

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

March 10, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Lent

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23:1)

Photos courtesy of Daniel Victor & Laurie Moloney



Faith Formation families of St. John the Baptist lead the Stations of the Cross
See related story on Page 3

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:30 am, 5:30 pm

Wednesday & Friday 9:00 am; Thursday 6:30 pm

Word & Communion: Monday & Tuesday 9:00 am

Confessions: Saturday 4:00 pm 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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On the Cover

Praying the Stations of the Cross

Remember listening to a bedtime story as a child? Why not incorporate the Stations of the Cross as a bedtime story on Fridays during Lent, tailoring it to the age of the child? What better way to introduce children to the story of Jesus' Passion than to break it down into stages that children can reflect upon and remember? Keep in mind that the Stations are more than the re-telling of a story; it is a prayerful participation in the event that lies at the heart of Christianity.

At *St. John the Baptist*, ministries are called upon to lead the prayers and meditations at the stations every Friday during Lent. The third Stations of the Cross prayers and meditations during this Lent season was led by *Faith Formation* families as featured on the cover page. Three other ministries will have the opportunity to lead each Friday's prayer during this Lenten season.

The stations are always present in our church. Introduce your children to the Stations and take some time during this Lent season to attend at least one Stations of the Cross prayer and meditation as a family.

This Week in Our Church

Sunday, March 10

Daylight Savings Time - spring forward!

Mass - 9:00 am

Elementary Program - 10:15 am

Mass - 11:30 am

RCIA Dismissal - 11:30 am

Grades 5-12 Sacramental Prep - 4:00 pm

Mass - 5:30 pm

Youth Group (High School) - 6:30 pm

Monday, March 11

Mostly Yoga - 7:30 am

Word & Communion - 9:00 am

Funeral for Joe Nagel - 11:00 am

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

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

Tuesday, March 12

Word & Communion - 9:00 am

WICS - 6:00 pm

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

Confirmation (High School) Prep Year 2 - 7:00 pm

Lent 2024 Encounter - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 13

Mass - 9:00 am

Liturgy Commission Subcommittee Meeting - 2:00 pm

Oracion - 6:00 pm

Crecimiento - Vida en el Espiritu - 7:00 pm

Choir (Truthful Reign) Practice - 7:00 pm

Lent 2024 Encounter - 7:00 pm

RCIA Family Prep - 7:00 pm

"Walking Through Grief" Zoom - 7:00 pm

Youth Group (Middle School) - 7:00 pm

Thursday, March 14

Mostly Yoga - 7:30 am

Lent 2024 Encounter via Zoom - 10:00 am

Funeral for Robert Smalberg - 11:00 am

Parish Synodal Consultation (with childcare) - 1:00 pm

Hora Santa - 2:30 pm

Facilities & Ground Commission Meeting - 4:30 pm

Mass - 6:30 pm

Liturgy Commission Meeting - 7:00 pm

RCIA/OCIA - 7:00 pm

Friday, March 15

Mass - 9:00 am

Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 6:30 pm

Stations of the Cross - 7:00 pm

Saturday, March 16

Faith Formation Commission Meeting - 9:00 am

Gospel Reflection - 10:00 am

One Parish One Prisoner Meeting - 10:00 am

Parish Synodal Consultation with childcare - 10:00 am

Confirmation Prep for Adults - 1:00 pm

Reconciliation - 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Mass - 5:30 pm

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**.

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!

Pastor's Corner

Father Bill is taking some time off to visit family in Florida. Let's hope he brings back some warm weather for us! In his absence, one of his past articles from January 22, 2023 is reprinted below. As we approach Easter and welcome returning Catholics or new Catholics, let us be reminded when we should make the sign of the cross during Mass.

When Do You Make the Sign of the Cross?



A couple of weeks ago, when I was teaching an RCIA Class on the Mass, the question emerged about when we make the Sign of the Cross. The Catholics in the group shared how they were trained to make the Sign of the Cross multiple times. It may surprise you when, or not, the rubrics call for the Sign of the Cross. Here is a little quiz. Answer **Yes** or **No** to the following if you should make the sign of the cross during these portions of the Mass. This quiz comes from Fr. Paul Turner's book, *In these or Similar Words*. The answers can be found below this article.

1. Anyone entering the church using holy water makes the sign of the cross on themselves.
2. The priest, putting incense in the thurible, makes the sign of the cross over the incense.
3. Anyone, making a genuflection, makes the sign of the cross on themselves.
4. All, at the beginning of Mass while saying "In the Name of the Father," makes the sign of the cross on themselves.
5. All, when the priest says, "May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins..." makes the sign of the cross on themselves.
6. When the priest sprinkles with water, all makes the sign of the cross on themselves.
7. Priest or deacon, before adding water to the wine, makes the sign of the cross over the water.
8. Priest, holding a particle of the host just before dropping it into the chalice, makes the sign of the cross over the chalice.
9. Any minister of communion holding the host and saying "The Body of Christ."
10. Anyone, after receiving Communion, makes the sign of the cross on themselves.
11. The priest, when saying the final blessing, makes the sign of the cross over the people.
12. The people, hearing the final blessing, makes the sign of the cross on themselves.
13. Anyone leaving the church using holy water makes the sign of the cross on themselves.

