

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

November 5, 2023

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (Lk 16:9-15)

Use your worldly resources to benefit others and make friends.
Then, when your earthly possessions are gone, they will welcome you to an eternal home. (Lk 16:9)



Photo courtesy of Knights of Columbus

Just in Time for the Changing Season
(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

A Shot in the Arm

The old idiom "a shot in the arm" once referred to something that had a sudden and positive effect on something, providing encouragement and new activity. Recently I got a shot in the arm – actually three of them - literally.

I got the flu vaccine (now the extra strength one for seniors), the COVID booster, and the new Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) vaccine – all recommended by my doctor. I guess he considers me an "older adult" for whom RSV could be serious.

Keeping current with vaccines not only protects our own health, but it helps protect the community and can lessen the spread of illnesses.

As we enter the cold and flu season, please remember that if you are sick, stay home. Being sick, and even taking care of someone who is sick, dispenses you from the obligation to participate in person at Mass. If you have any cold or flu symptoms, you should also not be attending other parish gatherings such as our faith formation programs.

If anyone in your household tests positive for COVID, please follow the CDC guidelines at [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/isolation.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/isolation.html).

If you have been at the parish two to six days prior to getting sick, please alert the parish office to ensure people with whom you may have had contact with are aware, so they can monitor for symptoms.

I hope this is a shot in the arm for you to consider vaccinations and other ways you can protect your health and the health of our community.



Stewardship Update

Stewardship Pledge 2023 as of 10/27/23



	10/27/23	This time last year
Goal	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Pledges	\$576,402	\$590,167
No. of SJTB families	1231	1213
No. of families pledging	253	281
Average weekly pledge	\$43.81	\$40.39

Our Church

This Week in Our Church

Sunday, November 5

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, November 6

Office Closed

Mostly Yoga - 7:30 am

Word & Communion Service - 9:00 am

Prayer Ministry SFC Meeting - 9:30 am

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

Knights of Columbus Membership Meeting - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, November 7

Word & Communion - 9:00 am

WICS - 6:00 pm

Life, Justice, Peace Commission - 6:30 pm

Bible Study "Advent Light" - 7:00 pm

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

HS Confirmation Year 2 - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, November 8

Mass - 9:00 am

Oracion - 6:00 pm

Middle School Youth Group - 7:00 pm

Parish Leadership Team Meeting - 7:00 pm

RCIA Family Prep - 7:00 pm

Choir (Truthful Reign) Practice - 7:00 pm

Vida en el Espíritu Santo - 7:00 pm

Thursday, November 9

Mostly Yoga - 7:30 am

Bible Study "Advent Light" (Zoom) - 10:00 am

Hora Santa - 2:30 pm

Facility & Grounds Commission Meeting - 4:30 pm

One Parish One Prisoner Meeting - 5:00 pm

Mass Veteran's Day - 6:30 pm

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

Liturgy Commission - 7:00 pm

RCIA/OCIA - 7:00 pm

Friday, November 10

Creative Kindness Sewing - 9:00 am

Mass - 9:00 am

Quinceañera - 3:00 pm

Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 6:30 pm

Saturday, November 11

Veteran's Day

Gospel Reflection SFC - 10:00 am

1st Reconciliation Parent/Child Retreat - 1:00 pm

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

Just in Time for the Changing Season

John the Baptist said to the crowd who came for baptism, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food, share it with those who are hungry." *Luke 3:11*

St. John the Baptist parishioners lived by these words and donated generously to the *Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids* fundraising event, which was held a few weeks ago. As a result of those generous donations, the *Knights of Columbus* were able to purchase and distribute almost **300 coats** to grateful local elementary school children and family assistance agencies. Hats given to these children and families were lovingly crocheted by **Betty DeWolf**. Thank you Betty!

Featured on our cover are some of our parish Knights, who helped children get fitted into a coat. Thank you to everyone who donated, for being good disciples and sharing your coats with those who have none.

Our Church

Please Pray for

those who are **sick**:

Mary Arbeen, Theresa Boyd, Skyler Boyd, and Ellen Eisen

those who have **died**:

Trinette Canares (daughter of Tristan Canares)
Luz Manalo (friend of Carolina Mendoza)
Fran McHenry (mother-in-law of Therese McHenry)
Marie Whitney (aunt of Tia Bailey)



Feeding Our Hungry Neighbors at Thanksgiving

Photo from 2022 Distribution

Thanksgiving is almost here! And we need your help!

We are planning to serve our community by providing a nutritious Thanksgiving dinner for our less fortunate neighbors. But **we can't do this without your help**. So please consider donating towards our purchase of these meals. Each meal is \$45, and we plan to purchase 408 meals. So we will need at least \$18,360.

