

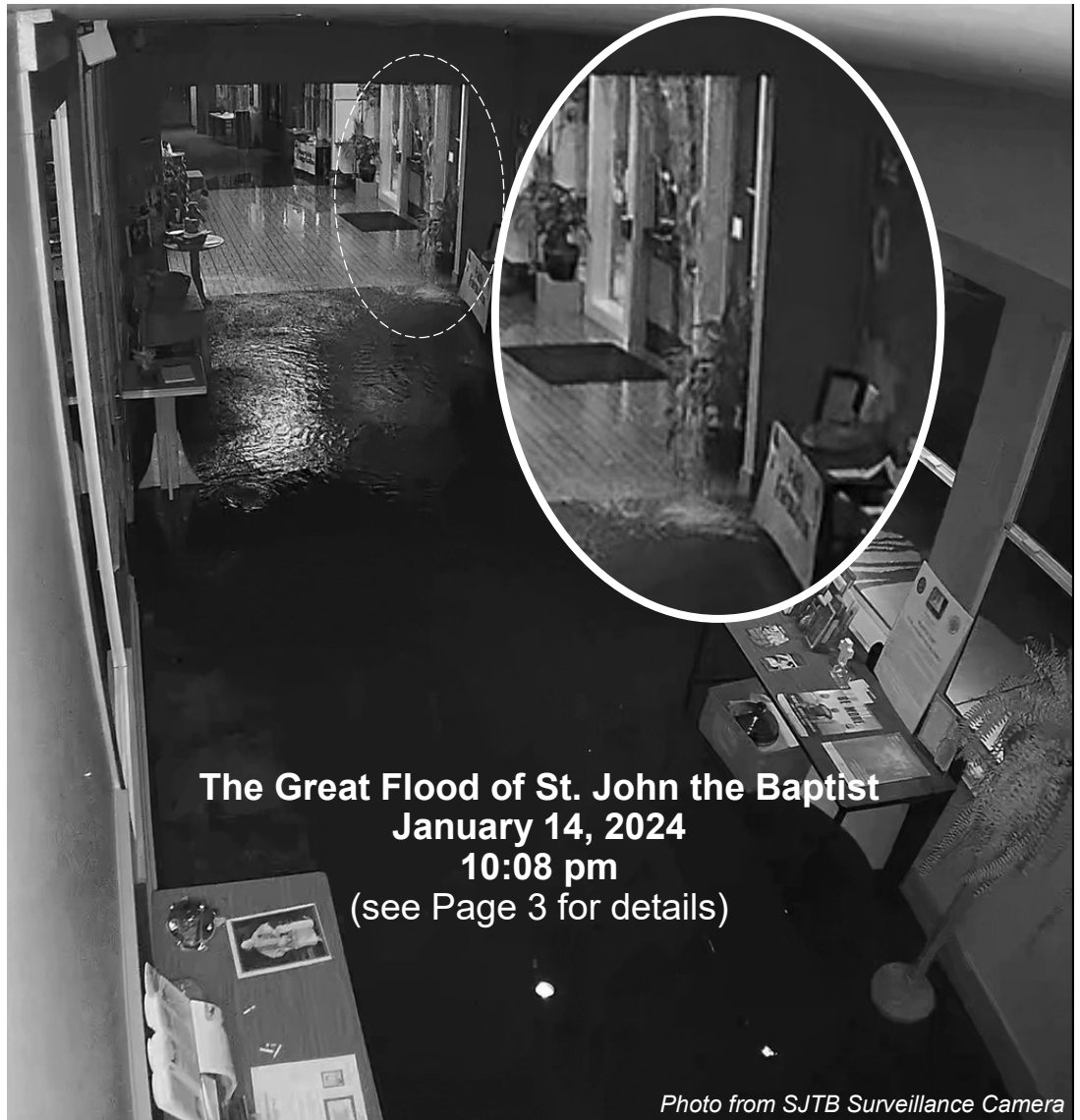
THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

January 28, 2024
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95:8)



Staff photos



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**.



Catholic Schools

I am grateful that I had the opportunity to go to a Catholic grade school. Not only did it give me a strong start in my education, but it also fostered a bond between my parish and my family and taught me to love my Catholic faith. I believe our Catholic schools are valuable and effective tools for nurturing faith in families and in children. Unlike state-run schools, our school helps educate the whole child: intellectual, spiritual, and moral. Standards set and achieved by Catholic schools are well known and highly respected. The high quality of instruction in our schools, innovative approaches to the use of the latest technology, and a challenging curriculum prepare our students for every educational and vocational challenge they will face as the years go by. Our Catholic schools also respect the role of parents and work in close collaboration with them.

While our parish does not have a school, some of our parishioners attend [Holy Family School](#) in Auburn or [St. Anthony School](#) in Renton. Our parish tries to assist these families, helping to make up the difference between in-parish and out-of-parish tuition. The cost per pupil in our Catholic schools is less than in the state-run schools. However, those state-run schools are supported by federal, state, and local taxes. It is our parents who make the sacrifice to be able to send their children to Catholic schools.

