

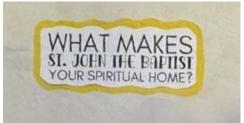
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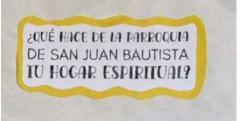
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Parishioners Reflect on What They Love About St. John the Baptist and Holy Spirit

What makes our parishes unique? Parishioners of St. John the Baptist and Holy Spirit are invited to write their thoughts on a special wall display. The questions prompt reflections on what they love most about their parishes and encourage heartfelt responses and shared memories. This interactive project is the next step in the Partners in the Gospel Initiative and is a celebration of faith, fellowship, and the unique spirit that makes St. John the Baptist and Holy Spirit cherished by so many. You are invited to share your thoughts. The posters at both parishes will be up through the month of August.







Our Mission

United in the Holy Spirit, we are a multicultural community celebrating Mass in four languages as we strive to live humility, gentleness, patience, bearing one another through love, striving to preserve unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body, one spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God.

-Ephesians 4:1-6

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!

Mass Times & Confessions

(check weekly schedules inside for holiday times and weekly changes to Mass)

Vigil: Saturday at 5:00p | Spanish 7:00p

Sunday Masses

8:30a | 10:30a | 12:30p Spanish

2:30p Swahili | 6:00p Chuukese (1st Sunday)

8:00p Spanish

Weekday Masses (in chapel):

Monday 9:00a

Wednesday thru Friday 9:00a

(Spanish Mass on Wednesday at 7:00p)

Confessions:

Saturday 3:00p to 4:30p (Main church) Wednesday 6:00p to 6:45p (chapel)

Vigil: Saturday at 5:30p

Sunday Masses:

9:00a | 11:30a | 5:30p

Weekday Masses:

Monday & Wednesday at 9:00a

Thursday at 6:30p

1st Friday Spanish 7:30p

Word & Communion/Liturgy of the Hour:

Tuesday & Friday at 9:00a

Confessions:

Saturday 4:00p to 5:00p

Office Hours

(check weekly schedules for changes)

Monday to Friday 8:00a to 5:00p Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday - Closed Tuesday to Friday 9:00a to 4:00p Saturday from 10:00a to 3:00p Sunday & Monday - Closed

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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH FAMILY



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Sunday

Choir Rehearsal (Swahili)
Franciscan Companions
Swahili Community
Centro Rendu
Rosary (Spanish)
Registration for Sacramental Prep, Confirmation, OCIA

Monday

Bible Study Groups (Spanish)
Food Pantry
Small Christian Community
Grupo de Oración
Grandparent Bible Study (Spanish)

Tuesday

Food Pantry
Adult Confirmation
Small Christian Community
English Classes for Spanish Speakers
Choir Rehearsal (12:30 Spanish)
Terrific Tuesday Meals
Mother Mary Guild

Wednesday

Young Adult Group (Spanish) Knights Council Altar Server Practice (Spanish) Bible Study (Spanish) RCIA/OCIA

Thursday

Young Adult Core Team (Spanish)
Holy Hour for Vocations
Apologetics Bible Study (Spanish)
Adult Confirmation (Spanish)
Small Christian Communities
Mujeres de Fe

Friday

Grupo de Oración Bible Study Communities Baptism Prep (Spanish) Base Ecclesial Groups (Spanish)

Saturday

Swahili Community
Registration for Sacramental Prep, Confirmation, OCIA
Choir Rehearsal (7pm Spanish)
Small Christian Communities



Sunday, August 17

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

Monday, August 18

Mostly Yoga - 8:00 am
Word & Communion/Liturgy of the Hours - 9:00 am
Prayer Ministry SFC Meeting - 9:30 am
Spanish Charismatic Group - 6:30 pm
Choir (Sunday 9:00 am) Practice - 7:00 pm
Knights of Columbus Meeting - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, August 19

Word & Communion/Liturgy of Hours - 9:00 am WICS - 6:00 pm Vida en el Espíritu Santo - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, August 20

