

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

October 1, 2023

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Mt 21:28-32)

For John the Baptist came and showed you the right way to live,
but you didn't believe him, while tax collectors and prostitutes did. (Mt 21:32)



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Sharing our Treasures
(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: **Wednesday 9:00 am, Thursday 6:30 pm, Friday 9:00 am**

Word & Communion: **Monday & Tuesday 9:00 am**

Confessions: **Saturday 4:00 to 5:00 pm**

Office Hours & Contact Information

Monday to Friday: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

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

Off to a Class Reunion

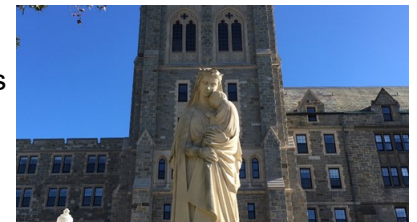


This weekend I am attending my 40th year seminary class reunion. I attended *Theological College at the Catholic University of America* in Washington, D.C. My classmates came from all around the country, though most were from the east coast. We graduated with 24 in the class. We take turns hosting our reunions. This year, it is being held in Covington, Kentucky, across the Ohio River from Cincinnati. I hosted the last reunion at the Palisade Retreat Center in Federal Way in 2018. I hear we will be spending a day at the *Trappist Abbey* at Gethsemane, which is home to the monk, Thomas Merton. There is also a rumor of visiting a couple bourbon distilleries.

These reunions are opportunities to share where life has taken us. The seminary experience forged some strong bonds of friendship. We got through the rigors of formation through our support of one another. We continue that support through the challenges and joys of priestly ministry or whatever vocation is being lived out. A few of my classmates have left the priesthood and gotten married. This will be the first reunion with spouses. We continue to accompany one another on the journey of faith.

I am sure one topic for discussion is the restructuring of parishes that many dioceses have started and which we are just beginning. In fact, our process is modeled on Cincinnati.

I am grateful for Fr. Dave Rogerson, who is presiding at the Masses this weekend. I have known Fr. Dave since I was in high school. I will have to bring back a bottle of bourbon for him, or maybe a book by Thomas Merton. Which will he prefer? I'll keep his second choice.



Theological College, Washington, D.C.

Fr. Bill

Partners in the Gospel

Your feedback is very important.



**Join a Partners in the Gospel
Input Session**

SHARE YOUR
THOUGHTS

WE'RE
LISTENING

- Wednesday, October 11, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
- Thursday, October 12, 10:00 am to 12:00 noon
- Thursday, October 12, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
- Saturday, October 14, 10:00 am to 12:00 noon
- Sunday, October 15, 3:00 pm to 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, or by calling the office at 253-630-0701.

Our Church



This Week in Our Church

Sunday, October 1

Knights of Columbus Apple Sale - after all Masses

Mass - 9:00 am

Elementary Program - 10:15 am

Mass - 11:30 am

RCIA Dismissal - 11:30 am

Mass - 5:30 pm

HS Youth Group - 6:30 pm

Monday, October 2

Word & Communion Service - 9:00 am

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

Choir (Fil-Am) Practice - 7:00 pm

General Membership Meeting - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, October 3

Word & Communion - 9:00 am

WICS - 6:00 pm

Life Justice Peace Commission Meeting - 6:30 pm

Wednesday, October 4

Mass - 9:00 am

Oracion - 6:00 pm

Truthful Reign Band Practice - 7:00 pm

Vida en el Espíritu - 7:00 pm

MS Youth Group - 7:00 pm

Thursday, October 5

Creation Care Team - 1:00 pm

Hora Santa - 2:30 pm

Safe Parking Meeting - 3:00 pm

Mass - 6:30 pm

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

RCIA/OCIA - 7:00 pm

Friday, October 6

Mass - 9:00 am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 9:45 am

Hispanic Charismatic Adoration - 4:00 pm

Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 6:30 pm

Saturday, October 7

RCIA Fall Retreat - 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

Stewardship As a Way of Life

St. John the Baptist (SJTb) is built on a foundation of stewardship, which is a value and a way of life based in faith and belief.

Giving funds to the parish in a manner consistent with the principles of stewardship is a much more thoughtful process than reaching in your pocket. It needs to be planned (not just giving of what's leftover in your budget), proportionate (to the gifts you've received), sacrificial (giving back to God from substance rather than abundance), grateful (your response to the immense love God has for you), and a gift (given without reservation or condition).

The family of SJTB has consistently given from their hearts over the years. On our cover, we share with you a photo of our families living stewardship by sharing their treasures.

Our Church

Prayer Requests

For those who are **sick**:
Mary Arbeen, Jim Forczek,
Alfred Garcia, and George Pikula

For those who have **died**:
Zenaida Lara (mother of Gary Lara)
Felipe Pati (cousin of Tess Babick)

Grief Support Program

Offered by St. John the Baptist *Grief Ministry*

October 11 to December 13, 2023
7:00 - 9:00 pm every Wednesday,
online via Zoom

Walking Through Grief is a nine-part educational and inspirational grief program, which offers support and hope to those experiencing the loss of a loved one (e.g., spouse, parent, friend, or child) in their lives. This is offered at **no charge**.

