

PARTNERS IN THE GOSPEL

FAMILY 30



The Catholic Community of
St. John the Baptist

Father Carlos Orozco, Pastor
Father Crispin Okoth, Vicar



Holy Spirit
PARISH



BEFORE



AFTER

and those who made it happen!



Photos courtesy of Paul Dehmer

Thirteen (13) St. John the Baptist parishioners worked tirelessly in 55-degree weather on the morning of Saturday, September 28, to remove English Ivy and Himalayan Blackberries from the woods and along the parking lot near the south entrance. This is part of our ongoing effort to eradicate invasive plants from the church property. Our many thanks to these wonderful parishioners (some pictured above), who gave up their Saturday morning to show the ivy and blackberry plants who's the boss around here!

October 20, 2024

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (Ps 33)



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St. John the Baptist



Who We Are

United in the Holy Spirit, we are a multicultural community celebrating Mass in four languages as we strive to live humility, gentleness, patience, bearing one another through love, striving to preserve unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body, one spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God.

-Ephesians 4:1-6

Worship Schedule

Vigil: Saturday at 5:00p | Spanish 7:00p
Sunday Masses:

8:30a | 10:30a | 12:30p Spanish
2:30p Swahili | 6:00p Chuukese (1st Sunday)
8:00p Spanish

Weekday Masses (in chapel):
Monday 9:00a

Wednesday thru Friday 9:00a
(Spanish Mass on Wednesday at 7:00p)

Confessions:

Saturday 3:00p to 4:30p (Main church)
Wednesday 6:00p to 6:45p (chapel)

Office Hours & Contact Information
Monday to Friday from 10:00a to 2:00p
Saturday & Sunday - Closed

Come visit us at:
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Mission Statement

Stewardship is a way of life, and the diversity of our gifts is used to answer Christ's call to proclaim and live the Gospel.

Gather in God's Name!
Grow in God's Time!
Go in God's Spirit!

Worship Schedule

Vigil: Saturday at 5:30p
Sunday Masses:

9:00a | 11:30a | 5:30p
Weekday Masses:

Monday & Wednesday at 9:00a

Thursday at 6:30p

Word & Communion:

Tuesday & Friday at 9:00a

Confessions:

Saturday 4:00p to 5:00p

Office Hours & Contact Information

Tuesday to Friday from 9:00a to 4:00p

Saturday from 10:00a to 3:00p

Sunday & Monday - Closed

Come visit us at:

25810 - 156th Ave. SE
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253-630-0701

Please Pray for

the sick:

Duane Baus

Kalessi Deforest

and those who have recently died:

John Baugnon - brother of Trish Faulk

Denis Taft - husband of Sylvia Taft

A Deeper Look at Stewardship

We are entrusted with the care of the Kingdom until the return of the King.

Starting this month, St. John the Baptist will present a new look at what it means when we say, "Stewardship is a way of life." By way of SAM (Stewardship And Ministry) Talks and blog posts, we want to encourage our community to consider what it means to be a steward of the gift that is our faith. How do we apply our resources to care for and grow the Kingdom of God in our own time? What is this awesome task to which we apply our resources of time, talent, and treasure?

Building up the body of Christ takes all of us and all of our gifts and talents. Many of you already give so much of yourselves to the parish, but some are unsure. A small investment of your time and talent will yield great returns. Please check out our ministries at sjbcc.org/go-ministries/. When you find a ministry that interests you, fill out our form at archseattle.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/3772/responses/new. Someone involved in that ministry will be contacting you with more information.

Visit the Altar de *Dia de los Muertos*

Remember your loved ones with a photo displayed at the *Day of the Dead* Altar or *Día de los Muertos*, which is a holiday celebrated throughout Mexico around the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls) on November 2. It is a time of remembrance and praying for deceased loved ones. A key part of this celebration is the preparation of an Altar de *Día de Muertos* (*Day of the Dead* Altar), which is for family members to remember their beloved dead.

We will have an Altar de *Día de Muertos* in the narthex beginning Saturday, October 26, through All Souls' Day on November 2. We invite you to bring a photo of your deceased loved one to put on the Altar.

Ultimately, the *Day of the Dead* is a celebration of life! We remember deceased loved ones and tell stories of the lives they lived among us. And, together with the whole Church, we pray that they may enter into eternal life with Christ.

Please feel free to drop off a photo of your loved one at the Altar de *Día de los Muertos* out in the narthex. Don't forget to pick up your photo after November 25. May our beloved, who have all gone before us, rest in peace.

Update on *Giving Tree* 2024



The *Giving Tree* has always been an event that puts a smile on the faces of many of our neighbors-in-need during the holidays. This year, we are unable to find a person who will chair the event; therefore, we regret to inform you that St. John the Baptist parish will not be hosting a *Giving Tree* event. We are, however, exploring other options for possible similar events.

The generosity of this parish has always been an inspiration to us. We hope to have an alternative way to be the hands and feet of the Holy Spirit to bring Christmas joy. In the meantime, please pray for our disadvantaged neighbors.

Feeding Our Hungry for Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is almost here!

We are planning to serve our community by providing a nutritious Thanksgiving dinner for our less fortunate neighbors. But we can't do this without your help. So please consider donating towards our purchase of these meals. Meals are \$40.00 each, and we plan to purchase 423 meals. We had some money left over from last year, but **we will need at least \$10,100.00** to make it happen this year.

To donate, please take an envelope on one of the church chairs, write a check (to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church) or insert cash, and drop in the collection basket. We will need the donation by November 22 to purchase the meals on the morning of the 23rd. You can also donate via the Pushpay button on our website, pushpay.com/g/sjbcc and choose "Thanksgiving Meals."

