

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.

July 19, 2020

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Lord, you are good and forgiving."

Psalm 86

106 N 79th St Seattle, WA 98103

206-782-2810

www.stjohnsea.org

The church and Parish Office will not be open during this time of Stay Home, Stay Safe.
 Look for recorded and live streamed Masses on our webpage at www.stjohnsea.org.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
July 20	July 21	July 22	July 23	July 24	July 25	July 26
		3pm Live-streamed Mass with Adoration to follow	3pm Live-streamed Mass on Facebook		5pm Mass* with Live-streaming on Facebook	Look for the link to recorded Mass on our website
					*By appt. only	

Masses are being live-streamed on Facebook. You do not need to have a Facebook account to watch the Mass. Just go to our Facebook page facebook.com/StJohnSeattle/ After the live Mass, links to recorded Mass will be on our website.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Collection for week of July 12, 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	\$ 4,636.00
5pm Vigil	\$ 325.00
8:30am	No Mass
10:30am	No Mass
Electronic	\$ 5,343.42
Total	\$ 10,304.42

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

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.

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

St John Parish Web Page
www.stjohnsea.org

St John School Web Page
www.st-johnschool.org



Jambo Rafikis,

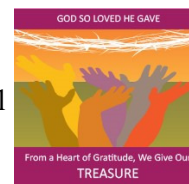
I am writing to you today to say Asante Sana to all who are part of the wonderful Parish of St. John. Living in our current situation, each day brings uncertainty, yet we all know how important it is to remain strong and have faith in our Lord, Jesus Christ. He is there for us always.

In March, when we found ourselves in what has become an ongoing pandemic, with Mass suspended and Stay at Home Orders in place, you responded by continuing your financial stewardship. You show me week after week what it is to be a true member of this community – in all ways. Without your help, we would be in very dire straits. You are the reason we are able to sustain the many ministries of our parish and continue our commitment to the greater community. I am humbled and grateful.

I thank and bless my God for all of you! Each one of you is a gift to our community and a blessing in my life.

--Padre

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



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Readings for Sunday, July 26
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading **1 Kings 3:5, 7-12**
Solomon asks for an understanding heart.

Psalm 119
"Lord, I love your commands."

Second Reading **Romans 8:28-30**
God predestined us to be conformed to the image of the Son.

Gospel **Matthew 13:44-52**
"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field."

Today we encounter a number of people whom fortune smiles upon. Solomon, heir to David's throne, is visited by God, who promises him whatever he wishes. In the Gospel, a random person discovers buried treasure and a merchant searching for fine pearls finds a pearl of great price. How do these people respond? How would we respond? Let us listen to God's word and contemplate our true fortune, our true treasure.



**In-person Mass
Registration**

With the Phase II guidelines, to keep everyone as safe as possible, we will be able to accommodate 50 people in the church at each Mass. You must sign up for Mass in advance to be able to attend. Only people on the check in list will be able to enter the church.

We will be taking reservations Monday through Wednesday each week. Click on the Mass Reservations button on the homepage of our website at www.stjohnsea.org or call the Parish Office at 206-782-2810. We will send confirmation by Friday afternoon for that weekend's Mass. Rest assured, we will make sure that everyone has a chance to attend over the following weeks.

The Archbishop's general dispensation from the Sunday Mass obligation remains in place and live-streaming of the 5pm Vigil Mass on Saturdays will continue!

Anyone attending Mass does so at their own risk. Vulnerable, at-risk and otherwise concerned persons should remain home.

Baptism Update!



We are currently scheduling family (private) baptisms for our families. Since we do not know when we will be able to gather in community, we want to make sure that the children of our parish are able to enter the church by receiving the sacrament of baptism. Questions? Please contact Julia Rudden at jrudden@stjohnsea.org

Lord, hear our prayer...

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

the Flynn/Nguyen family	Bobbie Jo Ramos
Shiloh Rodgers-Daly	Angela Lizette
Juan Vargas	the Lyle Stevenson family
Mike Muenzberg	Vanessa Castillo
Lynn Gough	Marcela Gruszczynski
Lisa Fletcher	Milana Richardson
Pat Walsh	Greg Linnell
Pat Robach	Donna Wilson
Pat Tsagalakis	Marilyn Wittenmyer
Linda Melsted	

For those who have died, especially Steven Ochieng, 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.



