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FAMILY 30



Father Carlos Orozco, Pastor
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National Eucharistic Congress Indiana

The first event in 83 years, this was a significant moment in both American history and the legacy of the Catholic Church. After a historic National Eucharistic Pilgrimage, tens of thousands of us pilgrims welcomed Jesus to Indianapolis. United in spirit with our brothers and sisters across the nation, we worshiped Jesus as the Body of Christ and sought repentance in joy and hope.

August 4, 2024

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Lord gave them bread from heaven. (Ps 78)



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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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

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This Week in Our Church



Sunday, August 4

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

Monday, August 5

Mostly Yoga - 7:30 am
Mass - 9:00 am (Fr. Carlos)
Prayer Ministry SFC Meeting - 9:30 am
Funeral for **Avelina Mecua** - 11:00 am
Choir (9:00 am) Practice - 7:00 pm
Choir (Fil-Am) Practice - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, August 6

Word & Communion - 9:00 am
Life, Justice, Peace Meeting - 3:00 pm
WICS - 6:00 pm

Wednesday, August 7

Mass - 9:00 am (Fr. Crispin)
Parish Leadership Team Meeting - 6:30 pm
Choir (Truthful Reign) Practice - 7:00 pm
Vida en el Espiritu Santo - 7:00 pm

Thursday, August 8

Mostly Yoga - 7:30 am
Hora Santa - 2:30 pm
Facility & Grounds Commission Meeting - 4:30 pm
Family Night - 6:00 pm
Mass - 6:30 pm (Fr. Carlos)
Choir (11:30 am) practice - 7:00 pm
Liturgy Commission Meeting - 7:00 pm
RCIA Pizza Night - 7:00 pm

Friday, August 9

Word & Communion - 9:00
Funeral Mass for **Walter Tanimoto** - 11:00 am
Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 6:30 pm

Saturday, August 10

Reconciliation (Confessions) - 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Mass - 5:30 pm (Fr. Carlos)

Please Pray for

the sick:

Bruce Barnes

Barb Martz

Renee Nicholas

Maris Nickson

Michelle Rosenberger

and those who have recently died:

Felix Carunogan (father of Tess Reyes)

Avelina Mecua (mother of Maricelle Jimenez)

William McNee Smith

Helen Studnek (grandmother of Sara Hotchkiss)

Donald Leo Wilson (husband of Leyla Wilson)

Daily Masses Are Going 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**. Word & Communion are held on Tuesdays and Fridays but are not live-streamed.

Meet our Faith Formation Leaders

Our parish is excited and busy preparing for the return of the Faith Formation (FF) programs for our children from preschool through Grade 12!

Karen Remy-Anderson (ext. 123 or karenr@sjtbcc.org) will be taking the lead with our pre-kindergarten (PK) through Grade 4 program this year. She comes to us with an abundance of experience and professional training in education. Her degrees and experiences include Special Needs Education, Principal/Administration, and Human Resources. She has a deep faith in Jesus and loves the Catholic tradition in celebrating that faith!

Peter Guthrie (ext. 110 or peterg@sjtbcc.org) is looking forward to his second year as a full time Youth Minister. He has gained some great relationships over the past year, became more familiar with models of Youth Ministry, and looks forward to adding a retreat component at each level of formation this year. He will bring back grade-specific learning in Middle School Youth Group.

Joan Williamson (ext. 109 or joanw@sjtbcc.org) is celebrating 40 years in Catholic FF work this year. Her journey began in the *Seattle Archdiocese* and took her around the east coast (Canada & US), South, and Midwest with the *National Evangelization Team* ministries. She spent more than 10 years in the *St. Paul Archdiocese* and the last 24 years back in Seattle! She is very excited for the new "boxes/lenses" that *Partners in the Gospel* will bring, as she continues to serve in the "Great Commission" of Jesus Christ!

Feel free to contact any of our leaders with questions on Faith Formation.

