

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

October 29, 2023

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Mt 22:34-40)

“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.”

This is the greatest and first commandment. (Mt 22:37-38)



Photo courtesy of David Aldous

Your Bodies Are Temples of the Holy Spirit (Corinthians 6:19)
(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

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

Saturday: 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Sunday & Monday: 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

Partners in the Gospel Update

Two Thousand Four Hundred pages of feedback have been submitted to the Archdiocese from 136 of the 138 parishes in the Archdiocese. Here at St. John the Baptist, we had six listening sessions in person and two on Zoom and about 160 parishioners participated. The Archdiocese has 20 Readers, who will go through the feedback, each comment being read by at least two Readers. A synthesis will be develop for each parish and each parish family.

The Oversight Committee and Presbyteral Council will discern what changes to the proposed parish families should be made. By late January or early February 2024, the final configuration of the parish families will be announced. In April 2024, priest assignments will be made, determining how many priests will be assigned to each family. The families then take effect July 1, 2024.

The parish families will then begin a three-year process to discern how best to become one parish, focusing on worship, community formation, the growing of disciples, and reaching out to those in need. I imagine it will begin by simply getting to know one another and the unique make-up of each community, for the parish is really a community of communities.

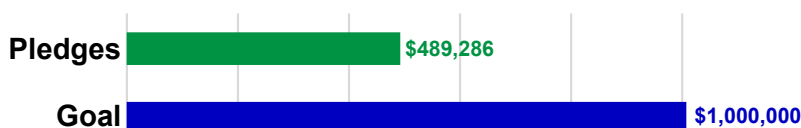
Please continue your prayer for our local church. A prayer for Partners in the Gospel can be found at sjtbcc.org/partners-in-the-gospel/.

Fr. Bill



Stewardship Update

Stewardship Pledge 2023 as of 10/20/23



	10/20/23	This time last year
Goal	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Pledges	\$489,286	\$590,167
No. of SJTB families	1231	1213
No. of families pledging	205	281
Average weekly pledge	\$45.90	\$40.39

Our Church



This Week in Our Church

Sunday, October 29

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 30

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

Tuesday, October 31

All Hallows Eve
Word & Communion - 9:00 am
WICS - 6:00 pm

Wednesday, November 1

All Saints Day
Mass (Solemnity of All Saints) - 9:00 am
Mass (Solemnity of All Saints) - 7:00 pm
Vida en el Espíritu - 7:00 pm

Thursday, November 2

All Soul's Day
Mostly Yoga - 7:30 am
Creation Care Team - 1:00 pm
Hora Santa - 2:30 pm
Safe Car Parking - 3:00 pm
Mass (Commemoration of All Souls) - 7:00 pm
RCIA/OCIA - 7:00 pm

Friday, November 3

Mass - 9:00 am
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 9:45 am
Hispanic Charismatic Adoration - 4:00 pm
Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 7:00 pm

Saturday, November 4

1st Reconciliation Parent/Child 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

Respecting Our Bodies Through Yoga

St. Paul says to the Corinthians, "Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, so glorify God in your body." Yoga is a series of blessed moments promoting strength and balance, mindfulness and inner peace. It is complementary to our Catholic faith.

Featured on our bulletin cover this week is St. John the Baptist's *Mostly Yoga* group, which started over 20 years ago. Under the leadership of **Vicky French** (5th from left in photo), a certified yoga instructor, the group practices not only yoga but other forms of wellness disciplines, meditation, and prayer to promote awareness of our bodies as temples of The Holy Spirit.

Yoga is offered in the McMullen Center from 7:30 am to 9:00 am on Mondays and Thursdays. The group welcomes anyone who wants to practice the joy of yoga, respecting one of God's greatest gifts - our bodies!

Our Church

Please Pray for

those who are **sick**:

Theresa Godinez
Brad Reorda

those who have **died**:

Hilda Abola (niece of Rosarita Parks)
Luz Manalo (friend of Carolina Mendoza)
Jim Patton (friend of Joe & Jennifer Burianek)
Frances Udeh (uncle of Nkechi Echeruo)
Renato Vellutino (uncle of Bonnie Sawyer)

Get Your Articles In Early

With the holidays coming up, we expect a lot of activities by the various ministries. If your ministry is planning on announcing an event or want an article in the bulletin, please remember to submit **no later than 10 days** before the weekend you want your article to appear. Email bulletin@sjtbcc.org if you have questions on the deadline or what can be published.



