

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

August 22, 2021
Sunday in Ordinary Time

WELCOME

Whether you're a registered parishioner or first-time visitor, we hope you feel welcome. 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 253-630-0701

MISSION STATEMENT

The Catholic Community of St. John the Baptist: Where 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



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Regular Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 9 am—3 pm Saturday, 10 am —3 pm

Word & Communion: Mon & Tues. 9 am

Confession: Saturday at 4 pm

Mass: Wed. 9 am, Thurs. 6:30 pm, Friday, 9 am

Sat. 5:30 pm, Sun. 9 am and 11:30 am

Vigil mass streamed live Saturdays at 5:30 pm on Facebook, recordings posted to website by 8 am Sunday

FROM YOUR PASTOR



Communion to the Sick and Home Bound

There are two reasons the Church reserves the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle: To offer a special place of prayer and to be able to bring Holy Communion to the sick and homebound who are not able to attend Mass. Sometimes, a person asks for an extra host when they come forward in the communion process. This is not a good practice. First, being new, I do not always know the person asking for a host. I presume many other communion ministers may not know them as well. Second, I may not know the person to whom they are bringing Holy Communion. In addition, at daily Mass, it can throw off the count of hosts set out for the assembly.

The first is important because we want to ensure those bringing communion to the sick are properly trained and formed in this important ministry and receive ongoing support. It is important to know who is representing the parish community and bringing the Eucharist to the sick. It is possible an unknown person could be seeking to get a consecrated host for a reason other than bringing it to the sick. (My *Deliberative* strength makes me think of these things.) We are obligated to protect the Blessed Sacrament. We also must ensure all those ministering in this area are up to date in our safe environment protocols.

Second, it is helpful for the parish to be up to date on who is receiving Holy Communion at home or at a care facility, so we can offer other forms of pastoral care as well and include them in our prayers.

To accomplish these goals, we will be asking those taking communion to the sick get the Blessed Sacrament after Mass and record their visit in a notebook the parish will provide. The sacristan can assist them. Would you consider this ministry? As we hopefully emerge from Covid, we may have more requests. It can be a very powerful and rewarding ministry bring the Lord present in the Eucharist to the sick. Do you know of someone who may need Holy Communion brought to them? Please call Laurie at the parish office to find out more about this ministry or to request a home visit.

Moreover, if by chance you stop by the church for a moment of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, please say a little prayer for parishioners who are sick or homebound.

Fr. Bill

Receiving one of the COVID-19 vaccines ought to be understood as an act of charity toward the other members of our community. In this way, being vaccinated safely against COVID-19 should be considered an act of love of our neighbor and part of our moral responsibility for the common good.”

U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2021



Please pray for those who are sick:

Jeanne Marie West, Michele Jahns, Eric Jones, and Gina Howell

Please pray for those who have died:

Chrisanto Santiago (brother of Nestey Santiago) and Your own special intentions

Most Blest

I love to be out in the morn
When the sun peeks o'er the hill,
The dew is sparkling on the grass
And Nature's sleeping, still.

I love to walk among my flowers
To breathe their fragrance rare,
And revel in the loveliness
Of the colors that they wear.

But evening has a special charm
The breezes softly touch,
And a dove will sing the sweetest songs
The ones I love so much

This truly is a precious time
When toil is given rest,
And prayers ascend from grateful hearts
To make these hours most blest

Rachel Hartnett

STEWARDSHIP



This week, Mary Jorgenson (MJ) offers us a glimpse of the Happy, Healthy and Holy family she finds with her work team at Boeing. MJ has a wonderful gift of integrating spirituality with work and definitely deepens our understanding of stewardship as well! Do you have a story you would like to share with us?

What on Earth would ANYONE in their right mind be doing sitting in front of a computer at 0300hr after an 11-hour shift at work? There are certain things, which must be committed to paper before they are allowed to slip from memory. We often talk about the three Ts: Time, Talent, and Treasure; nowhere is that better exemplified than the panel seal shop in the 4-20 building in Renton.

