

# 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.

December 13, 2020

Third Sunday of Advent

*"My soul rejoices in my God."*

Luke 1

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The Parish office is open Mondays from 8-4 and by appointment the rest of the week.  
 Mass is by reservation only. Visit our website [www.stjohnsea.org](http://www.stjohnsea.org) or call the parish office for more information.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
December 14	December 15	December 16	December 17	December 18	December 19	December 20
		3pm Live-streamed Mass with Adoration to follow	3pm Live-streamed Mass on Facebook		4:30pm Reconciliation 5pm Mass* with Live-streaming on Facebook	10am Reconciliation 10:30am Mass*
					*By appt. only	*By appt. only

Masses are being live-streamed on our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/StJohnSeattle](http://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 December 6, 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 \$	8,190.50
5pm Vigil \$	427.00
8:30am \$	No Mass
10:30am \$	258.00
Electronic \$	10,549.87
<b>Total \$</b>	<b>19,425.37</b>

*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](mailto:smarty@stjohnsea.org).

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

**St John Parish Web Page**  
[www.stjohnsea.org](http://www.stjohnsea.org)

**St John School Web Page**  
[www.st-johnschool.org](http://www.st-johnschool.org)



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 Julia Rudden, Director of Sacramental Preparation  
 Sheila Marty, Administrative Assistant  
 HongPhuc Nguyen, Receptionist/Administrative Assistant

## 2021 Is Upon Us! Make Your Stewardship Pledge TODAY!



2021 is on the horizon. What a year 2020 has been. As we look forward to some relief in the coming year, take a moment to reflect on what we have done this past year. We came together and took on the incredible challenge of remaining engaged and committed to St. John Parish, all while continuing to remain socially distant. This is a testament to the strength of this community and the faith in God that there will soon be relief to so many who are hurting.

Although we have hope that the coming year will bring back a sense of normalcy, we also need to continue our financial support—now more than ever. As you know, the weekly offertory helps to sustain our parish financially to be able to serve the ministries of St. John and the wider community. Because of the pandemic, our budget shortfalls have been significant and your commitment to sacrificial giving is especially important in the coming year! Please take a moment to prayerfully discern your financial pledge for the coming year and know that each and every gift is greatly appreciated.

*Asante Sana to those who have already made their stewardship pledge for 2021.*

To make your pledge go to: [www.stjohnsea.org](http://www.stjohnsea.org) and locate the pledge tab at the top, or enter: [bit.ly/PledgeStJohn](https://bit.ly/PledgeStJohn) in your web browser.

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## Advent Giving Tree

This year, we will have two Advent Giving Trees. One is in the back of the church, and one in the Parish Office.

There are two options for you to donate:

1. Pick up your ornaments at the Saturday, 5pm Mass or Sunday, 10:30am Mass. At this time, the Parish office is open on Mondays, 8am-4pm ONLY, so pick up and drop off there will be on Mondays beginning on November 30.
2. No need to pick up an ornament. Choose an item(s) from the list below and drop them off at the Church during Mass times or the Parish Office on Mondays.

Noel House  
(Women's Shelter):  
Hygiene Kits  
Socks  
Underwear  
Bath Towels  
Gift Cards  
Twin blankets

St. Martin de Porres  
(Men's shelter)  
Socks  
Hats  
Underwear  
Gloves  
Gift Cards

### BTK-8 Food Program

Gift Cards to: Fred Meyer, Safeway or Cash & Carry

**PLEASE DONATE UNWRAPPED GIFTS BY  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 21.**

Thank you so much for your generosity in making this a wonderful Christmas for the homeless and needy in our community. This year your donations will be supporting: Noel House, St Martin de Porres and Broadview-Thomson K-8 Food Program.

Please contact Teresa Gillett with any questions at [tgillett@stjohnsea.org](mailto:tgillett@stjohnsea.org) or call 206-782-2810, Ext 355

## Prayer for the Year of the Eucharist

Lord Jesus Christ, the Eucharist is your gift to us. As we celebrate your mysteries, the very work of our redemption is accomplished, and we are filled with every grace and blessing. May the liturgy become the pattern of our lives. May our celebrations of this great mystery draw us ever closer to you and to one another. Strengthen the bonds of unity in our local Church, that our love for one another may be evident and we may proclaim your Gospel more effectively. May our celebration bear fruit in our lives, and deepen our commitment to serve the poor and vulnerable in your name.

You live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

*How holy this feast in which Christ is our food; his passion is recalled; grace fills our hearts; and we receive a pledge of the glory to come, alleluia. (Antiphon for Corpus Christi, attr. St. Thomas Aquinas)*



## Laudato Si in Action



### Buy Nothing: good for the neighborhood and the planet

Ever look around your house and realize you have too much stuff? We did. And while the instinct is to make a run to Goodwill or St. Vincent de Paul store, there is an alternative. In your neighborhood, there is most likely a "Buy Nothing" group on Facebook where neighbors offer up items they wish to rid themselves of, so other neighbors can pick them up from your front porch or other agreed upon location. (Alternately, you can do something close to this which is to put the item out on your parking strip with a "FREE" sign attached to it. This works better for larger items and when the weather is better.)

Not only is this a great way to recycle items you no longer want, but rather than sending the goods to some outfit that you hope can put them to good use, you create a direct connection with someone who most definitely wants your item and will put it to good use -- instantly. Plus, it's a lovely way to connect to your community one on one, properly distanced, of course, and in most cases contactless and without you getting in your car. (This is not to say, that donating to St Vincent de Paul or Goodwill is not also a viable option; it still is, but it's a bit less personal.)