**Time to register for
First Communion Preparation!**

Families: do you have a child who will enter 2nd grade this fall? Or, do you have an older child who has not yet had the opportunity to prepare for the sacrament? If you are registered in the parish and have listed your child as a family member, you should receive a letter with a registration form the week of July 20th. If you don't receive a letter, you can access the registration form on our website. Questions? Contact Julia Rudden jrudden@stjohnsea.org

St John is open for Private Prayer



The Church will be open for private prayer on **Tuesdays from 9-11am and 1-3pm**. You don't need an appointment, just drop by for some peaceful time with Jesus. Please do not come if you are not feeling well, follow the instructions on the doors and wear a mask. (We have masks available if you do not have one.) *We will evaluate as we go along and adjust days and times as necessary.*

Now is the Time to Serve Our Community! Jesuit Volunteer EnCorps, a program of JVC Northwest, facilitates rewarding opportunities for service, community and spiritual formation for adults 50 and better who are committed to social and ecological justice. We are offering new ways for our members (JVEs) to serve from home during this time of increased need for those who live on the margins. JVEs meet monthly online or in-person, creating spiritual community while staying safe. Our values arise from the Catholic Ignatian tradition and JV Encorps is an inclusive and welcoming community.

Priority application deadline: August 31st. Opening Retreat in September.

For more information visit: www.jvencorps.org



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Father will be offering Reconciliation by appointment on **Saturdays from 4 to 4:45pm.**

Please email Sheila Marty at smarty@stjohnsea.org or call her at 206-782-2810 ext 358 to arrange an appointment. (You do not need to leave your name, we just need to know how many people are coming.)

We have modified the space for Reconciliations to allow for appropriate air flow, social distance, and sanitation. Reconciliation will take place with a draped screen between you and Father for everyone's safety. Please enter through the side doors, wear a mask, use the hand sanitizer or wipes that are provided, and practice social distancing. Please sit in the back pews of the church until Father is ready for you.

Thank you!

Laudato Si in Action



Recycle

In Chapter One of Laudato Si, Pope Francis states:

We have not yet managed to adopt a circular model of production capable of preserving resources for present and future generations, while limiting as much as possible the use of non-renewable resources, moderating their consumption, maximizing their efficient use, reusing and recycling them. A serious consideration of this issue would be one way of counteracting the throwaway culture which affects the entire planet, but it must be said that only limited progress has been made in this regard.

As I mentioned in prior columns, my approach to consumption of resources can be summed up with these five words: reduce, reuse, renew, rethink, and recycle. In prior columns, I discussed reduce and reuse. It's time to talk about **recycle**. It's not an accident that I put recycle last on my list of words. Certainly, recycling is admirable and you should not throw away recyclable materials. Nor should you muck up your bins by practicing what is called "wishful recycling," when one ignores the rules and throws non recyclable items in the recycling bin according to recent article on kuow.org:

Industry-wide, an estimated 20 percent of what we recycle is trash, according to the Washington Refuse & Recycling Association.

Even when you get it right, recycling is not a panacea:

Alli Kingfisher, recycling coordinator for Washington state, said no one should be too smug about their recycling. "Recycling is only one step above disposal," she said.

Don't get her wrong: recycling is important, but it's not the end-all-be-all of green living.

"If you really want to increase your overall environmental impact, try to reduce or reuse before you even get to the recycling part," Kingfisher said.

Are you practicing wishful recycling? Perhaps it is time to reread the Seattle recycling/composting rules and teach your family members (including children) to follow the rules. You can view an online version of the SPU recycling guide at <https://www.seattle.gov/Documents/Departments/SPU/Services/Recycling/EnglishRecyclingdodont.pdf>.

What about reducing your usage of single use items such as plastic water bottles and utensils, even when they are potentially recyclable? When possible, are you using reusable containers and purchasing bulk items that reduce packaging waste?

Reducing your consumption, reusing an item multiple times, or not making a questionable purchase is always better than purchasing an item that can later be recycled. But when you do use a recyclable item, make sure it ends up in the right recycling or compost bin.