The Fulcrum Foundation tries to ensure that an excellent Catholic education is accessible to any family that wants it. You can support Catholic education through your donation to the parish. To further support Catholic education, consider a donation to Fulcrum: fulcrumfoundation.org/donate/form/

Fr. Bill

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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On the Cover

This is Why We Pay for Insurance

On the night of Sunday, January 14, 2024, and after a weekend of night temperatures in the single digits and windchills of below 0°, our Facility staff person, **David Aldous**, received a phone call from the Fire Department that the church alarm had been triggered. Upon arrival at the church, he discovered that the sprinkler system, which triggered the alarm, was unloading a few thousand gallons of water into St. John the Baptist's (SJTb) narthex and sanctuary. Water saturated the carpet as far as the nursery on one end and outside the vesting sacristy on the other.

Yes, SJTB has insurance. Unfortunately, insurance policies also come with deductibles, specifically to the tune of \$25,000. Damage is estimated to be well over \$100,000.

Stay tuned for more updates.

This Week in Our Church

Sunday, January 28

Mass - 9:00 am

Blood pressure screening after both morning Masses
Elementary Program - 10:15 am

Mass - 11:30 am

RCIA Dismissal - 11:30 am
New Parishioner Welcome Gathering - 12:00 noon

Mass - 5:30 pm

Youth Group (HS) - 6:30 pm
1st Eucharist Parent's Meeting - 7:00 pm

Monday, January 29

Mostly Yoga - 7:30 am

Word & Communion - 9:00 am
Choir (9am) Practice - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, January 30

Word & Communion Service - 9:00 am

WICS - 6:00 pm

Advent Light Bible Study - 7:00pm
Choir (Fil-Am) Practice - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, January 31

Mass - 9:00 am

Oracion - 6:00 pm

Choir (Truthful Reign) Practice - 7:00 pm
Vida en el Espíritu Santo - 7:00 pm
Youth Group (MS) - 7:00 pm

Thursday, February 1

Mostly Yoga - 7:30 am

Advent Light Bible Study - 10:00 am
Creation Care Team - 1:00 pm
Hora Santa - 2:30 pm
Safe Parking Meeting - 3:00 pm

Mass - 6:30 pm

RCIA/OCIA - 7:00 pm

Friday, February 2

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, February 3

Gospel Reflection SFC - 10:00 am

Funeral for Frederick Zagurski - 11:00 am
Reconciliation - 4:00 to 5:00 pm

Mass - 5:30 pm

Next Week

Strengths Party, **Saturday, February 10, 6:30 pm**

Please Pray for

the sick:

Rolando Alas **Susan Crist**
Faye Driessen **Bill Lepola**
Diane Price **Lee Williams**

and those who have recently died:

Barbara Hogenhout
 (sister of Therese McHenry)

Your Envelopes and Special Collections



We continue to have special collections every month, which support causes outside our parish (i.e., PREPARES, Rice Bowl, and Catholic Home Missions).

If you receive envelopes, it is really important that you **use the correct envelope** for your donations, so they will get credited to where you would like them to go. If we receive a donation in a Special Collection envelope, we assume it is intended for that Special Collection. But, if you are using that envelope because you don't have the stewardship envelope you need for that week, **please write the word STEWARDSHIP** in large letters somewhere on that envelope, so we can credit it correctly.

Thank you so much for all of your generosity to the parish and special causes. **We appreciate you!**

St. John the Baptist's Financial Health

Our net income and facility expenses reflect our use of the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) rebate to install parking lot improvements. We do not count ACA rebates received until it is used next year. We are nearly \$40,000 short in expected stewardship giving but have kept expenses down this year, particularly by not being not fully-staffed.

July 2023-December 2023	Actual
Stewardship Giving	\$567,229
Interest on Savings	\$8,142
Grants and Fundraising	\$35,328
Program Fees and Donations	\$56,296
Total Income	\$666,995
Salaries and Administration	\$479,579
Office	\$17,897
Facilities and Grounds	\$70,874
Stewardship & Evangelization	\$3,877
Liturgy & Music	\$12,636
Pastoral Care	\$7,020
Life, Justice, Peace	\$46,065
Faith Formation	\$10,528
Total Expenses	\$648,476
Net Income	\$18,519

LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE FOR CATHOLICS

WHEN

Ash Wednesday & Good Friday = Fasting & Abstinence
 Every Friday = Abstinence

WHO?

Catholics 14+ practice abstinence,
 Catholics 18-59 practice fasting

WHAT IS FASTING?

One full meal & two smaller meals ≠ one full meal

WHAT IS ABSTINENCE?

No meat

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What To Do With Old Palms



Bring your old palms to be burnt. Ashes will be used for distribution on Ash Wednesday. **Put them in the box in the narthex.**

Out of proper respect for the blessed palms, please do not dispose of old palms in the trash. The proper way is to burn or bury them.



