## 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.



March 14, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Lent

"Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!"

106 N 79<sup>th</sup> St Seattle, WA 98103 206-782-2810 www.stjohnsea.org The Parish office is open with limited staff from 8-12 and 1-4 Monday through Friday. Mass is by reservation only. Visit our website **www.stjohnsea.org** or call the parish office for more information.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
March 15	March 16	March 17	March 18	March 19 Solemnity of St. Joseph	March 20 4:30pm Reconciliation	March 21 10am Reconciliation
		3pm Live- stream Mass with Adoration to follow 3:45pm Reconciliation	3pm Live- stream Mass on Facebook 3:45pm Reconciliation	9:30am Live- stream all- school Mass on Facebook	5pm Mass* with Live-streaming on Facebook with anointing of the sick to follow	10:30am Mass* with anointing of the sick to follow
					*By appt. only	*By appt. only

Masses are being live-streamed on our Facebook page **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 March 7, 2021

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

Mail in	\$ 11,681.50
5pm Vigil	\$ 1,540.00
8:30am	\$ No Mass
10:30am	\$ 289.00
Electronic	\$ 10,686.34
Total	\$ 24,196.84

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

#### Staving 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**.

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







Daylight Savings Time Sunday, March 14

### A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER For Lent

God of mercy, You have given us this special time to reflect on our lives, believe in the Good News and draw closer to You. May this season of Lent help us be good



stewards of this time: to fast and pray, be more generous and show others how to live in Christ.

Let us see each day of this season as a new opportunity to renew our lives and gain a deeper appreciation of Your active presence in us and our community of faith.

Give us the grace to see Your face in others, especially the poor and those who suffer. And through your Spirit, enkindle in us the fire of Your love so that we may be better stewards of Your redeeming work

throughout the world. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son. **Amen** 

To donate, simply scan this QR code or go to http://bit.ly/DonateStJohn



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## Readings for Sunday, March 21 Fifth Sunday of Lent

First Reading Jeremiah 31:31–34

I will make a new covenant and remember their sin no more.

Psalm Psalm 51

"Create a clean heart in me, O God."

Second Reading Hebrews 5:7–9

Christ learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation.

Gospel John 12:20–33

If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit.

Jeremiah sets the tone for today's readings when he writes that the LORD promises a new covenant. The old covenant was external: the Chosen People were led by the hand. But the new covenant is internal, written upon our hearts. As Christians, we believe that the new covenant is fulfilled in God's Son, who came into our hearts at baptism, who animates our lives, and who can be found in those we meet. Can we be like a grain of wheat, alive in the Lord, producing much fruit?

#### Stations of the Cross for Lent



We have three recordings to offer for Stations of the Cross this year. You can participate any time you like, from the safety of your own home!

http://bit.ly/ParishCommunity2021 http://bit.ly/StJSchoolCommunity2021 http://bit.ly/StJStudents2010



For the Lenten season, Father will be offering Reconciliation for 30 minutes after each weekday Mass and 30 minutes before each weekend Mass.

You do not need to make an appointment.

Wednesdays and Thursdays at 3:45pm. Saturdays at 4:30pm and Sundays at 10:00am.

Please wear a mask and sit in the back rows for the church until Father is ready for you.



During the pandemic, we are still able to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism! If your family has a child who

needs to be baptized, please contact Julia Rudden at **jrudden@stjohnsea.org** for next steps.

#### Lord, hear our prayer...

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

John Grusczynski Pat Tsagalakis
Marcela Grusczynski Linda Melsted
Suzanna Litwin Bobbie Jo Ramos
Chuck Carter Angela Lizette

Maria Socorro M. Ortiz
Tullus Gordon
Dawn Walton
Shiloh Rodgers-Daly
Mike Muenzberg

the Lyle Stevenson family
Vanessa Castillo
Greg Linnell
Marilyn Wittenmyer
Pamela Leuschen

Lynn Gough Lisa Fletcher

For those who have died, 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

The Frankhouser family

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** or call the Parish Office at 206-782-2810.

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

## Archdiocese of Seattle Statement on COVID-19 Vaccines

In accordance with the instruction of the Holy See and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, the use of all current COVID-19 vaccines during this pandemic is morally acceptable. It is not only important for one's personal health, but it is also our responsibility to care for the common good of the broader community, and getting a vaccine is one way to do so. Whenever you are allowed to get the vaccine, please do so knowing that it is morally acceptable to receive whichever vaccine is being offered.