I must admit - when I took this quiz, I did not score 100%. I share this quiz with you just to acknowledge that we easily add things to the liturgy. It becomes a problem when individual gestures begin to weaken the expression of unity or draws attention to an individual.

Fr. Bill

Please Pray for the sick:

Jim Day
Barbara Nagel
Lee Williamson

and those who have recently died:

Tom Kinsella (brother of Bob & Rose Kinsella)
Celedonia De Jesus (sister of Carolina Mendoza)

Honor a Loved One

Remember your loved ones with Easter flowers! A suggested donation of \$10 will purchase a pot of flowers, which will be used to decorate the church for Easter.

Write the name of the person you wish to remember on a memorial card (available in the Narthex), place the card in the envelope with your payment, and deposit it in the collection box in the Narthex. The memorial cards will be displayed in the Narthex on Easter.

Deadline for donations is March 24, Palm Sunday.

Journey With Us

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl shares [stories of hope](#) from CRS' work around the world. These stories are examples of how your Lenten alms are helping communities find solutions to problems like hunger and climate change.

Take a virtual journey with CRS to Uganda, El Salvador, and Indonesia! Don't forget to try the [meatless recipes](#) each Friday during Lent.

Visit crsricebowl.org for more information and to donate.

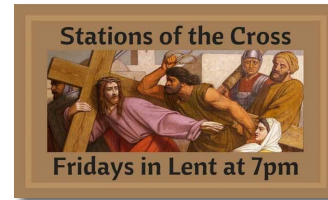
Triduum Schedule

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:
Holy Thursday, March 28
7:00 pm

Stations of the Cross:
Good Friday, March 29
3:00 pm

Passion of the Lord:
Good Friday, March 29
7:00 pm

Easter Vigil in the Holy Night:
Saturday, March 30, 8:00 pm



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March 15 ----- *Hispanic Community*
March 22 ----- *Stewardship Commission*
March 29, 3:00 pm ----- *Women's Commission*

Small Faith Groups Opportunity Lent 2024 Encounter

It is not too late to join members of our parish for a weekly meeting to break open the scriptures, dialogue, and pray together during Lent.

Options for this journey are:

- **In-person** groups on Tuesday evenings (began **February 20**) until March 26 from **7:00 pm to 8:30 pm** in Classrooms 8A & 8B.
- **In-person** groups on Wednesday evenings (began **February 21**) until March 27 from **7:00 pm to 8:30 pm** in Classrooms 8A & 8B.
- **Zoom** meetings on Thursday mornings (began **February 22**) until March 28 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.

Parish Synodal Consultation

We need your opinion on imagining and discerning steps to reform Christian communities and the Church as a whole.

Two sessions will be offered on either Thursday afternoon, **March 14 at 1:00 pm**, or Saturday morning, **March 16 at 10:00 am**.

Please plan to attend one of these sessions and share the following:

- where have you experienced or witnessed ways in which Church structures, leadership, or life hinder our shared mission;
- where have you experienced or witnessed ways in which Church structures, leadership, or life encourage and foster our shared mission; and/or
- what is needed to help all the baptized respond to our shared call to proclaim the Gospel and live as a community of love and mercy in Christ.

To sign up for **these sessions**, please visit sjtbcc.org/synod-2024/ or scan the QR code to the right.



Stay Clear of Media Team Area

An area in the Narthex is blocked off until we can get the water damage repaired. We realize that it is difficult to get from the baptismal font to the area on the left or to the nursery.

We removed chairs from the back row in front of the media table. **Please go past the media team and cross in front of the media table.**

The media team sometimes has items in the walkway and moves around a lot during livestreaming. We would hate for someone to trip or get bumped, so please avoid that area. Thanks for your cooperation.

Supper Club is Back!

Let's get together for food! The exciting *Supper Club* is back. You choose the schedule for your group. Sign up as a single, as couples, or as families.

Sign up on our website at sjtbcc.org/supper-club-2024/ or scan the QR code.



For any questions contact our Parish office or leave a message for **Bren Triplett**.

40 Days; 40 Ways

St. John the Baptist's *Creation Care Team (CCT)* is sharing the fifth in a series of ideas from the *Franciscan Action Organization*, "40 Days; 40 Ways Guide." These ideas are designed to provide an alternative or enrichment to your Lenten observations with creation-centered activities. See previous bulletins for other ideas.



