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### Celebrating the Feast of St. Phoebe

September 3 was the optional feast day celebrating St. Phoebe, whom St. Paul commends as a "deaconess of the church" in Romans 16. Our St. John the Baptist *Women's Commission* sponsored an evening of prayer, a meal, and reflections from **Nickie Lynne** and **Patty Bowman**, both scripture scholars (and pictured above) who have focused their work on women's roles in the church throughout history. The next women's commission event will be October 3, as we participate in a call hosted by Discerning Deacons.

# September 15, 2024

## 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living. (Ps 116)



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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**

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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**

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# This Week in Our Church



## Sunday, September 15

**Mass - 9:00 am**  
Elementary Parent Orientation - 10:15 am  
**Mass - 11:30 am**  
**Mass - 5:30 pm**  
High School Catechist Training - 6:30 pm

## Monday, September 16

Mostly Yoga - 7:30 am  
**Mass - 9:00 am**  
Prayer Ministry Meeting - 9:30 am  
Choir (9:00 am) Practice - 7:00 pm  
Choir (Fil-Am) Practice - 7:00 pm  
Knights of Columbus Meeting - 7:00 pm

## Tuesday, September 17

Word & Communion - 9:00 am  
Prayer Ministry - 2:00 pm  
AF Oracion - 6:00 pm  
WICS - 6:00 pm  
Adult Formation Events - 7:00 pm  
Vida en el Espiritu Santo - 7:00 pm

## Wednesday, September 18

**Mass - 9:00 am**  
American Sewing Guild - 9:30 am  
Choir (Truthful Reign) Practice - 7:00 pm

## Thursday, September 19

Mostly Yoga - 7:30 am  
Creation Care Team Meeting - 1:00 pm  
Hora Santa - 2:30 pm  
Facilities & Grounds Commission Meeting - 4:30 pm  
Greeter Subcommittee Meeting - 4:30 pm  
Family Night - 6:00 pm  
**Mass - 6:30 pm**  
Women's Commission Meeting - 6:30 pm  
Choir (11:30 am) Practice - 7:00 pm  
RCIA/OCIA Team Training - 7:00 pm

## Friday, September 20

Word & Communion - 9:00 am

## Saturday, September 21

Faith Formation Commission Meeting - 9:00 am  
PREPARES Meeting - 9:30 am  
Confession - 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm  
**Mass - 5:30 pm**



## Please Pray for

the sick:

**Doris Conley**  
**Paula Gonzales**  
**Yvonne Lawless**  
**Carmen Rojas**

and those who have recently died:

**Sue Merk** - aunt of Rose McAvoy  
**Barbara Martz** - wife of Jim Martz  
**Kathy Palmer** - wife of Ken Palmer  
**Eli Villa** - cousin of Cathy Silva

## Season of Creation Third Sunday Reflection



The five Sundays of the 2024 *Season of Creation* have themes that build up an integral ecological vision and spirituality that nurtures less violent, more life-giving relationships with each other and with the natural world. They speak powerfully to “hope and act” with creation.

The scriptures of the third Sunday warn that when we believe Jesus’ claim to be the Son of God, that belief will have implications for our lives. When we act on the call that we hear to care for Earth, we will face resistance and conflict, as Isaiah and Jesus did. Today there are ecological martyrs who witness to this truth, as do our politics. Find pictures of the eco-martyrs and links to their stories at [catholicclimatecovenant.org](http://catholicclimatecovenant.org). Their stories are painful and tragic, but God is our help.

You will find “*Hope and Action*” weekly reflections throughout this 2024 Season of Creation in this bulletin. You are invited to discover much more for yourself at [seasonofcreation.org](http://seasonofcreation.org).

## Fresh-picked Honeycrisp Apples



**September 14 and 15, 2024**  
**after Masses**  
(while supplies last)

**All proceeds will support the**  
**Coats for Kids Program**

Apples will be picked up on Saturday morning from our Yakima grower.



## Time to Get Rid of Them Again

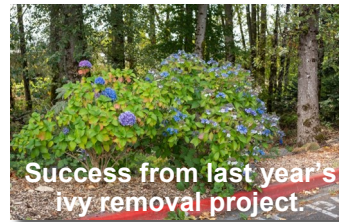
Last September, we removed about half of the invasive English Ivy along the parking lot near the south entrance to St. John the Baptist’s campus. Thanks to your work, the hydrangeas and the surrounding areas are revived!

We need your help again. The remaining ivy needs to be removed to prevent it from spreading, growing up trees, smothering ornamental plants, and preventing native plants from growing in the understory.

Join us on **Saturday, September 28 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon** to cut & pull out the ivy. We recommend wearing long sleeve shirts, long pants, and garden gloves. Bring your pruning shears or a Pulaski (axe) if you have one. Community service credit is available for high school students.



Scan the QR code to sign up and help us finish the job this year! Thank you for your help.



Photos by **Paul Dehmer**

## Planning for a Guatemala Trip

St. John the Baptist (STJB) is gearing up for another visit to our sister parish in Guatemala, Union de Las Aldeas Corpus Christi! This year we hope to welcome new mission members from Holy Spirit. Union de Las Aldeas is a parish comprised of 10 churches in the villages (aldeas) around San Marcos, Guatemala.

The team plans to take a trip in **late summer or early fall of 2025** to continue the relationship building, connecting parishioners with organizations working in Guatemala, and determining any further projects that we can support with our time and resources. In the past, we have supported people in this parish with water filtration systems, vented stoves, homes, and building a church that serves as a central meeting point for the parish. We also hope to sponsor a visit to SJTB by one of their young adult parish leaders.

