

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

September 17, 2023

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Mt 18:21-35)

Peter asked, "Lord, how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?"
"No, not seven times," Jesus replied, "but seventy-seven times seven!" (Matthew 18:21-22)



Photo courtesy of **Kathy Wickward**

Welcome New Parishioners
(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 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

Caring for Creation



For Mass there are 10 different Eucharistic prayers that can be used: four regular ones, two for the theme of Reconciliation, and four for special needs.

During the Season of Creation, I have been using the fourth of the regular Eucharistic Prayers. Throughout this prayer, there are references that not only has God "made all that is" but God also wills the salvation of all creation, not just us human beings. We pray that "the whole of creation be freed from the corruption of sin and death." This prayer also acknowledges our role in caring for creation. First, we human beings speak for all creation. The prayer states that with the angels in heaven, "we, too, confess God's name, giving voice to every creature under heaven."

We are also called into partnership with the Trinity. The Father has "entrusted the whole world to our care." Gifted by the Holy Spirit, we are called to bring to perfection in the world Christ's work so that Christ "might sanctify all creation."

As the people of God, we must work together on behalf of all Creation, as part of that mighty river of peace and justice. Find out more about *The Season of Creation* at seasonofcreation.org/

Fr. Bill

PARTNERS IN THE GOSPEL

The Communication Plan for PARTNERS IN THE GOSPEL will be announced to our parishioners on September 22, 2023 via the September 24 edition of the bulletin, which will be emailed on September 22. It will also be announced by the Archdiocese on the PARTNERS IN THE GOSPEL page at Archseattle.org/partners on September 23, 2023. The page will also include a list of proposed parish families.

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.cbcchurch.com/goto/forms/589/responses/new, or by calling the office at 253-630-0701.

Our Church



This Week in Our Church

Sunday, September 17

Mass - 9:00 am

Mass - 11:30 am

RCIA Dismissal - 11:30 am

Catechist Training - 12:00 noon

Mass - 5:30 pm

Fall Parish Mission - 7:00 pm

Monday, September 18

Word & Communion Service - 9:00 am

Fall Parish Mission - 10:00 am

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

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

Fall Parish Mission 7:00 pm

Knights of Columbus Leadership Meeting - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, September 19

Mass - 9:00 am

Fall Parish Mission - 10:00 am

Fall Parish Mission - 6:30 pm

MDES Rehearsal - 7:00 pm

WICS - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, September 20

Word & Communion Service - 9:00 am

American Sewing Guild Meeting - 9:30 am

AFC Meeting - 1:00 pm

Oracion - 6:00 pm

Stewardship & Evangelization - 6:30 pm

Vida en el Espiritu - 7:00 pm

Truthful Reign Band Practice - 7:00 pm

Thursday, September 21

PREPARES Meeting - 9:30 am

Creation Care Team Meeting - 1:00 pm

Hora Santa - 2:30 pm

Mass - 6:30 pm

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

Finance Council Meeting - 7:00 pm

RCIA/OCIA - 7:00 pm

Friday, September 22

Word & Communion Service - 9:00 am

Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 6:30 pm

Saturday, September 23

Adopt-A-Street 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

A Welcome Sight

To our newest members of St. John the Baptist parish, WELCOME! We are delighted that of the 12 Catholic parishes in South King County, you chose St. John the Baptist as your faith family.

The parish was delighted to welcome 17 new families with food, conversation, and gifts on Sunday, September 10, at the McMullen Center. The event is featured on the cover of our bulletin.

We are most grateful for the hospitality and pancakes shared by the *Knights of Columbus* for the event.

We look forward to connecting our new members with parish ministries and being blessed by the many talents they bring!

Our Church

Prayer Requests

For those who are **sick**:
Carolina Mendoza and **Robert Waters**

For those who have **died**:
Wave Massey (friend of Nancy Moore)
Rick Perko (brother of Rocky Perko)
Jackie Wallace (aunt of Bill Lepola)

The Funeral Ministry is Back

As you are most likely aware, the funeral ministry has been on hold for the last two months, because we have not had enough volunteers to support funeral receptions. During that time, the team explored options to restart offering receptions. We came up with some ideas to reduce the workload, and we've had some new volunteers sign up.

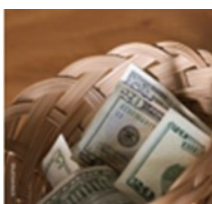
A sign-up sheet is created for those who have not officially joined our ministry but are interested in participating on a **limited basis**, such as donating a salad or a dessert, reception setup (9:30 am - 12:00 noon), serving (12:00 noon - 1:00 pm), cleanup (1:00 pm - 3:00 pm), delivering leftover food for donation as needed, and washing table linens and returning them to the McMullen Center.

If you are interested, please sign up at this link:
archseattle.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/875/responses/new

Thanks for your interest in this vital ministry.



Stewardship of Treasure Season is Here



We begin our yearly focus on Parish Stewardship on September 23. You will soon be receiving a letter from Fr. Bill with our parish's annual report. 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 continue our mission to serve one another in the name of Jesus Christ by allowing us to provide assistance to those in need, offering wonderful liturgies and music, preparing children and adults to receive our Sacraments, keeping the lights on, and coordinating our wonderful ministries. Your gift truly matters, and **we are grateful for you!**



Let Justice and Peace Flow

Season of Creation 2023

A Mighty River
Amos 5: 24

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 Has Arrived!

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

Last weekend, we started the new Mass setting, *Mass of St. Mary Magdalene*, (written by Sarah Hart) at the 9:00 am and 11:30 am Masses. In case you missed the debut, you can watch it on our Facebook page as livestreamed on Sunday, September 10 at 9:00 am.

You can still listen to the new Mass setting on our website at sjtbcc.org/new-mass-setting/ or scan the QR Code below.



As we continue with this Mass setting, we will have printed handouts (with music notes) available at the seats to help you sing along.

Because each music group needs to be comfortable leading the new setting, start dates may vary with each music group at Mass.

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

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. If your pet does not like to travel or does not play well with others, we invite you to bring a picture instead.

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.

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

OPOP Team Thanks You

Chaz and the One Parish One Prisoner (OPOP) team would like to thank all the parishioners, who turned up at the August 20 *Welcome Home Event*. Chaz was extremely touched by all the expressions of love and concern, for all the prayer wishes, as well as all the gift cards, "Welcome Home" basket and financial donations. He feels truly supported and is resolved to do well for his family and himself, when he is released in October.

Our Bulletin Has a New Email Address

Effective immediately, the new bulletin email is communications@sjtbcc.org. Because of the different social media platforms on which these articles and ads are now published, we have created an electronic mailbox accessible by members of our communications team leads to view all submitted articles and ads.

Please note that bulletin@sjtbcc.org is still valid and is monitored daily by the bulletin editor.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation. This new email box will also accept feedback on our website, Facebook, bulletin, and other social media platforms. We look forward to hearing from 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.

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.



On **Sunday, September 17 after the 9:00 am Mass**, everyone is invited to congregate outside the church's portico for our first ever parish group photo! We have been dreaming of a picture of our church with the "actual" church (you, the people), rather than just the building, for our promotional materials and website. **Participation is entirely voluntary** - we will be doing a drone shot from above the church. If you would like to be included but normally attend another Mass, please be there at 10 am on Sunday for the photo shoot.

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, 9:30-11:30am or 6:30-8:30pm

"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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