

# THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

May 26, 2024  
The Most Holy Trinity

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own. (Ps 33:12)

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Photo courtesy of *Malcolm Chang*

**Blessed with the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist -  
welcome to the table!**  
(see related story on Page 4)

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## 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

Come visit us at **25810 - 156th Ave. SE**  
**Covington, WA 98042**  
**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!



## Memorial Day

*Memorial Day*, an American holiday observed on the last Monday of May, honors men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Originally known as *Decoration Day*, it originated in the years following the Civil War. Many Americans observe *Memorial Day* by visiting cemeteries or memorials, holding family gatherings, or participating in parades.

For Christians, the custom of visiting the cemetery and praying for the dead can be traced to the women who returned to the tomb of Jesus that Easter morning to mourn and complete the preparation of His body for burial. Then and there, they discovered that He had been raised from the dead. Today, Catholic cemeteries are signs of hope that are places of prayer. They witness our faith in the Lord Jesus and the hope we share in his resurrection.

Today, our visits to the cemetery are prompted by our love and faith. We come to remember, to mourn, to give thanks for the life our beloved shared with us, and to strengthen our belief that one day we will be united with our beloved in Eternal Life.

*Fr. Bill*

### Prayer for Visiting the Cemetery

*We come to this sacred place,  
the earthly home of our departed loved ones,  
where they rest in peaceful slumber, awaiting the day of resurrection.*

*We come to this sacred place  
to be close to God and remember the love He has for us.*

*We come to this sacred place  
to think of God and eternity, to pay a tribute of love and reverence to those we mourn,  
and to pray for the eternal repose of their souls.*

*We come to this sacred place  
in prayer, asking for the intercession of those who are before the throne of grace.*

*We come to this sacred place  
and are reminded that God is vividly present, for always and forever.*

*We come to this sacred place  
as so many have come before us and will continue after us,  
as a member of God's family.*

Adapted from a sermon given by Archbishop John Ireland (1838 – 1918)

# 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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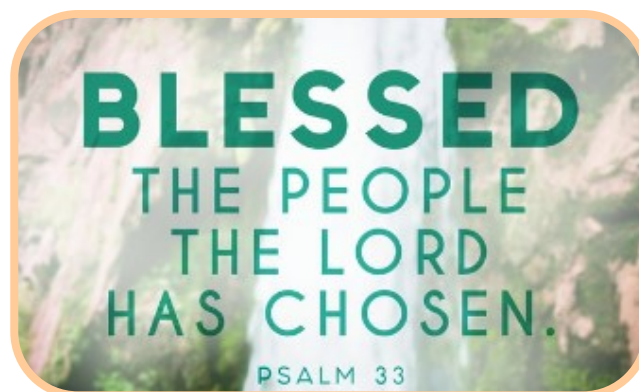
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# This Week in Our Church

*The Most Holy Trinity*



## Sunday, May 26

Mass - 9:00 am  
Mass - 11:30 am  
Mass - 5:30 pm

## Monday, May 27

*Memorial Day*  
Office Closed

Mostly Yoga - 7:30 am  
Word & Communion - 9:00 am  
Choir (9:00 am) Practice - 7:00 pm  
Choir (Fil-Am) Practice - 7:00 pm

## Tuesday, May 28

Word & Communion - 9:00 am  
WICS - 6:00 pm  
Guatemala Meeting - 6:30 pm

## Wednesday, May 29

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 30

Mostly Yoga - 7:30 am  
Hora Santa - 2:30 pm  
Mass - 6:30 pm

## Friday, May 31

Mass - 9:00 am  
Funeral for Annette Cuccia - 4:30 pm  
Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 6:30 pm

## Saturday, June 1

Renovacion de las Iglesias - 7:00 am  
Gospel Reflection - 10:00 am  
Quinceañera - 10:00 pm  
Reconciliation (Confessions) - 4:00 pm  
Mass - 5:30 pm



## Please Pray for

### the sick:

**Rica Abarro**

**Z. Bulota**

**Eileen Murphy-Fitch**

**Barb O'Neil**

### and those who have recently died:

**Esmar Bobadilla**

(husband of Lowella Bobadilla)

**Rita McBride**

(aunt of Rose Racicot)

**Annette Cuccia**

(mother of Marcus & Bradley Cuccia)

## 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 **61%** 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](http://archseattle.org/GiveACA) to make a safe and convenient gift to the appeal.

