

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

April 14, 2024
Third Sunday of Easter

Lord, let your face shine upon us. (Ps 4:6)



Photo courtesy of **Paul Dehmer**

Receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation on Easter Vigil 2024
(see related story on Page 4)

Worship Schedule

Vigil: Saturday 5:30 pm

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

Weekday Masses: 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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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, April 14

Mass - 9:00 am
Coffee & Donuts after 9:00 am Mass
Elementary Program - 10:15 am
Mass - 11:30 am
5th thru 12th grade Sacramental Prep - 4:00 pm
Mass - 5:30 pm
High School Youth Group - 6:30 pm

Monday, April 15

Word & Communion - 9:00 am
Choir (9:00 am) Practice - 7:00 pm
Choir (Fil-Am) Practice - 7:00 pm
Knights of Columbus Leadership Meeting - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, April 16

Word & Communion - 9:00 am
WICS - 6:00 pm
Women's Commission Leadership Meeting - 6:30 pm
St. Vincent de Paul Meeting - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, April 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 Espiritu - 7:00 pm
"Walking Through Grief" Zoom - 7:00 pm
Youth Group, Middle School - 7:00 pm

Thursday, April 18

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, April 19

Mass - 9:00 am
Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 6:30 pm

Saturday, April 20

Faith Formation Commission Meeting - 9:00 am
Gospel Reflection - 10:00 am
High School Confirmation (Yr. 2) Retreat - 10:00 am
Reconciliation - 4:00 pm
Mass - 5:30 pm

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

He said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled ... You are witnesses of these things." - Lk 24:44, 48

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

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

Senior Status



Last weekend the archbishop announced the clergy assignments for our new parish family. He also announced my own transition into what is called "senior status." What is that? The word "retirement" would not fit since priesthood is not a profession. Priesthood is a vocation and, like marriage, is a permanent vocation (under normal circumstances). Senior status is being an active priest without an assignment. The age for senior status has been tied to the age for social security, though the age for senior status is slowly being raised.

As many of you know, during my three years at St. John the Baptist I commuted from my home in Federal Way. In senior status, I plan to continue residing in Federal Way. It will be a good location from which to help parishes in Pierce and King Counties. I would be available to fill in for other priests while they are on vacation or in times of illness. In addition, I hope to concentrate on the things I really enjoy about ministry.

There will also be more family time. I hope to get down to Florida a bit more often to see my mom who is now 91 years old. Being a pastor often takes you away from family gatherings since most weekends and holidays you are working. In senior status, I am also looking forward to spending more time with my siblings and with nieces and nephews.

I won't be that far away, so I'd imagine you will be seeing me from time to time. I will be following with keen interest and supportive prayer your efforts to become one parish with Holy Spirit Church in Kent. I hope you will rediscover that same energy, enthusiasm, and creativity the founding members of our parish had that gave birth to St. John the Baptist Parish.

Fr. Bill

Please Pray for

the sick:

Zelie Dolan

Mike Grizzle

John Lawless

Barb Martz

and those who have recently died:

Jim Bull

Diane Murphy (sister of Mike Murphy)

Mary Peralta (sister of Ben & Mary Peralta)

New Life in Christ A Call for All

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age. (Mt 28:19-20)

By our Baptism, we are called to follow the command that Jesus gave at the end of his earthly journey in human form. Jesus trusts that you and I will continue this ministry of the apostles, and we do so because we are disciples first.

One way we do this is through the process called, *Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults* (RCIA), which is a formation process that leads adults into full communion with the Catholic Church.

Here at St. John the Baptist, a group of 19 individuals have been fully initiated into our tradition. They came into full communion with the Church at the *Easter Vigil* this past weekend, March 30. As a community, we celebrate this significant milestone with these newly-baptized brothers and sisters. We welcome to our community of St. John the Baptist the following:

Jimmy Arvizu

Kobe Bossert

Liliana Cavazos

Bailey Cooksey

Micah de Castro

Crystal Kwa

Angelica Medina

Emily Morado

Eduardo Romero-Ramirez

Adrianna Wenger

Blaine Bossert

Felipe Castro

Maria Cavazos

Noah de Castro

Clari Gonzalez

Lilian Le

Christian Mezhua

Leonardo Rodriguez

Emily Vergara

Congratulations to our newest members of *St. John the Baptist* (featured on the cover of this bulletin).

If you are called to become a candidate for RCIA, please contact **Joan Williamson** at the parish office to further discuss. For more information about the RCIA process and its importance for the parish community, check out the USCCB RCIA website at usccb.org.