This past weekend, we cleaned house -- quite literally, and in the process sent an office chair, several storage bins, a mop, a drill, children's books and games, a mirror, a cooler, two cast iron frying pans, a lamp, and a keyboard, all in a matter of a couple of days, and in some cases, minutes to happy neighbors. And last week, we happily rehomed a set of bunk beds and an espresso maker. We also put a desk out on our parking strip when no takers were interested online and a couple passing by in a car scooped it up in less than an hour.

Pope Francis talks about wasteful consumerism and our throwaway culture tying it back to the very basis of Christianity in Laudato Si:

*Christian spirituality proposes an alternative understanding of the quality of life, and encourages a prophetic and contemplative lifestyle, one capable of deep enjoyment free of the obsession with consumption. We need to take up an ancient lesson, found in different religious traditions and also in the Bible. It is the conviction that "less is more". A constant flood of new consumer goods can baffle the heart and prevent us from cherishing each thing and each moment.*

Do you feel burdened by your possessions? Maybe now is the time to let some stuff go and further the cause of "buy nothing" or at least "buy less".

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

Suzanna and Paul Litwin



### Walk humbly with God...

How does this theme look in our families, school, and community?

*We can walk humbly with God through the beatitudes! In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus taught His disciples (and us) about how to be perfectly happy (Heaven with God). In other words, He taught us how, in our earthly lives, we can live out the purpose for which God made us. Jesus taught us 8 ways of living called Beatitudes, so that we can begin to be perfectly happy with God in Heaven.*

Each month we will focus on one beatitude and how everyday saints, like you and me, can live out this beatitude.

### Beatitude of the month

**“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.”**

The meek are people who are humble and patient. A person who chooses other ways to resolve conflicts without resorting to violence is meek. The reward is great wealth. How do we resolve conflict in our families?

Daisies are bright spots in any field. People who leave them to grow soon discover that they can quickly take over an entire field creating a sight to behold. Daisies can remind us that kindness and gentleness are much more effective than forcefulness. Those who are meek will conquer evil and inherit the earth.



### Office Hours Update

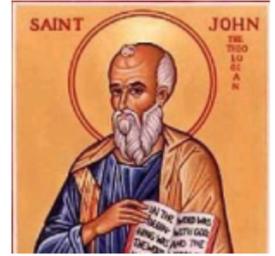
St John Parish office will be open 8-4 on Mondays and by appointment only the rest of the week. If you need to make an appointment, email is the best way to reach us, but we will be continuing to check messages if you leave a voicemail.

Questions, please email the [parishoffice@stjohnsea.org](mailto:parishoffice@stjohnsea.org) or leave a voicemail at 206-782-2810.

We continue to pray for our community and the world, asking for God's grace upon us all as we continue to navigate these difficult times.

### Saint of the month

#### St John the Evangelist Feast Day December 27



John the Apostle (c.AD 6-100) was one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus according to the New Testament. Generally listed as the youngest apostle. His brother was James, who was another of the Twelve Apostles. The Church Fathers identify him as John the Evangelist, John of Patmos, John the Elder and the Beloved Disciple.

Church tradition has held that John is the author of the Gospel of John and five other books of the New Testament — the three Epistles of John and the Book of Revelation.

John the Apostle was the son of Zebedee and the younger brother of James, son of Zebedee (James the Greater). Their mother was Salome. Zebedee and his sons fished in the Sea of Galilee. The brothers were firstly disciples of John the Baptist. Jesus then called Peter, Andrew and these two sons of Zebedee to follow him.

James and John are listed among the Twelve Apostles. Jesus referred to the pair as "Boanerges" (translated "sons of thunder"); although their nature was calm and gentle, when their patience was pushed to its limits their anger became wild and thunderous causing them to speak out like an untamed storm.

A gospel story relates how the brothers wanted to call down heavenly fire on a Samaritan town, but Jesus refused them. John lived for more than half a century following the martyrdom of James, who was the first Apostle to die a martyr's death.

It is traditionally believed that John was the youngest of the apostles and outlived them. He is said to have lived to an old age, dying at Ephesus sometime after AD 98. John's traditional tomb is thought to be located at Selçuk, a small town in the vicinity of Ephesus.

The feast day of Saint John in the Roman Catholic Church, which calls him "Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist", and in the Anglican Communion and Lutheran Calendars, which call him "Saint John the Apostle and Evangelist", is on 27 December. The traditional ceremonial color is white.



**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, AT 10AM**

Watch on Facebook or Vimeo @ArchdioceseofSeattle



**Archbishop Paul D. Etienne will ordain 21 men to the permanent diaconate.**

This will be the first class of permanent deacons ordained for the archdiocese since 2012. The discernment process for this class began in 2015.

## Charitable Works



Here are some ideas if you would like to give back to your parish and community this Advent season:

- Call the homebound in your parish community.
- Send Christmas cards to people in prison.
- Create "ditty bags" for the Seafarers Ministry.
- Find opportunities in your county through the Catholic Community Services Volunteer Portal.
- Sign up to receive weekly Advent inspirations from Northwest Catholic.
- Join the Ignatian Solidarity Network's Advent Simplicity Challenge.
- Volunteer with your local St. Vincent de Paul ministry or donate to their food bank.
- Participate in your parish Giving Tree.
- Pray for those who are alone this Advent season.

# Lessons & Carols

**Presented by 250+ students from the Catholic High Schools  
in the Archdiocese of Seattle**

**Friday, December 18, 2020  
7:00 p.m.**

**Facebook Livestream: @ArchdioceseofSeattle**

