

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

September 10, 2023

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Mt 18:15-20)

For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them. (Matthew 18:20)



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New Mass Setting Coming Soon
(see related story on Page 4)

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

Join Us for Date Night!



I would like to extend my invitation to all of you to join us for our Parish Mission presentation, which begins next weekend. Our Mission director, Tom East, will speak at all the Masses. The first session is on Sunday evening, September 17, at 7:00 pm. There will be morning and evening sessions on Monday, September 18, at 10:00 am and 7:00 pm, and Tuesday, September 18, at 7:00 pm.

Tom and his family live in Gig Harbor, Washington. He is a popular speaker at ministry conferences nationwide and author of numerous books including, *Leadership for Catholic Youth Ministry*. Tom holds a Master of Arts degree in Religious Studies from Mount St. Mary's College in Los Angeles. He is the Pastoral Assistant for RCIA, Grief Ministry, and Marriage for Saint Charles Borromeo Parish in Tacoma. Most recently, Tom was the Director of the Center for Ministry Development. Previously, he was Director of Youth Ministry and the Associate Director of Religious Education for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

This year's mission will help prepare us to enter into PARTNERS IN THE GOSPEL, as we look at what it means to accompany one another in faith, focusing on the freedom we have received from Jesus. With PARTNERS IN THE GOSPEL, we are entering into a historic time for our local Church. Our Mission will help us enter into it with deeper faith and stronger bonds with one another. I hope you will be able to participate.

We will be offering childcare (registration required) so that some of our younger couples can attend. Consider it a date night at the parish!

Fr. Bill

Partners in the Gospel

Your feedback is very important. We have scheduled the following dates to listen to your concerns and the challenges the proposed family may have.

- 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, or by calling the office at 253-630-0701.

Our Church



This Week in Our Church

Sunday, September 10

Mass - 9:00 am

Welcome Gathering - after 9:00 am Mass
Pancake Breakfast - after 9:00 am Mass

Mass - 11:30 am

RCIA Dismissal - 11:30 am
Altar Server Training - after 11:30 am Mass

Mass - 5:30 pm

Monday, September 11

Mostly Yoga - 7:30 am

Word & Communion - 9:00 am

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

Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Assemble - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, September 12

Word & Communion Service - 9:00 am

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

Guatemala Meeting - 7:00 pm

WICS - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, September 13

Mass - 9:00 am

Oracion - 6:00 pm

Crecimiento-Vida en el Espiritu Santo - 7:00 pm

RCIA Family Prep - 7:00 pm

Truthful Reign Band Practice - 7:00 pm

Thursday, September 14

Mostly Yoga - 7:30 am

Hora Santa - 2:30 pm

Facility & Grounds Commission - 4:30 pm

One Parish One Prisoner Meeting - 5:00 pm

Mass - 6:30 pm

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

Liturgy Commission - 7:00 pm

RCIA/OCIA - 7:00 pm

Friday, September 15

Mass - 9:00 am

Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 6:30 pm

Saturday, September 16

Craft & Hobby Day - 10:00 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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Joan Williamson, ext. 109, joanw@sjtbcc.org

Faith Formation (Pre-K - Grade 4):

Therese McHenry, ext. 123, theresem@sjtbcc.org

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Peter Guthrie, ext. 110, peterg@sjtbcc.org

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sjtbcc.org

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@sjtbcovington

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 or 253.630.0701 x 125

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

Our Church

Prayer Requests

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

For those who have **died**:
Steve Barlow (father of Alison Barlow)

We remember
those who lost their lives in the 9/11 attack

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 4th grade and up are invited to learn about this special ministry.

WWJD?

We caught your attention! WWJD - What Would Jesus Do?

Have you ever thought about how to “serve as Jesus served” in today’s world? *St. Vincent de Paul* ministry provides the perfect opportunity to live out the call of the gospel to serve our neighbors in need.

The *St Vincent de Paul Conference* at St. John the Baptist is making a difference in our community by answering the calls of our neighbors for assistance with food, rent, and utility costs.

Over the last three months, **thanks to your generous donations of \$18,805**, we were able to assist 244 people with rent and utilities. We also gave out 43 bags of food and 12 bags of personal hygiene items. THANK YOU to our St. John the Baptist community! If you want to participate in this life-giving ministry, please **contact Pat** at patd@seattlesvdp.org.