Mass - 9:00 am

Divine Will Prayer Group - 10:00 am St. Vincent de Paul SJTB/HS Social - 5:00 pm Young Adult Night - 6:30 pm Choir (Truthful Reign) Practice - 7:00 pm

Thursday, August 21

Mostly Yoga - 8:00 am
Weekly Walking Group - 11:00 am
Creation Care Team - 1:00 pm
La Hora Santa - 3:00 pm
Mass - 6:30 pm
Choir (Sunday 11:30 am) Practice - 7:00 pm
OCIA Team Meeting - 7:00 pm

Friday, August 22

Word & Communion - 9:00 am Choir (Filipino) Practice - 7:00 pm Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 7:00 pm

Saturday, August 23

Reconciliation - 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm Mass - 5:30 pm

Please Pray for

those who are sick:

Faye Driessen, Gary East, Isaac Malsam, Tia Bailey, Mary Watterson

and those who have died:

Kelly Elaine Green (mother of Anthony Smith)

Celebrate Father Crispin!

Father Crispin's 35th anniversary to the priesthood is next weekend! We are celebrating at both parishes on Sunday, August 24, 2025.

As part of the St. John's celebration, we are asking those attending the morning Masses to **bring a statue, icon, or favorite painting of Mary** to help us bless Fr. Crispin, whose devotion to Mary is profound. We will display those as part of the Masses.

Breakfast will be held at St. John the Baptist McMullen Center between the 9:00 am and 11:30 am Masses. If you would like to assist with this celebration, please bring potluck breakfast items. Please contact *Marilou Bickel* at the office if you can help with food and setting up or cleaning up.

The second celebration will be hosted by the Swahili and Spanish speaking communities at Holy Spirit after the 2:30 pm Mass.

A New Way to Enjoy a Beloved Tradition

The Knights of Columbus (Knights) pancake breakfasts are a cherished tradition here at St. John the Baptist, and it's a delicious way to support parish and local outreach ministries.

Starting this fall, the *Knights* will introduce a simple and consistent ticket price for breakfast.

Adults: \$10.00Youth Ages 6-16: \$5

· Children under 5: free or donation

This change will help the *Knights* continue to offer hearty and high-quality meals, while ensuring that they can meet their fundraising goals to support the parish and the broader community. Even with the new ticket price, breakfast will remain a great value - less than any nearby restaurant - and served with extra helpings of fellowship and parish spirit!

The next pancake breakfast will be Sunday, September 21, 2005. We hope to see you there!



Faith Formation & Youth Ministry Program Details & Registration Info

Online registration (click here) is now open for 2025-2026 Faith Formation Program, which begins the week of September 28. The following will meet in the McMullen Center classrooms:

- Pre-K to Grade 4 on Sundays from 10:15 am to 11:15 am
- Grades 4 to 8 on Wednesdays from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

The following will meet in the Hall at Holy Spirit:

• Grades 9 to 12 on Mondays 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Sacramental Preparation – First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, Confirmation & OCIA: preparation will happen over a two-year period, making the first year a foundational, comprehensive, and community-building year in their age-appropriate program. The second year is a continuation in those programs! For more information, contact *Joan Williamson* at the St. John the Baptist office.

If you need assistance with the fees, please call **Joan Williamson**. For those who may need it, there are scholarships available, or you can make payments throughout the year as you are able. Never let money prevent you from participating in Faith Formation. We look forward to our year together!

Job Opening Parish Facilities Supervisor – Leadership & Maintenance Role

Family 30 is looking for a full-time **Facilities and Grounds Supervisor** to direct the maintenance and care of all of the buildings and property at St. John the Baptist **and** Holy Spirit. This person will oversee the work of our facilities stewards, *David Aldous* and *Juan Carlos Tafur*, and will also be responsible for planning, record-keeping, security, and contractor oversight. Additionally, this person should be willing to get their hands dirty and work with volunteers and staff to ensure that everything is working smoothly.