We also need volunteers for our **distribution day, Saturday, November 23**. The signup form will be available on October 20, 2024.

Thank you for your generosity.

Support Our Homeless With Hats, Scarves, and Mittens

The weather is getting colder, and many are homeless. Help *Yarning for Community* provide our homeless with hats, scarves, and mittens. We are asking for donations of the above items on the weekends of October 26 & 27 and November 2 & 3. Items can either be homemade or purchased.



Please place your donations in the containers found in the narthex and in the mail room in the office. The homeless of our community will greatly appreciate your generosity. Thank you.



Thank you to everyone who donated food to the *Backpack Buddies* program! Last week we packed another 32 bags for Covington Elementary kids to take home in their backpacks to supplement their families' pantries when they are unable to get free meals at school.

Because of our limited storage, we can only take items on a weekly basis. Please keep that in mind when you sign up for [Backpack Buddies Covington Elementary](#). If you are unable to provide all 32 pieces of an item (one each per backpack unless otherwise noted), please mention that in your comments.

We are looking for a **volunteer** to sort donations before Wednesday afternoon, a volunteer to set up the bagging line, and volunteers to help fill bags before youth group on Wednesday.

No child should ever go hungry! We hope you will help us fill as many bags as we can! Thank you for your support.

Hurricane Relief Emergency Collection

Hurricanes Helene and Milton devastated many southeastern states. Please help our neighbors in these states by donating to the [Catholic Charities USA \(CCUSA\) Disaster Relief Fund](#).

CCUSA distributes 100% of the funds received directly to Catholic Charities agencies in the disaster-stricken communities to care for our affected neighbors by providing shelter, food, and other humanitarian aid. CCUSA is the official domestic relief agency of the Catholic Church in the United States. Learn more at [catholiccharitiesusa.org](#) and its most recent efforts.

St. Phoebe in Rome

For everyone who attended the prayer service last month as well as those who were unable to make it, please join the *Women's Commission* on **Tuesday, October 22, 2024 at 7:00 pm** in the McMullen Center Multi-purpose Room. There will be a showing of the Rome event held by the *Discerning Deacons*, which included Psalms, reflections, and testimony from pilgrims to the synod as well as how they included all the local celebrations from around the world. There will also be a synod update along with small group reflection.

Hey Techie People

Interested in helping people solve technology issues? St. John the Baptist is looking for volunteers to staff a "Tech Table" for the **first three weekends of November after Masses** during our *Stewardship of Treasure Campaign*. We will set this table up on Saturday, October 26, at 4:00 pm to train interested volunteers. If you are interested, please contact **Kathy Wickward** at kathyw@sjbcc.org.

Counting Heads at Masses

It's that time of the year again, when our parish needs to send Mass attendance counts to the archdiocese.

Our Point People at each Mass will be doing the count around the time of the homilies of Father Carlos or Father Crispin. We apologize for the inconvenience and disruption that this counting may cause during Mass. Thanks for your understanding.

Respect Life Month Novena

Join the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' [Respect Life Novena](#). This novena centers on the protection of human life, from conception to natural death. Each day of the novena features a different pro-life prayer intention which is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life.

More Apples For Sale!



The *Knights of Columbus* will be selling Fuji apples this weekend, October 19 & 20.

Your support will enable the Knights to move forward with their goal of distributing 300 winter coats to children within our local community this November. To date, they have raised \$3,500.00, which is enough to buy 210 coats but 90 coats short of their goal. They would like to surpass this number and provide as many coats as possible to our children in need. Please help keep the kids warm this winter and stop by the Knights' table out in the portico or narthex after Masses and purchase a bag of apples.

Thank you for your loyal support.



Blood Pressure check after all morning Masses on **Sunday, October 27, 2024**

Contact Us!

Please feel free to email or call one of us below if you have any questions regarding our parish.

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This Week in Our Church



Sunday, October 20

World Mission Sunday

Mass - 9:00 am

Elementary Faith Formation Classes - 10:15 am

St. Vincent de Paul Meeting - 10:15 am

Mass - 11:30 am

Mass - 5:30 pm

High School Youth Group - 6:30 pm

First Reconciliation Parents' Zoom Meeting - 7:00 pm

Monday, October 21

Mostly Yoga - 7:30 am

Mass - 9:00 am

Prayer Ministry Meeting - 9:30 am

Choir (9:00 am) Practice - 7:00 pm

Knights of Columbus Leadership Meeting - 7:00 pm

Guadalupe Celebration Practice - 7:30 pm

Tuesday, October 22

Word & Communion - 9:00 am

Oracion - 6:00 pm

Rome Watch Party - 6:00 pm

WICS - 6:00 pm

Choir (Fil-Am) Practice - 7:00 pm

Vida en el Espiritu Santo - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, October 23

Word & Communion - 9:00 am

Backpack Buddies Packing - 6:45 pm

Middle School Youth Group - 7:00 pm

Choir (Truthful Reign) Practice - 7:00 pm

Walking Through Grief (via Zoom) - 7:00 pm

Thursday, October 24

Hora Santa - 2:30 pm

Mass - 6:30 pm

Choir (11:30 am) Practice - 7:00 pm

Confirmation Year 2 Meeting - 7:00 pm

RCIA/OCIA Meeting - 7:00 pm

Friday, October 25

Word & Communion - 9:00 am

Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 6:30 pm

Saturday, October 26

Confession - 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Mass - 5:30 pm



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