During each weekly session, attendees will gain insight and education about their loss as they watch videos featuring professionals in the field. These professionals are joined by a group of contributors, who share their own grief journey and provide inspiration in how they have dealt with their own loss. Each week will have a specific topic and include a group discussion as well as some assignments to work on between meetings. A workbook is provided along with some tools, handouts, and articles to help in your grief journey.

If you are grieving, or know of someone who might need grief support, please contact **Frank Hammock** (Lead Facilitator), via the Parish Office, 253-630-0701.

To learn more about "Walking Through Grief," go to walkingthroughgrief.com/.

Knights of Columbus Annual Apple Sale September 30 & October 1 after Masses



Apples will be picked on Friday by our Yakima grower and transported by the Knights of Columbus to St. John the Baptist for sale. It will be available for purchase after all weekend Masses while supplies last.



Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. All sales and donations will support the Coats for Kids Program.



We Are Closed on Mondays

The parish office will be closed on Mondays **starting October 30**. We have made this difficult decision to meet the demands of a reduced staffing level and a steep learning curve for our new software. There will be staff working on site, so if you have an appointment, be sure to contact your staff person by their direct number, as calls to the general number will be directed to voice mail.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to one of our staff members after Masses.

Calling All Creatures, Big and Small




Bring your beloved pet or pets to receive a blessing on **Sunday, October 1, at 12:30 pm** behind the McMullen Center. Please be sure that your four-legged friend is either on a leash or in a pet carrier.

To show our care for animals in need, we invite you to bring a donation of pet food that we will be passing to the Covington Storehouse Food Bank.



Sharing of Treasures

 This month of October, each of us is being uniquely called to follow our parish mission statement, "*Where Stewardship is a way of life and the diversity of our gifts answers Christ's call to proclaim and live the Gospel.*"

As parishioners, we have been asked to pray and to participate in our upcoming *Partners in the Gospel* synodal dialogue sessions. Everyone's voice matters, and your gifts of time and talent are needed now to shape the future of our new parish family.

We also are called to support the ongoing financial needs of our parish. Your pledge allows us to continue our ongoing ministries and your **gift of treasure will stay with St. John the Baptist throughout the upcoming year.**

Please take a moment to return your pledge card that was enclosed in your letter from Fr. Bill or use our QR code to offer your support online. Thank you for fully committing to the life of a steward and disciple of Jesus Christ!

Our Church

Youth Faith Formation is Back!

Faith formation for Preschool through Grade 12 begins this week!

The elementary program (pre-K to 4th Graders) meets every Sunday from 10:15-11:15am in the McMullen Center. Middle school youth group meets every Wednesday night from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. High School youth group meets every Sunday night after the 5:30 pm Mass until 8:45 pm with dinner provided. More information to follow on Pre-K to 4th Graders.

It is not too late to register! Forms can be found at sjtbcc.org/faith/. If you have any questions, email or call us, **Therese** at ext. 123 or theresem@sjtbcc.org and **Peter** at ext. 110 or peterg@sjtbcc.org.

Children's Liturgy of the Word Come Join Our Team

Beginning October 8, 2023 all children ages 5 to 10 attending the 9:00 am Mass will be invited to join the Children's Liturgy of the Word!

Children will be called forward after the Introductory Rites and will proceed to the McMullen Center, where they will celebrate the Liturgy of the Word in a way that is designed especially for children. This is an exciting way for children to hear and discuss God's Word and gain an appreciation for their liturgical heritage as Catholics.



We are looking for adults to help with this exciting ministry. Please contact **Therese** if you would like more information. Theresem@sjtbcc.org or 253-893-6687.

Thanks to the Camera in the Sky

How did you all like the aerial shot of our parishioners in last week's bulletin?

Special thanks to **Bob Jensen** and his drone for the spectacular aerial shot of capturing our parishioners after the 9:00 am Mass on September 17. The weather was perfect for a photo shoot, typical northwest weather - overcast!

Thanks to **Daniel Victor** and **Bruce Barnes**, who did a great job of assisting in the photo shoot.

Thanks also to **Angelo Battisti**, **Mark Rosenberger**, and **Howard Van Erem** of the *Knights of Columbus* for ensuring safety of the photo shoot by providing traffic control.

Last, but not least, thank you to all our parishioners, who showed up to participate in this photo op! This picture is all about the people who make St. John the Baptist what it is today.



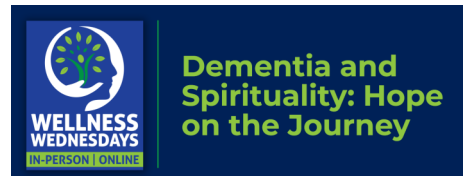
We Got Rid of Them!