Annual Yard Sale June 20 to 23, 2024

It's a win-win-win, except since we're at church, it can be considered a blessing-blessing-blessing!

Blessing - that many parishioners with things they don't want or need anymore can donate somewhere knowing it will be treated with respect and be put to good use by someone who needs it.

Blessing - for those who come to shop to find things they need or want at low prices knowing what they spend goes to a good cause.

Blessing - that funds earned go to support Catholic education, tuition, and programs.

Save the dates! The yard sale will start with a preview sale **June 20, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm** (entry fee \$10), and then continue **June 21 to 22 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm**, ending **June 23 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm**. We will start collecting items after the Masses starting May 18, except for furniture which we will be able to take on June 10. We can take almost everything in **good, working condition** except for fuel tanks and cans, large appliances, car seats, helmets, or mattresses. We also need volunteers! Sign-ups will be online and in the Narthex next weekend.

Join Us - Elementary Faith Formation

The Elementary Faith Formation Program invites all children in preschool to Grade 4 to join our program! Our classes are held on Sunday mornings, October through May. Children can grow in faith together through lessons, prayers, and relationships while having fun at the same time. We hope you join us in becoming faith-filled kids! Please call the church office for information at 253-630-0701.

Children, Come Celebrate the Liturgy of the Word at Mass

We offer a Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sundays, during the 9:00 am Mass for children ages 5 to 10. Kids celebrate the Catholic faith with readings, reflections, prayers, and songs, which are designed to engage their age level. Contact **Therese McHenry** at ThereseM@sjtbcc.org if you have any questions or would like your child to participate. Or you may call the parish office.

One Family; One Faith



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!

In 1991, the boundaries of *Holy Spirit*, then *St. Anthony*, were re-defined with the establishment of *St. John the Baptist* Parish in Covington. A new worship space was needed, and *Holy Spirit* was dedicated in 1994. *St. Anthony* continues to function as a chapel.

As announced in last weekend's Masses, Rev. J. Carlos Orozco from *Holy Spirit*, will be the pastor for the newly-formed *Holy Spirit/St. John the Baptist* family. Our parish family will also have two Parochial Vicars, Rev. Gilberto Mora Tapia and Rev. Crispin A. Okoth. Please visit our website and check our bulletin for future updates.

Let us continue to pray for the success of our new church family.

Join the Fun and Food for Our Next Strengths Party!



Fr. Bill is inviting all those with **Positive**, **Harmonious**, and **Responsible** strengths

Saturday, April 27
After 5:30 pm Mass
McMullen Center

RSVP by April 24 to Kathy at KathyW@sjtbcc.org

**WHERE THERE IS A NEED
THERE IS A KNIGHT
JOIN US**

INFORMATION IN THE NARTHEX



Cookies and Coffee for Anne

Our beloved **Anne Frederick** will be retiring in the middle of April. She is looking forward to spending more time with her family. Anne has brought many smiles to our faces over the years, and we will truly miss her spiritual guidance and wisdom.

We will gather **after the Masses on April 20 and 21** to bid her goodbye and have cookies and coffee/tea with her.

We **need your help** to make this event successful. Please see volunteer opportunities to **bring cookies and help with setup and cleanup here:** sjtbcc.org/hospitality-signup/. Thanks for your help.

We look forward to seeing everyone!

We Welcome a New Administrative Assistant

A few weeks ago, we welcomed **Michele Myers** as our Childcare Coordinator and **Andrea Shimek** as our Database Manager.



This week, we are excited to welcome **Rose McAvoy** as our Administrative Assistant! Rose comes to us with a background in website content creation, purchasing, communications, and photography (owner of "Rose McAvoy Photography").

She has facilitated a Bible study and is part of the *Women's Commission*. Rose will join the website team and will be responsible for supporting *Faith Formation*, facility scheduling, and purchasing. Her first day in the office will be April 17. Welcome Rose!

Parish Spring Cleaning May 17 & 18

Many hands make light work! Help us get ready for summer by cleaning the sanctuary and church grounds. More information to follow.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter Upcoming Sessions

Is your marriage suffering from lack of communication or kindness? Are you looking for a way to bring your marriage back to its fullness? Learn how by attending the next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter** experience. Sign up for upcoming WWME weekends at wwme.org.

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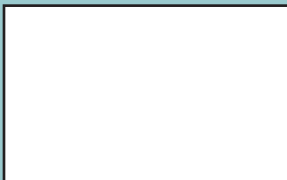
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