

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

June 16, 2024
11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you. (Ps 92)



Welcome Gathering
(see related story on Page 5)

Worship Schedule (this week only)

Vigil: Saturday 5:30 pm

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

Word & Communion:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday - 9:00 am; Thursday - 6:30 pm

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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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!



Continuing Formation at Ocean Shores

Every year, all the priests of the archdiocese gather at Ocean Shores for continuing formation. This year, we will be meeting this week. There are different aspects to continuing formation: spiritual, pastoral, human, and professional. This year we will be focusing on the spiritual. *Archbishop Gustavo Garcia-Siller* of the Archdiocese of San Antonio, Texas will be leading us in a series of reflections on encounter with Christ, fraternity in Christ, and Life in the Holy Spirit. *Archbishop Garcia-Siller* was born in Mexico and came to the United States as a missionary in 1980.

There is always the ongoing human formation and time for us to foster fraternity and friendships with other priests. We remember those who have died this past year, and we celebrate those with major anniversaries of ordination. There is even a social time to honor those entering Senior Status.

Since I will be away this week with little time to prepare a homily, *Joan Williamson* will be sharing reflections next weekend. For the past few months and about once a month, we have been having a woman share reflections at Mass. This originated from our parish synod sessions and is supported by our new *Women's Commission*. The women I have asked to share reflections have degrees in theology or related fields, advanced studies, or careers in Church ministry. They are able to bring an important perspective and are a reminder of the importance of women in the Church. All of these are done within the guidelines of the Archdiocese.

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



Sunday, June 16

Father's Day

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

Monday, June 17

Mostly Yoga - 7:30 am
Word & Communion - 9:00 am
Prayer SFC Ministry Meeting - 9:30 am
Choir (9:00 am) Practice - 7:00 pm
Knights of Columbus Leadership Meeting - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, June 18

Word & Communion Service - 9:00 am
Women's Commission Leadership Meeting - 4:30 pm
WICS - 6:00 pm
Choir (Fil-Am) Practice - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, June 19

Word & Communion Service - 9:00 am
American Sewing Guild Meeting - 9:30 am
Oracion - 6:00 pm
Stewardship & Evangelization Commission - 6:30 pm
Choir (Truthful Reign) Practice - 7:00 pm
Vida en el Espíritu Santo - 7:00 pm

Thursday, June 20

PREPARES Meeting - 9:30 am
Creation Care Team Meeting - 1:00 pm
Hora Santa - 2:30 pm
Yard Sale (entry fee \$10) - 6:00 pm
Word & Communion Service - 6:30 pm
Choir (11:30 am) practice - 7:00 pm
Finance Council Meeting - 7:00 pm

Friday, June 21

Word & Communion Service - 9:00 am
Yard Sale (free entry) - 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 6:30 pm

Saturday, June 22

Reconciliation (Confessions) - 4:00 pm
Yard Sale (free entry) - 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Mass - 5:30 pm

Our bulletin is also online at parishesonline.com/publication-page/st-john-the-baptist-church-98042?pid=15745f04-2fb8-4cc4-815f-d1cc9ec579c4&type=Church&acc=05-1539

Please Pray for

the sick:

Faye Driessen
Barb Martz
Renee Nicholas

and those who have recently died:

David Garvida
(father of Dan Garvida)
Barb O'Neill
(mother of Art O'Neill)
Edward Rzonca
(brother of Milly Nabarrete)
Joan Harter Ricca
(wife of Joe Ricca)
Ray Weidert
(husband of Mary Weidert)

A New Commission Is Commissioned

On June 6, the *Women's Commission* was formally commissioned by *Father Bill*. The Commission was formed earlier this year and has been discerning where and how their efforts will be applied. They hosted the Stations of the Cross during Lent; participated in several regional, national, and global synodal events involving the role of women in the Church; and provided support to women parishioners giving Mass reflections. The Commission is putting together a service project in conjunction with the *Youth Group* and building a retreat-style experience in the early fall. In the coming weeks, they will share more about their Patron Saint, *Junia*, and why she was chosen as their patron saint.

Congratulations to the members (in the photo below) of the *Women's Commission*, who were commissioned at Mass on Thursday, June 6.



L-R: **Kathy Wickward, Gigi Eakins, Beth Carter, Dave Carter, Teri Johnston, and Rose McAvoy.**

Mark your calendar: Sunday, June 23, 2024

Blood Pressure check after morning Masses. High blood pressure increases your risk for serious health problems, including stroke and heart attack. **Get your blood pressure checked regularly** starting at age 18.

See You At the Party

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.

Yard Sale Donations Continue

For you procrastinators, there's only one weekend left to bring your "stuff" in. After this weekend, the sale begins!

Remember, if it no longer works, recycle it or trash it. But please don't bring it in. The church will have to pay a fee for disposal if it doesn't work.

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.**

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 three 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.



