

# ST. JOHN'S JOURNAL

REFLECTING STEWARDSHIP AS A WAY OF LIFE

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## LIVING YOUR STRENGTHS: ONE PARISHIONER'S JOURNEY

BY DOUG PALMER

I have been attending St. John's for about 7 years. I was raised Presbyterian, but converted to the Catholic faith five years ago. Right out of RCIA, Sister Carol Ann pulled me aside, and said, "I know just the place to use some of your talents! Have you ever considered being on the Stewardship Committee?" Five years later, it's now a Commission, and I'm still serving on it, as well as being the webmaster for our parish website. Sister has now retired, but about a month ago, Sue Ray pulled me aside and said, "You know, you'd be a good person to write an article for our newsletter about our new Strengths group sessions." Funny

how that works...

One line Father Jim uses from time to time in his homilies is "To be the best YOU that YOU can be". There is an old Jewish tale about the Rabbi Zusya which is very similar: Zusya said, "In the coming world, they will not ask me 'Why were you not Moses?' They will ask me 'Why were you not Zusya?'" We all know that God has given us different talents. Part of everyone's journey through life is to recognize that we all have different talents, to discover yours, make them your own, and grow them into strengths so that you can be the best you. There is a passage in the bible that speaks to this that rings true

to me: *"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit."* 1 Corinthians 12:4-7

I grew up trying to fix my weaknesses, rather than building on what came naturally – my talents. When report cards came out, the A's on it were ignored – I was asked about the B's (and worse), and how I was going to raise them to A's. The same emphasis came when I entered the work-

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## EDITOR'S LETTER

My youngest daughter has decided to go on the Agape mission with the Youth Group this summer. I am thrilled she has decided to go; I always hoped one of my daughters would want to do this. But then I was overcome with this feeling of dismay that she would

want to be away from her mother for a whole week this summer to help people.

Our summers are spent as a family going to different car shows with our RV and camping at the shows and then we usually take a side trip to a state park on the

BY GRETCHEN OJALA

way to the show or on the way back. We had already booked our summer fun and my daughter's decision to do something different away from the family threw me into a bit of a tailspin.

I am the type of person who

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place. Come annual evaluation time, the goals set for me were to improve on my weaknesses.

Serving on the Stewardship Commission, I was exposed to a tool that promised to help me discover what my strongest God-given talents were, and how to develop them to help me in my personal, professional, and spiritual life. And how to turn these innate talents into strengths that will serve me, and my God, for the rest of my life. And no, nothing was said about an opportunity to buy ocean-front property in Arizona...

That tool, and the process, is in a book titled *“Living Your Strengths”*. One of the authors of the book, Donald Clifton, is now called the “Father of Strength-Based Psychology”. With over 30 years of his research to back him up, he believes that we should concentrate on our talents, not our weaknesses, and build those talents into strengths. By now, you have probably heard Fr. Jim talking about *“Living Your Strengths”* at Mass, and might have seen the flyers and bulletin announcements about the Strength group sessions the parish was offering. And just maybe wondering what it’s all about.

I had the chance to go through one of the first group sessions the parish gave, and now I am now serving as one of the

facilitators in the current round of group sessions. As I write this, our parish staff, and many of our Pastoral Counsel and our Stewardship Commission has gone through *StrengthFinders* and a group or individual strength session. As of this writing, we have almost 100 parishioners attending the current series of strength group sessions.

Each group session is about 90 minutes long, and meets once a week over a five-week period. I’ll plagiarize from the workbook we are given to say “The sessions use a pattern of gatherings that includes prayer, Scripture, sharing from others who are on the journey of strengths development, and questions to guide your reflections and sharing”. In the first session, after prayer, we got to know each other, and what brought us to these sessions. Copies of the book were passed out, and each person was asked to take the on-line talent identification questionnaire called *StrengthFinders* before we came to the next session. Each book has a unique access code in it to take *StrengthFinders*, and the code can only be used once. It was explained to us that after completing *StrengthFinders*, we would be given a list of our top 5 talents, or Signature Themes, in order from one to five from the list of 34 different themes, or talents. We were also asked to read a few pages in the book before taking the questionnaire.

