

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

February 11, 2024
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink or whatever you do,
do everything for the glory of God. (1 Cor 10:31)



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

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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**.



What Are You Doing for Lent?

The three traditional practices of Lent are Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. Many of us can remember as a child being taught to choose something to “give up” for Lent. What is more important than what we “give up” is why we give something up: why we fast, why we pray, why we give alms. The aim of these practices is our continuing conversion to Christ, our growth in knowledge of Him, and doing His will.

If you would like to do a little more prayer this Lent, consider praying the Liturgy of the Hours, which is done on Mondays and Tuesdays at 9:00 am. Weekday Mass is celebrated on Wednesdays and Fridays at 9:00 am and on Thursdays at 6:30 pm. Stations of the Cross are prayed on Fridays at 7:00 pm. Get started with Lent at our Parish Retreat on Saturday, February 17 starting at 9:00 am.

Fasting can be from certain foods. It can also be from things that inhibit your ongoing conversion to Christ. Maybe you can consider fasting from screen time. Work at overcoming a fault, a bad habit or particular vice with which you struggle. Replace the bad action with its opposite good action.

Almsgiving includes your charitable giving to the church and to the needy. It could also include an increased generosity of compliments, “thank-yous,” and words of encouragement. Your almsgiving could include a little extra help offered to a friend or family member.

A great opportunity for Lent is to participate in a small *Faith Sharing Group*. Join members of our parish for a weekly meeting to break open the scriptures, dialogue, and pray together during Lent. This will be a five-week journey with the options of an in-person group on Tuesday or Wednesday evenings or Zoom meetings on Thursday mornings. Sign up at sjtbcc.org/lent-encounter/ or call the parish office.

Let your Lent lead you closer to Christ. Pray, fast, and give alms.

Fr. Bill

Contact Us!

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On the Cover

Ash Wednesday

Did you know that the earliest date Ash Wednesday can fall on is February 4? The last time it fell on this date was in 1818. The next one will occur in 2285.

Steffi Daniel did a wonderful drawing of Ash Wednesday on the front of this bulletin. Here is how she describes Ash Wednesday:

"This drawing talks about Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday is the beginning of the Lent season. On Ash Wednesday we go for mass and the priest marks the sign of the cross with Ash on our forehead. We do this so that we remember to ask sorry for our sins, pray, and help other people in need. The Ash reminds us that we are made by God and we belong to him."

Need we say more? Thank you Steffi for this beautiful drawing and description.

If you want to submit a drawing for consideration for our bulletin cover, please email it to bulletin@sjtbcc.org.

This Week in Our Church

Sunday, February 11

Mass - 9:00 am

Faith Formation Lent Event - 10:00 am

Mass - 11:30 am

RCIA Dismissal - 11:30 am

Mass - 5:30 pm

Youth Group (HS) - 6:30 pm

Monday, February 12

Mostly Yoga - 7:30 am

Word & Communion - 9:00 am

Choir (9am) Practice - 7:00 pm

Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Meeting - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, February 13

Word & Communion Service - 9:00 am

WICS - 6:00 pm

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

Confirmation Year 2 (HS) - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, February 14

Ash Wednesday

Mass - 9:00 am

Word & Ash - 5:30 pm

Oracion - 6:00 pm

Mass & Ash - 7:00 pm

Vida en el Espiritu Santo - 7:00 pm

Thursday, February 15

Mostly Yoga - 7:30 am

PREPARES meeting - 9:30 am

Creation Care 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, February 16

Mass - 9:00 am

Fish Fry - 5:00 pm

Stations of the Cross - 7:00 pm

Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 7:30 pm

Saturday, February 17

Faith Formation Commission - 9:00 am

Parish Lent Retreat - 9:00 am

Reconciliation - 4:00 to 5:00 pm

Mass - 5:30 pm



**Please Pray for
the sick:**

**Kim Anderson, Carolina Mendoza
Terry Forczek, Yvonne Lawless
Laura Rothschilds, John Ruffo
Lee Williamson**

and those who have recently died:

**Mariano Martinez
Peter Olson**
(son of Steven Olson)
Rustico Samanigo
(uncle of Bob and Amy Schroder)

Walking Through Grief

A weekly session will begin on **February 17 for nine weeks**. This is a program that offers support and hope to those experiencing the loss of a loved one. More details will be in next week's bulletin or you may call the parish office for more information and to register.

**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

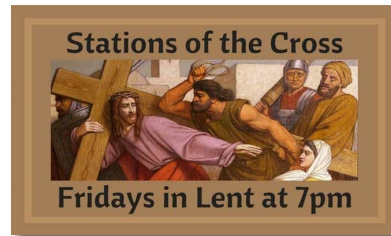
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**Knights of Columbus
Friday Family Fish Fry**

**February 16
McMullen Center**

**Breaded Fried Cod, French Fries,
Clam Chowder and Drinks**

Dinner: 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM



Date

Led by

February 16	Liturgy Commission
February 23	Media Team
March 1	Family Friendly
March 8	Knights of Columbus
March 15	Hispanic Community
March 22	Stewardship
March 29	To be announced



LENT

Save the Dates!

Please be sure to mark your calendars for the following:

Ash Wednesday - February 14

Mass with Ash distribution - 9:00 am & 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

Parish Lenten Retreat - February 17
9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Lenten Retreat

Please join us for a **Parish Lenten Retreat** with our Faith Formation Staff: **Peter Guthrie, Therese McHenry, and Joan Williamson** on **Saturday, February 17, 2024 from 9:00am to 3:00pm**. Lunch is provided. Please register at sjtbcc.org/lenten-retreat/. See attached flyer for more information.

