

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.

May 10, 2020

Fifth Sunday of Easter

"Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you."
Psalm 33

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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
May 11	May 12	May 13	May 14	May 15	May 16	May 17
		3pm Mass with Adoration to follow.	7pm Bible Study with Ron Ryan via Zoom	3pm All School Mass	5pm Live-streamed Mass on Facebook 8pm Zoom Rosary	Look for the link to recorded Mass on our website.

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 at facebook.com/StJohnSeattle/ After the live Mass YouTube links will be on our website.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Collection for week of May 3, 2020

Total Sacrificial Giving Budget for 2019–20 is \$774,355.00.
This means we need a weekly collection of \$14,891.44.

Mail in \$	5,102.50	<i>This does NOT include restricted donations such as Holy Day Collections, (Christmas and Easter), and donations made to our ministries or coffee & donuts.</i>
5pm Vigil \$	No Mass	
8:30am \$	No Mass	
10:30am \$	No Mass	
Electronic \$	10,438.89	
Total \$	15,541.39	

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



“Give and gifts will be given to you.” –Luke 6:38

As many in our community struggle with the effects of Coronavirus, St. John has not been immune. The decision by Archbishop Etienne to suspended all Masses until further notice was an important step in helping slow the spread of the virus and was not taken lightly.

Not being able to come together each week to celebrate the Eucharist has taken a toll on our spiritual life and also has seriously impacted our weekly collection. Like most parishes, 90% of our revenue comes from the generous support of our faith community. This generosity supports the basic operations (payroll, utilities, maintenance, etc.) and ministries of our church.

Your continued support of St. John will ensure the financial viability to get us through this crisis!

Asante Sana to those who are already continuing to mail in checks and donate online. Your support means so much!

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.



Rev. Crispin A. Okoth, Pastor
Bernadette O'Leary, Principal
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Dr. Twila McDonell, Director of Liturgical Music
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Readings for Sunday, May 17
Sixth Sunday of Easter

First Reading

Acts 8:5-8

Peter and John laid hands upon them.

Psalm 66

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy."

Second Reading

1 Peter 3:15-18

Christ suffered for sins to lead us to God.

Gospel

John 14:15-21

I will give you another Advocate, the Spirit of truth.

Today's readings anticipate the feast of Pentecost, which we will celebrate two weeks from now. Peter and John join Philip in Samaria to make sure that the Samaritans received the Holy Spirit, just as they had in Jerusalem. In the Gospel Jesus promises his disciples that they will receive the Holy Spirit, who will be another Advocate after his own return to the Father. Listening to today's readings, let us be aware of the Holy Spirit's influence in our lives.

Lord, hear our prayer...

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

Lisa Fletcher

Pat Walsh

Pat Robach

Pat Tsagalakis

Linda Melsted

Lorraine Hamilton

Bobbie Jo Ramos

Angela Lizette

Marcey Flood

the Lyle Stevenson family

Vanessa Castillo

Marcela Gruszczynski

Milana Richardson

Greg Linnell

Donna Wilson

Marilyn Wittenmyer

For those who have died, including Gerald Makuch, 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.



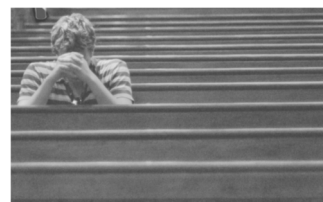
Annual Catholic Appeal, 2020

This week, you will receive Archbishop Etienne's letter inviting us all to support generously the essential ministries and shared services of the Archdiocese through the Annual Catholic Appeal. Although we are in unprecedented times right now, the needs of the wider community continue. I ask that if you are able to contribute, know that each dollar will make a difference.

You will be hearing more about the ACA from Fr. Crispin in our letter and at Mass. St. John's goal this year is \$98,710. If we exceed this goal, all excess payments received will come back to the parish and 100% of these funds will go into our operating budget to help offset the significant loss of giving due to COVID-19.