After completing the on-line

part, we were asked to read the short chapters in the book describing our top 5.

I went home that evening and logged on and took my *StrengthFinders*. It took about 40 minutes to go through the roughly 180 questions. At the end, it identified my top 5 signature themes, which I printed out and saved. My top 5 were Strategic, Arranger, Connectedness, Focus, and Achiever. After reading the description of each of my top 5 themes in the book, I was amazed at much I could identify with them. I also read the descriptions of the other 29 themes, and was surprised that some of them did not show in my top 5. For instance, my major in college was Communications and Communication is one of the themes. When I asked about that at our second session, Sue Ray explained that Communication could be my #6 theme, but at this level in *“Living Your Strengths”*, we are only shown our top 5.

The rest of my group had almost the same reaction I did to their own top 5’s – how closely they could identify with the descriptions in the book about those talents. We went around the room sharing our top 5’s with the group, reflected on our own personal histories, where we saw evidence of our Signature Themes at work in our lives, and how we saw God’s hand guiding or strengthening us.

The reading assignment in the

book after the first session explained the difference between talent, skills, knowledge, and strengths. Talents are God-Given predispositions. Some people are athletically gifted – some are gifted at understanding math. It doesn’t mean they will become a professional athlete or, a college math professor – it just comes easy to them.

Skills are things you can learn – how to add and subtract – how to catch a ball – how to ride a bike. Knowledge is simply what you know through education, training or experience. A strength is being able to consistently do a particular activity at the very highest level. To become a strength, a talent has to be honed by skill, practice, and knowledge. When Lance Armstrong was young, he might have had good balance, and been a good athlete. But those talents alone are not the reason he won the Tour de France seven times.

As our group progressed through the sessions, we identified and shared how some of our talents had become strengths, and how our top themes might complement our other themes. We explored and shared how identifying our talents has changed our lives, and will continue to change our lives and those around us as we continue to take our talents and develop them into strength.

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## EVALUATING SURVEY RESULTS: WHAT'S NEXT?

BY SUE RAY



## On a Journey Together

Thank you for sharing your input on our Member Engagement Survey (Gallup ME25) completed recently. We will receive our survey results in June and start brainstorming action ideas and complete an Impact Plan over the next few months. Involvement is what 'I do' in my parish,

but engagement is how 'I feel about my parish.' Engagement is a deeper connection of belonging and 'BELONGING LEADS TO BELIEVING.' All of us want to belong and feel appreciated as children of God. We want to deepen our relationship with our Lord and be spiritually commit-

ted. We already have a very engaged community, but we want to be even more engaged. To do this, we will need to solicit input from all members in our community. Your ideas and opinions matter. Always know we are open to any and all suggestions. If you would like to be part of the Member Engagement Committee, please contact me at the parish office.

One way to be engaged is to know more about our community and our many ministries. We will be having a Ministry Fair Weekend on June 4-5 after all Masses in the Education Center. Please stop over after Mass to get information and learn ways to volunteer and serve. It's a great opportunity to meet other members in our parish and share. We will have FUN, FOOD and by getting your PASSPORT TO SERVE stamped, you may win a raffle prize. We will have a Member Engagement & Strengths table at the fair where you can review our survey results and drop an idea in our suggestion box. We need your input.

Engaged members give their best

to their community and they are at their best when they do what they 'naturally do best'. We want everybody to have the opportunity to do what you do best. And we want to genuinely recognize you for serving and sharing your gifts. We encourage you to join a small group session to explore and discover your God-given gifts. You can sign up for a morning or evening session at the Ministry Fair at the Member Engagement & Strengths table. We've completed ten group sessions so far and our goal is to involve as many of you who would like to take advantage of this tool on our continuing journey together here at St. John's.

We hope to see you at the fair!

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By the end of the five sessions, I believe that all of our group came away knowing each other better, with a better understanding of where our talents lie, what makes each of us so unique, and how we can continue to

grow.

