

PARTNERS IN THE GOSPEL

FAMILY 30



Father Carlos Orozco, Pastor
Father Crispin Okoth, Vicar



First Friday Exposition

Father Carlos incensed the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, August 2. This was Father's first Exposition since he became our pastor here at St. John the Baptist. First Friday Exposition and Adoration will alternate between Holy Spirit and St. John the Baptist. Next month, September, it will be at Holy Spirit with Mass at 9:00 am.

August 11, 2024

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 34)



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

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310 3rd Ave. S.
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The Catholic Community of
St. John the Baptist



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

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Contact Us!

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This Week in Our Church



Sunday, August 11

Mass - 9:00 am (Fr. Crispin)
Mass - 11:30 am (Fr. Crispin)
Mass - 5:30 pm (Fr. Crispin)

Monday, August 12

Mostly Yoga - 7:30 am
Mass - 9:00 am (Presider TBD)
Choir (9:00 am) Practice - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, August 13

Word & Communion - 9:00 am
WICS - 6:00 pm
Choir (Fil-Am) Practice - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, August 14

Mass - 9:00 am (Fr. Crispin)
Funeral for Brad Pritchett - 11:00 am
Oracion - 6:00 pm
Choir (Truthful Reign) Practice - 7:00 pm
Vida en el Espiritu Santo - 7:00 pm

Thursday, August 15

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
(Holy Day of Obligation)

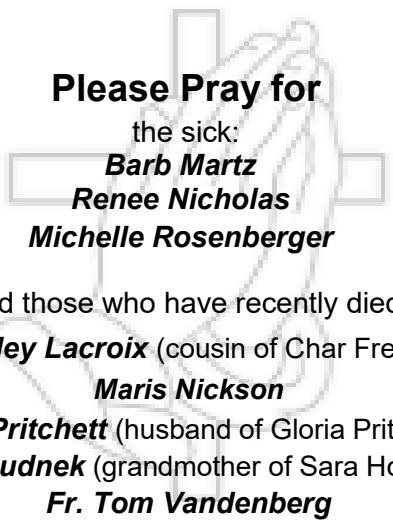
Morning Mass at Holy Spirit (holyspiritkent.org/)
Mostly Yoga - 7:30 am
Creation Care Team - 1:00 pm
Hora Santa - 2:30 pm
Finance Council Meeting - 7:00 pm
Solemnity of the Assumption Mass - 7:00 pm (Fr. Crispin)

Friday, August 16

Word & Communion - 9:00
Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 6:30 pm

Saturday, August 17

Faith Formation Commission Meeting - 9:00 am
PREPARES Meeting - 9:30 am
Reconciliation (Confessions) - 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Mass - 5:30 pm (Fr. Crispin)



Please Pray for

the sick:

Barb Martz

Renee Nicholas

Michelle Rosenberger

and those who have recently died:

Bradley Lacroix (cousin of Char French)

Maris Nickson

Brad Pritchett (husband of Gloria Pritchett)

Helen Studnek (grandmother of Sara Hotchkiss)

Fr. Tom Vandenberg

Faith Formation Schedule

RCIA begins September 12, 2024. Children's Faith Formation (FF) & Youth Ministry programs begin the week of September 29, 2024.

All classes will meet in the McMullen Center classrooms.

- PK to Grade 4 will meet Sundays from 10:15 am to 11:15 am.
- Grades 5 to 8 will meet Wednesdays from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm.
- Grades 9 to 12 will meet Sundays from 6:45 pm to 8:45 pm.

We will kick off the FF year with our *Annual Fall Mission* with Fathers Carlos and Crispin speaking on our theme of "Hope!" The Mission will be Thursday and Friday, September 26 and 27, 2024.

Online Registration is now open for 2024-2025 FF classes and Sacramental Preparation at archseattle.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/3143/responses/new. If you prefer to register in person, please pick up a form from the office and return with your payment. If you need assistance with the fees, please call **Joan Williamson** at 253-630-0701 x109. There are scholarships available, or you can make payments throughout the year as you are able.

