

# THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

January 14, 2024  
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ?  
But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. Avoid immorality. (1 Cor 6:15-17)





## 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**.

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*Father Bill is on a week-long retreat. Below is an article that was published in February 2023. The subject of anointing of the sick is an ongoing subject of discussion and merits repeating.*

### When We Are Called Home

Recently, people have been asking about the “Last Rites.” This term has not been used for the past 60 years. The Second Vatican Council, in its reform of the liturgy, restored *Extreme Unction* (the *Last Anointing*) to its more ancient practice of being not just for the dying, but for the sick. Now known as the *Anointing of the Sick*, this sacrament prays for healing of body and soul. It is celebrated with those who are seriously ill, anticipating surgery, or suffering from advancing age.

The Church has a special care for those who are dying. There are two prayers for the dying. The first is called *Viaticum*, which translates “for the journey.” It is sharing Holy Communion with the dying and focuses on the gift of Eucharist as the promise of eternal life. “Jesus said, ‘The one who eats my body and drinks my blood will live forever.’” (Jn 6:54) *Viaticum* often includes a renewal of one’s baptismal promises that began the journey of faith, now that the journey is reaching its conclusion.

The other prayer for the dying is called the *Commendation of the Dying*. It is a beautiful prayer that includes the litany of the saints and entrusts the dying into the gentle embrace of God. In one sense, it is the sending forth of the Christian soul from this life to eternity. Not only a comfort to the person dying, this prayer can have great meaning for family and friends who have gathered.

The *Anointing of the Sick* is led by a bishop or priest. *Viaticum* and the *Commendation of the Dying* can be led by a priest, deacon, or even a layperson. With fewer priests possibly covering larger areas, lay people may be called upon more and more to pray with the dying and accompanying them on this journey of faith. Though often difficult, it is a very holy experience.

*Fr. Bill*

**Mass Schedule:**  
Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm  
Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:30 am, 5:30 pm  
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

## Contact Us!

Please feel free to email or call one of us below if you have any questions regarding our parish.

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# This Week in Our Church

## Sunday, January 14

Mass - 9:00 am  
Elementary Program - 10:15 am  
Mass - 11:30 am  
RCIA Dismissal - 11:30 am  
Mass - 5:30 pm  
Youth Group (HS) - 6:30 pm

## Monday, January 15

Mostly Yoga - 7:30 am  
Word & Communion - 9:00 am  
Prayer Ministry SFC Meeting - 9:30 am  
Choir (9am) Practice - 7:00 pm  
Knights of Columbus Leadership Meeting - 7:00 pm

## Tuesday, January 16

Word & Communion Service - 9:00 am  
WICS - 6:00 pm  
Advent Light Bible Study - 7:00pm  
Choir (Fil-Am) Practice - 7:00 pm  
St. Vincent de Paul Meeting - 7:00 pm

## Wednesday, January 17

Mass - 9:00 am  
American Sewing Guild Meeting - 9:30 am  
Oracion - 6:00 pm  
Stewardship & Evangelization Comm. Meeting - 6:30 pm  
Choir (Truthful Reign) Practice - 7:00 pm  
Vida en el Espíritu Santo - 7:00 pm  
Youth Group (MS) - 7:00 pm

## Thursday, January 18

Mostly Yoga - 7:30 am  
PREPARES Meeting - 9:30 am  
Advent Light Bible Study - 10:00 am  
Creation Care Team Meeting - 1:00 pm  
Hora Santa - 2:30 pm  
Mass - 6:30 pm  
Finance Council Meeting - 7:00 pm  
RCIA/OCIA - 7:00 pm

## Friday, January 19

Craft & Hobby Retreat - 10:00 am  
Mass - 9:00 am  
Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 6:30 pm

## Saturday, January 20

Craft & Hobby Retreat - 9:00am  
Faith Formation Commission Meeting - 9:00 am  
Gospel Reflection SFC - 10:00 am  
Confessions - 4:00 to 5:00 pm  
Mass - 5:30 pm

## Please Pray for

the sick:

**Susan Christ**     **Faye Driessen**  
**Barb Hogenhout**

and those who have recently died:

**Jesse Chavallo**  
(cousin of Manny Martinez)  
**Robert Michael Cotton**  
(friend of the Hammock Family)  
**Julie Wynne**  
(sister-in-law of Nancy Moore)



## New Hospitality Ministry Needs You!

If you are interested in supporting St. John the Baptist in the area of hospitality, we want to hear from you!

We invite you to participate in hospitality in the following areas:

- Setting up and decorating for events
- Planning, preparing, and/or serving food
- Taking down and cleaning after events

You can volunteer for all or part of these aspects of hospitality that are so greatly needed and appreciated if you have interest, talents/skills, or feel called to support the parish in this way. If you are interested, please fill out this form: [sjtbcc.org/hospitality/](http://sjtbcc.org/hospitality/) or scan the QR code to the right.



Thank you for your time and interest. We look forward to hearing from you!

## Show Us Your Art Skills

The bulletin team is looking for artists, who can provide artwork for the cover of our bulletin.

The drawing must depict the life at St. John the Baptist Catholic community in some way. We welcome any artwork as long as you don't mind having your name published in our bulletin. If you are interested in featuring your artwork or need more information, please contact Pat at [communications@sjtbcc.org](mailto:communications@sjtbcc.org).

## Cold Temperatures Bring Icy Mornings

When the temperatures drop below freezing, frost and ice form on the parking lot and sidewalks and create unsafe conditions for people attending the 9:00 am Mass.