Stewardship of Treasure Season is Here

Last weekend, we began our yearly focus on Parish Stewardship. We invite you to reflect prayerfully on how God has blessed you and how God has called each of us to share a designated portion of these blessings.

Your gifts help our parish to continue our mission to serve one another in the name of Jesus Christ. It allows us to provide assistance to those in need, to livestream Mass to our homebound, to prepare children and adults to receive our Sacraments, to keep the lights on, and to coordinate our wonderful ministries. Your gift truly matters, and we are grateful for you!



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

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/ 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.

Please contact Luis Diaz de Leon, St. John’s Music Ministry Coordinator, at luisd@sjtbcc.org. Or you can leave a voice mail message by calling the office at 253-630-0701 ext. 108.

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."

We Still Need Diapers

We thank you for your recent support with the various sizes of diapers to support our *PREPARES* program.

We are still in need of diapers **Sizes 5 & 6**. If you are able to assist, please **drop donations of diapers at the office or the Life, Justice, Peace table out in the narthex**. These gifts of diapers will help provide a sense of stability to our moms in need. Thank you for your support!

Articles That Don't Make Our Bulletin Deadline

The bulletin is sent out every week in an email that also contains updates, sneak previews, and other information that sometimes do not make the bulletin deadline. (Articles are due 10 days before the Sunday you want your article to appear.) If you would like to have a condensed version of your article sent out in the weekly Friday email, please contact Kathy at communications@sjtbcc.org. This email reaches our Facebook and website editors as well as the bulletin.

School Supply Drive Was Successful

Judy Peterson, the driving force behind the St. John the Baptist *School Supply Drive*, would like to extend a huge thank you to all those who donated school supplies to support the *Kent School District* and *Communities In School*. The school district serves 28 elementary schools, which will greatly benefit from these school supplies.



Judy states that she is "overjoyed and overwhelmed" by the support that the parish community of St. John the Baptist gives every school year to this cause. This year was no exception.

We caught her in the act of loading up and filling every inch of her car to deliver the school supplies.

Every piece of notebook or other school supplies will certainly help our children in need! Thank you!

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 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/ 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
- Grades 5 to 12 – **Peter Guthrie**
253-630-0701 ext. 110 or peterg@sjtbcc.org

Our Community

Save the Date
Winter Wonderland Bazaar
November 4th 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
St. Barbara Catholic Church
32416 6th Ave Black Diamond

The first annual Winter Wonderland bazaar hosted by the Knights of Columbus will be held on November 4th from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. in our newly remodeled parish hall at St. Barbara Catholic Church. Come enjoy a wide selection of homemade items from food, carvings, pictures, paintings, clothing and more! If you are interested in being a vendor, please reach out to Zack Midles at zmidles@gmail.com.

SJTB ADULT FORMATION PRESENTS

Guest
presenter

**TOM
EAST**



JOURNEY TOGETHER WITH CHRIST

PARISH MISSION

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 be Christ to one another, to live in the freedom God brings us, and to encounter God's love and mercy as we walk this faith together.

Like God's chosen people in the exodus, we emerge from the slavery of sin and fear to live in the freedom of Christ as we embrace the call to grow, change and share God's love with our brothers and sisters.

Tom East is a national speaker and serves as the Pastoral Assistant for Saint Charles Borromeo Parish in Tacoma. Previously, he was the Director of the Center for Ministry Development, Director of Youth Ministry, and the Associate Director of Religious Education for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Tom holds a Master of Arts degree in Religious Studies from Mount St. Mary's College in Los Angeles. Tom is author for numerous books and resources including Leadership for Catholic Youth Ministry.

In the Sanctuary

Sunday, 9/17, 7-8:30pm

"Christ Calls Us To Walk With Each Other To Freedom"

Monday, 9/18, 10-11:30am or 7-8:30pm

"Our God is With Us In The Wilderness of Change."

