

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

**May 19, 2024
Pentecost Sunday**

The Lord has set his throne in heaven. (Ps 103:19)



Be Sealed With the Gift of the Holy Spirit!
(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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253-630-0701

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

Meet Our Parish Leadership Team



The Parish Leadership Team met in person on May 1.

All members were present: **Joe Burianek**, **Irene Cervantes**, **Nkechi Mbanugo**, **Michael Murphy**, **Ray Palisoc**, and **Renee Samuelsen**. **Kathy Wickward**, Parish Administrator and Finance Council representative, was also present.

Partners in the Gospel will require the Parish Leadership Team to be a strong community, so we spent a considerable amount of time in prayer of reflection on the Sunday's Gospel. The team then elected **Mike Murphy** as the new chairperson.

Kathy gave an update on the Finance Council's work on the 2024-2025 parish budget. The Parish Leadership Team's role in the budget process is to help make sure the budget aligns with our parish's priorities.

The Team spent time reflecting on what the new priests assigned to our parish family would need to know about *St. John the Baptist* Parish. Some time was also spent on reviewing the structure and many programs taking place in our parish, so we'll be in a better position to help in the transition to *Partners in the Gospel*.

Fr. Bill



St. John the Baptist Parish Leadership Team

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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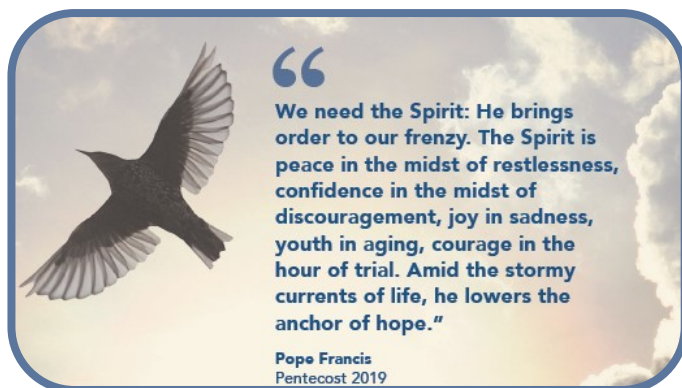
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This Week in Our Church

Pentecost Sunday



Sunday, May 19

Mass - 9:00 am

Mass - 11:30 am

New Parishioner Welcome Gathering - 12:00 noon

Mass - 5:30 pm

Monday, May 20

Mostly Yoga - 7:30 am

Word & Communion - 9:00 am

Prayer Ministry SFC Meeting - 9:30 am

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

Knights of Columbus Meeting - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, May 21

Word & Communion - 9:00 am

Prayer Ministry Retreat - 10:00 am

WICS - 6:00 pm

Women's Commission Meeting - 6:30 pm

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

Wednesday, May 22

Mass - 9:00 am

Oracion - 6:00 pm

Choir (Truthful Reign) Practice - 7:00 pm

Vida en el Espiritu Santo - 7:00 pm

Thursday, May 23

Mostly Yoga - 7:30 am

Hora Santa - 2:30 pm

Mass - 6:30 pm

Friday, May 24

Mass - 9:00 am

Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 6:30 pm

Saturday, May 25

Gospel Reflection - 10:00 am

Quinceañera - 1:00 pm

Reconciliation (Confessions) - 4:00 pm

Mass - 5:30 pm

Please Pray for

the sick:

Rica Abarro
Z. Bulota
Monica Jones
Barb Martz
Eileen Murphy-Fitch
Barb O'Neil

and those who have recently died:

Annette Cuccia
(mother of Marcus & Bradley Cuccia)
Joan Harter Ricca
(wife of Joe Ricca)
Walter Guachalla
(brother-in-law of Jorge Gomez)

Annual Catholic Appeal Update

Our parish is living out our mission through our strong support of the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal. Your gift supports our dedicated priests, deacons, religious women, and lay ministers who serve all of us as we strive to grow in our faith.

At a time when the cost of groceries, gas, rent, and everything else continue to climb, we are thankful that **our parishioners are still generously giving**. We are 54% of the way there! Thank you to all who have returned your pledges and gifts.

