of one pastor and have about three years to join together to become one canonical parish. The pastor, parish leaders, and parishioners will determine how this new family will best join together to carry out the mission of the Church as one parish.

Consultation and a synodal approach to this effort gives everyone a chance to review the potential family structure, pray to the Holy Spirit about it, and provide input. The process was built intentionally to ensure everyone has the opportunity to offer input. Specifically, we will be asking you to name your concerns and the challenges the proposed family may have. In addition, we would like your insight as to what opportunities and possibilities the proposed family may have. What are your hopes for being a parish in this restructuring?

As a priest, I have already had the opportunity to offer my feedback. However, most of you know the parish and the area here better than I do. Your feedback will be very important. We have scheduled the following dates for listening sessions:

- Wednesday, October 11, 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm (abbreviated to coincide with Middle School Program)
- Thursday, October 12, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
- Thursday, October 12, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
- Saturday, October 14, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon
- Sunday, October 15, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

**Please plan to attend one of these sessions.** RSVP for one of the above sessions at this link: [archseattle.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/589/responses/new](http://archseattle.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/589/responses/new), or by calling the office at 253-630-0701. Be sure to mark your calendars now! Your voice is important. There is also a session October 5 for parishioners who serve on parish councils and commissions

Once all the input has been collected, the Oversight Committee and the Presbyteral Council will finalize a recommendation. Archbishop Etienne will discern the recommendation and then officially promulgate the new parish family structure in early 2024, which will take effect on July 1, 2024.

For more information go to: [archseattle.org/partners/](http://archseattle.org/partners/)

*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.

Our guest speaker is Tom East. Please join us for this mission, which will be at 7:00 pm on Sunday, September 17, Monday, September 18, at 10:00 am or 7:00 pm, or Tuesday, September 19, at 7:00 pm. Content is repeated, so you will only need to **attend one** of the times offered.

# Our Church



## This Week in Our Church

### Sunday, September 3

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

### Monday, September 4

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

### Tuesday, September 5

Word & Communion Service - 9:00 am  
Life, Justice, Peace Commission - 6:30 pm  
General Membership Meeting - 7:00 pm  
MDES Rehearsal - 7:00 pm  
WICS - 7:00 pm

### Wednesday, September 6

Mass - 9:00 am  
Parish Leadership Team Meeting - 7:00 pm  
Truthful Reign Band Practice - 7:00 pm  
Walking Through Grief - 7:00 pm

### Thursday, September 7

Mostly Yoga - 7:30 am  
Creation Care Team Meeting - 1:00 pm  
Hora Santa - 2:30 pm  
Safe Car Parking Meeting - 3:00 pm  
Mass - 6:30 pm  
Choir (Sunday 11:30 am) Practice - 7:00 pm  
RCIA/OCIA - 7:00 pm

### Friday, September 8

Creative Kindness Sewing Meeting - 9:00 am  
Mass - 9:00 am  
Marriage Encounter Pizza Party - 6:00 pm  
Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 6:30 pm

### Saturday, September 9

Invasive Species Cleanup - 9:00 am  
Gospel Reflection SFC - 10:00 am  
Confessions - 4:00 to 5:00 pm  
Mass - 5:30 pm

## 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

## "Kokua" (Help) Maui

The beautiful island of Maui (Hawaii) is about 1.3 million years old and is the third youngest of all the islands in the Hawaiian chain.

On August 8, a destructive wildfire, fanned by the winds of Hurricane Dora, ravaged this beautiful island and caused more than 100 deaths while also turning everything in its path to ashes.

This week we recognize and keep in our prayers our parishioners who have lost families in the fire. May God be with them during this difficult time.

USCCB and the Archdiocese currently recommend 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.