Please never let money prevent you from participating in FF.

Latest From the Women's Commission

The Women's Commission shares news about Discerning Deacons, a global group of Catholics, men and women, lay and religious, who work to promote the role of women in the church, particularly as Deacons in the Permanent Diaconate. Check out their website: <https://discerningdeacons.org/>. You can follow them on social media platforms and sign up for their e-mail news updates.

Submitted by **Teri Johnston**



Celebrate the End of Summer

One last summer fun activity before going back to school!

Join our Youth Ministry leader, **Peter Guthrie**, for some disk golf and potluck dinner on August 22, 2024 at **Gaffney's Grove** on Lake Wilderness Park, **22500 SE 248th St., in Maple Valley**.

When you first enter the park there will be a smaller sign on the big Lake Wilderness park sign, pointing to the disk golf course and parking lot. Peter will meet everyone there at **5:00 pm** and hang out with everyone until the last person leaves. The group had a blast last time. **Luis Diaz de Leon Jr.**, helped design the disk golf course, and he will be playing with us and giving some helpful advice. The course is entirely in the woods, so you will have to be creative in figuring out how to get around the trees. Don't worry about skill level. Peter says, "None of you will be any worse than me." There will also be plenty of frisbee disks if anyone needs some, so just come on down and enjoy some great company. This is a great photo op to be on the front cover of our bulletin! See you all there!

Contact **Peter Guthrie** at ext. 110 if you need directions or more information about this event.

We Want You As Our Knight!



The Knights of Columbus will be celebrating their founder, Blessed Michael McGivney, on his feast Day of August 13, 2024.

The Knights invite all males to join this wonderful organization. Membership is free the first year for those who join in the month of August 2024.

Live by faith and lead by courage. Become a Knight of Columbus today. Knights are available at most Masses. You can't miss them with their bright red vests. If you are ready to join, please visit us at kofc.org/joinus and enter code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY under "agent referral code". Or scan the QR code to the right



Catch Us Live

Don't forget! You can watch our daily Masses at St. John the Baptist on our [Facebook](#) page on Mondays and Wednesdays at **9:00 am** and Thursdays at **6:30 pm**.

Support Our Students in the Kent School District



Let's go shopping! Your generous school supply contributions will have a significant impact on students in the Kent School District. When you're out shopping for your own essentials, please consider picking up a few extra items for students in need. Remember, every little bit helps! Donations can be dropped off in the bin located in the narthex.

Examples of needed supplies are glue sticks, pre-sharpened #2 pencils, two pocket folders, dry erase markers (dark colors), highlighters, 24-count crayons, coloring pencils, washable markers, Sharpies, and composition books.

Thank you for your help!

Pilgrimage to Italy

Join us for a celebration in Italy (Padova, Venice, Siena, Assisi, and Rome) on **April 23 to May 3, 2025**.

Package includes, but is not limited to, flight and transportation as per program, English-speaking tour escort throughout, accommodations, portage at the hotels, American breakfasts, 10 dinners at the hotels, local guides, entrance fees to designated stops, and a lot more. Travel arrangements are by *Holy Sepulcher Tours & Travel*.

If you are interested, there will be a meeting on **August 9, 2024 at 7:00 pm at Holy Spirit Parish hall**.

Liturgy Commission Update

This commission meets once a month on the second Thursday of the month. The last meeting was held on July 11, 2024.

This team's mission is to assist the pastor in achieving the goal of full, conscious, and active participation of the people at the Eucharist. This is accomplished by evaluating the success of each liturgy ministry.

After the team's successful evaluation and revision of the Eucharistic Ministry process in the spring, the next ministry to evaluate is the Greeter Ministry. **Scott Gilyeat**, Vice Chairperson, formed a Greeter Ministry subcommittee and held their first meeting on June 20, 2024 to discuss the current process.

Holly Renz of Holy Spirit, our family parish, was invited for a group discussion on the liturgy process at Holy Spirit. She will plan to attend other Liturgy Commission meetings in the future to learn more about St. John the Baptist's process and how we can be one parish family.