I have the pleasure of leading a great bunch of folks through our daily toils, on average I spend about 10 hours with them each workday. If I didn't have such great people, believe me, time would just seem to drag on endlessly. Spending all that time together is a great way to foster a sense of community. So far, even though we have had our fair share of hiccups and hardships, we have not had to force anyone to work overtime. Either they are eager for it, like Mama Huong, or they are compelled by a sense of duty as most are. You might think that the treasure is the time-and-a-half from said OT, WRONG! It's hearing Mama Huong's laugh or seeing her smile, seeing Doug talk about his car, the strides that our new trainees are making towards picking up new skills, it's Will's impish grin when we call him a ninja, and countless other facets of the magic brought on by a wonderful community of individuals. Talent, when pooled, is a marvelous thing; even better when it is shared. Granted, Mama Huong and Vee are two of my best sealers, we have folks who are more than willing to share their knowledge for the benefit of others. Angula is great with capseals and she is willing to train newly arrived folks, as is Doug with aroeseal even though he is relatively new himself. When we all learn and grow as a team, we can do wonders working together. I know there was a bit of technical mumbo-jumbo in there, but I think most will understand the concept. My crew truly is a blessing, they make my job so much easier and excel at making me proud. They inspire me to become more like the servant-leader of which our Church always speaks. Although I wouldn't wish the noise, the chaos, or most especially the smells on anyone; I sincerely wish everyone could be so blessed with a wonderful work community like mine.

By: Mary Jorgenson



Come find a treasure! We have all sorts of parish resources from books, to religious items to parish swag to share with you during our **Health and Ministry Fair on September 11 and**

12! Each family will receive a free **SJTB tote bag** you can use to take home your free gifts! If you submit your name to volunteer for a parish ministry in the next year you will also have a **chance to win** one of our baskets filled with wonderful surprise items!

SEPTEMBER 11 & 12 AFTER EVERY MASS

St. John Health & Ministry Fair



Come learn about our Parish ministries, health at home,

...children's wellness, planning for an emergency, aging well, navigating health care systems, and more! Meet some of the faces behind the programs at St. John and have a chance to sign up for different ministries. See you there!

FOR MORE INFO VISIT : WWW.SJTBCC.ORG

School is starting and our youth will soon be stuffing their **backpacks** with books and other supplies. Would you like some tips on how to pack up their resources and help their posture at the same time? Have you ever wondered if their **bike helmet** or **car seat** is properly fitted? Would you like some tips on how to **communicate positively** with your middle school child? **Good news!** These are just a few of the



services we will be offering at our **HEALTH AND MINISTRY FAIR after Masses the weekend of September 11 and 12.** We will also have parishioners offering tips on **aging safely at home** and planning for an **emergency.** Come learn about our parish ministries and receive some fun snacks and gifts as well as we begin the **Year of the Family: Happy, Healthy, Holy!**



Registration is open now for St. John the Baptist Pre-K, Elementary, Youth, and

High School Faith Formation! We will be taking note of what is happening in our local school districts as we prepare to return to the McMullen Center for faith formation classes. As always, **volunteers** are needed to help shepherd our children through the program, please let us know if you are willing to volunteer. We provide training and support throughout the program. Also, while we must charge a fee for materials, no child is turned away from faith formation if the family is unable to pay; arrangements are available.

Registration forms can be found in the narthex, in the office or on our website!

<https://sjtbcc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/FF-Registration-2021-22.pdf>

PK - 4th Grade questions? Contact Therese McHenry @ 253-893-6687 or ThereseM@sjtbcc.org

5th - High School questions? Contact Chelsea Wilde @ 253-893-6683 or



BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE

As Fall approaches and our kids will be back in school, we want to reinstate our Back To School Supply Drive. Please purchase items when you're out shopping and help us make this a celebration to get our children back to their school activities. As usual this drive will go to

Communities in Schools who support the more needy schools. Thanks for your help. The Life, Justice Peace Commission



Craft and Hobby Days are back! Celebrate with us by coming to our first event in over 15 months to be held on Sept. 18, 2021 from 10 am to 5 pm in the Multi-Purpose rooms of the McMullen Center. Bring your own lunch and snack as we will not be sharing with others at this time. Bring your favorite craft and supplies and be creative while catching up with other crafty friends. For the protection of others and since we will be inside, masks are required. If you can't make it on Sept. 18th, we will also be meeting on Oct. 2nd and Nov. 27th. The Craft and Hobby Retreat will be back in January on the 14th and 15th, so add those dates to your calendar. Look for a full calendar of events in your email box soon. If you have any questions or are new to these events, contact Nancy Moore in the parish office 253-630-0701 for more information.