Some of the required qualifications include:

- · Proficient in English and Spanish;
- Has 5+ years experience in maintenance and repair of commercial and/or household systems;
- · Has a current drivers license; and
- · Has a reliable vehicle.

If you, or someone you know, is interested in this position, please contact *Kathy Wickward* at St. John the Baptist (x101 or kathyw@sjtbcc.org) or *Kristi Vasquez* at Holy Spirit (x221 or kvasquez@holyspiritkent.org) to get a full job description and application.

From "What" to "Why"

Our "What Are Our Gifts?" posters have been filling up with wonderful words and phrases - welcoming, music, community, faith-filled, and more. These capture the "what" of our parish - the things we see, hear, and experience at St. John the Baptist.

This weekend, you are invited to take the next step - write a word or short phrase and let it reflect your "why."

- · Why does our community feel like home?
- Why is the music so meaningful?
- Why does this parish inspire one to grow in faith?

Let your words or phrase hint at the story behind it. Next weekend, you are invited to share your full "why" in a longer response written or by speaking with a scribe after Mass.

For now, grab a marker, add your "why" to the posters in the narthex and sanctuary, and watch our celebration grow into a beautiful reflection of who we are here at St. John the Baptist.

Test Your Mass Awareness



Last week's question was, "Why does the priest mix a little water with the wine in the chalice?" Answer: the wine and the water represent two realities in the Eucharist. The water represents Jesus' humanity and the wine His divinity. The mingling of the water and wine in the chalice symbolizes the Incarnation of Jesus. It also recalls Jesus' Passion, when the soldiers pierced His side with a spear and out flowed blood and water, thus signifying baptism and Eucharist.1

Thanks to all who participated in answering last week's question correctly: *Veronica Gomez, Frank Hammock, Mary Hammock, Nadine Howard,* and *Bonnie Sawyer*. Your participation is greatly appreciated!

This week's question is, "The Mass can be divided into two main parts - can you name each part?" If you think you know the answer, email **Pat** before Wednesday at bulletin@sjtbcc.org. (Be honest and don't Google the answer!) Names of those who answer correctly will be published in the next edition of the bulletin.

Thanks to *Frank Hammock*, who submitted this week's question. If you would like to submit a question to test everyone's Mass awareness, please email them to *Pat* at <u>bulletin@sitbcc.org</u> **before Wednesday**.

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Share a Meal, Share a Story Supper Club Is Back!

The next round of *Supper Club* kicks off soon! Gather in small groups to share meals, stories, and laughter with fellow parishioners. Groups will meet September through November.

There are several ways to sign up.
You can sign up online by clicking here.
You can also scan the QR code and fill out the form. And for those who would rather sign up with a pen or pencil, there are paper forms available in the narthex. However way you feel comfortable, please sign up soon, so the Supper Club team can put the schedule together in time for fall.

Join Us for a Grounds Work Party!

The Facilities and Grounds Commission is hosting a work party at the large water retention pond on Saturday, August 23, and they would love your help!
Stop by anytime between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm to help out and be ready to get dirty!



To meet county and city regulations, vegetation from the pond needs to be cleared to ensure proper water flow before the rainy season returns. Trees need to be removed, branches need to be chipped, and root balls need to be composted. Bring your gloves, wear sturdy clothes, and help us keep the grounds in shape!

Please contact the parish office if you need more information or have any questions. Thank you from the *Facilities and Grounds Commission*!

Offering with Purpose: A Small but Meaningful Change

You may have noticed in recent weeks that donations are now brought forward **before** the bread and wine. At the beginning of the offertory, parishioners are first invited to come forward with their tithes and food donations. After a few moments, the bread and wine are then brought up to the altar.