The next Liturgy Commission meeting will be held on Thursday, August 8, 2024.

Supper Club is Back for Fall 2024



Share a meal with fellow parishioners in small groups at each other's homes. This is a great way for parishioners of St. John the Baptist and Holy Spirit to get to know one another!

Each host within a group will host once and provide the main course and beverages while the others in your group provide appetizers, salad, and dessert. The menu is up to you as the host. It can be any meal (dinner, lunch, breakfast or brunch) as long as your group agrees. Groups will be assigned and the list will be distributed to all participants.

A new round of supper club is starting in September 2024. Sign up as a single, a couple, or a family. All ages are welcome to join. Register with a friend or as a couple to be assigned together. Be sure to make note if you would like to be paired with another single for Supper Club.

Please contact Bren Triplett at triplett2002@yahoo.com for more information, or scan the QR code to the right to register.



YOUNG ADULT END OF THE SUMMER SOCIAL

Private tour of Fr. Carlos's **exotic animal** collection, **pizza**, and **bonfire**!

All young adults from Holy Spirit and St. John the Baptist ages 18-39

Friday August 30 @ 6pm

Meet in front of St. Anthony's Chapel
304 Third Ave. South
Kent, WA 98032

RSVP Not required, just show up!

A collage of three circular images. The top image shows a group of young adults sitting around a campfire at night. The bottom image shows a man in a clerical shirt standing in front of an aquarium. The middle image is partially obscured by the text.

Discover Fire

PASTOR'S
CORNER



LA MESSE SUR LE MONDE

A core memory is when I was 10 years old and on our way to Mass, my mother told me she would enroll me for my first communion preparation. It was the first time I thought about receiving the Eucharist as the actual body of Christ – a thought that was disturbing yet mysteriously captivating.

That day, after my sister came back from receiving communion, I began to bug her “open your mouth, let me see, let me see!” To which she elbowed me to calm down. As the good younger brother that I was, of course I did not calm down and insisted all the more! Until she gave in, opened her mouth slightly, and gave me a glimpse. “That’s it?” It was very anticlimactic... no blood. “How is that Jesus?”

This is a question that for much of the early Church, Christians were not very concerned about. Like in the gospel of Luke 24 where the disciples recognized Jesus at the breaking of the bread, they simply presupposed that he was. The “how” was less important than the “why.”

The same can be said about Teilhard’s Eucharistic approach. He does not write on the Eucharist explicitly like St. Thomas Aquinas would explain transubstantiation, rather, everything that Teilhard wrote presupposed the real presence.

In 1923, Teilhard wrote *La Messe sur le Monde*, (French for *The Mass on the World*). It is perhaps one of his most influential works. It is his rendition of the Eucharistic prayer you hear at Mass written while on expedition doing field work as a priest-paleontologist unable to celebrate Mass:

“Since... I have neither bread, nor wine, nor altar, I will raise myself beyond these symbols, up to the pure majesty of the real itself; I, your priest, will make the whole earth my altar and on it I will offer you all the labors and sufferings of the world.”

Teilhard’s deep conviction was that the incarnation of Christ had penetrated the entirety of cosmos (Romans 8:22) for the purpose of penetrating matter with divine energy that would move all that is towards the next stage of evolution, and the Eucharistic liturgy is the driving force. The bread and wine then are the means by which all matter is transformed:

“Over every living thing which is to spring up, to grow, to flower, to ripen during this day, say again the words: This is my Body. Over every death-force which waits in readiness to corrode, to wither, to cut down, speak again the commanding words which express the supreme mystery of faith: This is my Blood.”

Pope Benedict the XVI, in chapter 2 of his book *The Spirit of the Liturgy*, wrote:

“... the goal of worship and the goal of creation as a whole are one and the same—divinization... But this means that the historical makes its appearance in the cosmic. Teilhard looks on Christ as the energy... that incorporates everything in its “fullness’... The transubstantiated Host is the anticipation of the transformation and divinization of matter in the christological “fullness”. In his view, the Eucharist provides the movement of the cosmos with its direction; it anticipates its goal and at the same time urges it on.”

