

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

June 30, 2024
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me. (Ps 30)



Thank you Father Bill! May God always bless and keep you!

Worship Schedule

Vigil: Saturday 5:30 pm

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

Weekday Masses: Monday, Wednesday - 9:00 am; Thursday - 6:30 pm

Word & Communion: Tuesday & Friday - 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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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!



Christ's Gospel Truly Would Be Preached

"That Christ's Gospel truly would be preached, his parishioners devoutly would he teach." This line, describing The Parson, comes from the prologue of the *Canterbury Tales* by Geoffrey Chaucer (1343-1400).

Most priests, at the time of their ordination, choose a line of scripture for a prayer card that summarizes their path to ordination and their hopes for their ministry. As a literature major, I chose this line from Chaucer. Maybe it foreshadowed my propensity of doing things a bit differently. Over the past 41 years, I have kept coming back to this poetic line to focus on my priesthood.

Over the years, I have discovered a great joy in teaching and helping others gain insight into their faith and the lived tradition of our Church. I must admit I had more opportunity as a younger priest than as a pastor for that part of the ministry. Still many occasions present themselves to do a little teaching, including these little bulletin blurbs. Most recently, the word from this quote that stands out to me is "devoutly." It calls me to be respectful of the unique journey of faith each of us walks, taking people where they are at presently, and helping them take the next step to a deeper faith.

For the times I have failed to do that, I am sorry. For the times I might have helped, I give thanks, "that *Christ's Gospel truly (was) preached*".

For the past 37 years of my 41 years of priesthood, I have been a pastor and have been writing these pastor's columns. This is my last one. I hope that this would serve as a summary: *"That Christ's Gospel truly would be preached, his parishioners devoutly would he teach."*

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 30

Mass - 9:00 am

Mass - 11:30 am

Father Bill's Goodbye Party - 12:00 noon

Mass (on the grass) - 5:30 pm

Monday, July 1

Mass - 9:00 am (Fr. Carlos)

Prayer Ministry SFC Meeting - 9:30 am

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

Tuesday, July 2

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, July 3

Mass - 9:00 am (Fr. Crispin)

Parish Leadership Team Meeting - 6:30 pm

Choir (Truthful Reign) Practice - 7:00 pm

Vida en el Espiritu Santo - 7:00 pm

Thursday, July 4

Independence Day - office closed

Mass - 9:00 am (Fr. Carlos)

Creation Care Team - 1:00 pm

Safe Parking Monthly Meeting - 3:00 pm

Choir (11:30 am) practice - 7:00 pm

Friday, July 5

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration
at **St. Anthony Chapel (Holy Spirit)** - 7:00 am to 9:00 pm

Word & Communion - 9:00 am

Hispanic Charismatic Adoration - 4:00 pm

Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 7:00 pm

Saturday, July 6

Reconciliation (Confessions) - 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Mass - 5:30 pm (Fr. Crispin)

Please Pray for
the sick:

Barb Martz
Renee Nicholas

and those who have recently died:

Walter Tanimoto
(husband of Lori Tanimoto)

Celebrate with us!
June 30th



FR. BILL'S RETIREMENT PARTY

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.

Reprinted from the Archdiocese of Seattle newsletter dated 6/12/24



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.

Financial Status as of May 31, 2024

Stewardship Income:	\$1,046,750.00
Other Income:	147,381.00
Total Expenses:	(1,193,532.00)
Net:	601.00
Operating Reserves:	239,063.00
Capital Reserves	286,297.00

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 very generously giving. **We have received pledges that have allowed us to surpass our goals!** 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.

Last week was supposed to have been the last bulletin update, but the parish staff is excited to share the good news with you all that at least **5% of our goal will be returned to St. John the Baptist!**

Let's not stop here! You can use the envelope in the pews or give online (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 June 25, 2024:**

Total amount pledged:	\$135,604
Total pledges:	314
Average pledge:	\$431.86



Cherry Sale

The Knights of Columbus (KofC) Council 11780 are selling sweet Yakima cherries on **July 6 & 7, 2024** after all Masses, while supplies last.

These are freshly picked the day before and packed in two-pound boxes.

1 box - \$6.00
2 boxes - \$10.00

Proceeds will support *Coats for Kids*, an annual event that distributes warm winter coats for children in need of coats.

Mass on the Grass

Join us for Father 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 Father Carlos' First Mass at St. John the Baptist on **Monday, July 1, at 9:00 am**. This Mass is to kick off the pilgrimage to the *National Eucharistic Congress* in Indianapolis from July 17 to 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 the Baptist to Holy Spirit.

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

Welcome Father Carlos

We will have a reception for Father Carlos in either the portico or the narthex **after the Masses on July 6 & 7**. Come meet our new pastor!

A short bio of Father Carlos can be found at holyspiritkent.org/people/fr-carlos-orozco

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.

Update from the Facilities & Grounds Commission

This Commission met on June 13, 2024. The key topics covered were the status of the sanctuary's restroom repainting project, construction to repair the narthex water leak/damage, parish electronic sign, and retention pond vegetation management.

The Knights of Columbus painted the restrooms with a second coat of fresh paint on Monday, June 17.

O'Connell Legacy Builders started working on the Narthex on Monday, June 17. They expect the work to take three to four weeks.

The size of the new two-sided electronic reader sign that will be above the granite monument sign out by the street has been chosen.

A crew of volunteers trimmed the vegetation around the retention ponds on Monday, June 24.