For people who are not comfortable with a group session. Joan Williamson, our Pastoral Assistant for Faith Formation, is a trained individual Strengths Coach, and is available for one-on-one sessions. If you would like more information about

"Living Your Strengths", contact Sue Ray in our parish office.

I've always felt that life is a journey, and an uphill one at that! If I'm not moving up the hill, then I'm sliding back. When I get to the top of my hill, and my journey in this life has ended – When I meet

St. Peter at the pearly gates – I want him to open up his book, look inside and say "Welcome! You ended up as the Doug that God envisioned when he created you! And by the way, I'd like to introduce you to Moses."

## AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT: CHANGES TO THE ROMAN MISSAL

BY PAT FROST

“The times they are a-changing...,” written and sung by Bob Dylan, and sung by The Byrds and a long list of performers in the mid-1960s. Change is a given in this world, a sure bet! And change can be difficult. In the next seven months, you will be hearing about changes in some of the prayers said at Mass. These changes cannot be instituted until the first weekend of Advent. As information is presented over these next several months, as the changes in the prayers are shared and learned, you will find yourselves learning the new words, while still using the current terminology. Like a light switch being flipped, on the weekend of November 27 we will welcome the new church year along with the new wording. These changes are referred to as changes in the Roman Missal.

So what is the *Roman Missal*? This is the book containing the prayers, chants, and instructions for the celebration of Mass in our church, which uses the Roman rite. This is the smaller red book which you see used on the altar during Mass by the celebrant. Formerly called the *sacramentary*, the new translation has warranted a new name.

In the early Church, there were no books, written materials, or common instructions. The earliest samples of written materials date to the

12<sup>th</sup> century. The lack of consistency plagued various written collections of prayers, until in 1570, following the Council of Trent, Pope Pius V approved an obligatory, consistent compilation of prayers to be used in the Roman Mass rite (unless another rite had been in place for more than 200 years!).

New translations have occurred periodically throughout the history of the Church. This most recent is the third edition since the Second Vatican Council. It has been in process since 2002, when Pope John Paul II introduced this new edition. It did not automatically go into effect. It had to first be translated from the Latin. Then it had to be approved before beginning to be published in the many modern languages.

Remember, the Mass was only said in Latin (with rare exception) until 1965! Vatican II addressed the issue of the majority who did not speak or understand Latin, by opening the Mass to be said in local languages, in order to promote a full, conscious, and active participation in the Mass. From this decision came the *translated Missale Romanum*.

With the multiplicity of languages, the Mass was now subject to local inflection. The work of translation became a tricky one, as not all languages translate straight

across the board. Soon after the 2002 action, the difficult job of translating the Roman Missal into English began. Because English is also the “jumping off point” reference for some languages for which Latin does not translate directly, it is imperative that the translation is true to the original Latin.

Some changes will actually seem familiar, harkening back to pre-Vatican II wording. One of the easiest will be the response—used four times during Mass—to the phrase, “*The Lord be with you.*” Until Nov. 25, we will continue to say, “*And also with you.*” On that designated weekend in November, the response changes to, “*And with your Spirit.*” In other places, a word may be switched, inserted, or dropped, or a phrase changed.

In the coming months, information sessions will be offered for you to attend. Materials will be ordered in preparation for the switch, and for you to use at Mass. You will receive information through homilies and the bulletin. You may wish to explore the changes yourself through the many books being published or check out the Council of Bishops web site, [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org). Advances in technology, from that first translation of the Mass in the 1970s, give us a mind-boggling wealth of resources. Rather than worrying about

it, though, it is important to remember that the important thing is not the words themselves.

What’s in a word (said Shakespeare)? In the new translation, words will be different, words with which we have been familiar--for some, for decades--are changed. Habit dies hard. For a time, especially because of the abrupt beginning of the new prayers, we may stumble here and there, both individually and as a congregation. In the stumble is our opportunity for growth.

