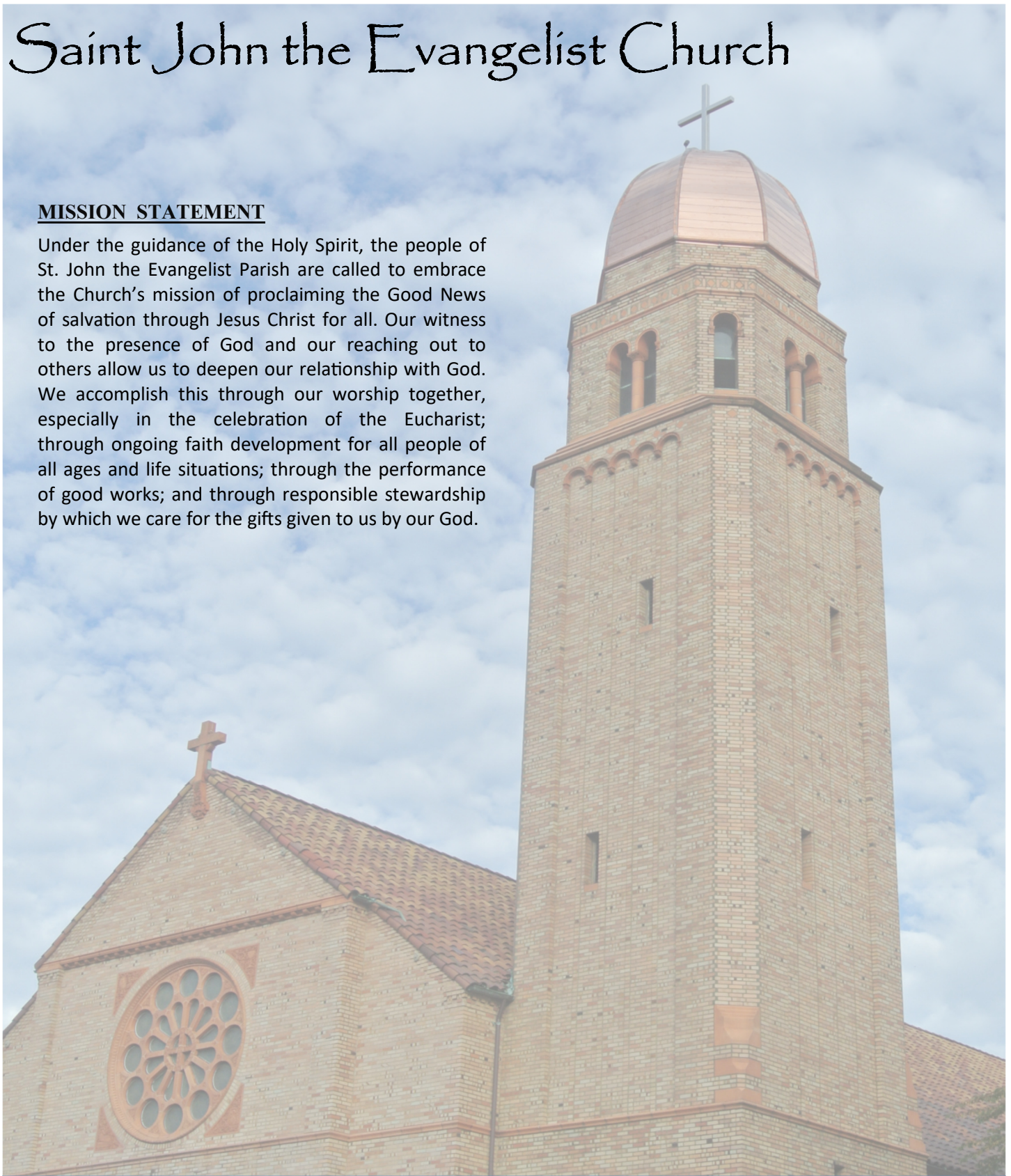


# Saint John the Evangelist Church

## 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.



April 26, 2020

Third Sunday of Easter

*We were saved with the precious Blood of Christ.*

1 Peter 1:17-21

106 N 79<sup>th</sup> St Seattle, WA 98103

206-782-2810

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

The church 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](http://www.stjohnsea.org).

