

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.

August 1, 2021

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The Lord gave them bread from heaven."

Psalm 78

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The Parish office is open from 8-12 and 1-4 Monday through Friday.
Visit our website www.stjohnsea.org or call the parish office for more information.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
August 2	August 3	August 4	August 5	August 6	August 7	August 8
		9am Mass	9am Mass	9am Mass	4:30pm Reconciliation 5pm Mass with Live-streaming on Facebook	8:30am Mass 10:30am Mass

The Vigil Mass is 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 July 25, 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 \$	5,246.00	<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 \$	312.00	
8:30am \$	195.00	
10:30am \$	264.00	
Electronic \$	7,536.52	
Total \$	13,553.52	

NEEDED TO MEET GOAL: \$18,039

ACA GOAL: \$91,896

PLEDGED: \$73,857



Thank you to the 194 families who have pledged to the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal so far. If you have not yet donated, please take a moment to do so now!! The easiest way is to give is online at <http://www.archseattle.org/acadonate>, or call the ACA office at 1-800-809-4921.

If we do not meet our goal of \$91,896 we will have to make up the difference out of our operating budget.

Please contact your employer to see if they participate in a gift match program. It's a great way to double or even triple your donation!

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



**Due to the risks of the
Delta variant and our
desire to protect our children
and the vulnerable in our
communities, we are
recommending mask wearing
during indoor Mass celebrations.**

Rev. Crispin A. Okoth, Pastor
Bernadette O'Leary, Principal
Dani D'Amelio, PA for Administration
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Readings for Sunday, August 8 Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading **1 Kings 19:4-8**

Strengthened by that food, Elijah walked to the mountain of God.

Psalm **Psalm 34**

"Taste and see the goodness of the Lord."

Second Reading **Ephesians 4:30—5:2**

Walk in love, just like Christ.

Gospel **John 6:41-51**

I am the living bread that came down from heaven.

Today we continue hearing Jesus explain to the disciples, the curious, and the skeptical that he is the bread of life, sent from heaven to give his body so that we may have life forever. First we hear Elijah, one of the greatest figures in the centuries before Christ, literally pray for death because of his desperate circumstances. He is saved by an angel of the Lord, who gives him what he needs to sustain him on his journey to God. May we today be nourished by God's word so that we may be sustained on our own journeys.



Parish Picnic Huge Success!

"Be blessed! The picnic was just like God's healing hands upon my soul personally! Thank you all!"

— Fr. Crispin

Thanks to everyone who came out and enjoyed a beautiful sunny July day at the Annual Parish Picnic! We were so happy to once again offer this summer tradition after having to skip it last year. It was wonderful to come together as a community and see each other in person after so long. A highlight was finally being able to recognize Mary Wiseman, longtime St. John Parish Development Director who left just before the pandemic hit. It was great to see Mary and her family and show her our appreciation of all the great things she did here at St. John.

We would not be able to have put this event on without the many volunteers who gave of their time, help and support: members of the Knights of Columbus, Paul & Suzanne Litwin, Andrea Vaught, Dan Voss, Guy Golliver, Mary & Sarah Lamb, XuanMai & Tai Flynn, Chloe Masters, Kathi and Finn Skow, Rebecca Wagner, Julie & Natalie Skinner, Iris Walker, Diana Grusczyński, Jim Russell, Irene Wainaina & members of the African Community, Michael Strimban, Mike Osterfeld, the Maintenance Team and the staff of St. John Parish and School.

See you next year!

Lord, hear our prayer...

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

Pauline Barrett	Shiloh Rodgers-Daly
the Pinkerman family	Lynn Gough
Sam Kirk	Lisa Fletcher
the Torres family	Linda Melsted
Vicky Milner	Bobbie Jo Ramos
John Grusczyński	Angela Lizette
Marcela Grusczyński	the Lyle Stevenson family
Chuck Carter	Vanessa Castillo
Maria Socorro M. Ortiz	Greg Linnell
Tullus Gordon	Marilyn Wittenmyer
Dawn Walton	Pamela Leuschen

For those who have died, including Regina Tarleton, and Mike Schmidt, brother of DeAnn Feeman, 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.

