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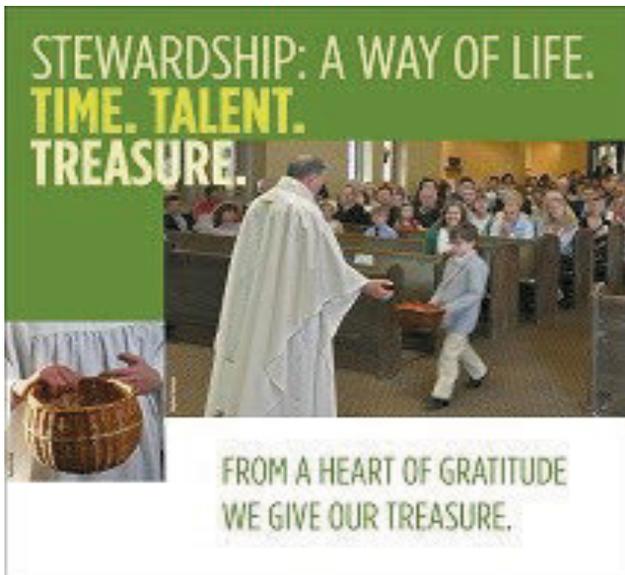
WELCOME

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—4 pm Saturday, 10 am —3 pm

Word & Communion: Mon & Tues. 9 am

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

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

Confession: Saturday at 4 pm

Vigil mass live streamed Saturdays at 5:30 pm on

Facebook, recordings posted to website by

8 am Sunday

FROM YOUR PASTOR



Reconciliation

The parish will soon begin preparing children to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. It is a good opportunity to look at how this sacrament is lived out in your own life. Too often, a child's first Reconciliation is their last celebration of this sacrament or at least for a long time. It is difficult articulating our sins and faults to another person, but it can be healing. That is the purpose of this sacrament, to experience the Lord's forgiveness and healing of our sins. The Gospels show us how extravagant the Lord was in forgiving sin and showing mercy. He continues to be so today. As the pray of absolution states, the purpose of this sacrament is to "bring pardon and peace."

I am glad to see a good number of parishioners do make Individual Reconciliation a regular part of their spiritual journey. I am never lonely during the Saturday afternoon confession period. If it has been a while since you prayed this sacrament, I invite you to consider experience the Lord's love and forgiveness through this ritual prayer so that you too may hear those powerful word: "Go in peace, your sins are forgive."

Fr. Bill



Please pray for those who are sick: Gina Howell, Stacy Rucci, Frances Serr, Marylea Brown, and Florence Burns

Please pray for those who have died : Raylyn Brauenworth (sister of Oats and Tina Reeves), and Herminio Songco (uncle of Angie Santiago) and Emeteria Foriano (mother of Rizalino Soriano)



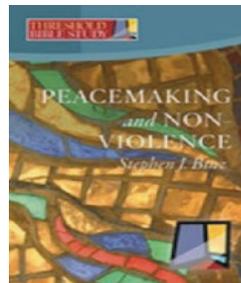
Life Teen is Back and We Need Your Help! The Life teen Mass will resume on Sunday, Sept. 19, at 5:30 pm. We need more liturgical ministers for this Mass. If you used to be a liturgical minister for Life Teen prior to

COVID-19 and are interested in resuming your ministry, contact Laurie at laurjem@sjtbcc.org or 253-893-6685. Also, if you are interested in becoming a new liturgical minister, let Laurie know.



Parish Stewardship Report for Sunday, September 26, 2021

Stewardship Envelopes	\$	4,564.00
Stewardship Loose	\$	2,802.56
Vigil Lights	\$	20.50
St. Vincent de Paul	\$	355.00
CCHD	\$	775.00
Wedding Stole Fee	\$	800.00
Mass Intentions	\$	40.00
Faith Formation Fees	\$	392.00
Haiti Relief	\$	20.00
Funeral Donations	\$	450.00
Live Streaming Donation	\$	200.00
Guatemala Restricted Donations	\$	1,302.00
Total	\$	11,721.06



Fall Bible Study Series for Adults:

This Fall we will be breaking open the Word of God with Threshold Bible Study Series' "Peacemaking and Non-Violence" by Stephen J. Bins. Please join us on Tuesday evenings (Hybrid 7-8:30pm) or Thursday mornings (zoom 10-11:30am) to more fully understand our Catholic teachings on peacemaking and non-violence as a people of God. These Sessions began on September 28th and

30th but you may still join. You can register via our website (sjtbcc.org), or connect with Joan Williamson at 253-630-0701 x109 or joanw@sjtbcc.org.