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>April 27</b>	<b>April 28</b>	<b>April 29</b>	<b>April 30</b>	<b>May 1</b>	<b>May 2</b>	<b>May 3</b>
<b>Look for links to weekday Masses on our website.</b>			7pm Bible Study with Ron Ryan via Zoom		<b>5pm Live-streamed Mass on Facebook</b>  8pm Zoom Rosary	<b>Look for the link to recorded Mass on our website.</b>

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**  
**Collection for week of April 19, 2020**  
 Total Sacrificial Giving Budget for 2019–20 is \$774,355.00.  
 This means we need a weekly collection of \$14,891.44.

<b>Mail in</b>	<b>\$ 5,400.00</b>	<i>This does NOT include restricted donations such as Holy Day Collections, (Christmas and Easter), and donations made to our ministries or coffee &amp; donuts.</i>
<b>5pm Vigil</b>	<b>\$ No Mass</b>	
<b>8:30am</b>	<b>\$ No Mass</b>	
<b>10:30am</b>	<b>\$ No Mass</b>	
<b>Electronic</b>	<b>\$ 11,845.89</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 17,245.89</b>	


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/](https://facebook.com/StJohnSeattle/). After the live Mass YouTube links will be on our website.

Asante Sana to everyone who has continued to support our parish financially. We are so touched by the generosity of this community, especially during this unprecedented time!

**Parish Office Closure**  
 For the safety of our staff and to help prevent the spread of this virus the Parish Office is temporarily closed until at least May 4, 2020. We are still available if you need us! We will be checking our emails and phone messages daily throughout this time. See below for a staff directory. Email is probably the best way to reach most of us.  
**For pastoral emergencies please call: (206) 300-0972**

**Electronic Giving @ St John!**

You can donate from your Smart phone. St John the Evangelist has a mobile version of our online giving page to make it easy for you to give anytime from your Smart phone. Simply scan the image you see here using your phone's QR code reader or go to: [www.stjohnsea.org](http://www.stjohnsea.org) and locate the online giving page. Or enter: [bit.ly/DonateStJohn](https://bit.ly/DonateStJohn) in your web browser.



**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**

<b>St John Parish Web Page</b> <a href="http://www.stjohnsea.org">www.stjohnsea.org</a>	<b>St John School Web Page</b> <a href="http://www.st-johnschool.org">www.st-johnschool.org</a>
	

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| Rev. Crispin A. Okoth, Pastor<br>Bernadette O'Leary, Principal<br>Dani D'Amelio, PA for Administration<br>Teresa Gillett, Director of Development<br>Dr. Twila McDonell, Director of Liturgical Music<br>Julia Rudden, Director of Sacramental Preparation<br>Kristin Kent, Coordinator of Evangelization and Faith Formation<br>Sheila Marty, Administrative Assistant<br>HongPhuc Nguyen, Receptionist/Administrative Assistant | Extension 314 <a href="mailto:frcrispin@stjohnsea.org">frcrispin@stjohnsea.org</a><br>Extension 310 <a href="mailto:boleary@st-johnschool.org">boleary@st-johnschool.org</a><br>Extension 313 <a href="mailto:ddamelio@stjohnsea.org">ddamelio@stjohnsea.org</a><br>Extension 355 <a href="mailto:tgillett@stjohnsea.org">tgillett@stjohnsea.org</a><br>360-920-8866 <a href="mailto:music@stjohnsea.org">music@stjohnsea.org</a><br>Extension 308 <a href="mailto:jrudden@stjohnsea.org">jrudden@stjohnsea.org</a><br>Extension 352 <a href="mailto:kkent@stjohnsea.org">kkent@stjohnsea.org</a><br>Extension 358 <a href="mailto:smarty@stjohnsea.org">smarty@stjohnsea.org</a><br>Extension 300 <a href="mailto:hpnguyen@stjohnsea.org">hpnguyen@stjohnsea.org</a> |
|---|---|