You are invited to join the *Knights of Columbus* for an afternoon at the ballpark! Reserved tickets in a shaded area of the stadium are **\$15.50 per person**. It includes a hotdog, bottle of water, and a bag of chips. **Parking is \$10.00 per car.**

Tacoma Rainiers vs. Las Vegas Aviators
Sunday, July 21, 2024 at 1:30 pm
Cheney Stadium in Tacoma

Contact Ang Battisti at the parish office for tickets.

On the Cover

About two or three times a year, we celebrate our newest members of St. John the Baptist with a *Welcome Gathering*. Our latest gathering was held on Sunday, June 9 after the 9:00 am Mass.

We extend our warm welcome to these members who have joined us in the last few months: **Joanne Ackerman, Patrick & Jackie Brennan, Traci DeMarco, Eleanor & Ray Hagel, Heidi Hahn, Jeremy Morriset**, and **Eric Barry**.

A few leaders of some of the ministries here at St. John the Baptist had an opportunity to present their ministries. Featured on our front cover, is **Laurie Moloney**, our Liturgy & Pastoral Care Administrator, presenting the Liturgical Ministry to the new members. If you would like to present your ministry to new parishioners during our future welcome gatherings at St. John the Baptist, please contact **Kathy Wickward**, our Parish Administrator, at 253-630-0701 x 101 to get on our list.

Thank you to our new members for choosing St. John the Baptist as your Faith Family!

Annual Catholic Appeal Update

Our parish is living out our mission through our strong support of the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal.

At a time when the cost of groceries, gas, rent, and everything else continues to climb, we are thankful that **our parishioners are still generously giving**. We are **91.4%** 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.

Let's show Father Bill our support as he heads toward senior status by **meeting our goal before he leaves on June 30!**

Here is where we stand **as of June 11, 2024:**

Total amount pledged: \$117,620

Total pledges: 283

Average pledge: \$415.62

Sign Up For Our Friday Emails

Every Friday, the office sends out an email with a link to our bulletin. The email also contains late-breaking announcements. If you would like to read our bulletin online as well as our late-breaking announcements before the weekend Mass, please contact the office at office@sjtbcc.org to get on our email list. After you sign up, be sure to check your spam email if it's not in your inbox on Fridays.

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. Find out more about our *Supper Club*. 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!

Olive Wood Carvings For Sale

In the past few years, St. John the Baptist had the pleasure of supporting **George Alyateem** and his wood carvings. George will be here, once again, in the narthex after Masses on the weekend of **June 29 & 30**.

The proceeds of his sales will support Christian Catholic families in the Holy Land, whose major source of income comes from the sale of these carvings. More than 80 families in Bethlehem carved the nativities, crucifixes, rosaries, and statues that George will be selling this weekend. Please support George and these families.

Juneteenth - Freedom Day

The oldest celebration that commemorates the end of slavery, *Juneteenth* (June 19) is a celebration of continued societal progress and respect for all cultures and people. The core message of freedom for all continues to live on with the annual celebration of this historic day in United States history. It is a day of reflection, a day of renewal, and a pride-filled day. On *Juneteenth*, we come together (young and old) to listen, to learn, and to refresh the drive to achieve. *Juneteenth* is a day that we pray for peace and liberty for all.

Care Closets Are Empty!



When homeless families come to us in crisis, they need safety, food, and personal care. As summer approaches, donations tend to slow down.

We need your help now and across the summer to keep the care closets supplied. To see our list of items needed, please visit us at vinemapleplace.org. Thank you for your generosity!



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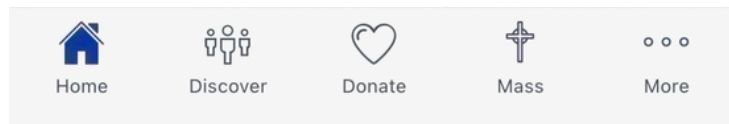
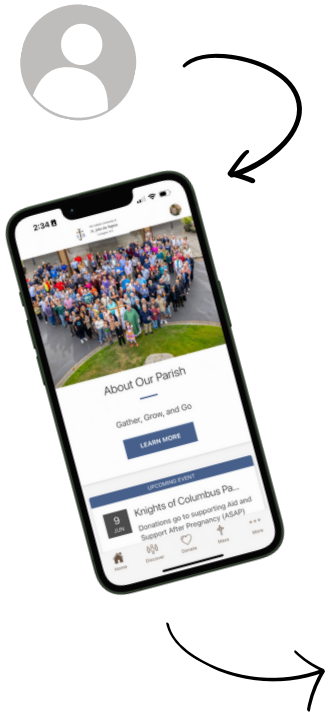
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You’re In! Go explore.

To access your profile, touch the head silhouette on the upper right. Use the the menu on the bottom to help you get around.



MORE CONTENT WILL BE ADDED TO OUR HOME SCREEN IN THE COMING WEEKS!



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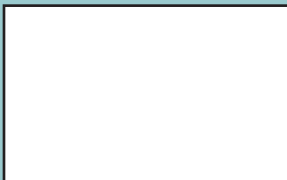
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