THIS WEEK AT OUR CHURCH

Monday, Oct. 4

Word & Communion, 9 am

Tuesday, Oct. 5

Word & Communion 9 am

Wednesday, Oct. 6

Mass, 9 am

Thursday, Oct. 7

Mass, 6:30 pm

Friday, Oct. 8

Mass, 9 am

Grupo de Oracion Crismatico "Divina Misericordia" ,

Saturday, Oct. 9

Confession, 4 pm

Mass, 5:30 pm

Sunday, Oct. 10

Mass, 9 am, 11:30 am and 5:30 pm

Faith Formation:

Parent First Reconciliation Class, 9 am

PS& Grades 1-4, 10:15 am

Charismatic Praise & Worship, 7:30 pm



**THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED
IN OUR HEALTH AND MINISTRY FAIR!**

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St. John the Baptist is offering Financial Peace University



This program offers a variety of online and written resources for money management and investing in your future. The nine sessions will be facilitated by a fellow parishioner and retired financial executive, who will share his expertise with participants.

Classes will be held between Sunday morning Masses in the parish conference room.

Suggested donation is \$50/couple or individual, as the parish is subsidizing 50% of the cost. Some scholarships also are available.

To register or to receive more information, please contact Anne Frederick at annef@sjtbcc.org or 253-630-0710

STEWARDSHIP



Year of the Family: Happy + Health + Holy



In this article, Mary-Kaye Soderlind offers us a lovely reflection on how nature can lead us to a deeper understanding of God and Church as a family.

The Kent Community Garden is in my neighborhood. I must admit that my daily walks from April until the end of the September tend to be much more pleasant as I walk by it and scan what appears to be nearly daily progress. I guess you could say that I like to watch things grow or perhaps it is because I hope I will be able to give my poor struggling tomato plants some encouragement simply because i have seen such thriving ones in the Community Garden.

I must admit, however, that my favorite of all the plants in the garden are the sunflowers. Did you know that if sunflowers cannot find the sun they turn to one another. I learned that when I stopped to talk to one of the gardeners about my poor tomato plants.

That night as I was falling asleep I began to reflect on the idea that what he told me about sunflowers was quite solid theology. We all know that the sun is in the sky even if a thick layer of clouds buries it. We also know that God is always with us. The problem is because we are human, because we sometimes become bogged down with more than we think we can handle, it is helpful and comforting to be able to turn to others. I know how helpful it is to me when I have been able to turn to others and I hope the same is true when others have turned to me. In my mind, that is what it means to be family, that is what it means to be friend, that is what it means to be Church. Like the sunflowers may we be Christ to one another.



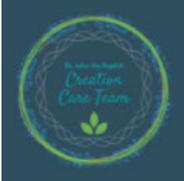
Living Your Strengths
Discover how to use you God-given talents

This is a great opportunity to find out your special gifts and how to share them with others!

Strengths classes are four weeks in length. You can choose an in person day or an evening class via Zoom.

Suggested donation is \$20 for your book and resources. For more information contact Anne Frederick at 253-630-0701 x 125 or email at annef@sjtbcc.org

Life, Justice, Peace



As we close out the Season of Creation, we extend a special thanks to the community of St. John the Baptist for their prayers and actions to love and protect our common home. In celebrating the Feast of St. Francis on October 4th, we share his Canticle of Creatures:

Most High, all-powerful, all-good Lord,
All praise is Yours, all glory, all honour and all blessings.
To you alone, Most High, do they belong,
and no mortal lips are worthy to pronounce Your Name.
Praised be You my Lord with all Your creatures,
especially Sir Brother Sun,
Who is the day through whom You give us light.
And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendour,
Of You Most High, he bears the likeness.
Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars,
In the heavens you have made them bright, precious and fair.
Praised be You, my Lord, through Brothers Wind and Air,
And fair and stormy, all weather's moods,
by which You cherish all that You have made.
Praised be You my Lord through Sister Water,
So useful, humble, precious and pure.
Praised be You my Lord through Brother Fire,
through whom You light the night
and he is beautiful and playful and robust and strong.
Praised be You my Lord through our Sister,
Mother Earth
who sustains and governs us,
producing varied fruits with coloured flowers and herbs.
Praise be You my Lord through those who grant pardon
for love of You and bear sickness and trial.
Blessed are those who endure in peace,
By You Most High, they will be crowned.
Praised be You, my Lord through Sister Death,
from whom no-one living can escape.
Woe to those who die in mortal sin!
Blessed are they She finds doing Your Will.
No second death can do them harm.
Praise and bless my Lord and give Him thanks,
And serve Him with great humility.

