

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

June 23, 2024
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Give thanks to the Lord, His love is everlasting (Ps 107)



Yard Sale!! June 20-23

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!



Three years is a very short time to be a pastor. It takes about three years just to get to know a community and the individuals that make up that faith family. It takes some time to understand the history and identity of a place. In addition, it takes some time for the community to get to know and be comfortable with a pastor. Each priest has his own unique style.

When I arrived at St. John the Baptist, we were just emerging from Covid. We were still masked and keeping our social distances. We were slowly coming back to in-person participation at Mass and rebuilding many of the parish programs that suffered under Covid. We also were able to take a bit of a breather from the heroic efforts to maintain the parish during the pandemic.

Having spent three years with you, we were ready to take off implementing the new parish priorities that originated from our parish experience of the synod. Some of that will continue but now there will be new needs as you begin to form a parish family with Holy Spirit in Kent. This parish will bring its vision to that process as well as receive Holy Spirit's vision for being Church. It should be an exciting adventure.

In the big scheme of things, my three years with you may have served as a transition time between the long pastorate of Fr. Jim Coyne and this new phase of first sharing a pastor with Holy Spirit, Kent and then becoming one parish over the next three years. I hope you are in a better position to do that now.

This is meant to be a slow process. The first year is just getting to know one another. I appreciate the three years I had to do that. I look forward to hearing how you form this new parish family. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Fr. Bill

**Please Pray for
the sick:**

**Matthew Connars
Barb Martz
Renee Nicholas**

and those who have recently died:

Patrick Henderson
(brother of Lois Willard)

Celebrate with us!
June 30th



Help us say "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 barbecue, and an ice cream truck! Come one, come all to wish Father Bill the best in senior status.

Preparing for July 1

Over the past few weeks, new pastors and parochial vicars have been connecting with current parish leadership to set up transition plans and coordinate administrative details. For some parish families, the new pastor has engaged consultative bodies regarding changes to the current Mass schedule. At other parish families, staff are busily planning both farewell and welcome events for the upcoming official changes. These preparations are laying the groundwork for the official start of parish families on July 1, 2024, which begins the three-year period of welcoming, restructuring, and re-envisioning.

To help parish families with this transition, the Archdiocese of Seattle hired eight parish liaisons, who have been trained to support parish families in the process of becoming one parish. Each liaison has been assigned a group of parish families and has spent the last few weeks getting to know the pastors and parish staff at each of their locations as they prepare to journey with parish families over the next few years.

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Financial Status as of May 31

Stewardship Income	\$1,046,750
Other Income	\$ 147,381
Total Expenses	\$(1,193,532)
Net	\$ 601
Operating Reserves	\$ 239,063
Capital Reserves	\$ 286,297

There's Still Time to Shop!

It's finally here - the biggest pop-up thrift store in South King County! If you're reading this on Saturday or Sunday, come by and see what's for sale.

Ambitious shoppers came by on Thursday, and for an entry fee of \$10.00, they were able to shop the best deals before the weekend. The sale opens to the general public free of charge on **June 21 to 22 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm** and **June 23 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm**. All items are 50% off from 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm on Sunday, June 23. So come by and see what we have!

Supporting our yard sale means supporting Catholic education, tuition, and programs. Pick up new treasures when you shop at our yard sale.

It's not too late to sign up to help with the yard sale. We still need helpers to staff the rooms, work the front desk, help shoppers load their cars, and, of course, clean up! 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.

Masses for June 30, July 1, 6 & 7

Mass on the Grass

Join us for Fr. Bill's last Mass as pastor at Mass on the Grass. We will set up outside (weather permitting) between McMullen Center and the office building to celebrate Mass at 5:30 pm Sunday, June 30. Please bring your own chairs and be sure to dress for the temperature!

National Eucharistic Congress Pilgrimage

Join us for Fr. Carlos' First Mass at St. John's on Monday, July 1, at 9 am. This Mass is to kick off the pilgrimage to the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis July 17–July 21. A group of 17 teenagers and 16 adults are going to the Congress from Holy Spirit. Immediately following the Mass, the group will process from St. John's to Holy Spirit.

For information on the National Eucharistic Congress, see www.eucharisticcongress.org. There will also be a local Eucharistic Congress in Tacoma. See <https://archseattle.org/events/local-eucharistic-congress> for more information.

First Weekend

We will have a reception for Fr. Carlos after the Masses July 6 & 7. Come meet our new pastor!

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 have received pledges that put us at **97%** of our goal! 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. This will be our last bulletin update, but if you have not yet made a pledge, please do so to carry us over the finish line!

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 pm 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.

A Fun Night Out

Let's celebrate summer! Join the *Youth Ministry* for a night of pizza, mini golf, arcade and more. This event is open to all **families with middle or high school children**.

Family Fun Center in Tukwila
Tuesday, June 25
6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

There will be a sign-up sheet at the Faith Formation table out in the narthex after all Masses until June 25.

The more people attending, the bigger the price discount. We would like to get a head count by June 23. If you miss the sign-up sheet, please call **Peter Guthrie** at the parish office (253-630-0701) to **RSVP by June 23**.



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 23

Mass - 9:00 am
Yard Sale - 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Blood pressure after morning Masses
Mass - 11:30 am
Mass - 5:30 pm

Monday, June 24

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

Tuesday, June 25

Word & Communion Service - 9:00 am
WICS - 6:00 pm
Family Fun Center - 6:00 pm

Wednesday, June 26

Mass - 9:00 am
Oracion - 6:00 pm
Choir (Truthful Reign) Practice - 7:00 pm
Vida en el Espiritu Santo - 7:00 pm

Thursday, June 27

Hora Santa - 2:30 pm
Family Night - 6:00 pm
Mass - 6:30 pm
Choir (11:30 am) practice - 7:00 pm
Communications Meeting - 7:00 pm

Friday, June 28

Mass - 9:00 am
Funeral for Barbara O'Neill - 11:00 am
Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 6:30 pm

Saturday, June 29

Supper Club Picnic - 2:30 pm
Reconciliation (Confessions) - 4:00 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