Week of 2/11/24 idea: Start a Nature Journal.
Week of 2/18/24 idea: Become a Lenten Vegetarian.
Week of 2/25/24 idea: Study & Share *Laudato Si'*.
Week of 3/3/24 idea: Find Your Voice.

This week we share, *Contemplate "Earth Rise"*.

In 1968, astronaut William Anders spent his Christmas holiday circling the moon. On his fourth go-round, he took a photograph that is credited with helping to inspire the environmental movement, launched officially two years later, on *Earth Day 1970*. *Apollo 8* entered the lunar orbit on Christmas Eve 1968, giving the astronauts a breathtaking view of Earth, blue-bright and beautiful, rising out of the vast lonely darkness of surrounding space. Filled with awe, Anders read aloud the Creation story from the book of Genesis. Subsequently, this photo has awakened thousands to the unique magnificence of our common home. On the 50th anniversary of the photo, Anders himself said, "We set out to explore the moon and instead discovered the Earth." Keep this image as your home screen or wallpaper on your phone.

Next week, CCT will share on taking a sabbath walk in the woods.

Thanks for the M&Ms!

Our neighbors who are served by *St. Vincent de Paul* as well as the members of the conference here at St. John the Baptist would like to thank the wonderful children of **Faith Formation Grades PK-4** for their generous donation of decorated individual M&M candy packets! The artwork that they've each designed is precious and will definitely put a smile on every one of our recipients' faces. This is definitely a treat for our neighbors during the Easter season! Thank you!

Showers of Thanks!

The St. John the Baptist's *PREPARES* Ministry would like to thank the community for their incredible response to helping a mother provide for her family!

The baby shower was a huge success! Our new mom, Margarita, and her tiny baby received many gifts including diapers, preemie clothing, older baby clothing, self-care items for mom, baby books, toys, sundries, and other supplies.

Kent Pregnancy Aid provided a wonderful preemie layette for tiny Giomari, who is currently weighing in at 5 pounds 7 ounces.

A special thanks to all the women who attended and helped with baby holding, childcare, setting up, and cleaning up. You are amazing!

God's blessings were definitely showered upon us all!

Training Session Scheduled for Eucharistic Ministers

The Liturgy Commission has elected to revise the current Eucharistic Minister Instructions and Guidelines. A Committee has been tasked to work on this revision. Once approved by the Liturgy Commission, these instructions and guidelines will be given to all Eucharistic Ministers at a retreat/training session scheduled for **Saturday, May 4 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon**. This is a mandatory session for all Eucharistic Ministers, including substitutes. If you are absolutely unable to make this date, please email **Pat Defiesta** at bulletin@sjtbcc.org. Note that there is no make-up session scheduled at this time. Please mark your calendars. Thank you to all of our Eucharistic Ministers, who tirelessly serve in this ministry!

Daylight Savings Time Returns

Time to "spring" forward as we prepare for the vernal equinox, more commonly known to us as spring, which will fall on March 20, 2024. The good thing about springing forward is that we, who live north of the equator, will have longer days with earlier sunrises and later sunsets.

This year, Daylight Savings Time occurs on Sunday, March 10 at 2:00 a.m. We'll know you forgot when you show up for Mass an hour late on Sunday!



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- Young Adult Fireside Chat: Responding to *Laudate Deum*
- Mass with Archbishop Etienne
- Workshops and much more!

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CCN SUMMIT 2024

Seattle University, Le Roux Room

9am - 4pm

Saturday, March 16th 2024

AGENDA

MC: Anna Johnson, Laudato Si' Movement and St. Joe's parishioner

- 8:30am Doors open - Registration - Check-In
9:00-9:05am Welcome
9:05-9:10am **Breaking Open the Theme: Let Justice and Peace Flow**
9:10am Opening Prayer
9:15am Youth/Young Adult Fireside Chat:
Responding to Laudate Deum - facilitated by Andrea Mendoza
10:00am Break
10:15am **Update on the lower Snake River** - presented by IPJC
11:00am **Mass with Archbishop Etienne**
12:00pm **Lunch - Parish Creation Care Celebration!**
1:00pm **1ST Workshop Rotation**

(All participants will be able to attend two of the four workshops offered below)

1. **"In the beginning was the word...": A Creative Workshop** - presented by Eleana Pawl
2. **Laudate Deum Deep Dive** - presented by Jeff Renner
3. **Creation Care Team Networking/Building** - presented by Kathy Wilmering
4. **Responding to Climate Anxiety & Apathy** - presented by
Eastside Catholic High School Youth

- 2:00pm Break
2:15pm **2nd Workshop Rotation**
3:15pm Break
3:30pm **Large Group Sharing & Reflection**
3:50pm **Closing**
4:00pm End

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