**Lent 2024 Encounter
Small Faith Groups Opportunity**

Join members of our parish for a weekly meeting to break open the scriptures, dialogue, and pray together during Lent.

This will be a five-week journey with the following options:

- In-person groups on Tuesday or Wednesday evenings from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm
- Zoom meetings on Thursday mornings from 10:00 am to 11:30 am.

Sign up at: sjtbcc.org/lent-encounter/

For more information, please contact **Joan Williamson** at joanw@sjtbcc.org or 253-630-0701 ext. 109.

40 Days, 40 Ways

St. John the Baptist's *Creation Care Team* will be sharing some ideas each week through Lent from the *Franciscan Action Organization*, "40 Days; 40 Ways Guide." The ideas are designed to provide an alternative or enrichment to your Lenten observations with creation-centered activities. We hope you will consider challenging yourself with some creative action this Lent.



Start a Nature Journal: For many people, "nature" has become a place to hurry through as we are going somewhere else. Unfortunately, in regard to environmental health, this is a problem, for we won't be moved to fight for a world that we hardly know. One remedy for our alienation may be to spend attentive time outdoors on a regular basis (the word *journal* means "daily"). What is going on? What are we seeing? Smelling? Hearing? The rich and myriad details of the natural world, often passing under our radar, rise to our attention when we need to record them. The marvel is that waking up to the world around us helps us to "wake up" to our own sense of being part of God's miraculous creation!

Next week, the team will share another idea.

A Prayer for Married Couples

This prayer is said daily by Archbishop Etienne's parents, Paul and Kay Etienne:

Keep us, O Lord, from pettiness.
Let us be thoughtful in word and deed.
Help us to put away pretense,
and face each other in deep trust
without fear or self-pity.
Help us to guard against fault finding,
and be quick to discover the best in each
other and in every situation.
Guard us from ill temper and hasty judgment.
Encourage us to take time for all things,
to grow calm, serene, and gentle.
Help us to be generous
with kind words and compliments.
Teach us to never ignore, never to hurt,
and never to take each other for granted.
Engrave charity and compassion on our hearts.
O Mary, conceived without sin,
pray for us.

**"Root your love and life in the Lord,
and all will be well.**

Prayer is what allows couples, parents, families, and individuals to carry the crosses and trials of each life, with a hope in God's promise of presence and grace."

~ Archbishop Etienne,
Archdiocese of Seattle

We Need Your Help Planting Trees!

It's time for the forest on our church grounds to progress from deciduous Cottonwoods and Alders into mature evergreens of native Douglas Fir, Western Red Cedar, Sitka Spruce, and Western Hemlock. Their thick year-round cover will help shade out the destructive ivy that's invading the forest.

Join us in planting a mixture of 130 native conifer seedlings on **Saturday, March 2, from 10 am to Noon.**

Middle and high school students as well as adults are invited, but middle schoolers must be accompanied by parent/guardian. Community Service Credit is available for high school students.

We recommend wearing long pants, long sleeve shirts, and garden gloves. Bring rain gear in case it rains. Please bring a shovel, Pulaski, or hand clippers if you have them.

Adult Sign up: sjtbcc.org/tree-planting/ or scan QR code on the right.



Middle & High School Students sign up through Peter Guthrie peterg@sjtbcc.org

This is sponsored by the Creation Care Team and Youth Ministry.

Planning a Parent's Night Out?

You're in luck! St. John the Baptist will host a night of babysitting while parents get to enjoy a date out. Your kids will have a great night with their teachers and regular babysitters in the McMullen Center.

This event is planned for **Friday, February 23, 2024 from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm.** There will be snacks, art projects, and a movie provided.

If you are interested in this event, **please sign up here.** sjtbcc.org/parents-night-out/ or scan code:



If you have any questions, please call the parish office at 253-630-0701.

Enjoy your night out!

It's Official! Holy Family St. John the Baptist



On July 1, St. John the Baptist will be paired with Holy Spirit in Kent to form a new parish family. Holy Spirit is located on Third Avenue in the heart of downtown Kent, and has two Masses in Spanish and one in Swahili! Holy Spirit was St. Anthony until St. John the Baptist was built in 1995, at which point they, too, had built another church and changed their parish name to Holy Spirit (although they continue to celebrate Mass in the St. Anthony Chapel).

We are excited to get to know one another in the upcoming months. By April we should find out who will be our pastor and parochial vicar, and in July we can start planning activities together!



ST. JOHN THE
BAPTIST FAITH
FORMATION

LENT EVENT

February 11, 2024
McMullen Center
10:15-11:30am

**FAMILIES, TEENS AND
ADULTS WELCOME**

Activities to Prepare for Lent

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



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
Adult Faith Formation

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT

TRANSFORMATION TO

TRANSFIGURATION

PRESENTERS:



Therese McHenry



Peter Guthrie



Joan Williamson

As Catholic Christians, we are on a journey of faith! Faith in Jesus Christ. This retreat will be an opportunity to ponder and pray with this journey of transformation. Jesus revealed the change we are called to, in His Transfiguration...life, death, and resurrection is the Paschal Mystery we are invited into! Join us, as we walk this invitation together.

Saturday - February 17, 2024

9am-3pm

(lunch provided)

meet in the sanctuary



Register Here:



For more information contact Joan Williamson
253-630-0701 joanw@sjtbcc.org
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PREPARES Open Your Heart Campaign 2024



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Ways to Help

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Families Served

———— 188 ————
Parishes Engaged

———— 742 ————
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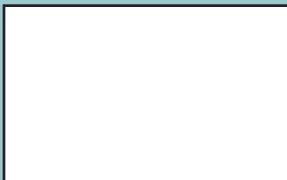
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