## Still Looking for Something Meaningful to do This Lent?



Take part in our Lenten Service Tree! You'll see the "giving tree" in the back of church.

The ornaments on the tree have suggestions for service and kindness this season. Please take one and follow the instructions. Happy serving!

If you are not attending Mass in the Church, please choose from the list below to participate in this great opportunity to experience Lent in very simple ways:

- Say something nice to someone you meet in person or online
- Pray for someone you don't like
- Set up a weekly contribution to St. John's St. Vincent de Paul Society (https://bit.ly/EDonateStJohn)
- Buy extra of your usual canned goods and donate to Ballard Food Bank
- Set up a weekly contribution to Broadview Thomson K-8 Food Bank (https://bit.ly/EDonateStJohn)
- Take a break and go outside for a walk. Thank God for our beautiful world!
- Attend Wednesday or Thursday daily mass at 3pm (in person OR online www.facebook.com/StJohnSeattle)
- Attend in-person or virtual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- Say a special prayer for your neighbors
- When you feel frustrated or angry, stop and say a Hail Mary before doing anything else.
- Fast from gossip; share uplifting stories instead
- Send a card to a friend or relative in another state or country
- Say a prayer right when you wake up just give thanks to God for the new day!
- Resolve to perform one random act of kindness let someone go ahead of you in line, or take the last package of TP!
- Go to Reconciliation it is a sacrament of healing (after 3pm Mass W & Th.; before Mass Sat. & Sun.)
- Give someone a compliment every day
- Pray the Rosary–a decade or even a whole Rosary each day

## Laudato Si in Action Fast from Unnecessary Energy Usage



The Global Catholic Climate Movement (https://catholicclimatemovement.global) has released its Lenten Calendar 2021 that is focused on concrete actions we can take each week to improve the planet as well as ourselves.

Lent is a time of preparation for Easter and the celebration of the Paschal Mystery. During this time of fasting and renewal, we will embark upon a journey of ecological conversion through reflection, repentance, and renewal. Together.

For Week 4 of Lent, we are asked to fast from unnecessary energy usage:

Go on an electricity fast. Can you find ways to reduce your electricity use this week? Watch this eight-minute TED Talk at https://bit.ly/3bu9RJc on how we – yes, you, your neighbor, and all of us – are the "most overlooked resource to get us to a sustainable energy future."

Stop wasting energy in your home: turn off the lights when you leave the room, turn down that thermostat when you are sleeping, leave the house, and just in general. Turn off or unplug unused monitors, TVs, printers, and other idling appliances. And speaking of idling, never leave your car engine running when you are not moving: car idling is a big waste of energy. And drive less, of course. Walk, bicycle, car pool, or take the bus. Or if you must, batch up trips so you are driving less.

As a follow-up to my earlier article on socially responsible investing, I am hosting a meetup on earth-friendly investing on Sunday, March 14. Learn more & RSVP at https://bit.ly/3bvIDDm.

You can download the Laudato Si Lent Calendar at https://bit.ly/3slTmFN. Next week, it's time to focus on plastics.

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

Paul Litwin



## St John School Virtual Auction

Register for the auction at:

www.biddingforgood.com/stjohnsea

March 15 - **8am** Silent Auction, Class Art Projects, St. John Cellar, Dessert Dash and Buy Now items open

March 17 - **8am** Live Items Open online for early bidding

**9pm** Dessert Dash closes

March 19 - **3-5pm Meal Pick-Up/Drive-Thru Event** at Fremont Studios – 155 N. 35th Street

- **Livestream Program**, hosted by auctioneer Ron Hippe

**6pm** – Pre-Event Program

**7pm** – Live Auction begins! Live items close online throughout the live event

9pm – St. John Cellar items close

March 21 - **9pm** Silent Auction, Class Art Projects, and Buy Now items close

#### St John School Spirit Gear Store is now OPEN!

Here is your chance to order Spirit Gear!

Now through **March 17**, you can choose from a number of items and show your St. John pride to the community.

Orders will be delivered two weeks after the store closes. New this year are the beanies and pullover raincoats!

The Spirit Gear Store is only open occasionally, so place your orders now so you don't miss the opportunity!

To order, go to: https://stjspring2021.itemorder.com/sale

## Young Adult LENTEN RETREAT

#### March 20 at 9:30am

Join Catholic young adults across Western Washington on a Lenten journey centered around the themes of Pope Francis' Lenten message,

"Lent: A Time for Renewing Faith, Hope and Love."