As our mind attempts to make the switch, it is the opportunity for us to study the beauty of the words of the Mass. As our tongue leads us in one direction even though we know we’re supposed to be going in another, it is the opportunity to stretch in our trust of our Church. As our faith asks us to participate, we have the opportunity to remember that no matter what the changes are, *it is still about God.*

## CREATING A PLACE TO PRAY

Where once it was wild, now it is tamed. When Fr. Jim had a vision for a prayer garden he entreated Ray Weidert, an established parish leader, to bring the prayer garden to reality. So what does it take to bring a vision as big as a prayer garden to life? Physical talents of labor, time, and skills and emotional talents of enthusiasm, willingness, commitment, flexibility, patience, listening, and compromise.

Take a look behind the McMullen Education Center and you will find a collaboration of time, talents and treasure in progress. In November of 2008, Ray called together interested parishioners for the first meeting of the Prayer Garden Committee. As Ray shared the vision with those present they began to form ideas for each section of the garden to make it come to life. The Prayer Garden has six sections: The Garden of Service, The Garden of Innocence, The Garden of Cultures, The Garden of Healing, The Garden of Serenity, and a Labrinyth.

Although each section of the garden is the vision of particular people, it took Ray Weidert's direction and "the twelve apostles" of the Prayer Garden Committee to make it happen: Bobbi Adams, Cheryl Oakley, Chris Tracy, Gail Enright, Irene Aguilar, Mary Heuvel, Milly Nabarrete, Monica Saalfel, Pat Kivley, Raymond Gamo, Rita Hiatt, and Valerie Pelk. Each

of the twelve apostles did what apostles are expected to do... they recruited, invited, and asked others to join in their vision.



Artist Sheri Stephens works on the sculpture for the Garden of Service.

Myke Smith, generously donated his time and power equipment of bulldozers and backhoes to form the garden's plot. He leveled areas, put in a grade between the lower and higher location of the garden, spread gravel along the pathway and individual garden areas, and placed boulders. Ray and Keith Tulloch, Facility Steward, worked together to lay the conduit for water and power and put in an electrical box.

Ray Weidert himself has spent innumerable hours in the garden planning and completing many phases needed

to push projects to a finishing point. He has personally hauled hundreds of bags of cement. He made and installed benches for the Labyrinth, Serenity and Healing Gardens. He made numerous

trips to eastern Washington, gleaning granite scraps from the waste pile at his son's granite business. He has prepared strips of granite outlining the pathway in the concrete floor he is slowly laying for the labyrinth. He shaped a black granite cross and fifty slabs of granite to represent the ro-

sary beads and embedded these slabs with a chain in a concrete curb lining the garden path. Through rain and 103 degree heat he has pushed, pulled, dug, and raked many yards of soil, bark and gravel, as well as hauled, lifted, and placed numerous rocks.

The "apostles" brought together their own family and friends to work the next level of many phases, which sometimes included people with computer skills, writing skills, architectural and artistic expertise. The committee commissioned professional artist and parishioner Sheri

BY CHERYL OAKLEY

Stephens from Birds Flying Free Studio to create and install clay sculptures which will be used in three of the gardens.

A big boost to the project was from a group of young people who helped move landscape paving bricks, place the bricks, and place the toppers, all with a smile, in 103 degree weather. Other parishioners felt called to donate the water fountain, seating benches, the art, memorial tiles, and plants that will enhance the gardens. Father Jim, the parish staff, the auction committee and parishioners have been generous and integral in arranging the financial part of the garden.

There will be a dedication ceremony sometime this year. This committee began meeting in November of 2008 and we still are not done. We have learned to listen to each other and, at times, compromise and work together. We have listened to parishioners' suggestions, including creating the rosary along the path. And although we are impatient that this task be complete, we keep in mind that this is an outdoor area to praise God, hoping to add to the beauty He has given us and the community at St. John the Baptist. Most of all we have been witness to the miracle of God's time... for it is all in God's time.

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can go from zero to disaster in sixty seconds and I started projecting my daughter as an adult, moving thousands of miles away to help people in third world countries. She's in seventh grade and Agape is in Eastern Washington, not exactly an adult and hardly a third world country. But it got me to thinking about her future and what we do as parents to encourage our kids to answer what calls them.

