

Holy Spirit Parish

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Mass Times / Horario de Misas

Weekdays Wednesday 9:00am

Saturday Pre-registration required
5:00pm Bilingual

Sunday Pre-registration required
10:30 am English 12:30pm Español

Confessions

Saturday 3:30pm

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This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

- Mk 1:7-8

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass
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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

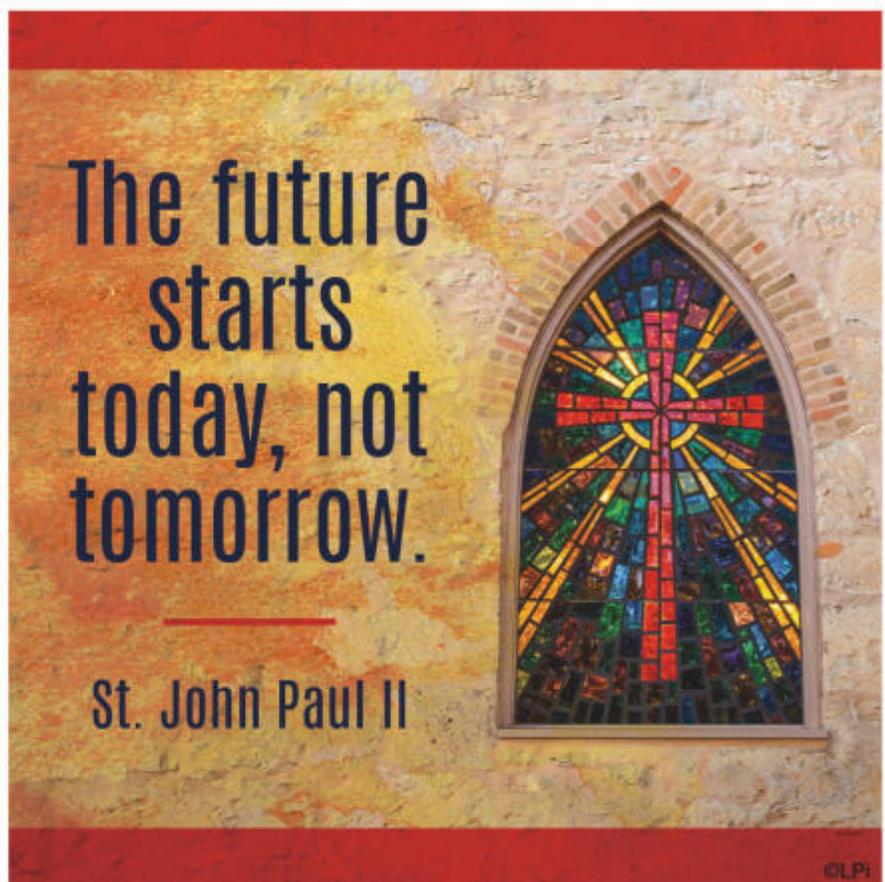
Isaiah was called to be a prophet to bring justice and freedom to those suffering, to be a "light for the nations." How do you see yourself serving others in need in your life?

Second Reading

John teaches his community that God Himself has "testified on behalf of His Son." In what way does this divine assurance help strengthen your faith?

Gospel Reading

The preaching of John the Baptist and the baptism of Jesus is the opening scene in the Gospel of Mark. In Jesus' baptism, the Father, Son, and Spirit were fully present. As a baptized Christian, can you think of a time when you experienced God's presence?



BAPTISM OF THE LORD



HOLY SPIRIT PARISH / PARROQUIA DEL ESPÍRITU SANTO



Stewardship time is near! Watch your mailboxes for Bishop Elizondo's Parish Stewardship letter.

Interested in learning more about your Catholic faith? Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church? If you answered yes to either question, please call Holly in the parish office at 253-859-0444 extension 215 for information.

What is the difference between the Annual Catholic Appeal and Parish Stewardship?

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

- Occurs in the **spring** of each year (Delayed due to COVID-19)
- **Catholics and Parishes across Western Washington** support the **Archdiocesan** campaign
- Pledge to the **Archdiocese**-May to April
- Monthly reminders are sent from the Archdiocese
- Supports over 60 ministries and services **throughout Western Washington** including:
 - Catholic Community Services
 - College Campus Ministry Services
 - Seminarian & Deacon Candidate Services
 - Catholic Schools Department
 - Catholic Youth Organization (CYO)
 - Priests' Retirement
- Donations processed through the Archdiocese
- Tax statement provided by the Archdiocese

PARISH STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

- Occurs in the **fall** of each year (Delayed due to COVID-19)
- **Holy Spirit Parishioners** support the **Parish** campaign
- Yearly pledge to the parish- January to December
- Donations processed through the parish
- Parish office sends **bi-monthly envelopes** and **periodic reminders**
- Provides parish ordinary income supporting the work and ministries of **Holy Spirit Parish** including:
 - Parish Ministries
 - Church and Building Maintenance
 - Parish and Regional staff and priests
 - Sacramental Preparation
 - Adult & Youth Faith Formation
- Tax statement provided by the parish

Gifts to the Annual Catholic Appeal and Holy Spirit Parish may be tax-deductible. If your employer offers a corporate matching program, please contact the parish office.

Baptism of Our Lord / Bautismo de Nuestro Señor



Our Environment

Imagine yourself sitting in a barn with a baby when a bunch of rough-looking guys arrive from a nearby field and want to see your newborn. What in the world provoked them? What to do? One way to think about the scene is to remember that shepherds are people close to nature. They are ever attentive to the environment, looking out for their sheep, especially the lambs, watching for signs good and bad, of safety and danger.