LENT Save the Dates!

Please be sure to mark your calendars for the following:

Faith Formation Lent Event - February 11, 10:15 am

Ash Wednesday - February 14.

Mass with Ash distribution - 9:00 am and 7:00 pm

Liturgy of the Word with Ash distribution - 5:30 pm

Stations of the Cross - 7:00 pm on
 2/16, 2/23, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29 (Fridays)

Lenten Reconciliation Service - March 9, 10:00 am

Lunch is included

Parish Lenten Retreat

February 17, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

The Discernment Process for Partners in the Gospel Continues

Based on the input from the public consultation phase last fall, changes were recommended for 25 parish families, which impact 78 individual parishes and missions. These parishes and missions were invited to hold a second round of listening with their parishioners to gather input on the updated version of their parish family. This feedback has been incorporated into the discernment process.

Discernment is different than simply “making a decision.” It involves prayer and quiet time to listen to the Holy Spirit to understand the direction this journey should take us. At this time, we ask everyone to continue praying for this effort.

Upcoming Key Dates

Feb 3-4, 2024

Final parish family plan will be announced.

Spring 2024

Pastor and parochial vicar announced.

July 2024

Parish families, under the leadership of one pastor, will begin.



**Come learn and find out how
God has uniquely gifted you.**

**Contact Anne Frederick in the parish office
annef@sjtbcc.org**

Celebrating Our Rich Cultures

Filipino Choir, Flores de Mayo, Halo Halo Social, Hispanic Charismatic Adoration & Prayer, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Simbang Gabi, Hora Santa, Vida en el Espiritu Santo – these are our most popular examples of multicultural activities here at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. However, they represent only a small piece of the cultural diversity that we see and hear every week, as we look at and listen to our fellow parishioners.

We, the members of your *Liturgical Commission*, are interested in exploring ways to include a fuller and richer variety of the cultural traditions practiced by our parish families.

The word “catholic” means “including a wide variety of things; all-embracing; universal.” We would like your help in furthering St. John the Baptist’s efforts to embrace this ideal.

If your heritage includes a particular feast day, liturgical practice, or celebration that you would like to see embraced by our community, please let us know by contacting **Laurie Moloney** at lauriem@sjtbcc.org or ext. 111.



Happy Birthday St. John the Baptist!

We are 33 years old this month!

St. John the Baptist has a legacy of stewardship since its establishment in 1991. Members are encouraged to share God’s gifts with others in a spirit of joy and generosity in a model established by Archbishop Hunthausen. Father Jack Walmsley was the founding pastor. Services were initially held at Horizon Elementary School until the 250-family parish raised the capital for the Church building. In 2001, the rapid growth of the parish included a new education building and office space.

In 2002, the parish welcomed Father Jim Coyne as pastor. In 2021 Father Jim officially retired; we welcomed Father Bill McKee as our new pastor.

There are over 80 ministries serving both parishioners and the wider community. Please see our website sjtbcc.org/go-ministries/ for the various ministries.

The parish retired its debt in 2017 and continues to build its capital reserve. But it’s never too late to pledge your financial support for the parish by visiting us at sjtbcc.org/stewardship-of-treasure/!

You can read more about our history on our website at sjtbcc.org/gather-sacramental-community-life-2/welcome/

Thank you from the *Knights of Columbus*



The Knights of Columbus thank all who attended the Crab Feast on January 13. Though outside was bitterly cold, a warm atmosphere radiated throughout the guests inside. **The event raised nearly \$2,500** for various ministries and local community organizations. A special thanks to all of our volunteers, who made this event a success!



**Join the fun and food for our
next *Strengths* party!**

INCLUDES

INPUT

RESTORATIVE

Saturday, February 10

After 5:30 pm Mass

McMullen Center

RSVP by February 6

Annef@sjtbcc.org

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the way you serve*

We are very happy to introduce you to the first cohort called to be formed by the Christifideles program for service as lay ecclesial ministers! Responding to Archbishop Etienne's call to revitalize the crucial role of lay ministers in the Church, in the Fall of 2023 the Archdiocese of Seattle called forth qualified candidates to study for an MA degree and receive human, spiritual, intellectual, and pastoral formation. Together they will participate in the program's formation offerings while studying for an advanced degree with one of our partner institutions.



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Build bridges in the world

Accompany youth

Visit the sick and dying

and much more!



Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of a special member of our first cohort who died at the beginning of this year. Please pray for Helen Sullivan who was a member of St. Joseph in Vancouver. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen.*

THIS COULD BE YOU! WATCH FOR DETAILS COMING IN FEBRUARY.

To learn more visit <https://bit.ly/christifideles-cohort> or contact Deacon Eric Paige at eric.paige@seattlearch.org



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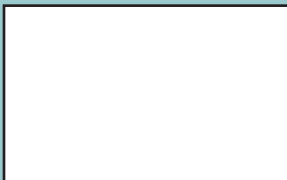
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