## Readings for Sunday, May 3 Fourth Sunday of Easter

### First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

*The promise is made to all.*

### Psalm 23

*"The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want."*

### Second Reading

1 Peter 2:20b-25

*Jesus bore our sins upon the cross.*

### Gospel

John 10:1-10

*Jesus is the gate for the sheep.*

The image of sheep dominates the readings today. The early church was just a fledgling flock when Peter's testimony inspired thousands to "repent and be baptized." Later, Peter commends the sheep for returning to the care of the shepherd after they had gone astray. In the Gospel, Jesus begins the story of the Good Shepherd. "The sheep hear his voice," he says, and follow him. Let us listen for his voice in today's readings.

ARCHDIOCESE OF SEATTLE

## At Home with Faith

### Family Faith Formation in time of Crisis

It's tough to stay in touch with our faith when we can't go to mass or confession, can't share time together as a community at coffee & donuts, or special celebrations such as First Communion. For our children, the home is now their main source of faith and parents are the lead catechists.

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](http://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](mailto:jrudden@stjohnsea.org)

### 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@stjohnsea.org](mailto:parishoffice@stjohnsea.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.

## 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 Ambrose Fernandez and Tim, 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.

### 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!



A parishioner shared the following prayer that she says after saying the Rosary every morning:

Tend Your sick ones,  
O Loving Lord;  
rest Your weary ones;  
bless Your dying ones;  
soothe Your suffering ones;  
pity Your afflicted ones;  
shield Your fearful ones.  
And all for Your love's sake

Amen

Adapted from a prayer by St. Augustine from a little booklet called "My Treasured Catholic Prayers".





## AeroBreath Ventilator Developed by Parish Member's Father

Michelle Peters, her husband, Jon, and their three children are parishioners at St. John and would like to share news of her father's engineering development to aid in the world's fight against COVID-19. He has developed a simple, low-cost ventilator with the capabilities needed to make a difference and save lives right now. You can read the story and how it's being used at [aerobreath.us](http://aerobreath.us). The ventilator is currently in clinical trial at a major Boston hospital and the project is in contact with an organization in Haiti that will receive the first shipment of machines.

This passion project has been led by Michelle's dad, a lifelong engineer, father of six, and devout Catholic from Vermont. Thank you Jim Richards!

## CatholicSurvey2020.com



### Parish and Mission Effectiveness

All practicing lay Catholics in the Archdiocese are invited to complete an online survey that seeks to better understand the experiences, beliefs, needs, desires and faith trajectories of Catholics across western Washington.

Visit [CatholicSurvey2020.com](http://CatholicSurvey2020.com) to complete the survey.

### CCS needs our help with 10,000 face masks!



Visit <https://ccsw.org/sewing-bee/> for more information.

# Laudato Si in Action

## Earth Day

Happy Earth Day! Back in 1969, peace activist John McConnell proposed the idea to celebrate a day each year to honor the earth. The first Earth Day was celebrated on March 21, 1970 and later moved to April 22. Today is the 50th anniversary of Earth Day.



Earth Day is celebrated throughout the world and is a great reminder to take care of this precious gift that God bestowed upon us.

Another anniversary will be celebrated on May 24th: the 5th anniversary of Pope Francis' amazing encyclical on the environment: Laudato Si. These two anniversaries have a lot in common: they are about humanity coming together to take care of each other and to also take care of our common home: Mother Earth.

Many of us had great plans for Earth Day's 50th anniversary, but those plans had to be pushed aside while we shelter in place due to Covid-19. But, alas, climate change has not paused during the pandemic. It is still real; in fact many would argue that it is perhaps a dress rehearsal for the catastrophes that will be upon us if we ignore climate change much longer.