On the night when angels gave them lots of signs, they went to check out an unknown, unexpected, newborn baby near their field. Once the two parties met, both were happy – the parents and the shepherds. We can imagine the shepherds doing all they could to assure the baby's well-being. Then the shepherds made it a point to share the good news with others.

These days our planet is sending out all kinds of signs that our environment is in trouble, threatening people's health, well-being and lives. It's important that we like the shepherds pay attention to what is going on around us and then do what we can to keep everyone safe – sheep, babies, adults, the community, mother earth.

This New Year calls us to pay close attention to what is going on in the global environment of our common home – rising temperatures, rising waters, furious hurricanes, huge fires, atmospheric pollution, viral pandemics, famine, massive migrations. God calls us to see and do all we can to keep everyone around us safe and cared for, reducing as we can the threats to life on earth and enhancing the prospects of everyone's well-being.

Mary and Joseph allowed God to work through them and she delivered a Savior to shepherds and threatened people in the dark everywhere. This New Year's Day when we celebrate Mary gives each of us a chance to read the signs of our times as she and the shepherds did theirs. Each year we, like them, are called to allow God to do something similar through us, what's needed for life on earth in 2021.

This resource is provided by Catholic Climate Covenant in collaboration with the Integral Faith Team, a group of male and female religious, priests, and lay people dedicated to serving the Church.

https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/files/resource/attachment/1.1.2021_Solemnity_of_Mary.pdf

Passages from Laudato Si'

All it takes is one good person to restore hope. (#71)

A sense of deep communion with the rest of nature cannot be real if our hearts lack tenderness, compassion and concern for our fellow human beings. (#91)

One Person of the Trinity entered into the created cosmos, throwing in his lot with it, even to the cross. From the beginning of the world, but particularly through the incarnation, the mystery of Christ is at work in a hidden manner in the natural world as a whole, without thereby impinging on its autonomy. (#99)

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HOLY SPIRIT PARISH / PARROQUIA DEL ESPÍRITU SANTO

We Ask You to Pray for All Who Are Ill Especially

Robert Comacho, Se'Vera Dowe, Darrell Ehlers, Griff Fincher, Lola Fraser, Ken Gannaw, Dave Leitchner, Kathy Lemke, Grantley Martelly, Antonia Morfin, Marian Oliver, Barbara Purnell, Corliss & LaMar Reed, Richard Robles, Marina Serena, Les Thomas,

Please pray for everyone in the military both at home and abroad, men and women who put themselves in harm's way to protect us. And, let us pray for their families.

If you would like a name added, returned to or removed from the prayer list, please contact the parish office at 253-859-0444 ext. 214 or bfincher@holyspiritkent.org.



A mockup illustration of a COVID-19 vaccine. Photo: Daniel Schludi/Unsplash

WASHINGTON STATE BISHOPS URGE CATHOLICS TO GET COVID-19 VACCINE

December 14, 2020 Written by Northwest Catholic

SEATTLE – The bishops of Washington state are encouraging Catholics to “get the COVID-19 vaccine to protect themselves, loved ones, and the community.”

In a December 12 statement put out by the Washington State Catholic Conference, the bishops — Archbishop Paul D. Etienne and Auxiliary Bishops Eusebio Elizondo and Daniel Mueggenborg of Seattle, Bishop Thomas Daly of Spokane and Bishop Joseph Tyson of Yakima — said they joined the state’s Catholic Charities agencies and Catholic health care organizations in making their recommendation.

In response to moral concerns about the development of the vaccines, the bishops cited the chairs of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ committees on doctrine and pro-life activities, who concluded that it is morally permissible to receive the vaccines.

The bishops also noted concerns about the risk of side effects. “It is not uncommon to experience minor side effects from being vaccinated,” the said. “People may feel temporarily uncomfortable, but the benefits from the vaccine exceed the burden.”

The bishops pledged to promote vaccination “in collaboration with state and local governments and other entities,” advocate for “vulnerable populations” to ensure their access to the vaccines, and provide “regular and accurate information to parishioners and the community in support of morally acceptable, safe, and effective COVID-19 vaccines.”

“We still have much work to do,” the bishops said, “but we now have hope and a path forward rooted in the healing ministry of Jesus Christ. We place our trust and confidence in the providence of God.”

Read the full statement at https://www.wacatholics.org/_ui/img/heros/The-Washingto-State-Catholic-Conference-Catholic-Charities-and-Catholic-Health-Care-Support-COVID-19-Vaccinations.pdf

<http://www.nwcatholic.org/news/local/washington-state-bishops-urge-catholics-to-get-covid-19-vaccine.html>



Christmas: January 10th

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. The Church recalls

Our Lord's second manifestation or epiphany which occurred on the occasion of His baptism in the Jordan. Jesus descended into the River to sanctify its waters and to give them the power to beget sons of God. The event takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.

In the Eastern Church this feast is called Theophany because at the baptism of Christ in the River Jordan God appeared in three persons. The baptism of John was a sort of sacramental preparatory for the Baptism of Christ. It moved men to sentiments of repentance and induced them to confess their sins. Christ did not need the baptism of John. Although He appeared in the "substance of our flesh" and was recognized "outwardly like unto ourselves", He was absolutely sinless and impeccable. He conferred upon the water the power of the true Baptism which would remove all the sins of the world: "Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him Who takes away the sin of the world".

Many of the incidents which accompanied Christ's baptism are symbolical of what happened at our Baptism. At Christ's baptism the Holy Spirit descended upon Him; at our Baptism the Trinity took its abode in our soul. At His baptism Christ was proclaimed the "Beloved Son" of the Father; at our Baptism we become the adopted sons of God. At Christ's baptism the heavens were opened; at our Baptism heaven was opened to us. At His baptism Jesus prayed; after our Baptism we must pray to avoid actual sin.

— Excerpted from Msgr. Rudolph G. Bandas

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