Feeding Our Hungry Neighbors at Thanksgiving

Photo from 2022 Distribution

Thanksgiving is just over a month away! Like we did last year, we are planning to serve our community by providing a nutritious Thanksgiving dinner for our less fortunate neighbors. We would like to raise enough money to purchase 500 meals to distribute to our St. Vincent de Paul families, as well as our families of Joint Base Lewis McChord, Kent School District, and others.

Many thanks to the fantastic people of *Beacon Hill Red Apple*, who will supply us with the food. Each meal is \$40. **To purchase the meals, we need help! We need money!** Please take an envelope, place your donation, and drop in the collection basket. You can also donate via the Pushpay button on our website, pushpay.com/g/sjtbcc and choose "Thanksgiving Meals."

We also need **volunteers** for our distribution day, Saturday, **November 18**. Volunteers will help with bagging the food, handing out the bags to our neighbors in need, and cleaning up. Students, if you need to fulfill your community service hours, here's your chance! Please consider volunteering and sign up at archseattle.ccbchurch.com/goto/scheduling/177/public. Volunteer an hour or volunteer all day! Various times are available, so you can choose the time that works best for you.

Thank you for your generosity.

Reminder: We Will Be Closed on Mondays

The parish office will be closed on Mondays **starting October 30**. There will be staff working on site, so if you have an appointment, be sure to contact your staff person by their direct number. **Calls to the general number will be directed to voice mail.**



Return Your Treasure Commitment Card



Thank you to all who have already returned their parish Stewardship commitment cards.

When we think of being good stewards, we may think that God is asking too much of us when He calls us to generously share our time, talent, and especially our treasures. However, we must remember that **we are not "owners" of anything; we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us.** All He is asking is that we give back a small portion in gratitude of what He has already given to us.

Your generosity supports the mission and the many ministries of St. John the Baptist. Your pledge remains with our parish.

We have reached almost 50% of our goal (\$489,286) but have only heard from less than 17% (205 families) of our parish households.

For those of you who have not yet pledged, please prayerfully reflect on how God is calling you to support our parish.

Please return the card sent to you in the mail. You can also fill out one of the cards on the seats in our Church and drop it in the collection basket. If you prefer pledging online, please visit us at sjtbcc.org/pledge/ or scan the QR code above to access the online giving website.

We thank you for your good Stewardship of all that God has given you.

Support our Hat, Mittens, and Scarf Drive

The hat, mittens, and scarf drive for the homeless is in full swing. Please bring your donations **by November 5**. There is a box in the narthex and one in the parish office. Thank you for your contribution to warming up those in need.



Our Church

Remember Your Loved Ones with a Photo on the Day of the Dead Altar



Día de los Muertos is a holiday celebrated throughout Mexico around the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls) on November 2. It is a time of remembrance and prayer for deceased loved ones. A key part of this celebration is the preparation of

an *Altar de Día de Muertos* (Day of the Dead altar), which is for family members to remember their beloved dead.

We will have an *Altar de Día de Muertos* in the narthex beginning Saturday, October 28, through All Soul's Day on November 2. **We invite you to bring a photo of your deceased loved one to put on the altar.**

Ultimately, the *Day of the Dead* is a celebration of life! We remember deceased loved ones and tell stories of the lives they lived among us. And, together with the whole Church, we pray that they may enter into eternal life with Christ.

Special Thanks to Our Generous Donors



St. John the Baptist (SJTB) PREPARES Ministry would like to extend a **special thank you** to Edline-Yahn and Covington Funeral Chapel for their generous donations of diapers, wipes, and baby toys. These gifts were given to a darling baby girl born in September.

Additionally, the Ministry would like to thank all of the anonymous SJTB parishioners who have dropped off diapers at the church! Your donations are helping over 12 families keep their babies healthy and dry! **You are greatly appreciated!**

Important For All NEW Volunteers

St. John the Baptist (SJTB) is committed to a safe environment for our children, youth, and vulnerable adults.