Faith Formation Schedule

Mark your calendars! RCIA begins September 12, 2024. Children's Faith Formation (FF) & Youth Ministry programs begin the week of September 29, 2024. More details will be announced in the upcoming weeks.

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.

For children's Sacramental preparation, we prepare over a two-year period. The first year is a foundational, comprehensive, and community building year. Specific Sacramental formation is added in the second year. The Sacraments will be celebrated at the completion of preparation.

Make sure to fill out the "Sacramental" section for the second year of your child's FF program. If your child was active in another parish program last year and you can provide a letter of verification, he/she will be in the second year of preparation at our parish this year.

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.

Women's Commission Update

The Women's Commission met on June 18 and again on July 16. They welcomed 3 potential new members: **Kathy Androes-Downes, Katie Joyce, and Karen Triplett**.

At their commissioning, they chose Junia, their patron. She is identified in Romans 16:7. In one sentence, we learn she was related to St. Paul, was in prison with him, came to Christ before him, and she was "prominent among the apostles". In this same chapter, we hear about Phoebe the Deaconess and Prisca the tentmaker. St. Paul greeted by name many other women as well. All were women leaders, teachers, preachers, and benefactors. Like many first century believers, some of these women may have died as martyrs. And like women today, they were instrumental in spreading the word of Jesus. By their lives and love, they stand as inspiration to all.

In conjunction with Faith Formation, the Women's Commission is planning an evening prayer service, and gathering (with meal and speaker) on September 3, St. Phoebe's feast day. She will be a focus for that evening. They will be reaching out to folks to help with music and food.

Submitted by **Teri Johnston**

The Chapel in the Parade



Photo courtesy of Holy Spirit, **Tat Vu**

Members of our parish family, Holy Spirit Parish, created a float for their community parade, *Kent Cornucopia Days Grand Parade* on July 14, 2024, highlighting the parish's 100-year-old St. Anthony Chapel.

The float looks like a miniature version of the chapel, which is located next to Holy Spirit Parish in Kent. Parishioners from Holy Spirit's diverse cultural community walked alongside the float during the parade.

According to **Miguel Chavez**, a member of Holy Spirit's pastoral council and centennial committee, about a dozen people, including himself, helped build the float. The parish's youth group members helped decorate it.

The float honors the history of the parish, originally known as St. Anthony Parish, which was established in 1906. Construction of the church, with room for 325 people, began in 1924. With the building of a new worship space (Holy Spirit) in 1994, St. Anthony Chapel continues to be used for daily Masses, weddings, and funerals.

Chavez stated, "Having the float in the parade will bring more awareness of the chapel, the parish, and the faith community that has been in the Kent Valley for 100 years." Having the chapel be a part of the parade along with about 50 parishioners brings awareness to the City of Kent that Holy Spirit, along with St. Anthony Chapel, is a part of the community.

Way to go Holy Spirit!

Source: *Northwest Catholic Magazine*, July 15, 2024

Pilgrimage to Italy

Join Father Carlos as he leads us on a pilgrimage to 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**.

Fruits and Veggies Wanted



Don't they look yummy! They're real and they came from generous parishioners like **you!**

The *Garden of the Good Shepherd* has been blessed with good soil and good weather for growing some produce, but it can't keep up with the demands of the local food banks. All harvest from the garden goes to our local food banks along with harvest from parishioners' gardens. And that's where **we need your help!** We need more produce to give to these food banks!

Please **share your harvest**, whether picked from your very own home garden or your local grocery store, with us. There is a crate as well as a cooler at the entrance of the McMullen Center for you to drop your harvest offerings. These offerings will then be delivered to our local food banks to provide nutritional benefits to our neighbors who are suffering from food insecurity.

Thank you for sharing your offerings with our neighbors!