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

- Monday, Aug. 23**
Word & Communion, 9 am
- Tuesday, Aug. 24**
Word & Communion, 9 am
- Wednesday, Aug. 25**
Mass, 9 am
- Thursday, Aug. 26**
Mass, 6:30 pm
- Friday, Aug. 27**
Mass, 9 am
Grupo de Oracion Crismatico "Divina Misericordia",
- Saturday, Aug. 28**
Confession, 4 pm
Mass, 5:30 pm
- Sunday, Aug 29**
Mass, 9 am and 11:30 am



Do you want to know more about St. John the Baptist Catholic Community? Check us out on the following:



Life, Justice, Peace



What We Have Done: Stewardship of creation begins at a young age! During Lent this year, our elementary education students learned about the cycle of creation through the transformation of a caterpillar into a butterfly and how that in many ways is like the story of Christ's sacrifice and resurrection.

What You Can Do: Growing food saves money, gives you an understanding of food production, and puts you in touch with nature. There is, of course, the problem of having neither the time or garden space to plant and nurture a whole vegetable patch, so head for something simple such as potted herbs or a potato sack, which can be grown effectively on a windowsill.

Let Us Pray: "You are the LORD, you alone; You made the heavens, the highest heavens and all their host, The earth and all that is upon it, the seas and all that is in them. To all of them you give life, the heavenly hosts bow down before you." Nehemiah 9:6

Volunteer Opportunities

Please Contact Lisa O'Leary at

lisao@vinemapleplace.org or 425-432-2119 x 104.

• **Urgent Need: Child Resource**  Time-Help care for children while their parent is in class. Tues. 9:45-12 (1 vol), Wed. 1-4 pm (3 vol), Wed. 4:45-6:45 (1 nursery vol), Thur. 9:45-12 (1 vol., 1 nursery vol.), Fri. 9:45-12 p.m. (1 vol., 2 nursery vol.).

• **Male Mentors-** Work one-on-one with boys ages 5-11. Tues. 9:45-12. (2).

• **Teen Mentor-** Need 1 Female volunteer to work with the teen group Tues. 5:00-7:30 p.m. and 1 female Teen Mentor, Wed. 5:00-7:30 p.m.

• **Baby Attendant-** Hold and play with babies while Mom is in class. Thru. & Fri. 9:45-12. (4 volunteers)

• **Front Desk-** Answer phones, greet visitors and help with various other tasks supporting the business office. Coverage needed- Multiple shifts M-F.

• **Adult Education, Financial Empowerment-** Teach classes or work one-on-one with moms and dads to develop budgeting skills. In person: Wed 5:15-6:45 p.m. (2), Thur. 6-7:30 (2), Fri. 10-11:45 (2).

• **Adult Education, Workforce Development-** Teach classes or work one-on-one with moms and dads building resumes, etc. Wed. 1-4, (1) and 5:15-6:45 (2), Thur. 6-7:15 (1),

Facilities Team- Mow, weed, paint, clean or other maintenance tasks; M-F, schedule based on availability (4-6) volunteers)

Feed hungry kids: Sign-up [here](#) to bring food items for the children's program.



*Masks are optional. We continue to practice safe social distancing and utilize strict sanitizing procedures.

NEWS FROM OUR NEIGHBORS



No Matter How Much You're Hurting,

No Marriage Is Beyond Hope!

• Are you struggling in your marriage, or do

you know someone who is?

- Are you disillusioned? Frustrated?
- Do you struggle with trust or forgiveness?
- Are you considering separation or divorce?
- Have you lost hope??

Let Retrouvaille Help!

For confidential information, or to register for our upcoming VIRTUAL weekend **Sept. 16-19, 2021**, call Mark and Ronnie at **206-706-2608** or go to www.helpourmarriage.org.

Rachel's Corner

Hope and Healing After Abortion

"Look upon me, have pity on me, for I am alone and afflicted. Relieve the troubles of my heart; bring me out of my distress." Psalm 25:16-17

Have you cried out to God begging Him for His mercy and to help you with what you have been feeling and thinking since the abortion? He wants to show you that you are NOT alone. Call and let Him hold you as He frees you from your pain.

Call for a compassionate, confidential conversation.

English: (206) 920-6413 / Español: (206)-450-7814

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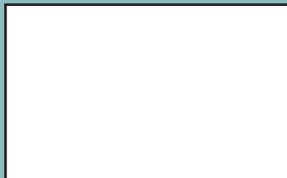
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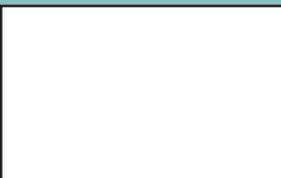
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