For more information and registration, go to

http://bit.ly/YALentenRetreat2021



## Broadview-Thomson K-8 Food Program Update

"Once again, a huge thank you to the entire St. John Community for your continued support of the food program at BTK-8, especially during this unprecedented year that we have all been through.

Before my big shopping trip this past weekend, I had \$600 left in gift cards from donations collected as part of your Giving Tree during Advent. I spent just over \$500, and as you can see in the photos, I should have enough supplies for at least another couple of months!

I utilize every dollar and oversee the purchase of every can, bag and box of food and supplies. I also see the faces of those who gratefully receive these gifts of kindness.

At the last weekly lunch distribution in February, the school gave out 475 lunches. This was the largest group of visitors they have had since they started the lunch program last April, so the need is most definitely still there. These are still very tough times for so many families and I think the community has come to depend on our services to help bridge the gap.

Again, please accept my most heartfelt thanks – you truly do make a difference!"

--Samantha Woogerd, BTK-8 Food Program Coordinator

#### We want to hear from you!

Provide your feedback on the draft Archdiocese of Seattle Pastoral Plan

All Catholics are invited to provide feedback on the Pastoral Plan draft.

To read and give feedback, go to:

http://bit.ly/ArchSeaPastoralPlanSurvey

To read news release, go to:

http://bit.ly/PastoralPlan2021-2025

#### Beatitude of the month

#### Walk humbly with God...

"Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." - Matthew 5:10

It can be difficult to do what is right, such as standing up to someone who is acting like a bully. But we learn from Jesus, and, through practice in our family, we see that doing the right thing is what it really means to be a follower of Jesus.

#### **Dandelions**

Although dandelions have both medicinal and food value they are despised by homeowners and gardeners. They are poisoned, ripped from the earth, and cursed yet they continue to flourish. This flower can remind us that we should be happy when people persecute us for our beliefs because we will be rewarded in heaven.





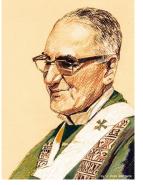
## A Special Message from Archbishop Etienne

Archbishop Etienne has a special video message (https://vimeo.com/522091189) on the anniversary of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We know not only the cost and the suffering that's been a part of this past year, but hopefully how we've been able to unite that to the cross of Jesus, and how we've been able to draw from the life of the risen Jesus as our real sustenance and as our real source of hope and strength," the archbishop said.

"As we continue with our own struggles, let's bring them to the Lord who cares, who is with us, who accompanies us. Let's ask him for the grace and the courage to accompany one another now in these days ahead, as we not only rebuild our faith communities and society, as disciples of the Lord, we go forth to build his kingdom."

#### Saint of the month



#### Oscar Romero

Feast Day: March 24

Canonized: October 14, 2018

Oscar Romero was born into a family of eight in a small El Salvador town in 1917, and became a priest as a young man. A social and theological conservative, he was elevated to bishop and

archbishop during a period when political control of El Salvador was contested between the established government, defending the wealthy, and leftists, seeking reforms for the poor. The US government and the Vatican backed the authoritarian "anti-Communist" government. Romero had a change of heart following the assassination, presumably by the Salvadoran government, of a close friend, a priest who had devoted his life to the poor. Contrary to his previous view, Romero came to see the authoritarian government as the suppressor of the people. He openly petitioned US President Carter to stop supporting the authoritarian government, which Carter declined to do.

In a public sermon he called on Salvadoran soldiers, as Christians, to obey God's higher order and to stop carrying out the government's repression of the poor. The next day, March 24, 1980, he was shot dead while celebrating mass. His assassin was identified, but never prosecuted by the Salvadoran government. At his funeral, which drew 250,000, gunmen in civilian clothes fired on the crowd, killing about 50.

John Paul II's Curia slow walked Romero's canonization. Pope Francis ultimately canonized Romero in 2018. Romero was the first Salvadoran to be canonized, the first martyred archbishop of America, the first martyr declared after the Second Vatican Council, and the first native saint of Central America. The day of his assassination, March 24, is a major day of commemoration in El Salvador.

Oliver Stone's 1986 film Salvador depicts Romero's work and assassination.