Working together, we can help take care of our common home.

Paul Litwin



St Kateri Tekakwitha (1656 – 1680) Feast Day: July 14



Resources to keep you connected

Mass on KSTW CHANNEL 11 (CW) AT 6:30am
and EWTN—5am, 9am & 9pm

Online Mass at any time: www.HeartoftheNation.org.

Papal Programming:

www.catholicv.org/shows/papal-programming

SACRED HEART RADIO 1050 KBLE ~ Seattle

Sunday Mass - 5:00 am, 9:00 am

Daily Mass - 5:00 am, 9:00 am Monday - Saturday

Catholic Current from USCCB:

<https://catholiccurrent.org/covid19/>

Bishop Mueggenborg's Sunday Gospel Reflections:

Sacred Heart Radio (Thursday, Friday, Saturday and
Sunday - after the 1pm Rosary)

Mass Readings and Prayer Resources: <http://usccb.org/>

Rachel's Corner

Hope and Healing After Abortion

"Until today I was dragging chains behind me as I climbed mountains. My guilt is what kept me from my children. Thanks to Project Rachel I am not dragging chains anymore and I can be the dad I have always wanted to be."
- Testimonial

Come on the Rachel's Vineyard Healing Retreat and be free of all that you have been carrying since your involvement in an abortion decision. We understand. We have been there. We are free of all that now, and the same can be for you.

Fall 2020 Rachel's Vineyard Healing Retreat Schedule

September 18 – 20

23 – 25 octubre, en español

November 13 – 15

Call for a compassionate, confidential conversation.

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

Email projectrachel@ccsw.org.

Visit us at www.ccsw.org/projectrachel or
www.facebook.com/projectrachelww

Project Rachel is a program of Catholic Community Services.

You are loved with an everlasting Love!

Kateri Tekakwitha is the first Native American to be recognized as a saint by the Catholic Church. She was born in 1656, in the Mohawk village of Ossernenon. Her mother was an Algonquin, who was captured by the Mohawks and who took a Mohawk chief for her husband.

She contracted smallpox as a four-year-old child which scarred her skin. The scars were a source of humiliation in her youth. She was commonly seen wearing a blanket to hide her face. Worse, her entire family died during the outbreak. Kateri Tekakwitha was subsequently raised by her uncle, who was the chief of a Mohawk clan.

Kateri was known as a skilled worker, who was diligent and patient. However, she refused to marry. When her adoptive parents proposed a suitor to her, she refused to entertain the proposal. They punished her by giving her more work to do, but she did not give in. Instead, she remained quiet and diligent. Eventually they were forced to relent and accept that she had no interest in marriage.

At age 19, Kateri Tekakwitha converted to Catholicism, taking a vow of chastity and pledging to marry only Jesus Christ. Her decision was very unpopular with her adoptive parents and their neighbors. Some of her neighbors started rumors of sorcery. To avoid persecution, she traveled to a Christian native community south of Montreal.

According to legend, Kateri was very devout and would put thorns on her sleeping mat. She often prayed for the conversion of her fellow Mohawks. According to the Jesuit missionaries that served the community where Kateri lived, she often fasted and when she would eat, she would taint her food to diminish its flavor. On at least one occasion, she burned herself. Such self-mortification was common among the Mohawk.

Kateri was very devout and was known for her steadfast devotion. She was also very sickly. Her practices of self-mortification and denial may not have helped her health. Sadly, just five years after her conversion to Catholicism, she became ill and passed away at age 24, on April 17, 1680.

Her name, Kateri, is the Mohawk form of Catherine, which she took from St. Catherine of Siena.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on Oct. 21, 2012. She is the patroness of ecology and the environment, people in exile and Native Americans.



Thank you to all who have contributed \$79,113 — or 80% of the total goal of \$98,710. Your gifts help our Parish and the 60+ ministries in Western Washington. If you have not made your donation yet, it is not too late! Go online to <https://donate.seattlearchdiocese.org/aca>. If you'd rather call in your gift to the Appeal Office, they can be reached at 800-809-4921. ALL gifts make a difference. Asante Sana!

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anytime, anyway
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