Here is where we stand **as of May 17**:

Total amount pledged: \$78,071.00

Total pledges: 185

Average pledge: \$422.00

## You Are Invited to Supper Club

Are you curious about Supper Club? Find out what it's all about at our picnic on

**Saturday, June 29 from 2:30 to 5:30 pm**  
at the **McMullen Center**

Hear stories about some unusual meals shared and get your questions answered. Bring a dish to share based on your last name!

If last name starts with A-F, please bring a dessert.  
If last name starts with G-L, please bring a side dish.  
If last name starts with M-S, please bring a main dish.  
If last name starts with T-Z, please bring a salad.

Dishes and Drinks will be provided. We're looking forward to connecting with you!

## Yard Sale Collection Dates

We have started collecting items for our yard sale after the Masses on May 18. We will continue to collect items after all Masses **until June 16**.

All items must be in good working condition. Note that we will not accept any large furniture until June 10.

**We will NOT accept the following:** fuel tanks and cans, large appliances, car seats, helmets, and 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.

For those who want to get a jump start on the yard sale and would like to pay an entry fee of \$10 to shop before the yard sale is opened to the general public, join us on June 20 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Fees will be collected upon entry. The following two days will be open to the general public (no entry fees): June 21 to 22 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and 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: [sibtcc.org/get-ready-to-shop/](http://sibtcc.org/get-ready-to-shop/)

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



## Liturgy Commission Update

In their once-a-month meeting, the *Liturgy Commission* met on May 9 to discuss the following.

- The Eucharistic Minister retreat on Saturday, May 4, 2024, was a success! We had excellent attendance, including some who are new to the ministry. We received good feedback on the small group sharing and training of the refined process, and the food was much appreciated. The dress guidelines were handed out to the Eucharistic Ministers.
- The *Commission* will next address the Greeter Ministry role and recruitment. A subcommittee was formed for this effort.
- How do we introduce the dress guidelines to the other liturgical ministries? We will meet with the ministry leaders for their information and feedback on how to roll it out to their groups.
- We briefly discussed Partners in the Gospel as it pertains to the Liturgy.
- The Commission closed with a discussion of Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter on the Liturgy, *Desiderio Desideravi*, paragraphs 1 to 13.

The next meeting will be June 13 at 7:00 pm.

## On the Cover

First Holy Communion is the third of the seven sacraments in our faith, following Baptism and Reconciliation. It is a ceremony where a baptized child receives the Eucharist for the first time. First Holy Communion celebrates the real presence of Christ in the bread, wine, and gathered community; it brings the child closer to Jesus. This ancient tradition is treasured as a sacred rite of passage that nourishes young souls on their spiritual journey.

Featured on the cover photo are the 33 young parishioners, who were welcomed to the table at a First Holy Communion Mass on May 11, 2024. Their names were mentioned in a previous bulletin.

We welcome them and pray that the Lord will continue to feed them through the Holy Eucharist for the rest of their lives!

## Vacation Bible School Canceled

We regret to announce that this year's *Vacation Bible School* is canceled due to the lack of volunteers. We still have the energy around it, but we lack the people to help run the program. This is a great evangelistic tool for our children. Please pray for this ministry and the call for volunteers.

## Change in Bulletin Printing

For the past few years, our bulletins have been printed by *LPI*. We are planning to terminate our contract with *LPI* and are currently negotiating a termination date. This means that our bulletin will be printed in-house as soon as we terminate.

In order to support this in-house printing, we need the help of sponsors, much like those who have sponsored our bulletin printing with *LPI*. The bulletin team will be contacting the sponsors on the back of our current bulletin to inquire about their contract obligations with *LPI* and how that sponsorship can possibly be transferred to St. John the Baptist.

Another way of sustaining our printing costs in-house is to have the support of our parishioners, not in the form of donations, but in the form of sponsorship. We will still accept businesses who want to sponsor our bulletin like they have with *LPI*. But in addition, we will also take one-time sponsorship like announcements (i.e., birth, birthdays, weddings, graduation, etc.), acknowledgements (i.e., thank you), and recognition. Note that we will not be publishing actual birthdates and phone numbers for security reasons.