As a Church and a nation, we are polarized and divided. Pope Francis challenges us to respond by building a "better kind of poetics, one truly at the service of the common good" (Fratelli Tutti, no.154). We are called to overcome division, promote encounters with our neighbors, and seek the truth. Join Catholics across the country in living out A Better Kind of Politics by pledging charity, clarity, and creativity to promote the common good. Civilize It: A Better Kind of Politics is a nonpartisan initiative from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops that seeks to assist Catholics to counter polarization and division in Church and society by following the example of the Good Samaritan, who challenges us to "become neighbors to all" (Fratelli Tutti, no. 80). Along with a pledge to charity, clarity, and creativity, additional materials, including an examination of conscience, individual and communal reflection guides, action steps, and more, are available to empower individuals, families, and communities to be bridge builders across perspectives. Commit to A Better kind of Politics and respond creatively to the problems facing our world at civilizeit.org.

In honor of the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi

BLESSING OF ANIMALS



When: **This Sunday**, October 3rd at 1 PM

Where: Outside the McMullen Center

Who: All creatures big & small! Please bring your beloved animal to receive a blessing. If your pet does not travel or play with others well, bring a picture! Additionally, we want to celebrate those companions that we have lost along the way. If you have a pet that has passed away, please bring a picture of them for a special blessing.

Also! We want to show our love and care for animals in need. We invite you to bring a donation of pet food that we will be including in our weekly donation of people food to the [Storehouse](#). Dog treats will be donated to support the work of the [Canine Connections](#) program at Echo Glen. If you cannot make the blessing, you can drop off your donation of pet food during the weekend Masses.

October is Respect Life Month and the first



Sunday of October is Respect Life Sunday. Going in line with the Pope's declaration that this be a Year of St. Joseph, we can look to St. Joseph who protected life by being present and supportive to Mary and Jesus.

The infant Christ "came into our world in a state of great vulnerability. He needed to be defended, protected, cared for and raised by Joseph" (PC 5). The humble and often hidden carpenter of Nazareth accompanied Mary in her pregnancy, assisted at the birth of the Messiah in a stable, presented Jesus in the Temple, fled with his family far from their homeland to protect them, and lovingly raised Jesus as his own son in the years to come.

While the angel of the Lord appeared to Mary to announce that she would bring forth the Savior of the world, it was revealed to Joseph in a series of dreams how God's plans would be brought to fulfillment. As Pope Francis highlights, "God trusted Joseph, as did Mary, who found in him someone who would not only save her life, but would always provide for her and her child" (PC 5).

- ◆ [Reflection of Respect Life Month](#)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
Adult Faith Formation

Peacemaking and Non-Violence

THRESHOLD BIBLE STUDY



From his astounding Sermon on the Mount to the way he refused to allow his followers to form him into a militant Messiah to the way he responded to his torturous passion, Jesus modeled a new kind of peace-making in the face of injustice--a way that refuses to either withdraw in timidity or retaliate with violence.

JOIN US DISCOVERING JESUS' MODEL, WORKING
TOWARDS REDEMPTION WHEN LIVING WITH CONFLICT AND
STRUGGLE



As (Jesus) came near and saw the city, he wept over it saying, "If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes."

Luke 19:41-42



Tuesdays 7-8:30pm
Hybrid (In-person MP Rooms or Zoom)
Oct. 5 - Dec. 14
Thursday 10-11:30am (Zoom only)
Sept. 30 - Dec. 16
Cost is \$10.00 for the book

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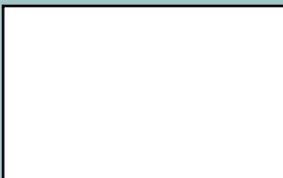
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