This change allows us to more clearly express our offering of both our gifts and ourselves to God.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Then the king ordered Ebed-melech the Cushite to take three men along with him, and draw the prophet Jeremiah out of the cistern before he should die. (Jer 38:10)

Psalm:

Lord, come to my aid! (Ps 40)

Second Reading:

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us

and persevere in running the race that lies before us. (Heb 12:1)

Gospel:

Jesus said to his disciples:

"I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" (Lk 12:49)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus tells us that he has come to set fire to the earth. What can we give him as kindling? Let us look into our souls and see where the fire of Christ can be ignited, and pray that our souls may be consumed by its life-giving flames.

Observances for the week of August 17, 2025

Sunday: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: St. John Eudes, Priest

Wednesday: St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the

Church

Thursday: St. Pius X, Pope

Friday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday: St. Rose of Lima, Virgin

Next Sunday: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



Devotions, Explained!

Defined by a monophonic (meaning a single melody without harmony or chords), unaccompanied song, Gregorian chant is a form of sacred music used in liturgical settings and prayer. It has been synonymous with Catholic musical worship since the first millennium.

Prayer for Bravery

Dear God.

In the moments when my faith is met with others' disdain or ridicule, give me the grace to be grounded in You. Remind me that Your mission matters, and that You alone bring comfort, healing, and salvation.

Amen.

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Breaking Open the Word THE IGNATIAN WAY

Ministry formation programs for BIPOC and Young Adults

Rooted in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, The Ignatian Way is a dual-track nine-month formation program that forms emerging leaders for public ministry in preaching and spiritual companionship, while nurturing care for the whole person with retreats and regular prayer.



IGNATIAN WAY PREACHERS

The Ignatian Way Preachers program forms persons to break open the Word with imagination, justice, and spiritual depth. The process nurtures authentic, culturally relevant proclamation for today's diverse communities.

IGNATIAN WAY SPIRITUAL COMPANIONS

The Ignatian Way Spiritual Companions program forms persons to listen, share the Word, and guide prayer in one-on-one and group settings. The process prepares them to guide others with authenticity, spiritual depth, and attention to God's movement.

PARTICIPANTS CAN EXPECT

- Experiential learning of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius
- Care for the whole person through retreats, rest, and prayer
- One-on-one coaching (Preachers) or spiritual direction (Spiritual Companions)
- Enriched learning through small cohorts of diverse participants
- A funded year-end individual or team project
- Structured support for their ministry after the formation year

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

The Ignatian Way formation programs are open to BIPOC and young adult individuals who are committed to sharing their faith with others: emerging leaders, lay ministers, pastors, teachers, spiritual directors, chaplains, and others who seek to deepen a call to ministry in their community.

LEARN MORE & APPLICATION

Applications are due August 30 Visit our website at **ignatiancenter.org/ignatian-way** or contact Carla Orlando, Ignatian Way Program Manager, at carla@ignatiancenter.org.





Family 30's Young Adult Evening Event

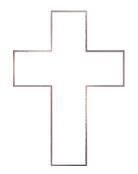
-`Picnic Potluck (-

Join us for an evening filled with prayer, food, music, and other fun activities! All young adults are welcome! To inform us of what dish/food item you would like to bring, you can contact Lysa or Cristina.

Please let us know if you have any food allergies/concerns so we can accommodate everyone!

- McMullen Center, SJTBCC
- Wednesday, August 20
- 6:30 8:30 PM





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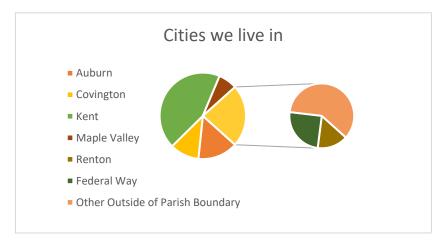
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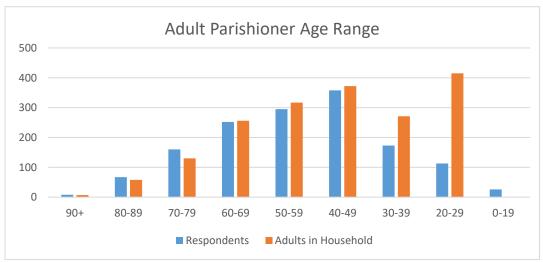


Family 30 Demographic Survey Results

The demographics team tallied over 1400 responses to the demographic survey from Family 30 to give the Parish Family Advisory Council a look at the some basic characteristics of our parishioners. The team was able to compare those characteristics to a demographic survey of our surrounding community, within our parish boundary. Here is a look at what we discovered.