## Our Church

### Prayer Requests

For those who are **sick**:  
**Joan Aragone, Scott Borsheim, and Wave**

For those who have **died**:  
**Fern Bovee** (sister-in-law of Mary Ellen Nelson),  
**Fred Fischer** (cousin of Francis Miller),  
**JoAnne McConnell**, and  
**Virginia Sandoval** (mother of Blanca Mendoza)



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](http://archseattle.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/483/responses/new)

### New Mass Setting Coming Soon!

The Mass setting contains the sung Mass parts such as the *Gloria*, the *Alleluia*, *Holy, Holy, Holy*, the *Great Amen*, and *Lamb of God*.

We will be switching to the *Mass of St. Mary Magdalene* written by Sarah Hart. This will be the first time we feature a woman composer's Mass setting here at St. John the Baptist.

You can listen to the Mass setting on YouTube with this link [sjtbcc.org/new-mass-setting/](http://sjtbcc.org/new-mass-setting/) or scan the QR Code below.



We will also have printed handouts available of the complete Mass setting to help you sing along.

We want each music group to feel comfortable leading the new setting, so start dates may vary at each Mass. We may start as early as September at one or two Masses.

For questions, please contact Luis Diaz de Leon, St. John's Music Ministry Coordinator, at [luisd@sjtbcc.org](mailto:luisd@sjtbcc.org). Or you can leave a voice mail message by calling the office at 253-630-0701 ext. 108.

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



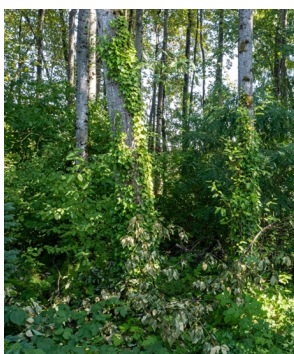
### Welcome Gathering Food, Fellowship, and Gifts

**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](http://archseattle.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/485/responses/new)



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

## Our Church



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



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

### **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** at [davida@sjtbcc.org](mailto:davida@sjtbcc.org) or call the office at 253-630-0701 ext. 114.

### **Friday Afternoons With the Seattle Symphony**

Are you looking for a Friday social? How about the Symphony? It's a fun activity for all ages and a free bus ride, which leaves at 9:30 am, from St. John's campus.

There are four concerts in 2023-2024: November 17, February 9, April 5, and May 17. Prices start from \$120 for the four concerts. Lunch is available for purchase or you can bring your own lunch.

To sign up, please call the Symphony Box Office at **206-215-4747 by September 13.**

### **ATTENTION CHILDCARE PROVIDERS**

We have a **stipend** opportunity for someone who can coordinate this new ministry.



Please contact the parish office at **253-630-0701** for more information.



### **Altar Server Training**

We will have a training for new altar servers on **Sunday, September 10, at 12:30 pm** (after the 11:30 am Mass). Adults and children in 4<sup>th</sup> grade and up are invited to learn about this special ministry.

### **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)

### **Fresh Fruits and Veggies Are Still Wanted**

We will continue to accept your donation of fresh produce for a few more weeks. 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.**