Since we cannot celebrate Mass in person at this time, the easiest way to contribute is to make your payment online. Please go to <http://www.seattlearchdiocese.org/donate>

Thank you in advance for your continued support!



Keeping the Faith when we can't be together

Has it been seven weeks that we haven't been able to gather in our beautiful church and praise the Lord together? I know I miss Sunday mornings in church so much!

The number of online resources for Faith Formation can be overwhelming, and for our children already spending a lot of time on Zoom meetings or other online classes, adding more online isn't the best answer.

Parents, you can still be a beacon of faith for your children. When they see you pray, they will want to join you. When you call up mass on your laptop or cast it to your TV, and watch together, you are feeding the faith of your family.

The Seattle Archdiocese Office of Marriage and Family Life has a website with resources to use to keep the faith at home.

marriagefamilylife.seattlearchdiocese.org/athomewithfaith

Questions about what to talk about with your children? Need more resources? I am happy to help!

Contact Julia Rudden at jrudden@stjohnsea.org

St John Rosary for those affected by Covid-19

Join the St John Parish community in praying the rosary together (from our individual homes) on **Saturday nights at 8pm** or you can pray at a time that works better for your family.

Pray together via Zoom at
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/975837436?>
Password: 758985



A Note from the Director of Sacraments

At this time, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are unable to celebrate the Sacraments of our Church as we usually would. Anointing of the Sick can be arranged—please contact us directly if that Sacrament is needed, at 206-782-2810 or email to parishoffice@stjohnnsea.org. If it is a pastoral emergency please call 206-300-0972.

Other sacraments (first communion, marriage, funeral masses) will be celebrated once we are able to join together in our church. We ask that everyone offer up prayers for those families who are having to postpone a sacramental celebration. We especially pray for our First Communion Families, and for those families preparing for Baptism, and entry into the Church.

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.catholicstv.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/>

"Never be afraid of loving the Blessed Virgin too much. You can never love her as much as Jesus did."
St Maximilian Kolbe

Virtual Book Club

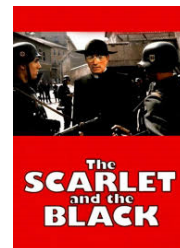
*The Scarlet and the Black:
The True Story of Monsignor Hugh
O'Flaherty, Hero of the Vatican
Underground*

by J.P. Gallagher

It has all the hallmarks of a best-selling fictional thriller: espionage, conspiracy, a struggle against evil powers, undercover work by dark of night... but it's all true. *The Scarlet and the Black* tells the astonishing and heroic true story of Monsignor Hugh O'Flaherty. As a top man in the Vatican Holy Office, Msgr. O'Flaherty sprang into action, organizing a sophisticated team that included men and women of many nationalities, religions, and political views to save Jews and POWs from the Nazi machine. Despite Kappler's numerous attempts to assassinate him, O'Flaherty persisted, and his efforts saved thousands of Jews and POWs.

The book is available on Amazon, but delivery times are long so order it quickly. You can also watch the movie on Amazon Prime.

We will meet via Zoom at the end of May (date TBD). Please contact diana.gruszczynski@outlook.com if you would like to join.



*Thank
You*

**THANK YOU for Your Support
of Broadview-Thomson K-8!**

UPDATE: *Scrip has been
purchased and gift cards will be
delivered to BTK-8 by the end of
the week for immediate use!*

Even during these extraordinary times, your commitment to the larger St. John community came out in full force. Your donations of \$2300 have made it a reality that the students and families in most need will be served until the end of the school year in mid-June. Samantha and the entire BTK-8 community extend their gratitude for your generosity.

Join us for a bible study...on Zoom!

"The Life and early Letters of St. Paul"

Please join us for the 3rd week of the bible study on St. Paul. We will be discussing 1st and 2nd Corinthians. Ron Ryan will lead us to understand the background, the questions Paul was answering, and the messages of these letters.