The good news is that we can come together and make the appropriate course corrections. We are doing the impossible by almost universally sheltering in place, practicing social distancing, and good hygiene. Suddenly governments are able to find the money that was not there to deal with the Covid emergency.

So it's clear that we can address climate change. The question remains, however, whether we will take it seriously before it is too late.

For ideas on what you can do to address climate change, please see prior columns at <https://saintfrancisseattle.wordpress.com/laudato-si-in-action/> and visit <https://www.earthday.org/>.

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

Paul Litwin

## 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](http://www.HeartoftheNation.org).

Papal Programming:

[www.catholic.tv/shows/papal-programming](http://www.catholic.tv/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/>



PRAYER

FASTING

ALMSGIVING

## Please Give if You Can

I know this continues to be a difficult time for all in our community, but we ask that if you are able, to continue to support our Parish financially. Even though we have cut back on parish and school activities and the celebration of Mass in the church, we have made the commitment to pay salaries to both parish and school employees. We are now projecting an increase in expenses related to pastoral care, funerals, and tuition assistance. Your support of St John will help to ensure the financial viability to get us through this crisis.

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

Please mail your donation to 106 N 79th St Seattle, WA 98103 or sign up for online giving at [www.stjohnsea.org](http://www.stjohnsea.org).

## Saint of the Month

The Fruit of the Holy Spirit for April is **Joy**

Joy is a God given gladness that doesn't change if good or bad things happen in my day. Joy comes from being with God and I can be joyful even in unhappy moments.

It is a lasting kind of happiness that can only be realized when we put God at the center of our lives and if we believe that we will live our eternal life with Him.

## St Zita

**Feast Day: April 27**

St. Zita was born into a poor but holy Christian family. Her older sister became a Cistercian nun and her uncle Graziano was a hermit whom the local people regarded as a saint. Zita herself always tried to do God's will obediently whenever it was pointed out to her by her mother. At the age of twelve Zita became a housekeeper in the house of a rich weaver in Lucca, Italy, eight miles from her home at Monte Sagrati. As things turned out, she stayed with that family for the last forty-eight years of her life. She found time every day to attend Mass and to recite many prayers, as well as to carry out her household duties so perfectly that the other servants were jealous of her. Indeed, her work was part of her religion! She used to say: "a servant is not holy if she is not busy; lazy people of our position is fake holiness." At first, her employers were upset by her generous gifts of food to the poor, but in time, they were completely won over by her patience and goodness and she became a very close friend. St. Zita was given a free reign over her working schedule and busied herself with visits to the sick and those in prison. Word spread rapidly in Lucca of her good deeds and the heavenly visions that appeared to her. She was sought out by the important people, and at her death in 1278 the people acclaimed her as a saint. She is the patroness of domestic workers.



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

## Broadview Thomson K-8 Needs Our Help!

For the last seven years, Broadview Thomson K-8 has been the recipient of the proceeds from the "Blessing of the Backpacks" food drive in the fall and as of 2019, is part of the Giving Tree at Christmas.

At this time, BTK-8 is the Seattle Public School Hub to distribute to the wider community, not just their school, so there is currently a very significant need and they are asking for our help. If you are able, please make a donation online through the link for Vanco on the St John website at [www.stjohnsea.org](http://www.stjohnsea.org). Click on the designation "BTK-8 Emergency Food Program" and add the amount you'd like to give. Your donation will go directly to the Broadview-Thomson Food Coordinator, Samantha Woogerd where she will purchase the necessary food items in bulk so as to stretch the funds to help the most students and families as possible.

Samantha wants the St. John community to know that they are so grateful for the continued support. One never knows the impact of a gift. The food donated last fall and the gift cards donated in December are making a great impact right now during the current crisis. Thank you for any help you are able to give.