(Monday's sessions end with Tazie Prayer)

Tuesday, 9/19, 10-11:30am or 7-8:30pm

"We Are Sent By Eucharist to Become Nourishment For a Hungry World"

(Join us for Mass before Tuesday's Sessions at 9am or 6:30pm)

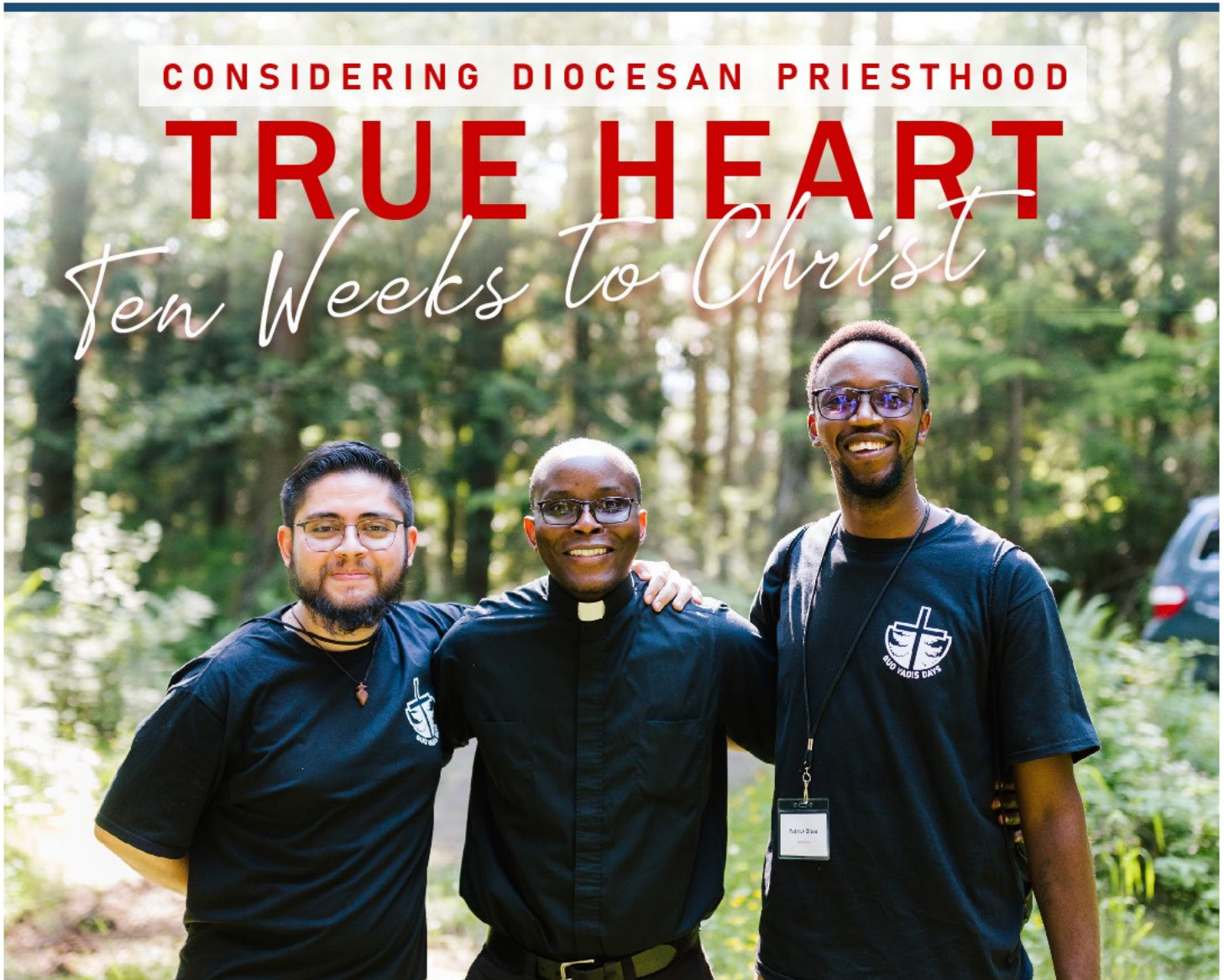
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Child Care Available—Call the Parish Office 253-630-0701

“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 or (206) 382-4276



WHICH PATH WILL YOU TAKE?



What is God's Dream for YOU?

Come & See!

September 29-October 1, 2023

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Best self!*



*Live your
Best life!*

*What's it like
to be a
Sister?*

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Ask your questions * Get to know us!

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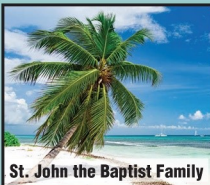
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