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Weekdays 9:00 am Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri
 7:00 pm Wed Spanish
 7:00 pm Miercoles Español

Saturday 5:00 pm English
 6:30 pm Español

Sunday 8:30 am English
 10:30 am English
 12:30 pm Español
 2:30 pm Swahili

Confessions: 3:00 pm—4:30 pm Saturday
 6:00 pm—6:45 pm Wednesday

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Office Hours
 M-F 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Horario de la Oficina del Ministerio Hispano
 Miércoles - Viernes 10 am - 2:00 pm

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26, 2021

- Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52
- Monday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Tuesday:** 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
- Wednesday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35
- Thursday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40
- Friday:** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
- Saturday:** Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
- Next Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

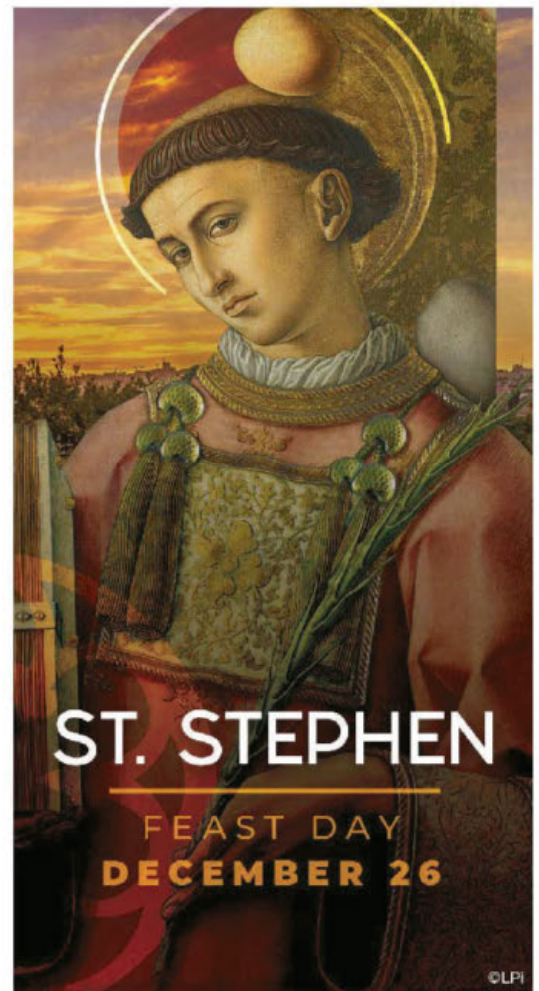
OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 26, 2021

- Sunday:** The Holy Family
- Monday:** St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
- Tuesday:** The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
- Wednesday:** St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
- Friday:** St. Sylvester I, Pope; New Year's Eve
- Saturday:** New Year's Day; Mary, The Holy Mother of God; World Day of Peace
- Next Sunday:** The Epiphany of the Lord; Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

It was the best of times and it was the worst of times. Our families can bring out the best and the worst in us. This is true of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our church, our society, and the like. In all of our family experiences, what stands out as our most challenging memory? Everything human can be found on the pages of family life. But there is also a Divine story to be discovered as well. When life gets difficult and perplexing, today's Feast of the Holy Family stands to remind us that it is not just by human effort that we tread treacherous waters. We have to remember and learn from the Divine effort too. We need this perspective if our love lessons are going to be learned completely and well. We are all works in progress and we all come from homes that are broken by imperfection. In whatever life brings us and in whatever family we find ourselves, may the promptings we feel toward faith and hope lead us to greater love.



ST. STEPHEN

FEAST DAY
DECEMBER 26

SAINT OF THE WEEK

The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr. A man filled with grace and power, he worked great wonders among the people. Some Jews debated with St. Stephen but could not match his wisdom and spirit. Eventually, a charge of blasphemy was brought up against him, and the local population demanded that he be tried and sentenced. He was seized and carried before the Sanhedrin.

Despite the danger he faced, in front of the Sanhedrin and his accusers, St. Stephen gave a long speech about the history of Israel and the blessings that God had given upon His chosen people. He talked about how Israel had become disobedient despite God's abundant mercy. This enraged his accusers, and eventually the crowd dragged him out of the city and stoned him to death.

Even in his final moments, St. Stephen displayed great forgiveness and even asked God not to hold the sins of his attackers against them. Hundreds of years after his death, he is still a role model for us to follow.

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH / PARROQUIA DEL ESPÍRITU SANTO

Parish Office Hours

The Parish office will be closed
Dec. 23, 2021—Jan. 2, 2022.

The parish office will be closed on
Tuesdays beginning in January.

Horas de oficina parroquial

La oficina parroquial estará cerrada del 23 de
diciembre de 2021 a enero. 2, 2022.

La oficina parroquial estará cerrada los mar-
tes a partir de enero.

Terrific Tuesday Meal's volunteers wish to express their thanks and appreciation for all the socks you have donated that will be handed out over the next few months especially now as we enter colder temperatures. The meal will keep them warm and the hundreds of socks donated by the Holy Spirit youth and parishioners, will help keep their feet warm. The money you donated will help us get anything else needed like coats, sleeping bags, gloves, blankets, tents... We are grateful for what you have shared so that we can help those less fortunate.