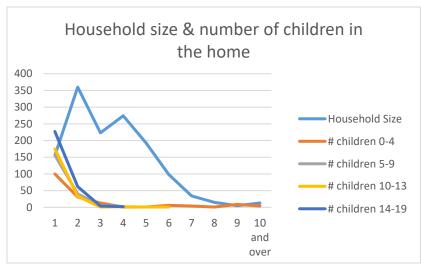
Unsurprisingly, most of us live in Kent, with the majority of the rest of us within the parish boundary. Just over 23% live outside the parish boundary, many in close by cities such as Renton & Federal Way, but due to serving some very specific linguistic groups, we do have members coming from farther away. According to the demographic report of our surrounding community, there are 19,794 Catholics living within our parish boundary as of 2023, compared to the roughly 9752 members we have registered in our system.

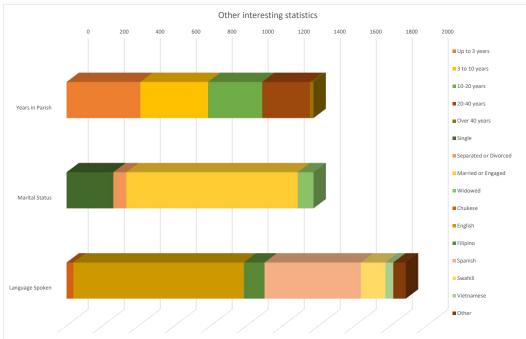


This chart shows two interesting pieces of data: parishioners tend towards middle and upper middle age, and are living with young adults. This suggests a growing trend of young adults living with their parents and/or other older adult relatives.

About 4.5% of respondents said they needed accommodations so that services can be more accessible. Of that group, 30% needed physical accommodations, 10% visual accommodations, and 8% auditory help. The rest asked for assistance with transportation to and from Mass, better wheelchair access to the bathrooms, and translation help.

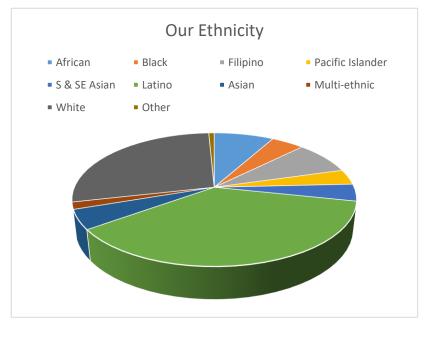
Households trend small, with 37% of parishioners living in one or two person households. Many families have at least one child, with numbers dropping steeply after 3 children in any age group. These questions had a large number of outliers, as some people entered children's ages rather than the number of children in an age range, and some people living in multi-family situations (such as assisted living) included a large number of non-household members in their answers.





Other results included quite a large number of respondents who are new to the parish family, and an overwhelming majority of married respondents. According to the community demographics report, 48.7% of the total population is married, 34.4% never married, 11.1% divorced, and 4.2% are widowed. English and Spanish the primary languages spoken by parishioners, followed by Swahili, languages from the Philippines, Vietnamese, Chukese, and others.

The majority of respondents are Latino and White, with the remaining groups listed on the right. There were a variety of responses, reflecting the diversity of the Catholic faith. One could say that we attract those we set out to serve, but we also serve people from a variety of backgrounds. To compare this result with the community demographic statistics: in 2023, the ethnicities residing within the parish boundary were 16.2% Asian, 9.6% Black, 51.7% White, 14.1% Hispanic/Latino, and 8.3% "Other."





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