Stewardship thoughts...



"All I have seen teaches me to trust the Creator for all I have not seen." - Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds you plant." - Robert Louis Stevenson

"The Greek word for 'faith' meant much more than belief; it also meant trust, confidence in and commitment to." - Catholic Stewardship Consultants

"A closed heart always justifies itself for what it has not done." - Pope Francis

To donate, simply scan this QR code or go to <https://bit.ly/EDonateStJohn> to set up online giving now!



Helping Hands

Our St Vincent de Paul Ministry puts together wallet sized packets that can be given to those in need and at the same time allow the opportunity for a personal interaction with the recipient. The packet contains a \$10 voucher for the SVdP thrift store, a \$5 McDonalds gift card, and a prayer card. You can purchase the Helping Hands for \$5 in the vestibule at Mass. Contact the parish office for more information.





SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Father will be offering Reconciliation on Saturdays at 4:30pm. If you are unable to come at this time, please call the Parish Office to arrange an appointment with Father.



It's 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 in July. If you don't receive a letter, you can access the registration form on our website at <http://bit.ly/FirstReconciliationFirstCommunion>

Questions? Contact Julia Rudden jrudden@stjohnsea.org

St John Book Club August 22nd at 4pm

We will be reading Fr. Richard Rohr's *Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life*



If you'd like to join the discussion, contact Diana Gruscynski at diana.gruscynski@outlook.com.

Here are a few nuggets from the book to whet your appetite:

"... the task of the first half of life is to create a proper container for one's life and answer the first essential questions: "What makes me significant?" "How can I support myself?" and "Who will go with me?" The task of the second half of life is, quite simply, to find the actual contents that this container was meant to hold and deliver."

"Most people will not leave the safety and security of their home base until they have to. Thus the Gospel call, again and again, is to leave home, family, and nets (Mark 1:16-20)."

"By the second half of life, you have learned ever so slowly, and with much resistance, that most frontal attacks on evil just produce another kind of evil in yourself, along with a very inflated self-image..."

"The bottom line of the Gospel is that most of us have to hit some kind of bottom before we even start the real spiritual journey."



Laudato Si in Action

Grandparents can help build a better future

On Sunday, Pope Francis shared his message for the First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. In this message, which you can read in full at <https://tinyurl.com/lia-grandparents>, Pope Francis addresses grandparents and the elderly, telling them they are needed to help build a better future for future generations:

I want to tell you that you are needed in order to help build, in fraternity and social friendship, the world of tomorrow... All of us must "take an active part in renewing and supporting our troubled societies".

Among the pillars that support this new edifice, there are three that you, better than anyone else, can help to set up. Those three pillars are dreams, memory and prayer.

*Who, if not the young, can take the **dreams** of the elderly and make them come true? Yet for this to happen, it is necessary that we continue to dream. Our dreams of justice, of peace, of solidarity can make it possible for our young people to have new visions; in this way, together, we can build the future.*

*Dreams are thus intertwined with **memory**. I think of the painful memory of war, and its importance for helping the young to learn the value of peace. Those among you who experienced the suffering of war must pass on this message. Keeping memory alive is a true mission for every elderly person: keeping memory alive and sharing it with others.*

*Finally, **prayer**...I would also like to mention the example of Blessed (and soon Saint) Charles de Foucauld...I ask the Lord that, also through his example, all of us may open our hearts in sensitivity to the sufferings of the poor and intercede for their needs. May each of us learn to repeat to all, and especially to the young, the words of consolation we have heard spoken to us today: "I am with you always"! Keep moving forward! May the Lord grant you his blessing.*

What better gift can a grandparent pass to their grandchildren than a better, more peaceful and more just world; one that avoids the ravages of climate change.

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

Paul Litwin

ST. JOHN
CATHOLIC SCHOOL



Fall 2021 PreK & K Soccer Registration

The program: Each week players will learn basic skills for 30 minutes and scrimmage with their friends for 30 minutes. It is a completely closed league and almost all kids participate. Jerseys are provided.

