

# Saint John the Evangelist Church



## MISSION STATEMENT

Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the people of St. John the Evangelist Parish are called to embrace the Church's mission of proclaiming the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ for all. Our witness to the presence of God and our reaching out to others allow us to deepen our relationship with God. We accomplish this through our worship together, especially in the celebration of the Eucharist; through ongoing faith development for all people of all ages and life situations; through the performance of good works; and through responsible stewardship by which we care for the gifts given to us by our God.

December 27, 2020

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

*"Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways."*

Psalm 128

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[www.stjohnsea.org](http://www.stjohnsea.org)

The Parish office is open Mondays from 8-4 and by appointment the rest of the week.

Mass is by reservation only. Visit our website [www.stjohnsea.org](http://www.stjohnsea.org) or call the parish office for more information.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
December 28	December 29	December 30	December 31	January 1 <i>Solemnity of Mary</i>	January 2	January 3 <i>Epiphany</i>
<i>Parish Office Closed</i>		<b>No 3pm Mass</b>	<b>No 3pm Mass</b>	<b>10:30am Mass* with Live-streaming on Facebook</b>  <i>Parish Office Closed</i> *By appt. only	<b>5pm Mass* with Live-streaming on Facebook</b>  *By appt. only	<b>10:30am Mass*</b>  *By appt. only

Masses are being live-streamed on our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/StJohnSeattle](https://www.facebook.com/StJohnSeattle). You do not need a Facebook account to watch the Mass. After the live Mass, links to recorded Mass will be posted on our website.

### PARISH STEWARDSHIP

#### Collection for week of December 20, 2020

Total Sacrificial Giving Budget for 2020-21 is \$755,000.00. This means we need a weekly collection of \$14,519.23.

Mail in \$	<b>9,800.50</b>
5pm Vigil \$	<b>1,895.00</b>
8:30am \$	<b>No Mass</b>
10:30am \$	<b>341.00</b>
Electronic \$	<b>11,229.30</b>
Total \$	<b>23,265.80</b>

*This does NOT include restricted donations such as Holy Day Collections, (Christmas and Easter), and donations made to our ministries or coffee & donuts.*

### Office Hours Update

St John Parish office will be open 8-4 on Mondays and by appointment only the rest of the week. If you need to make an appointment, email is the best way to reach us, but we will be continuing to check messages if you leave a voicemail.

Questions, please email the [parishoffice@stjohnsea.org](mailto:parishoffice@stjohnsea.org) or leave a voicemail at 206-782-2810.

We continue to pray for our community and the world, asking for God's grace upon us all as we continue to navigate these difficult times.

### Staying in touch with St John Parish:

† The Parish office publishes a **weekly email newsletter** on Wednesday afternoons. If you would like to receive the latest parish updates with clickable links to flyers and web pages, right to your inbox, email [smarty@stjohnsea.org](mailto:smarty@stjohnsea.org).

† Like our **Facebook** page: **St John the Evangelist, Seattle**

**St John Parish Web Page**  
[www.stjohnsea.org](http://www.stjohnsea.org)

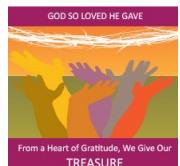


**St John School Web Page**  
[www.st-johnschool.org](http://www.st-johnschool.org)



### Asante Sana!

Asante Sana to the wonderful St. John community who continue to support the Parish in so many ways, especially during this past year of such turmoil and uncertainty. It is because of your commitment that we remain the strong and vibrant Parish that we are. We wish each and every one of you and your families a Blessed and Merry Christmas! On to 2021!



To donate, simply scan this QR code or go to: [www.stjohnsea.org](http://www.stjohnsea.org) and locate the online giving page, or enter: [bit.ly/DonateStJohn](http://bit.ly/DonateStJohn) in your web browser.



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## Readings for Sunday, January 3 Epiphany of the Lord

### First Reading

*The glory of the Lord shines upon you.*

**Isaiah 60:1-6**

### Psalm

*"Lord, every nation on earth will adore you."*

**Psalm 72**

### Second Reading

**Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6**

*The Gentiles are coheirs of the promise.*

### Gospel

**Matthew 2:1-12**

*We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.*

Every Epiphany we hear the endless extent of God's goodness. Isaiah tells of the light shining forth from Jerusalem attracting peoples from near and far, from land and sea. The psalmist sings of eternal justice and peace leading all nations to adore the Lord. Paul teaches the Ephesians that they, and all Gentiles, are members of the same body of Christ. Matthew writes of the magi from afar being drawn to the newborn king by the light from above. Let us look for that revelatory light that draws us more fully to the Lord.

## Mary, Mother of God

### Live-stream Mass

Friday, January 1 at 10:30am

Helping a friend, volunteering for the church or school event, shoveling the sidewalk - all of these actions require a yes. Becoming your parent's medical power of attorney, resigning from a job or accepting a new one - our lives require yes after yes. Each one sets us up for even more choices. On January 1st, we celebrate Mary as Mother of God. This title is monumental. It elevates a simple girl from Nazareth to the most highly revered woman in all creation. And it all started with a simple yes! But it didn't end there. Being free from sin doesn't mean being free from temptation. Mary had countless opportunities to say yes or no to God throughout her life. She is an example for us on the power of graced perseverance! Whatever your resolutions or decisions in the coming year, ask for Mary's intercession to say yes.

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## 2021 Calendars

The 2021 Calendars from Hoffner Fisher & Harvey are here! You can pick one up in the vestibule of the Parish office between 8-4 Monday thru Friday or in the vestibule of the Church during Mass times.