Think about that next time you are at Mass; you are taking part of a truly cosmic event where Christ is bringing to fulfillment all that is. If that is true, then when you come up to communion, who is consuming who?

+Fr. Carlos



HOLY SPIRIT PARISH



ESPAÑOL AL REVERSO

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



LA MESSE SUR LE MONDE

Un recuerdo muy especial es el de cuando tenía 10 años y, de camino a misa, mi madre me dijo que me inscribiría en la preparación para la primera comunión. Fue la primera vez que pensé en recibir la Eucaristía como el cuerpo mismo de Cristo, un pensamiento inquietante y a la vez misteriosamente cautivador.

Ese día, después de que mi hermana regresara de recibir la comunión, comencé a insistirle: “¡Abre la boca, déjame ver, déjame ver!”. A lo que ella me dio un codazo para calmarme. Como el buen hermano menor que era, por supuesto no me calmé e insistí aún más. Hasta que ella cedió, abrió la boca ligeramente y me dejó ver. “¿Eso es todo?”. Fue muy anticlimático... no hubo sangre. “¿Cómo es eso Jesús?”

Esta es una pregunta que para gran parte de la Iglesia primitiva, los cristianos no estaban muy interesados en saber. Como en el evangelio de Lucas 24, donde los discípulos reconocieron a Jesús al partir el pan, simplemente presupusieron que lo era. El “cómo” era menos importante que el “por qué”.

Lo mismo puede decirse sobre el enfoque eucarístico de Teilhard. No escribe sobre la Eucaristía explícitamente como Santo Tomás de Aquino explicaría la transubstanciación, más bien, todo lo que Teilhard escribió presuponía la presencia real.

En 1923, Teilhard escribió *La Masse sur le Monde* (en francés, La misa sobre el mundo). Es quizás una de sus obras más influyentes. Se trata de su interpretación de la plegaria eucarística que se escucha en la misa, escrita durante una expedición en la que hacía trabajo de campo como sacerdote paleontólogo incapaz de celebrar la misa:

“Puesto que no tengo ni pan, ni vino, ni altar, me elevaré más allá de estos símbolos, hasta la pura majestad de lo real; yo, vuestro sacerdote, haré de toda la tierra mi altar y sobre él os ofreceré todos los trabajos y sufrimientos del mundo”.

La profunda convicción de Teilhard era que la encarnación de Cristo había penetrado la totalidad del cosmos (Romanos 8:22) con el fin de penetrar la materia con la energía divina que movería todo lo que es hacia la siguiente etapa de evolución, y la liturgia eucarística es la fuerza impulsora. El pan y el vino son entonces los medios por los cuales toda la materia se transforma:

“Sobre toda cosa viviente que va a brotar, crecer, florecer, madurar durante este día, repite estas palabras: Este es mi Cuerpo. Sobre toda fuerza de muerte que está lista para corroer, marchitar, cortar, repite estas palabras de mando que expresan el misterio supremo de la fe: Esta es mi Sangre”.

El Papa Benedicto XVI, en el capítulo 2 de su libro *El espíritu de la liturgia*, escribió:

“... el fin del culto y el fin de la creación en su conjunto son uno y el mismo: la divinización... Pero esto significa que lo histórico hace su aparición en lo cósmico. Teilhard considera a Cristo como la energía... que incorpora todo en su “plenitud”... La Hostia transubstanciada es la anticipación de la transformación y divinización de la materia en la “plenitud” cristológica. En su opinión, la Eucaristía proporciona al movimiento del cosmos su dirección; anticipa su fin y al mismo tiempo lo impulsa”.

Piensa en eso la próxima vez que estés en Misa; estás participando de un evento verdaderamente cósmico donde Cristo está llevando a cumplimiento todo lo que es. Si eso es cierto, entonces cuando te acercas a comulgar, ¿quién está consumiendo a quién?

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