If you are new to volunteering in any capacity here at SJTB, please **register with Virtus Online within 30 days of volunteering** at virtusonline.org. This is a program that provides training on how to keep our vulnerable communities safe. It also does background checks.

If you are already registered with *Virtus Online* and have completed the certification process, you are good for four years. After four years, you will get a reminder email to recertify.

Thank you for keeping our vulnerable communities at SJTB safe!

Our Community

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK



No one discerns alone! We can help each other by talking about vocations in our families and our communities. **If you are married**, be a good example of a holy marriage. **If you have children**, talk to them from an early age about vocations. Invite priests, seminarians, and religious men and women to your house for coffee or dinner. Pray together for vocations often as a family. Ask "Who do you think God is calling you to be?"

National Vocation Awareness Week will be celebrated in our country November 5-11, 2023. Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated priests, deacons, and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of vocation. Find out about upcoming vocations events, ways to discover God's will, and more at seattlevocations.com.

Early Childhood Learning Fall Open House

You're invited! Please join us Sunday, **October 29 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.** Bring your whole family to tour our campus, meet our early childhood teachers and school leadership, and learn more about the St. Anthony experience!



Please visit our website at sasr.org to RSVP. If you are unable to attend but would like a tour or to receive more information, email Jean Dang at dang@sasr.org.



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.

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Advent is a time for new understanding, for putting different pieces of God's revelation together so as to see the divine plan more clearly. We listen to the words of the ancient prophets, to the wisdom of Jesus, to the stories of his birth and infancy, and we make connections between them. Then we connect those truths to our own lives and our contemporary world and see ways God is acting anew, ways God continues to reveal the coming of Jesus to us today.



Tuesdays 7-8:30pm

In person Nov 7- Feb 6, 2023
(except Dec 12, 19, 26 & Jan 2,
In Classroom 8A & 8B

Thursdays 10-11:30am


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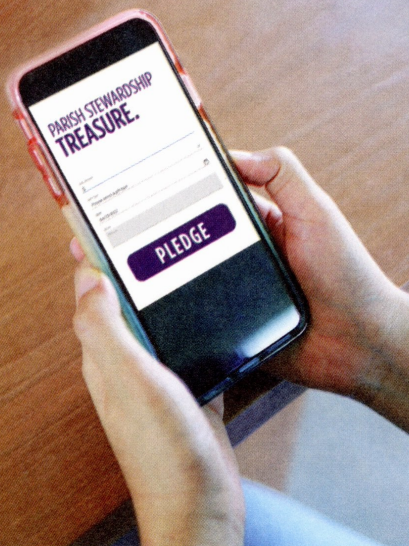
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STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE PLANNING

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>

PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE.



PLEASE
PRAYERFULLY
CONSIDER
GOD'S GIFTS
TO YOU AND
MAKE YOUR
PLEDGE TODAY.

Gratitude starts when we recognize
that we have received a gift.

Everything we have is a gift from God and we're called to share these gifts with others. This is stewardship.

Understanding this, embracing the joy of stewardship, is what creates in us a "need" to give. We give not because there is a need to give — but because our heart points us to give as a part of our faith journey. We give because we are grateful for what we have been given.

If you haven't already decided on your parish stewardship commitment, please prayerfully consider God's gifts to you and make your pledge today. Good things happen when you share. Seeing everything before us as gift — we joyfully accept the responsibility to grow and return our gifts to God.



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Summit

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Holy Spirit Catholic Church

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Keynote speaker: Gloria Purvis

Guest speakers: Deacon Mel Tardy and Fr. Robert P. Boxie, III

The summit will revolve around the notable keynote speaker, Gloria Purvis, a prominent author. Deacon Mel Tardy will delve into the life and impact of Daniel Rudd, emphasizing his efforts to call the Catholic Church to justice and beyond. The legacy of local Catholic military service members will be honored. The interrelationship between Black Catholic history and Catholic social teaching will be explored through a panel discussion featuring Malcolm Nelson, Principal of St. Therese Catholic Academy in Seattle, and Fr. Robert P. Boxie III, Chaplain at Howard University, and more. The day will culminate in a Mass of Praise and Worship, led by Archbishop Paul Etienne, offering participants to come together in faith and gratitude.

Register Now

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