I look at my youngest daughter as a brave person. She is the younger of two girls and has become much bolder this year than I ever thought of being at her age. She decided to attend a different middle school where none of her friends were going. The great thing about being the youngest is you have an older sibling who has blazed the way and nothing is scary or unknown; the bad thing about being the youngest is you have an older sibling who has blazed the way and nothing is scary or unknown. There is a lot to be said for undertaking something in which you have no first-hand experience. I know, I know, there are oldest children all over the world who have to "be the first," I have one I truly admire in my own home.

I was also the younger of two girls and I very rarely did something my older sister hadn't done, this is why I admire my youngest daughter so much. It was my junior year of high school when I

finally struck out on my own and became an exchange student for a summer in Denmark. When my sister entered a convent in my senior year of high school, my following days were over, but I still wasn't very brave. I had many ideas and even encouragement from my parents, but I was afraid of striking out too much on my own.

I try to encourage my kids to answer God's call and not to be afraid. I've gone so far as to announce my relinquishment of my older daughter's life to her; I put her grades, her computer time, her future in her own hands. I am still highly involved in my daughter's life; I am here to help and guide her to the goals she has chosen for herself, but I felt I needed to take a step back and encourage her to depend on herself. It's not easy, especially when you watch your kids and think it's not how you would do it. It's a fine line I tread letting her make her own decisions while still guiding her. She has done a great job and I have learned I can't jump to disaster when something goes wrong for her, I can't always pave the way to make it easier, and I have to let her make mistakes and learn from them.

My daughters have a lot in common. They like drawing, technology, and similar TV shows. They are both good writers and artists. But they are also very different; they have different personalities, different likes and dislikes and

they are in different places in their lives. My oldest is currently a sophomore in high school and looking toward college, while my youngest is still enjoying being a kid. My youngest is obviously interested in helping people through mission work like Agape, so when she needs community service for high school graduation, it will probably be easy for her. My oldest prefers to do lone tasks and doesn't like to be around a lot of people at once. It has been difficult to find community service work that fits her personality. But all we had to do was ask; God put in her path the opportunity to help the artist creating the sculptures for our new Prayer Garden.

The Life Application Study Bible explains 1 Chronicles 22:7-10: "God told David he would not be the one to build the temple. Instead the task would be left to his son Solomon. David graciously accepted this "no" from God. He was not jealous of the fact that his son would have the honor of building God's temple, but instead made preparations for Solomon to carry out his task. Similarly, we should take steps now to prepare the way for our children to find and fulfill God's purpose. Sooner or later our children will have to make their own decisions, but we can help by supplying them with the proper tools: showing them how to pray and study God's Word, the dif-

ference between right and wrong, and the importance of church involvement."

So as David listened to God and guided his son Solomon to build his temple, so we should as parents do the same: "*Now, my son, the Lord be with you, and may you have success and build the house of the Lord your God, as He said you would. May the Lord give you discretion and understanding when he puts you in command over Israel, so that you may keep the law of the Lord your God... Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged... Now begin the work, and the Lord be with you.*" 1 Chronicles 22:11-13, 16

## Budget Cuts Hit The Journal!

After this issue, due to budget cuts, St. John's Journal will be reduced to two editions instead of four : Advent and Lent.

Look for our Advent Edition coming out this November.

Starting with this issue, the calendar will only be available online at [SJTbcc.org](http://SJTbcc.org).

## TO SERVE: CABRINI MINISTRY

BY PAT FROST

God, it is said, opens a window wherever He closes a door. For parishioners Richard Staiti and Stella Harmon, He did just that.

In January of a year ago, Richard lost his wife. It was like having the door slammed in his face. Little did he know how far open the window would be flung in just a year's time.