Call the Parish office with any questions. 206-782-2810



## Lord, hear our prayer...

Please remember the following people who are ill, homebound or need your prayers this week:

Chuck Carter  
Maria Socorro M. Ortiz  
Tullus Gordon  
Dawn Walton  
Shiloh Rodgers-Daly  
Mike Muenzberg  
Lynn Gough  
Lisa Fletcher  
Pat Tsagalakis  
Rich Paul  
Linda Melsted

Bobbie Jo Ramos  
Angela Lizette  
the Lyle Stevenson family  
Vanessa Castillo  
Marcela Gruszynski  
Milana Richardson  
Greg Linnell  
Marilyn Wittenmyer  
Pamela Leuschen  
The Frankhouser family  
Connor Phillips

For those who have died, including Teresa Kelly, niece of Sharon Giampietro, that they may rest in the healing embrace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, we pray to the Lord.

For Armed Forces personnel throughout the world, that they come home safely to their families, we pray to the Lord.

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages "curing every disease and illness." At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love, we pray to the Lord.

## In-person Mass Registration

Monday through Thursday of each week, we will be taking reservations for our in-person Vigil and 10:30am Mass that weekend.

Click on the Mass Reservations button on the homepage of our website at [www.stjohnsea.org](http://www.stjohnsea.org) or call the Parish Office at 206-782-2810.

We will send confirmation by Friday afternoon for that weekend's Mass.



## Confirmation Registration is Still Open!

We will be starting our confirmation program in January. The confirmation mass will be **June 9, 2021**.

There is still time to register - You can find the registration form at <http://bit.ly/StJohnConfirmation>

Please fill out and return the registration form to the parish office.

All those in grades 8 and above are invited to join the preparation sessions. Please contact Julia Rudden at [jrudden@stjohnsea.org](mailto:jrudden@stjohnsea.org) with any questions, or to return your form electronically.



## Walk humbly with God...

How does this theme look in our families, school, and community?

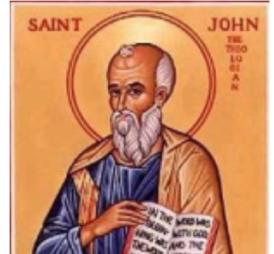
*We can walk humbly with God through the beatitudes! In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus taught His disciples (and us) about how to be perfectly happy (Heaven with God). In other words, He taught us how, in our earthly lives, we can live out the purpose for which God made us. Jesus taught us 8 ways of living called Beatitudes, so that we can begin to be perfectly happy with God in Heaven.*

Each month we will focus on one beatitude and how everyday saints, like you and me, can live out this beatitude.

## Saint of the month

### St John the Evangelist

Feast Day December 27



John the Apostle (c.AD 6-100) was one of the Twelve

Apostles of Jesus according to the New Testament. Generally

listed as the youngest apostle. His brother was James, who was another of the Twelve Apostles. The Church Fathers identify him as John the Evangelist, John of Patmos, John the Elder and the Beloved Disciple.

Church tradition has held that John is the author of the Gospel of John and five other books of the New Testament — the three Epistles of John and the Book of Revelation.

John the Apostle was the son of Zebedee and the younger brother of James, son of Zebedee (James the Greater). Their mother was Salome. Zebedee and his sons fished in the Sea of Galilee. The brothers were firstly disciples of John the Baptist. Jesus then called Peter, Andrew and these two sons of Zebedee to follow him.

James and John are listed among the Twelve Apostles. Jesus referred to the pair as "Boanerges" (translated "sons of thunder"); although their nature was calm and gentle, when their patience was pushed to its limits their anger became wild and thunderous causing them to speak out like an untamed storm.

A gospel story relates how the brothers wanted to call down heavenly fire on a Samaritan town, but Jesus refused them. John lived for more than half a century following the martyrdom of James, who was the first Apostle to die a martyr's death.

It is traditionally believed that John was the youngest of the apostles and outlived them. He is said to have lived to an old age, dying at Ephesus sometime after AD 98. John's traditional tomb is thought to be located at Selçuk, a small town in the vicinity of Ephesus.

The feast day of Saint John in the Roman Catholic Church, which calls him "Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist", and in the Anglican Communion and Lutheran Calendars, which call him "Saint John the Apostle and Evangelist", is on 27 December. The traditional ceremonial color is white.



## Beatitude of the month

### “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.”

The meek are people who are humble and patient. A person who chooses other ways to resolve conflicts without resorting to violence is meek. The reward is great wealth. How do we resolve conflict in our families?

Daisies are bright spots in any field. People who leave them to grow soon discover that they can quickly take over an entire field creating a sight to behold. Daisies can remind us that kindness and gentleness are much more effective than forcefulness. Those who are meek will conquer evil and inherit the earth.

## St John Book (sometimes movie) Club

“Silence” is a film by Martin Scorsese and book by Shusaku Endo about 17th-century Jesuit missionaries in Japan who travel there to track down their mentor, a fellow priest. At the time, Christianity was banned in Japan, and those who practiced the faith were tortured and executed. Tens of thousands of Japanese Christians were persecuted, tortured and killed over the 250 years that the religion was outlawed. The two priests are forced to choose between apostasy and death. Read the book or watch the film, and join the book, sometimes movie, club on **January 17 at 7:00 PM** via Zoom.

For the Zoom link contact Sheila Marty at [smarty@stjohnsea.org](mailto:smarty@stjohnsea.org) or Diana Gruszczynski at [diana.gruszczynski@outlook.com](mailto:diana.gruszczynski@outlook.com)