Our **next meeting is September 23, 2024 at 6:00 pm at Holy Spirit**. If you are interested, please contact **Kathy Wickward** at x101 or **Brenda Fincher** at Holy Spirit [bfincher@holyspiritkent.org](mailto:bfincher@holyspiritkent.org).



July 2023, Canoa de Piedra  
one of the churches in the  
Union de las Aldeas Corpus Christi parish

## Slow Down

The school year is in full swing for our children. This is a reminder to please be careful around school zones. A school is located across the street from our church campus at St. John the Baptist (SJTB). While it's not too much of a concern for the weekend when Masses are held, some of us may attend weekday meetings when children are crossing the street to get to school. Part of SJTB's parking lot is used by the school for parking during school hours.

Please remember these precautions:



- Slow down
- Allow extra space between vehicles
- Expect sudden slowing or stopping
- Watch for drivers changing lanes or coming out of our church driveway
- Avoid distractions

Thank you for keeping the area around our church safe for our children.

## Backpack Buddies



In partnership with Real Life Church's Storehouse food bank program, St. John the Baptist will be providing bags of food for approximately 35 kids to take home over the weekends to supplement their families' pantries when they are unable to get free meals at school. This is an opportunity for those who would like to give specific items at Sunday Masses, when you fill the food baskets during the offertory.

You can sign up for specific items and bring them on Saturday or Sunday when you come to Mass.

Items needed include oatmeal, Belvita biscuits, cans of chicken noodle soup, macaroni and cheese, Top Ramen, snack packs (popcorn, fruit cup, applesauce cup, and Mott fruit snacks), apples and/or oranges, milk, hot chocolate pack, and juice. **Starting September 27**, we will publish a list of the quantity of items needed for the food bags.

Volunteers will be needed on Sunday to separate the items and take them to a classroom. On Wednesdays, volunteers will meet, at a time to be announced, in the classroom to fill the bags. On Thursday morning, the bags will be delivered to Covington Elementary. **We are looking for Sunday and Wednesday volunteers, especially families with youth (grade 5-8) or high school age kids.**

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

## Sharing the Air That We Breathe

Did you know that the average perfume has about 14 chemicals that could trigger an allergic reaction in fragrance-sensitive individuals?<sup>1</sup> These reactions can range from mild to severe/life-threatening.

For some of us, part of our wardrobe for the day is a spray of perfume, cologne, or aftershave. And for others, a whiff of perfume, cologne, or aftershave could mean a life or death situation. **Please be considerate of the space we share in the sanctuary by using perfumes, etc. very sparingly.** Better yet, avoid using them when attending Mass. Those of us with allergies thank you!

<sup>1</sup>[news-medical.net/health/Perfume-Allergy.aspx](https://news-medical.net/health/Perfume-Allergy.aspx)

## Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship

The Catholic bishops of the United States are pleased to offer to the Catholic faithful [Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship](#), our teaching document on the political responsibility of Catholics. This statement represents our guidance for Catholics in the exercise of their rights and duties as participants in our democracy. We urge our pastors, lay and religious faithful, and all people of good will to use this statement to help form their consciences; to teach those entrusted to their care; to contribute to civil and respectful public dialogue; and to shape political choices in the coming election in light of Catholic teaching. The statement lifts up our dual heritage as both faithful Catholics and American citizens with rights and duties as participants in the civil order.

For more documents regarding this topic, visit the [Archdiocese of Seattle website](#).



Join us this year for an update on immigration issues. After a brief review of current issues, there will be plenty of time for Q&A, so bring your questions!

We meet **virtually** on the third Wednesday of the month from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm via Microsoft Teams. Topics include:

- September 18: Comprehensive Immigration Reform and What's Happening at the Border
- October 16: Advocating and Faithful Citizenship.

To get the virtual meeting ID and code, please visit us at [archseattle.org/events/immigration-chat/](https://archseattle.org/events/immigration-chat/). Live captioning available in Spanish.

# Message for the Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation 2024

## "Hope and act with creation"

(Rom 8:19-25)

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION?



Pope Francis encourages us to:

- **Live an incarnational faith**, one that can enter into the suffering and hope-filled "flesh" of others.
- **Join forces** and help rethink the question of human power, its meaning and its limits.

In *Fratelli tutti*, the Holy Father invites us to live a **spirit of social friendship, marked by universal fellowship**, Christian peace and the stewardship of our common home.

HOW CAN WE LIVE OUT THIS SPIRIT OF UNIVERSAL FELLOWSHIP?



The Holy Spirit calls faith communities:

- To extend this harmony between human beings to creation, with **responsibility for a humane and integral ecology**, the path to salvation of our common home and of ourselves who inhabit it.
- To **conversion, a change of lifestyle**, to resist environmental degradation.
- To engage in that social critique which is above all a **witness to the possibility of change**.

“ The protection of creation is therefore not only an ethical issue, but one that is also eminently theological. It is the point where the mystery of man and the mystery of God intersect. ”

Looking ahead to **Jubilee 2025**, we are moving towards "a life that becomes a song of love for God, for humanity, with and for creation, and that finds its fullness in holiness."



"Hope and act with creation"

World Day of Prayer for the **Care of Creation**

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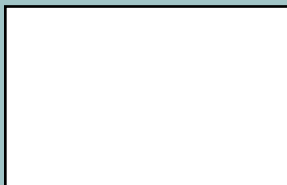
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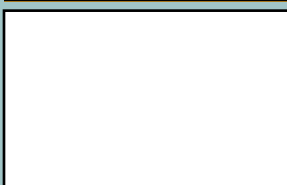
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