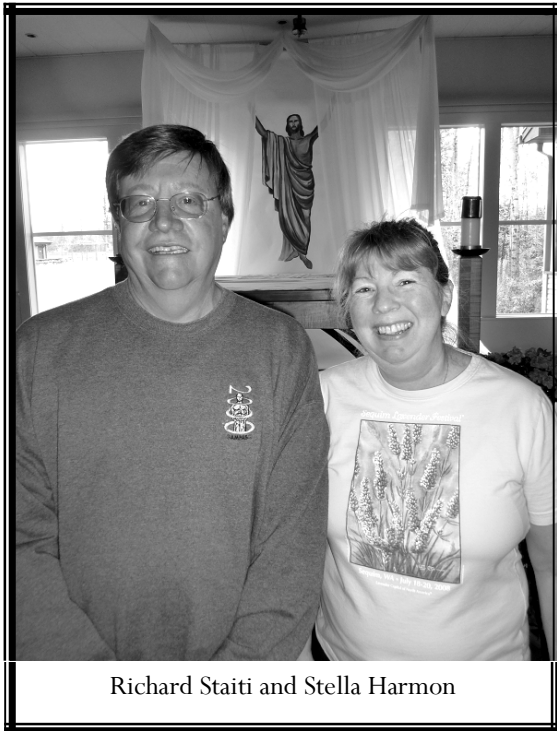
As a result of his wife's death, Richard sought out grief support groups through the Archdiocese and various churches. He sought a program founded in spirituality, and was surprised to find them few and far between.

It was then that Richard knew "that God had a special mission for" him. On his way to Covington one day, he came across St. John the Baptist parish, and the next weekend came to Mass. After meeting with Fr. Jim and Pat Frost, and talking with personnel at the Archdiocese, Richard determined that the Cabrini Ministry program was for him.

The Archdiocese of Seattle Cabrini Ministry program trains Christians in the Catholic Tradition for compassionate pastoral service. This five-month program has trained over 800 persons in the Archdiocese.

Richard feels that the Cabrini Ministry program is one of those life experiences that one never forgets. Of the experi-

ence, Richard reflects, "I never would believe that I would become so close and open to



Richard Staiti and Stella Harmon

twenty people in five months. It gave me all the skills and tools to serve and perform pastoral care for God's people."

Now that he has completed his training, Richard wishes to direct his newly acquired skills towards setting up a grief recovery support group, creating a journey that leads from mourning to joy, specifically developing a relationship with Our Lord that will in turn lead from the deep pain grief imparts to healing. His will have an intentionally spiritual focus, and complements WICS (Widowed Information and Consultation Services).

WICS is a non-sectarian, char-

itable, educational program offering information, support groups, and social activities to widowed individuals as they adjust to their loss and transition into single life. A WICS group meets at St. John's every Tuesday evening.

Richard has thrown himself into parish life at St. John's since that day a year ago when he drove by, often working on Saturday mornings with

the Grounds Committee. Since gardening is one of his hobbies, he is willing to jump right in. He also enjoys photography, and says the joys of his life are his daughters, Kim and Jennifer, and his grandchildren, Connor, Olivia, Ashley, Ella, and Brooke.

Also going through the Cabrini program this year was Stella Harmon, who, with husband Ron and their three daughters—Julia, Stevie and Heather-- has been a part of this parish almost since its inception. Ron, like Richard, enjoys the outdoor labor of the Grounds Committee, while

Stella has involved herself with indoor activities. When her children were small, she taught Religious Education. For the past ten years, she has been a volunteer in the office on Tuesdays. She recently became one of the lay leaders of prayer for St. John's weekly service at the Weatherly Inn, an Alzheimers' residence in Kent. In addition, she and Connie Tietz pick up and deliver donated goods for Pregnancy Aid on a bi-weekly basis.

Stella praises the Cabrini program as one where she "gained more insight and knowledge about the many different ways I can be present for others. I feel I'm able to be a better listener and trust that God is always present to guide me on my journey." It was her desire to serve the Lord more deeply that drew her to the Cabrini program. She felt that the program would give her the tools and support to follow God's call.

Her desire is to use her Cabrini training to give back of her time and talent to St. John's family, reaching out to the sick, the dying, and the grieving through the Ministry to the Sick & Homebound.

In addition to recent Cabrini graduates Richard and Stella, other Cabrini Ministers in the parish include Marcello Motola, Pat Frost, Mary Haywood, Donna King, and Mary Lou Bickel.