A big thank you to everyone who worked on September 9 to help with the invasive plant removal project: **David Aldous, Carol Boespflug, Jim & Pat Carroll, Paul Dehmer, Tim Graves, Hazel Kroll, Rene Lebel, Mike Loveless, Kate, Michael, & Topher Machata, Emilio Mayorga, Al & Rita Myers, Michele Myers, Ben Peralta, Mark Rosenberger, Dave & Nancy Zenter.** These volunteers worked tirelessly between 9:00 am to 12 noon.

We were able to clear the ivy off most of the trees and shrubs in the southwest corner of the church campus, and we estimate that about 1/3 of the ivy and blackberries have been cleared from the ground in that area. We hope to have another work party in the coming months to continue removing the ivy and blackberries, so that native plants and trees can flourish in that space. Stay tuned for information on the next work party.

Please visit us at sjtbcc.org/season-of-creation/ to view photos taken during this work party, including "before" and "after" photos.

Our Community



Archdiocese of Seattle Mental Health Ministry and St. James Cathedral's Mental Health Wellness Ministry are sponsoring, a quarterly educational forum featuring professionals from various mental health disciplines speaking on topics of interest.

The October installment will be a special hybrid (in-person/online) event on *Dementia and Spirituality*. It will occur both on in-person at St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral and on Zoom. This event will be our fall kickoff for a revamped Quarterly Hybrid Wellness Wednesday series, with segments to follow in winter, spring, and summer 2024.

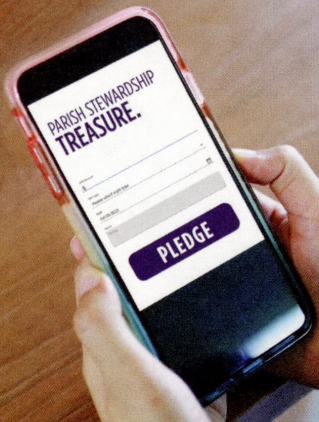
October 4, 2023

6:45 to 8:15 pm

Both in-person & via Zoom

For more information and registration, visit us at archseattle.org/events/wellness-wednesdays-7/

PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE.



Stewardship asks that we help each other recognize the gifts God has blessed us with and the ways in which we have been blessed through the gifts of others. And then return those gifts with increase to further the mission of our Church.

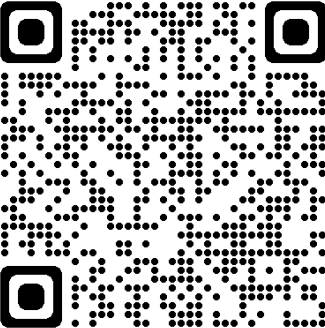
WE ARE
CALLED TO
SHARE OUR
TREASURE
WITH OTHERS.

Everything we have is a gift from God and we're called to share these gifts with others. Stewardship is our response to God's generosity.

Stewardship starts in our parish. It challenges us to share our gifts beyond what we may have done in the past so we can grow, individually and collectively, as God desires. As you renew your gift of treasure, please consider taking a step in this journey of faith.

Please prayerfully reflect on your many blessings and return your 2024 pledge card today. Embracing stewardship allows us to experience profound joy in serving others that comes from developing, using and sharing our gifts.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE PLANNING

Title	Parish Treasure Renewal	Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA)	Special Collections	Parish Outreach	Other Charities
Purpose	Allows parish to plan operating budget for providing essential services and ministries.	Supports Archdiocese, includes parish rebate for donations over goal amount.	Funds selected local and global causes. Collections mandated by Archdiocese.	Financial aid and donations of items for designated needs and collections.	Non-profits and other groups serving local and global needs
Frequency	Every Fall	Every Spring	Monthly as Designated	Seasonal	
Amount	<i>2-5% family gross income</i>	<i>1% family gross income</i>	<i>1-2 % family gross income</i>		
Provides	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday and weekday Masses • Grounds and facilities • Pastoral care • Sacramental preparation • Youth and young adult services • Faith formation programs for all ages • Music ministry • Social outreach and advocacy • Evangelization • Support for parish community events • Bulletins and website • Administration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial support for more than 60 Archdiocesan ministries • CYO Camps • Seminarians • Catholic Schools • Retreat Center • Hospital and Prison Chaplains • Catholic Community Services (CCS) • Diaconate formation • Clergy continuing education • Vocations • Pastoral planning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catholic Relief Services (CRS) • Rice Bowl • St. Vincent de Paul • Catholic Community Services (CCS) • <i>NW Catholic</i> and Communications • Catholic Campaign for Human Development • Catholic Home Missions • World Missions • Peter's Pence • Holy Land Support • Prepares 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanksgiving meals • Giving Tree Store • Diaper Drives • Sister Parish in Guatemala • School Supplies • Food Donations • Knights of Columbus sponsored drives 	<p>List those other charities you support:</p> <hr/> <hr/> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>
\$ Amount Total	<i>My anticipated planned \$</i>	<i>giving for the year \$</i>	<i>for Catholic and \$</i>	<i>other non-profit \$</i>	<p>QR Code for Parish Online Giving</p>

Vicky French, GRI
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