Outreach Ministries at St. John the Baptist

Volunteers make our ministries successful! If you're new to our parish, we would love to have you come to one of our ministry meetings. Please check our [Outreach Ministries](#). Thank you for sharing your time by being a volunteer here at St. John the Baptist.



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A HOLY MAN AND LOVER OF THE WORLD



This week on Wednesday, July 31, at 5 pm, beloved Senior Priest Father Tom Vandenberg went to his reward.

Some of you knew Fr. Tom as he served the Archdiocese of Seattle as vicar and pastor of various parishes, and also as the director of Catholic Youth Organization and Worldwide Marriage Encounter. He was also a prolific reader and writer, authoring books on celibacy and marriage. His latest work, *The Logic of Love*, was for him life giving as he began to struggle with his health.

I met Fr. Tom as a seminarian during a seminarian event at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Federal Way. Not knowing him previously, my first impression as I heard and watched him celebrate Mass was: this man is not reading, he is praying! I found it so captivating because at his age, after saying hundreds of Masses, I would expect someone to simply be robotic, yet this felt as if it was his first. He meant what he was saying, and it was evident. I remember thinking: I hope to learn to pray the Mass like him one day.

After Mass we had a reception, and there I got to sit by him. Everything about him was simply genuine, a hallmark of someone living a holy life. He asked me where I was in the formation process, and I shared with him I was on my fourth year of philosophy working on my capstone project. When I told him my focus was on French scientist and Jesuit Priest and Mystic, Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, his eyes lit up! He had studied Teilhard extensively. For the rest of the dinner, we conversed about his spirituality and theology.

Fr. Tom and I shared our love for Teilhard's Eucharistic theology. Being that we will spend five weeks with John chapter 6, I'd like to take these next few articles to introduce you to his writing, in the hopes that you might gain new insights and a deeper love for this cosmic-all-consuming sacrament.

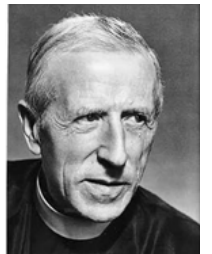
First, here is a brief introduction to Teilhard himself. His contemporaries described him as a ***holy man and lover of the world***:

He was born in 1881 in France. From a young age he was drawn to the natural world and developed a keen sense of observation for everything that is and could be. He entered the Jesuit order and studied science, becoming an anthropologist. He spent years doing field research on ancient human remains in the middle east and China, producing many scientific journals. It was his study of evolution, spending hours doing field work, his time at war, and his deep spirituality that led him to perceive that the power of Christ was in the cosmos driving evolution towards a point of climax which he called Omega Point.

He began writing out of this deep reflection, ideas that overlapped spirituality with science and theology. This made him difficult to read, and his work was rejected by academia. The scientific community accused him of superstition and pseudoscience. The theological community accused him of going against Church teaching. He was way ahead of his time.

The Church banned his writing out of fear that the public might be confused. He died silenced on Easter Sunday, April 10, 1955, at 6 pm here in America.

A few years after his death, the Church rectified his writings, and they became influential in the documents that came out of the II Vatican Council. He has been quoted extensively in the works of Pope John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI, and Pope Francis, especially when they write and reference the liturgy and the Eucharist. These are the works I hope to share with you in the coming weeks, works that influenced our beloved Fr. Tom. They continue to shape me. May our deeper understanding of the Eucharist make us strive to be more holy – i.e., genuine.



+ Fr. Carlos



HOLY SPIRIT PARISH



ESPAÑOL AL REVERSO

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



UN HOMBRE SANTO Y AMANTE DEL MUNDO

Esta semana, el miércoles 31 de julio a las 5 p.m., el querido Padre Tom Vandenberg falleció y fue a recibir su recompensa.