To donate, please take an envelope on one of the church chairs, write a check (to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church) or insert cash, and drop in the collection basket. We will **need the donation by November 17** to purchase the meals on the morning of the 18th. 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.



Thanksgiving Meal Distribution
November 2022

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.

Did You Lose Something in Church?

Our Lost and Found shelf is growing again with items left behind! Don't forget to check our Lost & Found area to the left (east end) of the narthex. We might have something that you have lost while attending Mass. It is on a shelf to your right as you turn the corner to go to the office.

We hope we can reunite these lost items with the owner. If you think you've lost something while attending Mass but can't find it there, please contact the office at 253-360-0701.



Time to Stop Storing Our Treasures On Earth (Mt 6:18)

Our Parish Stewardship of Treasure Renewal is coming to a close. We are grateful to those who have made a financial commitment to sustain our parish. Your gifts support our many ministries and help our parish continue its mission to build up the Body of Christ.

We have reached **58 % of our goal (\$576,402)** but have only heard from less than 21% (253 families) of our parish households.

We would love to hear from everyone! For those of you who have not yet pledged, please prayerfully reflect on how God is calling you to support our parish and heed the words of *Matthew 6:18*.

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 to the right to access the online giving website.



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

Our Church

Wanted: Friendly People

St. John the Baptist is looking for a few **volunteer receptionists**, who will be the voice and face of our community when people come to our office with questions. We currently have some times that are not covered, and we need sub coverage for vacations. Shifts are 9:00 am to 12:00 noon and 1:00 to 4:00pm.

Please **contact Kathy at 253-630-0710 x101** or email at Kathy@sjtbcc.org if you are interested in this important ministry! Thank you for giving us your treasure of time!



Our next session of **Financial Peace University** will begin in late January 2024. More information to follow.

This program offers a variety of online and written resources for money management and investing in your future. The nine sessions will be facilitated by a fellow parishioner and retired financial executive, who will share his expertise with participants.

This program is the perfect gift for parents and grandparents to share with your young adult children!

It helps people of all ages with planning for the future to not only stay out of debt but to build a life of generosity!

Classes will be held between Sunday morning Masses in the parish conference room.

Suggested cost is \$50 with some scholarships available.

For more information, please contact **Anne** at annef@sjtbcc.org or **253-630-0710 x125**.

Our Community



Worldwide Marriage Encounter is a weekend for married couples who value their relationship and desire a richer, fuller life together.

Sign up for upcoming WWME weekends at wwme.org.

February 9 to 11, 2024
Tacoma, WA

April 26 to 28, 2024
Everett, WA

More information: Jeff and Sandy Corneil 360-930-2321

Pancake Breakfast



Sunday, November 12
10:00 to 11:30 am

By supporting our pancake breakfast, your donations will assist a seminarian, who is most in need of assistance (determined by the Archdiocese), journey down the path of formation and discernment towards priesthood.



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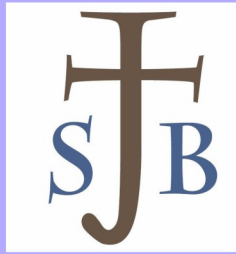
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ADVENT FUN DAY

November 19, 2023

MCMULLEN CENTER

10:00 - 11:30am

**FAMILIES, TEENS AND
ADULTS WELCOME**

**Activities to Prepare for
Advent**

- Arts and Crafts!
- Outreach Project!
- Cookies!
- Games!
- and more!



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
Adult Faith Formation

"Advent Light"

THRESHOLD BIBLE STUDY

The method of Threshold Bible Study is rooted in the classical tradition of lectio divina, an ancient yet contemporary means for reading the Scriptures reflectively and prayerfully. Reading and interpreting the text (lectio) is followed by reflective meditation on its message. The reading and reflecting flows into prayer from the heart.

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, 9)
In Classroom 8A & 8B

Thursdays 10-11:30am

via zoom Nov 9 - Feb 8, 2023
(except Nov 23, Dec 21, 28, & Jan 4)
Cost is \$10.00 for the book

Click Here to Register

<https://tinyurl.com/BibleStudysjtb>

For more information contact Joan Williamson
253-630-0701 x109 joanw@sjtbcc.org



REPORT FROM ROME:

Did the church listen to women and LGBTQ Catholics at the synod?



Heidi Schlumpf

*National Catholic Reporter
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Fall Catholic Heritage Lecture and the 2023 Ann O'Hara Graff Lecture

Tuesday, November 14 at 4pm Public Reception at 3:15pm, Campion Ballroom

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