We offer a token of our appreciation at each level in the form of short, medium, and large messages. Sponsorship pricing levels are still being determined.

More information will be published in upcoming bulletins.

Have you joined St. John the Baptist in the last year?  
We would love to welcome and get to know you!



**Welcome Gathering  
Lunch, Fellowship and Gifts  
SUNDAY, JUNE 9, after the 9:00 am MASS**

Contact Kathy to RSVP or for more information  
kathyw@sjtbcc.org or 253-630-0701 ext. 101

Fr. Bill is looking forward to meeting you  
and finding out how the parish might serve you!

## Singers, Come Join Us

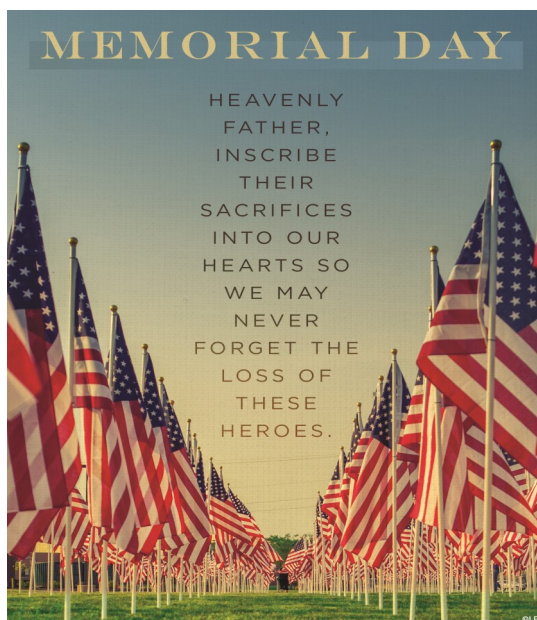
Join the band! St. John the Baptist's Mass choirs are looking for new members. If you enjoy singing or playing an instrument, here's your chance to show your stuff! Contact **Luis Diaz de Leon** after Masses or talk to anyone in the choir at any of the Masses.

## Welcome to Our Family

Last week, we featured a photo of our 2024 Confirmands on our bulletin cover. This week, we acknowledge them by name and welcome them to our faith.

**Charles Balch, Trey Davis, Hannah Huynh,  
Preethi Matthew, Jamie Windham, and Austin  
Beckie.**

May they all always be blessed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit.







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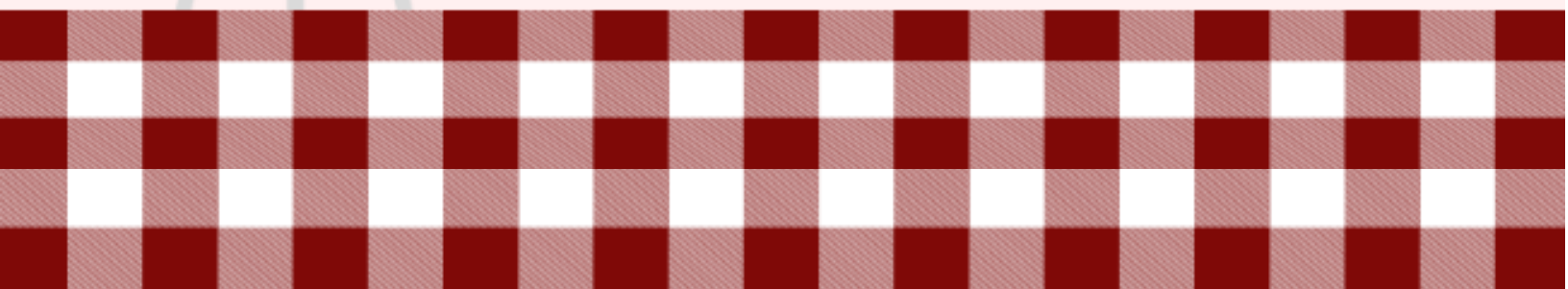
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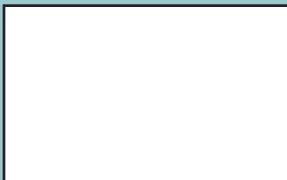
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