Algunos de ustedes conocieron al P. Tom en diversas capacidades mientras sirvió en la Arquidiócesis de Seattle como vicario y párroco de varias parroquias, y también como director de la Organización Juvenil Católica y del Encuentro Matrimonial Mundial. También fue un prolífico lector y escritor, autor de libros sobre el celibato y el matrimonio. Su último trabajo, *La lógica del amor*, le dio vida cuando comenzó a luchar con su salud.

Lo conocí cuando yo era seminarista durante un evento de seminaristas en la parroquia St. Vincent de Paul en Federal Way. Mi primera impresión al escucharlo y verlo celebrar Misa fue: ¡este hombre no está leyendo, está orando! Lo encontré muy cautivador porque a su edad, después de decir cientos de misas, esperaba que alguien fuera simplemente un robot, pero parecía que era la primera vez. Hablaba del corazón y eso era evidente. Recuerdo haber pensado: espero aprender algún día a rezar la Misa como él.

Después de la Misa tuvimos una recepción y allí me senté junto a él, y todo en él era simplemente genuino, un sello distintivo de alguien que vive una vida santa. Me preguntó en qué etapa del proceso de formación me encontraba y le conté que estaba en mi cuarto año de filosofía trabajando en mi proyecto final. Cuando le dije que me centraba en el científico francés, sacerdote y místico jesuita, Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, ¡sus ojos se abrieron! Había estudiado extensamente a Teilhard y el resto de la cena lo pasamos conversando sobre su espiritualidad y teología.

P. Tom y yo compartimos nuestro amor por la teología eucarística de Teilhard. Dado que pasaremos 5 semanas con el capítulo 6 de Juan, me gustaría aprovechar las entradas de estos próximos artículos para presentarles sus escritos, con la esperanza de que puedan obtener nuevos conocimientos y un amor más profundo por este sacramento cósmico que todo lo consume. .

Una breve introducción al propio Teilhard, descrito por sus contemporáneos como **un hombre santo y amante del mundo**:

Nació en 1881 en Francia. Desde muy joven se sintió atraído por el mundo natural y desarrolló un agudo sentido de observación de todo lo que es y podría ser. Ingresó a la orden de los jesuitas y estudió ciencias, convirtiéndose en antropólogo. Pasó años realizando investigaciones de campo sobre restos humanos antiguos en el Medio Oriente y China, y produjo muchas revistas científicas. Fue su estudio de la evolución, sus horas de trabajo de campo, su tiempo en la guerra y su profunda espiritualidad lo que lo llevó a percibir que el poder de Cristo estaba en el cosmos impulsando la evolución hacia un punto culminante al que llamó Punto Omega.

A partir de esta profunda reflexión, comenzó a escribir ideas que superponían la espiritualidad con la ciencia y la teología. Esto lo hizo difícil de leer y fue rechazado por la academia. La comunidad científica lo acusó de superstición y pseudociencia. La comunidad teológica lo acusó de ir en contra de las enseñanzas de la Iglesia: estaba muy adelantado a su tiempo.

La Iglesia prohibió sus escritos por temor a que el público pudiera confundirse. Murió silenciado el domingo de Pascua, 10 de abril de 1955 a las 6 de la tarde aquí en Estados Unidos.

Unos años después de su muerte, la Iglesia rectificó sus escritos, que se volvieron influyentes en los documentos que surgieron del Concilio Vaticano II. Ha sido citado extensamente en las obras del Papa Juan Pablo II, el Papa Benedicto XVI y el Papa Francisco, especialmente cuando escriben y hacen referencia a la liturgia y la Eucaristía. Estas son las obras que espero compartir con ustedes en las próximas semanas, obras que influyeron en nuestro querido P. Tom y ellos continúan moldeándome. Que nuestra comprensión más profunda de la Eucaristía nos haga esforzarnos por ser más santos, es decir, genuinos.

+ P. carlos

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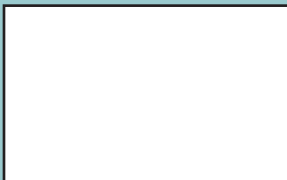
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