- When: Sunday afternoons
September 19th - October 24th for 1 hour.
Estimated Times: PK: 10a-11a, K: 11a-12p
- Where: Sandel Park in Greenwood
- Who: All registered St. John & St. Alphonsus Pre-K & Kindergarten Students or St. John/St. Al parish families
- How Much: \$86 per player
Scholarships are available by emailing Jonna Skokan, Athletics Director at St John:
jskokan@st-johnschool.org
- Cleats are encouraged, shin guards with soccer socks over top of them are mandatory. Balls are supplied for game days but always good to have a size 3 for them to practice at home.

Register at http://bit.ly/st_johns_league_fall_2021



CYO Soccer & X-Country Register and Purchase Uniforms Deadline - August 6

Don't forget to register for Fall CYO St. Al/John Soccer and X-Country! Teams are formed for Soccer the first week in August. If you aren't signed up for Soccer by August 6, we can't guarantee a space for you on the team. Note: we also have new soccer jerseys this year for grades 1- 7 to purchase; 8th grade will be supplied jerseys.

Soccer Uniforms also need to be ordered by August 6. Uniforms will be delivered before your first game.

To order uniforms, go to:

<https://stal-stjohn.itemorder.com>

To register for Soccer and X-Country, go to:

<https://www.teamsideline.com/sites/seattlecyo/home>

Financial aid is available, for both registration and uniform purchase, by emailing Jonna Skokan, Athletics Director at St John: jskokan@st-johnschool.org



Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center at the Palisades

The Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center will reopen on September 1. Check out its new website with upcoming fall and winter retreats.

<https://archseattle.org/archbishop-brunett-retreat-center/>

Criminal Justice Ministry 101



Learn how to bring the love and light of Christ into correctional facilities. Sign up for a series of six free 60- to 90-minute Zoom training sessions. Two Cohorts. Tuesday cohort starts Sept. 7 and Saturday cohort starts Sept. 11.

To learn more about dates & details and to register, go to:

<https://bit.ly/CJMTraining101-Sept2021>

To read about Criminal Justice Ministry, go to:

<https://archseattle.org/ministries/outreach-ministries/criminal-justice-ministry/>



Archbishops' Golf Tournament

We are looking for more golfers to join us for a full day of golf fellowship and fun(raising) to support seminarian education at Trophy Lake Golf & Casting Club, Port Orchard.

Learn more and register today at:

<https://golf-fore-seminarians.perfectgolfevent.com/>

"For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

John 6:33

Western Washington Catholic Young Adults

THEOLOGY ON TAP

YOUNG ADULT PANEL

THE CHURCH: WHY LAY DOWN YOUR ROOTS

August 19, 6:30-8:30 PM
Mass at 6:30 PM
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Burien, WA



Young Adult Event:

The Church: why lay down your roots

Calling all young adults age 18-39! Enjoy an evening outdoors with food, drink and meaningful conversations as we EXPLORE OUR FAITH TOGETHER.

Hear from a panel of young adults on why they are Christian, why they stay, and what belonging rooted in faith means. Join us as we learn how they choose to live out their Christian faith and the mission of the Church.

August 19: 6:30-8:30pm at St. Francis Parish parking lot. Join us at 5:30pm for Mass

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/totseattleaug21>

Limited capacity. Must register online. \$10 registration (\$5 non-alcoholic & under 21)

Saint of the month



St Nicodemus

Feast Day: August 31

Our August Saint of the Month is Nicodemus, a contemporary of Jesus, a Pharisee and a member of the Sanhedrin. Nicodemus is mentioned three places in the Gospel of John. He first visits Jesus one night to discuss Jesus' teachings (John 3). John 3:16, which has been called the most famous verse in the Bible, is spoken during that conversation. Nicodemus next appears in John 7:50, when he reminds the Sanhedrin that the law requires that a person be heard before being judged. Finally, Nicodemus appears after Jesus' crucifixion, to help Joseph of Arimathea prepare the Lord's body for burial (John 19:39 - 42). Saints Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea are celebrated on August 31st. The story of Nicodemus' relationship with Jesus is explored in a significant subplot of the recent television series The Chosen. It's a story we can all relate to; what in our lives do we sacrifice to follow the Lord?