Please remember that all funds received over our **goal of \$128,669.00** will be returned to our parish to support our parish project of building a safe enclosure around the ponds on the church grounds.

You can use the envelope in the pews or give online (and watch your mileage or cash back grow - no service charge for credit cards) at archseattle.org/GiveACA to make a safe and convenient gift to the appeal.

Here is where we stand **as of May 10**:

Total amount pledged: \$69,768

Total pledges: 135

Average pledge: \$516.80

Flores de Mayo Takes a Hiatus

The *Fil-Am Community* has been celebrating *Flores de Mayo* since May 2009 here at St. John the Baptist. Due to unforeseen circumstances, there will not be a *Flores de Mayo* celebration this year. They hope to celebrate together with our parish family of Holy Spirit in May 2025.

Yard Sale Collection Dates

We will start collecting items for our yard sale after Masses on **May 18** and all Masses thereafter until the sale. All items must be in good working condition. Note that large furniture will be accepted starting June 10. Please, **NO** fuel tanks and cans, no large appliances, no car seats, no helmets, and no mattresses. **Do not drop off any items without authorization**. If unauthorized items are dropped off, we are responsible for disposing of them, which usually comes with a fee.

The yard sale will start with a preview sale on 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.

Supporting our yard sale means supporting Catholic education, tuition, and programs. Please donate your items that were once your treasures, and pick up new treasures when you shop at our yard sale.

Sign-up here: sjtbcc.org/get-ready-to-shop/

Or scan this code to see the various volunteer opportunities to sign up.



Narthex Displays Must Be Approved

Out with the old and in with the new! If you can't wait for the yard sale and think of bringing your "old" things to give away and display on a table out in our narthex, please call the office at **253-630-0701** before you do. There may be exceptions, but it is typically not allowed to display personal items in the narthex to give for free. Father Bill or the staff needs to approve any material displayed in the narthex. If you have gently-used items that you no longer need, consider giving them to our various ministries like *PREPARES* or *St. Vincent de Paul*.

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

Thank you for your cooperation.

Hearing Devices Available at Mass

For those of you who don't already know, 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 located on the media 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, so others may enjoy them at the next Mass.

On the Cover

The fourth of the seven Sacraments celebrated in our Catholic faith is the *Sacrament of Confirmation*. In this Sacrament, the baptized is sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit and is strengthened for service to the Body of Christ. There are seven gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord.

Six of our brothers and sisters (featured on the cover of this bulletin) received these gifts at the 5:30 pm Mass on Sunday, May 5 through **Bishop Frank Schuster**. Names will be listed in our next bulletin.

Bishop Schuster's message to our confirmands is: while life can get hard sometimes, God is always there. The Sacrament of Confirmation gives us that strength and reminds us that God is always there. God bless our newly-confirmed members of St. John the Baptist.

A Gathering of Eucharistic Ministers

"The Church draws her life from the Eucharist."
- *Ecclesia de Eucharista* by Pope John Paul II

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, more commonly known as Eucharistic Ministers (EM), have been essential for the reverent sharing of the faithful.

On Saturday, May 4, 2024, an EM Retreat was held here at St. John the Baptist. Forty-nine current and new ministers gathered for spiritual reflections and training of the revised EM instructions.

This year's pulpit talks by **Mary Hammock**, **Mary Petersen**, **Carol Boespflug**, and **Trish Hanson** were successful in calling 20 new EMs to serve in this ministry. Seventeen of the new ministers attended this retreat.

The retreat started off with a continental breakfast and fellowship. Father Bill officially commenced the retreat with a prayer, followed by spiritual reflections led by **Laurie Moloney** and **Mary Syslo**. After a short break, training was conducted by **Pat Defiesta**, **Terry Forczek**, and **Mary Petersen**.

We welcome to this ministry the following new EMs:

Karen Remy Anderson, **Loretta Bonagofski**,
Pat Carroll, **Gigi Eakins**, **Beverly East**, **Jude Evry**,
Nicolette Mendozavalencia, **Cathy Olaes**, **Riva Patrick**, **Pam Primiani**, **Neil Poussier**, **Abraham Ritter**, **Claudia Smith**, **Diedre Smith**, **Peter Smith**,
Estelle Thomas, and **Emily Vergara**.