Thank you to our guest author Jim Russell

Photo credit: By J. Puig Reixach

#### Just in time for Spring!

Boy Scout Troop 121 is fundraising with the following Organic Cedar Grove products

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- 106 N 79th St, Seattle, WA 98103	
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Payment must be received by Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>

To mail order, send check to:

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TOTAL: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Thank you for your support!



This week we are taking up the Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC) to help Jesus in disguise. Through this collection, six Catholic agencies are able to provide services for immigrants, humanitarian aid in the wake of natural disasters, refuge for the displaced, and advocacy for peace and justice around the world. Your contributions make a difference, so please be generous.

#### DONATE NOW

https://donate.seattlearchdiocese.org/crs-collection



#### TRYING NEW FOODS IN TIMOR-LESTE

Timor-Leste has the highest rate of child malnutrition in Asia, and many children suffer from stunting, which makes a big impact on a child's growth and future. Home gardens and fishponds are helping families provide better nutrition for their children. What do you eat to stay healthy? What can you do to ensure children have enough food to thrive?

Visit https://www.crsricebowl.org to learn more.

#### PLEASE DONATE

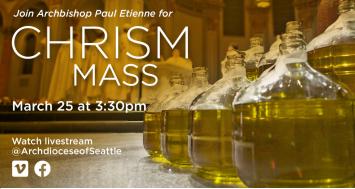
(https://donate.seattlearchdiocese.org/ricebowl)

# Join the bishops at Mass to pray for Catholic Advocacy Day



March 23 at 8 am

Join the bishops who will offer mass for the intentions of a successful and fruitful Catholic Advocacy Day. On this day, Catholics across our state will advocate for issues with legislators in Olympia. For more information go to https://archseattle.org/event/catholic-advocacy-day-masses



Join Archbishop Etienne for the Chrism Mass and the blessing of the holy oils which will be used in the administration of the sacraments throughout the archdiocese for the year. These holy oils include oil of catechumens, the oil of the infirm and holy chrism. Mass is closed to the public. Join us via livestream <a href="https://www.facebook.com/ArchdioceseofSeattle">https://www.facebook.com/ArchdioceseofSeattle</a> and <a href="https://vimeo.com/event/760674">https://vimeo.com/event/760674</a>

#### St John Family Rosary Group

is hosting a zoom meeting rosary Saturday, March 20 at 7pm.

Pray together via Zoom at https://zoom.us/join

Meeting ID: 783 2032 3994 Password: 2WgKFE





# We are united with Christ, and through our sharing in this mystery, with each other.

he Eucharistic Prayer is spoken by the priest on behalf of the whole community. All of us, as members of the priestly people of God, offer this prayer to the Father together. We bring before God the world and all its activity, by bringing our own lives and offering them along with the bread and the wine for transformation. In the prayer at the preparation of the bread and wine, the priest asks God to receive the "fruit of the earth and work of human hands." When we bring the work of our hands — our daily love and labor, our family joys and sorrows, our needs as communities and nations — God takes these gifts and transforms them.

The bread and wine we offer to God is given back to us, to be our heavenly food, the very Body and Blood of Christ. The sacrifice of Christ, offered once for all on the cross, is renewed in this mystery, and through our Eucharistic sharing, we participate in that same sacrifice. Christ's presence in this sacrament is not merely a symbolic representation of our unity as a community, or a reminder of his love. In the Eucharist, the dying and rising of Christ become tangible, and Christ is truly present in our midst: body, blood, soul, and divinity. We call this presence the "Real Presence." When we receive Holy Communion, we truly partake of the Body and Blood of the Lord, offered for our salvation. We are united with Christ, and through our sharing in this mystery, with each other.

Archbishop Paul D. Etienne
The Work of Redemption: Eucharistic Belief and Practice in the
Archdiocese of Seattle
Read the whole pastoral letter at NWCatholic.org

#### Thomas à Kempis on the Eucharist

I desire, Lord, to give myself to You as a voluntary offering and to be Yours eternally. With a sincere heart I give myself to You this day, as Your servant forever, wishing to serve You in obedience and as a sacrifice of endless praise. Receive me together with this Holy Sacrifice of your precious Body, which today I offer You in the presence of Your unseen angels attending You in heaven, that it may benefit my salvation and that of all Your people.



Thomas à Kempis, (1380-1471)

#### For Reflection

What do I have to offer when I come to the altar?

What successes, gifts, and talents can I offer?

What sins and failures do I need to place on the altar to be transformed by God?



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