The volunteers with Terrific Tuesday Meals wish you a blessed, joyful Christmas.

We Ask You to Pray for All Who Are Ill Especially

Rose Benedicto, Brantly, Se'Vera Dowe, Darrell Ehlers, Esthefanie Frias, Ken Gannaw, Elisa Hilson, Kaden Hollis, Paul MacDonald, Cassandra Jackson, Aleki Mafi, Pat Massengill, Barbara Purnell, Richard Robles, Jim Samoya, Marina Serena, Jim & Joan Sheffield, Chris Sims, Clyde Schendzielos, Joseph Thomas, Les Thomas, JC & Shonda Wynn

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 or removed from the prayer list, please contact the parish office at bfincher@holyspiritkent.org or 253-859-0444.

LOCAL CATHOLIC SERVICES

St. Vincent de Paul Society: 206-767-6449

Catholic Community Services: 253-854-0077

King Count y Resource Line: 2-1-1

SERVICIOS DE LOCALES CATÓLICOS

Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul: 206-767-6449

Servicios Católicos de la Comunidad: 253-854-0077

Recursos del Condado de King Línea: 2-1-1



Fr. Carlos Wants You!

We want you too!

We still need people to help at Masses by volunteering to serve at the Saturday 5:00pm and the Sunday 8:30am & 10:30am masses.

Altar Servers

Lectors

Eucharistic Ministers

Greeters

Ushers

This is not a large time consuming commitment. You can serve at the Mass you normally attend so you're already here! It's fun, easy and you're also serving God.

Please prayerfully consider serving and contact Holly or Father Carlos to sign up. Training is provided.

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH / PARROQUIA DEL ESPÍRITU SANTO



THOSE DARN KIDS!

The HSP Youth Group was quite successful with the sock drive! Through your generosity, they collected well over \$600 and over 600 pairs of socks that will help warm your fellow Kent brother and sisters. Your generosity made this possible!

The first socks were given out at Terrific Tuesday Meals (TTM) this past Tuesday which takes place in our parish hall on of course, Tuesdays. Due to COVID-19, meals are still passed out, but this time with socks and toiletries! This coming week, we hope to add some jackets and sweatshirts too.

Thank you for donating!

And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Matthew 25:40



Holy Spirit Parish Year-end Reminders

Please consider an end of year donation to our parish by visiting our website at holyspiritkent.org. You can also make your donation by putting it in the collection basket or by mailing or taking it to the office.

The starting point of stewardship is recognizing that everything we have, everything that we are is by God's initiative—by God's grace. *Archbishop Etienne on the spirituality of stewardship*

Year End Giving Tax Strategies

All gifts [including online gifts] made on, before, or postmarked by Dec. 31st are tax deductible and will be recorded on your 2021 parish giving report for this tax year

BEYOND CASH

A charitable contribution may just be the right decision to enable you to itemize your taxes (if you don't already).

- For those of you who are 72 years old, you may wish to consider making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA. Please contact the parish office for more details.
- Gifts of securities (stocks, bonds, mutual funds) are some of the best gifts to make whether they have appreciated or not. Check with your broker about avoiding last minute rush for year end gifts of securities.
- Potential tax law changes may make a gift this year even better than next year.

And Finally Please remember us:

- For any matching gifts (especially our school)
- In your will & trusts
- As one of the beneficiaries of your retirement fund/life insurance
- As a memorial/remembrance gift
- From your Donor Advised Fund

YOUR GIFTS MATTER AND THEY ARE MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

Sharing Our Most Holy Gift

Do you have an hour or two a week that you could spare? Would you be willing to take Communion to a homebound person in our community? No experience is necessary and it's a wonderful ministry. This ministry's primary goal is to meet the faith needs and provide inclusion for our parishioners and others who are unable to attend Mass and parish events on a regular basis. All you need is the willingness to serve God by sharing Him with our brothers and sisters. You'd be taking the body of Jesus, Holy Eucharist, to people unable to come to Mass, but still desiring the sacrament. They might be at home or in a hospital, nursing or rehabilitation facility. For one reason or another, a person is unable to join us at the church, but still desiring to receive the Eucharist. Training is provided. Please contact Martha who heads our Homebound Ministry. Her contact information is below.

Are you Homebound?

Missing Jesus? If you are homebound or hospitalized and unable to come to Mass you are still able to receive the body of Christ in the Eucharist. Let us know and we can make sure someone visits you with Communion. Please contact Martha who heads our Homebound Ministry and she'll get someone lined up for you. Her contact information is below.

I would like communion brought to me or I'd like to help bring communion to others:

If you would like to have communion brought to you or a loved one who cannot come to mass and is within parish boundary, please contact **Martha Ryland**. If you would like to get involved in this ministry and assist in taking communion to other people, your help would be greatly appreciated! If so, please contact **Martha** as well.

Email: martha.f.ryland@gmail.com

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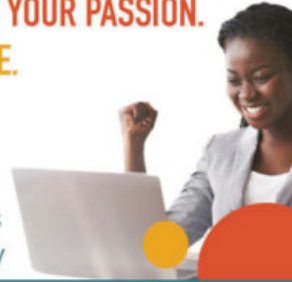


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