May you all hold this ministry sacred and be continually called to offer Holy Communion to our brothers and sisters.

Special thanks to the following for the purchase, baking, set-up, and clean-up of the food: **Pat Carroll**, **Pat Defiesta**, **Terry Forczek**, **Mary Hammock** (muffins) **Milly Nabarrete** (muffins), and **Mary Petersen** (protein balls).

For those EMs that could not make it to this training, an email will be sent out by Pat Defiesta to arrange for 1:1 training. Thanks to all who have attended.

Come Sing With Us

Do you like to sing or play an instrument? The **11:30 am** Mass choir is looking for new members. If you are interested, contact **Myke Smith** via the church office, or stop by the choir area after Mass.

Did You Lose Something in Church?

Our Lost and Found shelf is growing again with items left behind! Don't forget to check our Lost and Found area to the left (east end) of the narthex. We might have something that you have lost while attending Mass. It is on a shelf to your right as you turn the corner to go to the office.

We hope we can reunite these lost items with the owner. If you think you've lost something while attending Mass but can't find it there, please contact the office at 253-360-0701.

Interim Stage of the Synod

During this interim stage between the two Synod assemblies in Rome, the Vatican invited local churches to undertake a second consultation, about the co-responsibility of the baptized. From January through March 2024, the Archdiocese of Seattle listened to several groups, including priests, youth, the Archdiocesan Pastoral Council and Chancery leadership. Parishes (including St. John the Baptist), schools, and other groups as well as organizations also hosted sessions. Visit the archdiocese website seattlearch.app.box.com/s/iw5w6ctaowwgf39k0wbxhq0wtxf2tqr for the synthesis of the listening report.

Ordained Into Priesthood

The Archdiocese of Seattle joyfully announces the Ordination to the Priesthood of **Maximiliano Muñoz** and **Kyle Rink**. Celebrate with us on Saturday, June 1, 2024 at 10:00 am at St. James Cathedral. All are welcome!

For more information on priesthood in the Archdiocese of Seattle, go to seattle vocations.com.



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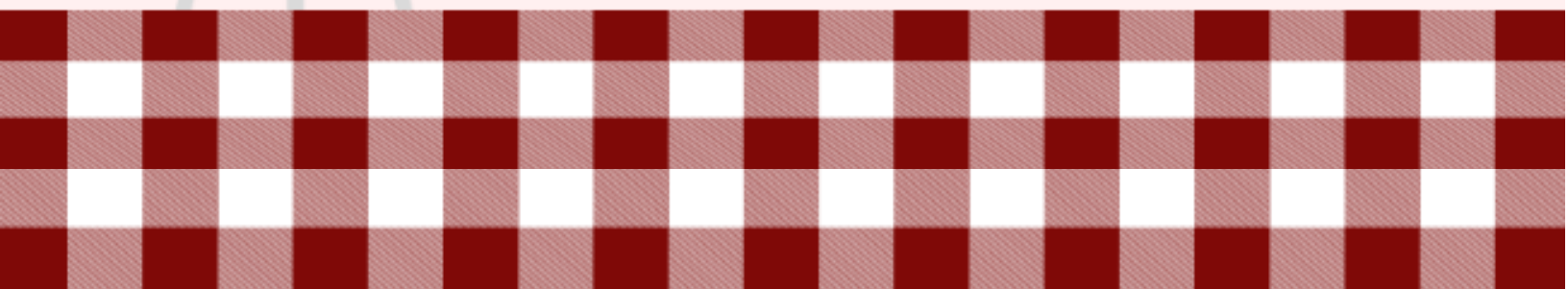
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- **Groups**

All Parish Spring Cleaning

**Friday, May 17th and/or Saturday,
May 18th**

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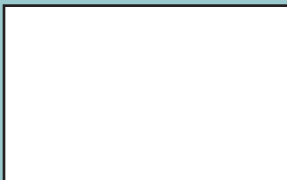
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