## STAND UP AND BE COUNTED...UPDATING OUR PARISH RECORDS

BY ROSE KINSELLA

*"In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled."*  
Luke 2:1

Unlike Joseph, we do not need to leave our homes and travel great distances to be counted. Our current parish census shows that there are 1,147 registered households (3,654 individual members) which make up the community of St. John the Baptist.

You may or may not represent one of those households. Many people registered in the parish when it was formed in 1991. Some registered immediately upon moving to the area. Some began attending

Mass here, intending to register, but never got around to it. Others think they are registered, only to find out that they are not. In any case, information collected every year can change dramatically from year to year and it is essential for the parish to maintain accurate records.

This is your opportunity to help bring our parish records up to date. Parish registration is important for a number of reasons. It gives the parish staff information to best serve your pastoral needs. Maintaining current contact information helps us to effectively communicate with you. Perhaps more importantly, your

registration represents a decision by you to be an engaged and integral part of our parish community.

Beginning at our Ministry Fair (June 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>) you will have the opportunity to review and update your parish registration. This will be a simple and quick process –

1. Pick up a copy of your parish registration at the registration desk;
2. Review the information listed;
3. Update your contact and member information;
4. Return your completed

form to the registration desk.

5. If you are not registered, you will receive a registration form to complete and return.

Each family that participates will receive a ticket for a chance to win one of four \$25 gift cards. It's as simple as that!!!

If you are unable to attend the Ministry Fair, there will be other opportunities for you to update your registration. Be watching the bulletin for more information or contact the parish office (253-630-0701 or via email at [office@sjtbcc.org](mailto:office@sjtbcc.org)).



Growing as an Engaged Community

## SACRAMENTS

### FIRST COMMUNICANTS

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Evan Bakki	Amelia Kraskouskas
Alison Barlow	Katie Kraskouskas
Anthony Beckie	Dominic Kremer
Roslin Jamero Berganio	Elizabeth Lorenz
Alexandria Boyles	Jayda Macatangay
Tricia Canares	Hannah Lee McGrath
Trinette Canares	Elijah Nelson
Caleb Conner	Matthew Padua
Kayla Conroy	Melanie Phelps
Marcus Cuccia	Madison Ringuette
Nathan Desautels	MacKenzie Roderick
Bridgette Drawson	Maria Romero
Stephanie Esteban	Tehyalani Sablan
Quinn Faulk	Marco Scarsella
Ashley Fieser	Mira Scarsella
Morgan Fong	Matthew Schreiner
Athena Forsythe	Christopher Smith
Jessica Gaul	Anthony Stackle
Erin Gesing	Joshua Toney
Jenna Gibson	Dharma Torres
Kendra Gibson	Clara VanRens
Luke Gross	Blake Walter
Emma Hardin	Kylie Wasisco
Ryan Harry	Chandler Whitcomb
Brenna Henry	Andrew Wilson
Kip Higginson	Abby Wright
Bailey Howton	

### RCIA BAPTIZED, FIRST COMMUNION, CONVIRMATION

Shawn Roland McFarland  
Alisha Nickole Nguyen  
Phuong Le Tran  
Betty Jean Wright  
Huong (Vivian) Q. Pham

### RCIA FIRST COMMUNION, CONVIRMATION

Robin Emiko Chang  
Paul Ryan Harjehausen  
Jeffrey Maulupe  
Jeffrey Faasili Maulupe Jr.  
Nicolette Camie Maulupe  
Michael Jeremy Mulch  
Daniel Paul Allen Pennington

### RCIA FIRST CONVIRMATION ONLY

Nichole Allia Pennington  
Alicia LeAnn Wright

### MARRIAGES

Shawn Patrick Herbert & Camille Joy Schaefer

### DEATHS

Dennis Loch  
Robert B. Corniel  
Ove Pearson

### BAPTISMS

Leanna Jimenez  
Louis Diaz de Leon IV  
Austen Abadilla  
Jordan Barba  
Thaila Flippen  
Amelia Kraskouskas  
Katie Kraskouskas  
Raejan Palisoc

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