

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

June 2, 2024
The Most Holy
Body & Blood of Jesus Christ

I will take the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. (Ps 116:13)



Photo courtesy of *Paul Dehmer*

Says the little tree to the big tree, "I'll grow up to be like you one day!"
Planting Conifer seedlings
(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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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!



The Different Between *Exposition* and *Adoration*

On this *Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ*, I would like to focus on prayer in the presence of the Eucharist.

"*Exposition*" and "*adoration*" are terms that are often interchanged. However, there is a difference. *Exposition* gives the opportunity for the community to pray with the Eucharist visible. *Adoration* is most often praying before the tabernacle, when the Eucharist is present but not visible. *Exposition* is a liturgy of the Church, which involves communal prayer with periods of silence. *Adoration* is a private devotion that need not involve any communal prayer. *Exposition* is not a time just for your own quiet prayer; that is the purpose of *Adoration*.

The ritual book, *Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist Outside of Mass*, explains: "During the exposition, there should be prayers, songs, and readings to direct the attention of the faithful to the worship of Christ the Lord. To encourage a prayerful spirit, there should be readings from Scripture with a brief homily or exhortations to develop a better understanding of the Eucharistic mystery. It is also desirable for the people to respond to the word of God by singing and to spend some periods of time in religious silence" (95). The *United States Conference of Catholic Bishops* have created a variety of holy hours that focus our prayer to Jesus Christ on peace, life, vocations, and other topics that are at the heart of the life of the Church and the world.

The Rite of Eucharistic Exposition is an extension of the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, which occurs in every Mass. It states, "Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb." *Exposition* of the Blessed Sacrament flows from the sacrifice of the Mass and serves to deepen our hunger for Communion with Christ and our unity with the rest of the Church.

Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle is available during office hours (except when a Mass is being celebrated). You may need to enter through the parish office. *Exposition* is celebrated on the first Friday of each month, following the 9:00 am Mass.

Fr. Bill

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

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

TAKE IT; THIS IS
MY BODY.

MARK 14:22

Sunday, June 2

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

Monday, June 3

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 Membership Meeting - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, June 4

Word & Communion Service - 9:00 am
Life, Justice, & Peace Meeting - 3:00 pm
WICS - 6:00 pm
Choir (Fil-Am) Practice - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, June 5

Mass - 9:00 am
Parish Leadership Team Meeting - 6:30 pm
Choir (Truthful Reign) Practice - 7:00 pm
Vida en el Espiritu Santo - 7:00 pm

Thursday, June 6

Mostly Yoga - 7:30 am
Creation Care Team - 1:00 pm
Hora Santa - 2:30 pm
Safe Parking Meeting - 3:00 pm
Mass - 6:30 pm

Friday, June 7

Creative Kindness Sewing Meetup - 9:00 am
Mass - 9:00 am
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 9:45 am
Hispanic Charismatic Adoration - 4:00 pm
Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 7:00 pm

Saturday, June 8

Gospel Reflection - 10:00 am
HS Confirmation Year 1 Retreat - 10:00 pm
One Parish One Prisoner Meeting - 10:00 am
Reconciliation (Confessions) - 4:00 pm
Mass - 5:30 pm

Please Pray for

the sick:

Rica Abarro

Z. Bulota

Eileen Murphy-Fitch

Renee Nicholas

and those who have recently died:

Esmar Bobadilla

(husband of Lowella Bobadilla)

Annette Cuccia

(mother of Marcus & Bradley Cuccia)

Rita McBride

(aunt of Rose Racicot)

Barb O'Neill

(mother of Art O'Neill)

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 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

A Senior Status Celebration

Come join us in wishing "Congratulations" and "Good Luck" to Father Bill, as he enters the next chapter in his life, a Senior Priest!



His last day as Pastor of our parish is **Sunday, June 30**. After the 11:30 am Mass that day, we will celebrate with music, a barbeque, and an ice cream truck! Come one, come all to wish Father Bill the best in "retirement."

Following our picnic, we will set up for *Mass on the Grass* for the 5:30 pm Sunday Mass.

You Have Until June 15

The end of the fiscal year is coming - June 30 to be exact. If you have any reimbursement requests for items you have purchased for programs, **please turn the receipts in before June 15**. After approval by a staff member from your program, a reimbursement check will be mailed to you. Contact **Nancy Moore** at the office if you have any questions.

Have You Lost Your Keys?

A set of keys were turned in to the office a few months ago. If you can identify them, they are yours. **Contact the office at 253-630-0701** if you think they might be yours.

Yard Sale Collection Dates

Have you outgrown some things at home? Time to box them up and bring them to our yard sale, which will be held on June 21 to 23. We are now collecting your 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: sjtbcc.org/get-ready-to-shop/

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



Claim Your Lost and Found Items

If you think you might have lost something while attending Mass, please check our *Lost & Found* area to the left (east end) of the narthex. 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. **Any items left unclaimed after June 9 will be donated to the yard sale or disposed of.**

On the Cover

What did the little tree say to the big tree? Leaf me alone! There wouldn't be little trees to say that line to the big trees if it weren't for our wonderful *Creation Care Team* planting Conifer seedlings! On March 2, 2024, a team of 24 adults and 19 youths (some featured on the front of our bulletin) planted 130 native conifer seedlings to shade out the English Ivy, Himalayan Blackberries, and other invasive species that have been encroaching the woods on the grounds of our parish.

These Conifers will sequester carbon from the air and produce oxygen. They will also provide homes for countless creatures.

So the next time you see a little tree on our grounds, "leaf" it alone but pray for its strength to become a big tree to provide oxygen and homes for creatures as well as keeping out the unwanted species of plants.

Support *World Environment Day* on June 5 by planting a seedling in your garden.

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.

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

Thank You!

Spring Clean 2024 was a success **thanks to the nine volunteers** who showed up Friday to start the cleaning.

Bailey & Kelly Cooksey cleaned the narthex. **Blaise Barcinas, Pat Carroll, Bob Denny, Kathy Kernan,** and **David & Nancy Zentner** cleaned four sections of chairs, carpet, and the vesting sacristy.

Saturday saw a slightly bigger turnout to finish cleaning the chairs in the Sanctuary, dust the Stations of the Cross, vacuum the carpet and clean the Tabernacle area, Reconciliation room, Music room, and Nursery. This was accomplished by **Sergio Andrade, Gesselle Becerrar, Mike Cervantes, Irene Cervantes, Cristina De Dios, Maria De Dios, the McAvoy's (Mike, Cooper, and Sean), Kathy Kernan, Jose & Nancy Ortiz, Angl Ramirez, Rene Santiago,** and **David & Nancy Zentner.**

Ken Nelson spent both days painting exterior doors in the Education Center.

Additionally, the exterior of the building was swept of cobwebs and a planter bed on the east side of the office was weeded.

Our **sincere thanks and appreciation** goes out to all of our wonderful volunteers mentioned above, who made *Spring Clean 2024* a success!



Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

All donations will support the
Washington State Knights of Columbus
Aid and Support After Pregnancy Program
(a Pro-Life program that assists mothers and infants)

Sunday, June 9, 2024
10:00 am to 11:30 am
McMullen Center



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Benefit Concert

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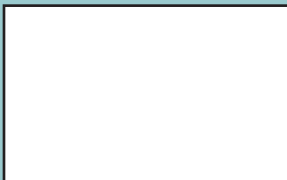
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