Without a dedicated ministry, de-icing the parking lot was only made possible by snagging a parishioner or two before Mass to help with the de-icing. We need a few **strong people/families willing to be on a winter rotation** to come and spread the de-icer on our sidewalks and parking lot at 8:00 am on these icy mornings. This will be a special ministry team that will only operate through mid-March.

Please contact **David** at (253) 630-0701 x114 if you can support this ministry.

Thank you for your gift of time and talent.

## A Reminder for all NEW Volunteers

St. John the Baptist (SJT B) 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](http://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 three years while in active service. You will get a reminder email when your next cycle will need to be renewed.

For people without access to minors or vulnerable adults but with access to cash, checks, or other negotiables, a background check must be completed on or before the first day of service and every three years while in active service. This requirement is also in effect for those volunteers who drive on behalf of the parish.

Thank you for keeping our vulnerable communities at SJTB safe!

## Annual Report is Now Available

Would you like to see a review of our activities between July 2022 to June 2023 at St. John the Baptist? If so, you've come to the right place! The staff has put together a report that captures the highlights of our parish during this period. It also gives a brief financial overview of our income and expenses as well as a high-level view of the financial health of our ministries and commissions.

Please take some time to read through our report at [sjtbcc.org/annual-report/](http://sjtbcc.org/annual-report/)

If you have any questions, please contact the office staff at 253-630-0701.

## Narthex Displays Must Be Approved

Out with the old and in with the new! But before you think of bringing your “old” things to give out for free and display on a table out in our narthex, please call the office at 253-630-0701. There may be exceptions, but it is typically not allowed to display personal items to give for free. Father Bill or the staff needs to approve any material displayed in the narthex. Consider giving your gently-used items that you no longer need to our *St. Vincent de Paul* ministry.

Also, please do not leave any medals, rosaries, or other religious materials in the narthex.

Thank you for your cooperation.

## Partners in the Gospel Update

On November 16, 2023, the archdiocese released a letter from Archbishop Etienne and a Parish Feedback Report which synthesizes more than 3,000 pages of feedback from over 700 input session reports and 800 online forms during the Public Input Phase this fall. A review of the feedback was made by the Presbyteral Council, Priest Personnel Board, Oversight Committee, Partners Core team and Archbishop Etienne. As a result, proposed changes emerged for 25 parish families. There was a second round of consultation with staff and parishioners with these 25 proposed parish families. Archbishop Etienne is now in the final stages of discernment, and the final **list of parish families will be released on February 3, 2024.**

## Welcome New Parishioners!

Have you joined St. John the Baptist in the last year? If so, we would love to welcome you and get to know you at our Welcome Gathering **lunch on January 28, 2024 after the 11:30 am Mass.** We look forward to seeing you there!

Please **RSVP** to Anne Frederick at [annef@sjtbcc.org](mailto:annef@sjtbcc.org) by **January 24, 2024.**

## Hearing Devices Available at Mass

Did you know that we have hearing devices available at Mass? These devices are designed to work with most hearing aids. If your hearing aids aren't compatible or if you don't have them, we have earphones that work with the devices. The devices are on the video desk in the back of the sanctuary.

Please reach out to a staff person or point person before Mass for a hearing device. Don't forget to return them after Mass.



## Calling All Crafters!

There are still some open spaces for the Craft and Hobby retreat happening on January 19 and 20 from 10am to 9pm on Friday and 9am to 9pm on Saturday. Remember that this is 11-12 hours of pure crafting. When was the last time you spent that much time on something you love doing? Come join us. **Contact Nancy Moore at [nancy.moore@comcast.net](mailto:nancy.moore@comcast.net) for registration by Tuesday, January 16.**

## Young Adult Silent Retreat

Join Abbot Marion from Saint Martin's Abbey for a weekend of prayerful silence with fellow young adults. Kick off the new year with rest and rejuvenation as we seek to listen to Christ.

**January 26 to 28, 2024**

Archbishop Brunett Center, Federal Way

To learn more and register, please visit [archseattle.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/1717/responses/new](https://archseattle.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/1717/responses/new).

## Mass for Healthcare Professionals & Caregivers

If you work in healthcare in any capacity, you are invited by Archbishop Etienne to join in person or livestream to celebrate members of the healthcare community and profession on **Saturday, February 10 at 5:30 pm at St. James Cathedral** (804 9th Ave., Seattle, WA 98104)

Hospital workers are encouraged to wear their scrubs or other professional attire.

Mass is held in February to coincide with the World Day of Prayer for the Sick, instituted by Pope John Paul II in 1992 as “a special time of prayer and sharing and of reminding everyone to see in his sick brother or sister the face of Christ.”

## Ways to Enrich Your Faith

Start your new year off right by practicing ways to enrich your faith. The Archdiocese of Seattle [archseattle.org/the-catholic-faith/enrich-your-catholic-faith/](https://archseattle.org/the-catholic-faith/enrich-your-catholic-faith/) for more [details](#) lists four ways that you can do this.

- Make time for prayer. Prayer changes us to be more accepting and trusting of God's grace in our lives.
- Read the New Testament. Get daily readings on the USCCB Website at [bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading](https://bible.usccb.org/daily-bible-reading)
- Frequent the sacraments. Read about the seven sacraments at [nwcatholic.org/voices/northwest-catholic/let-god-love-you-in-the-sacrament-of-reconciliation](https://nwcatholic.org/voices/northwest-catholic/let-god-love-you-in-the-sacrament-of-reconciliation)
- Explore Catholic media (magazines, Catholic radio, apps, social media and more).

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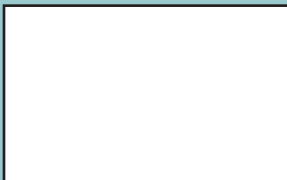
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