Thursday, May 14th at 7pm

Everyone is welcome. There is no registration or fee.

Look for a link on our web page at www.stjohnnsea.org



The Saint of the Month for May:

The Fruit of the Holy Spirit for May is **Gentleness**

Gentleness is being loving, tender, calm, and humble in the things you say and do instead of being harsh or mean. It is a mildness or meekness (quiet, gentle) of spirit.

When I am gentle with someone I speak the truth in love.

A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. [Proverbs 15:1, NIV]

Let's pray together

St. John parishioners, join us in praying 3 Hail Marys every day for our country, for the sick and those caring for them, and for a cure to COVID 19.

Any time of day is fine. Prayer is powerful and builds community. Let's do this together!

Homemade Masks Needed!

As we get closer to being able to go back to our offices and gather in small groups, we will want to make sure we do so safely. It will be very important for everyone to have access to a mask. If you have the materials and skill to sew homemade masks, we would welcome donations so that we can offer them to visitors to our campus without one.

CCS is also still in need of about 5000 masks to make their goal of 10,000 masks for the safety of CCS/CHS front line staff who are working around the clock to provide essential services to our vulnerable neighbors in need. Visit: ccsww.org/sewing-bee/ for more info.



Rachel's Corner

Hope and Healing After Abortion

"This Retreat was wonderful for me. A special place to disconnect from the world and connect with the powerful God who has everything for us and who accepts us with all his Heart, and you experience how he grants us his strength and great mercy." -testimonial

Yes—hope and healing are possible. Why not come on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat and let him show you? Let Him hold you and welcome you home.

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@ccsww.org.

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

Project Rachel is a program of Catholic Community Services.

You are loved with an everlasting Love!

St Monica



The circumstances of St Monica's life could have made her a nagging wife, a bitter daughter-in-law, and a despairing parent, yet she did not give way to any of these temptations. Although she was a Christian, her parents gave her in marriage to a pagan, Patricius, who lived in her hometown of Tagaste in North Africa. Patricius had some redeeming features, but he had a violent temper and was licentious. Monica also had to bear with a cantankerous mother-in-law who lived in her home. Patricius criticized his wife because of her charity and piety, but always respected her. Monica's prayers and example finally won her husband and mother-in-law to Christianity. Her husband died in 371, one year after his baptism.

Monica had at least three children who survived infancy. The oldest, Augustine, is the most famous. At the time of his father's death, Augustine was 17 and a rhetoric student in Carthage. Monica was distressed to learn that her son had accepted the Manichean heresy—"all flesh is evil"—and was living an immoral life. For a while, she refused to let him eat or sleep in her house. Then one night she had a vision that assured her Augustine would return to the faith. From that time on, she stayed close to her son, praying and fasting for him. In fact she often stayed much closer than Augustine wanted.

When he was 29, Augustine decided to go to Rome to teach rhetoric. Monica was determined to go along. One night he told his mother that he was going to the dock to say goodbye to a friend. Instead he set sail for Rome. Monica was heartbroken when she learned of Augustine's trick, but she still followed him. She arrived in Rome only to find that he had left for Milan. Although travel was difficult, Monica pursued him to Milan.

In Milan, Augustine came under the influence of the bishop, Saint Ambrose, who also became Monica's spiritual director. She accepted his advice in everything and had the humility to give up some practices that had become second nature to her. Monica became a leader of the devout women in Milan as she had been in Tagaste.

She continued her prayers for Augustine during his years of instruction. At Easter 387, Saint Ambrose baptized Augustine and several of his friends. Soon after, his party left for Africa. Although no one else was aware of it, Monica knew her life was near the end. She told Augustine, "Son, nothing in this world now affords me delight. I do not know what there is now left for me to do or why I am still here, all my hopes in this world being now fulfilled." She became ill shortly after and suffered severely for nine days before her death.

Almost all we know about St. Monica is in the writings of Saint Augustine, especially his *Confessions*.

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