Complete meeting minutes can be requested from David Aldous at davida@sjtbcc.org

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+July 1, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Peace be with you!

Today marks a milestone in the history of the Archdiocese of Seattle as we begin the implementation phase of our Partners in the Gospel strategic pastoral planning effort. This effort was designed to reorganize the structure of our parishes so that we can make more effective use of our resources — the people, the infrastructure, the finances, and more — to better achieve our Catholic mission. Imagine a Catholic Church that is thriving, welcoming young people, reaching out to those on the margins, caring for our environment and coming together as God’s people for faith-filled worship centered on the celebration of the Eucharist. That is the vision of our local Church.

I’ve traveled around the Archdiocese of Seattle these past five years, and many people ask about the mission of the Church, which is truly at the heart of this effort. As Catholics, our mission is to help people encounter Jesus Christ, to accompany others on this journey of faith and to witness the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Giving priority to Christ, growing in intimacy and association with Christ, we become his disciples. In baptism, Christ shares his life and mission with us. The end goal of Partners in the Gospel is to live our faith and continue Christ’s mission in the world. This is why the Catholic Church exists around the world and why we have embarked on Partners in the Gospel here in Western Washington.

As Pope Francis said, we must recognize the signs of the times and adjust. We no longer live in a time when people walk to Mass. We no longer live in a time when the local parish is the hub of all community gatherings. Seminaries are no longer bursting at the seams producing large ordination classes each year. While we have many thriving parishes and highly engaged communities, we’ve also seen a slow decline in all aspects of parish life, including many of our youth falling away from the practice of faith and families are not attending Mass like they once did.

As I’ve mentioned before, the status quo is not going to set the world on fire with the love of Jesus Christ. We need to be brave. We need to be bold. We need to take action — but not on our own. Everything we do has to be rooted in the Lord Jesus, guided by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and in fulfillment of the Father’s will.

We’ve focused on Partners in the Gospel planning for two years, with the past year and a half in consultation with you. Your participation was crucial to this effort, and again I thank you for your sincere insights and thoughtful advice. Because of your feedback, and the feedback of many throughout the archdiocese, we made many adjustments to the parish families. The parish families that are starting today reflect that feedback, which I believe put us on the best path forward — a path that was forged by consultation, prayer and discernment.

And, we must continue to listen. Listening these days is very challenging as we are bombarded with information, caught in a tug-of-war for our attention and swept up in the whirlwind of day-to-day

life. Despite this, we must make time to prayerfully listen to each other, and together, to where the Holy Spirit is calling us. We must make time for silence, reflecting upon the Word of God. Developing our own personal relationship with Jesus Christ is a cornerstone of this effort. Without a lively and ongoing personal relationship with him, how can we lead others to him?

Listening also involves expanding the number of people involved in parish life and decision-making processes. We are living in the age of the laity. This is the time to recognize the many gifts of the Holy Spirit present in each member of the Church and to call forth and empower each member to use those gifts for building up the Body of Christ, the Church.

The life of the Church is to always reflect the paschal mystery of Jesus Christ. Like the death and resurrection of our Lord, Partners in the Gospel, and our new parish families, represent a dying and rising that can bring great hope for a better future as we root ourselves ever more fully in the life of the Risen Lord.

Brothers and sisters, it is a privilege to be embarking with you this new chapter in the Archdiocese of Seattle. This chapter is full of hope and the possibility of great creativity. It will be a time for navigating new beginnings and for welcoming our brothers and sisters into a new way of being Church. There is no "my parish and your parish," but instead "our parish family." This is a time for us to embrace our call to co-responsibility and to care for the Church we love. Together we can take real action and build our future as the Catholic Church here in Western Washington.

Thank you for participating in this historic, mission-focused effort of Partners in the Gospel. Please continue to pray that the seeds we plant today grow into a strong faith-filled future for the people of God in the Archdiocese of Seattle. Please be assured of my continued prayers for you, and I ask you to please pray for me. As always, I remain,

In the heart of Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul D. Etienne". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P" and "E".

Most Rev. Paul D. Etienne, DD, STL
Archbishop of Seattle

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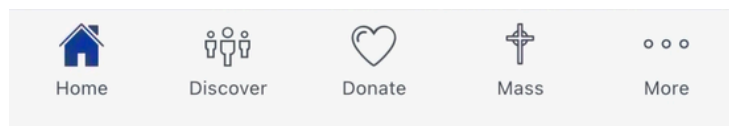
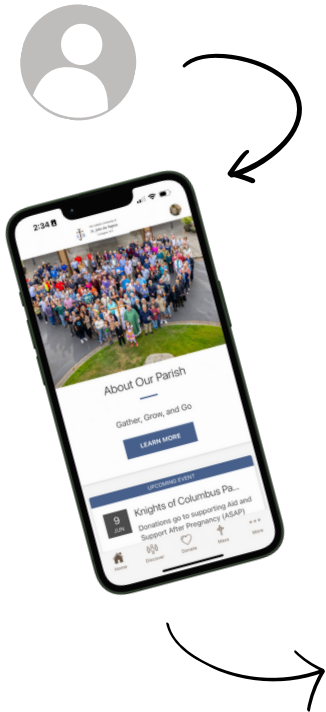
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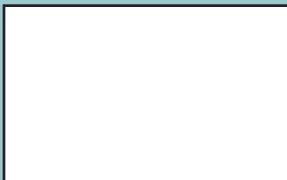
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