(Some content from Wikipedia articles on Nicodemus and John 3:16.)

Image: Jesus and Nicodemus - Bible drawings by Otto Semler and others, many based on the engravings by Carolsfeld, all in the public domain.

Resources to keep you connected

Seattle Archdiocese live Mass — 8am at
<https://www.facebook.com/ArchdioceseofSeattle>

Mass on KSTW CHANNEL 11 (CW) at 8:30am, Sunday and EWTN—5am, 9am, 4pm & 9pm

Papal Programming:
<https://www.catholicstv.org/papal-programming.html>

SACRED HEART RADIO 1050 KBLE ~ Seattle
Sunday Mass - 5:00 am, 9:00 am

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

Bishop Mueggenborg's Sunday Gospel Reflections:
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Mass Readings and Prayer Resources: **www.usccb.org/**



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Did you leave something behind at Mass?

There are several things that have been left in the Church—including several umbrellas. Is one of them yours? Next time you are in the Church, please take a look on the pew in the vestibule and see if something belongs to you. All items will be donated at the end of summer. Thanks!

ST. JOSEPH

Creative Courage



In the face of difficulty, we can either give up and walk away, or somehow engage with it. At times, difficulties bring out resources we did not even think we had.

As we read the infancy narratives, we may often wonder why God did not act in a more direct and clear way. Yet God acts through events and people. Joseph was the man chosen by God to guide the beginnings of the history of redemption. He was the true “miracle” by which God saves the child and his mother. God acted by trusting in Joseph’s creative courage. Arriving in Bethlehem and finding no lodging where Mary could give birth, Joseph took a stable and, as best he could, turned it into a welcoming home for the Son of God come into the world (cf. Lk 2:6-7). Faced with imminent danger from Herod, who wanted to kill the child, Joseph was warned once again in a dream to protect the child, and rose in the middle of the night to prepare the flight into Egypt (cf. Mt 2:13-14).

A superficial reading of these stories can often give the impression that the world is at the mercy of the strong and mighty, but the “good news” of the Gospel consists in showing that, for all the arrogance and violence of worldly powers, God always finds a way to carry out his saving plan. So too, our lives may at times seem to be at the mercy of the powerful, but the Gospel shows us what counts. God always finds a way to save us, provided we show the same creative courage as the carpenter of Nazareth, who was able to turn a problem into a possibility by trusting always in divine providence.

If at times God seems not to help us, surely this does not mean that we have been abandoned, but instead are being trusted to plan, to be creative, and to find solutions ourselves.

—Pope Francis, *Patris Corde*, Apostolic Letter for the Year of St. Joseph



“Saint Joseph” André Bossio of Seattle

The Saints on St. Joseph:

“I wish I could persuade everyone to be devoted to the glorious St. Joseph, for I have great experience of the blessings which he can obtain from God. I do not remember that I have ever asked anything of him which he has failed to grant.”

—St. Teresa of Avila

A prayer to St. Joseph:

Glorious Patriarch Saint Joseph, whose power makes the impossible possible, come to my aid in these times of anguish and difficulty. Take under your protection the serious and troubling situations that I commend to you, that they may have a happy outcome. My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power. Amen.

—A 19th-century prayer from France, a favorite of Pope Francis

FOR REFLECTION:

- Pope Francis uses the phrase “creative courage” to describe St. Joseph. How does Joseph demonstrate “creative courage” in the Gospels? Can you think of other examples of “creative courage” from the Bible, or the lives of the saints—or people you know?
- What are the challenges we are facing right now in our families—our parishes—our Church—our nation—our world? Can we see these challenges as opportunities? How might God be trusting us “to plan, to be creative, and to find solutions ourselves”?

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