### **Welcome Back**

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

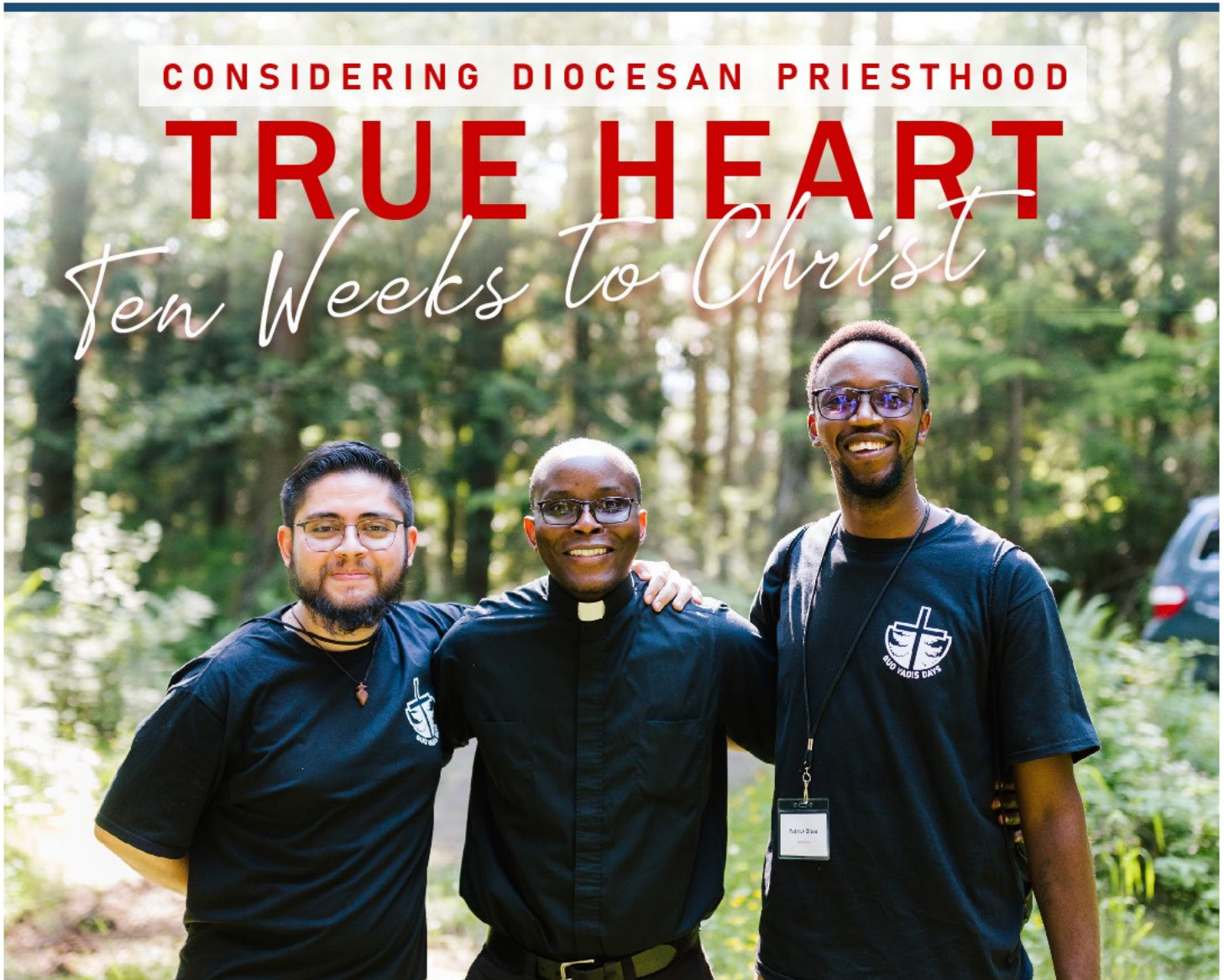
Please contact **Anne Frederick** at our parish office or [annef@sjtbcc.org](mailto:annef@sjtbcc.org) or ext. 125.



**“How do I pray?”**  
**“How can I know what God wants me to do?”**  
**“Where is the Lord leading me?”**

Around the Archdiocese of Seattle, discernment groups led by priests are forming for young men to address these questions. Using True Heart from the Sacred Story Institute these young men will be engaging spiritual exercises to help them grow closer to the Lord, consider their vocation more deeply, and grow in openness to following God's will in their lives.

If you are interested in joining one of these groups, please contact us at [vocations@seattlearch.org](mailto:vocations@seattlearch.org) or (206) 382-4276



**WHICH PATH WILL YOU TAKE?**

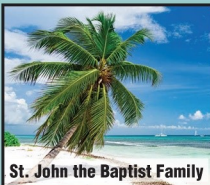




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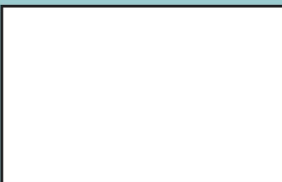

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