

PARTNERS IN THE GOSPEL

FAMILY 30



The Catholic Community of
St. John the Baptist

Father Carlos Orozco, Pastor
Father Crispin Okoth, Vicar



Holy Spirit
PARISH



Father Carlos blesses the children at the 9:00 am Mass on September 1, 2024 as they go back to school.

Back To School Prayer

Heavenly Father, as our children go back to school, we lift them up to You. We pray that You will fill them with the knowledge of Your will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding. Help them to discern right from wrong and make choices that align with Your principles. Amen.

September 22, 2024

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Lord upholds my life. (Ps 54)



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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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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Sunday & Monday - Closed

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This Week in Our Church



Sunday, September 22

Mass - 9:00 am
Mass - 11:30 am
FF Leaders Training - 12:30 pm
Mass - 5:30 pm

Monday, September 23

Mostly Yoga - 7:30 am
Mass - 9:00 am
Guatemala Team Meeting (Holy Spirit) - 6:00 pm
Choir (9:00 am) Practice - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, September 24

Word & Communion - 9:00 am
AF Oracion - 6:00 pm
WICS - 6:00 pm
Adult Formation Events - 7:00 pm
Choir (Fil-Am) Practice - 7:00 pm
Vida en el Espiritu Santo - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, September 25

Mass - 9:00 am
Funeral for Barb Martz - 11:00 am
Choir (Truthful Reign) Practice - 7:00 pm

Thursday, September 26

Hora Santa - 2:30 pm
Mass - 6:30 pm
Parish Mission (English) - 6:30 pm
Choir (11:30 am) Practice - 7:00 pm
Communications Meeting - 7:00 pm
RCIA/OCIA Team Training - 7:00 pm
Parish Mission (Spanish) - 8:00 pm

Friday, September 27

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

Saturday, September 28

Fall Cleanup (Parish Grounds) - 9:00 am
Funeral for Leonida Delarmente - 11:00 am
Confession - 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Mass - 5:30 pm

Next Week



Blood Pressure check after all morning Masses on
Sunday, September 29, 2024

Please Pray for

the sick:

Yvonne Lawless
Pam Schwalm
Carmen Rojas

and those who have recently died:

Leonida Delarmente - aunt of Michael Macariola
Barbara Martz - wife of Jim Martz
Bernadette Michaels - cousin of Helen Martinez

Grief Support Program

Offered by St. John the Baptist Grief Ministry

October 9, 2024 through December 11, 2024
7:00 - 9:00 pm every Wednesday
via Zoom

Walking Through Grief is a nine-part educational and inspirational grief program offering support and hope to those experiencing the loss of a spouse, parent, child, friend, or other loved ones in their lives and is offered at **no charge**.

During each weekly session, attendees will gain insight and education about their loss as they watch videos featuring professionals in the field of grief. These professionals are joined by a group of contributors, who share their own grief journey and provide inspiration on how they have dealt with their own loss. Each week will have a specific topic and include a group discussion as well as a workbook to work on between meetings. The workbook is provided, along with some tools, handouts, and articles to help in the grief journey.

If you are grieving, or someone you know is grieving and you feel that this may have some benefit, please contact **Frank Hammock** (Lead Facilitator) at the Parish Office, 253-630-0701 or email office@sjtbcc.org to learn more about *Walking Through Grief*.

Calling All Men!



Father Crispin and the Faith Formation Team invite all men to join them for the first semi-annual **Brotherhood in Christ Men's Retreat**

on **October 5, 2024**
from **9:00 am to 3:00 pm**
St. John the Baptist sanctuary

Lunch will be provided.



Time to Get Banish Invasive Ivy Again

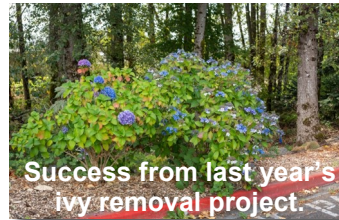
Last September, we removed about half of the invasive English Ivy along the parking lot near the south entrance to St. John the Baptist's campus. Thanks to your work, the hydrangeas and the surrounding areas are revived!

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.



Sign up on our [website](#) or on the sheet on the Creation Care bulletin board in the narthex or scan the QR code and help us finish the job this year! Thank you for your help.



Success from last year's ivy removal project.



Photos by **Paul Dehmer**

Season of Creation Fourth 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 fourth Sunday focus on the suffering to be expected by those whom God is calling. Today in our culture, we are tempted to seek false security in our possessions and passions. Do we choose intentional ignorance as the early Disciples did? Christ is calling us to a wisdom that finds peace and greatness through service and childlikeness.

Learn more at 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.



Family 30 Parish Mission Part I

This is a great opportunity to get to know what brings Father Carlos and Father Crispin “hope” - what the gift of hope is for them and what hope they have as we begin this journey of Family together.

Members of both parishes are welcome to this gathering. Come and enjoy a meal together! This will give us an opportunity to get to know each other.

September 26 and 27, 2024

St. John the Baptist Parish

6:30 pm to 7:30 pm (English)

8:00 pm to 9:00 pm (Spanish)

Dinner served to all from 7:30 pm to 8:00 pm
at the McMullen Center

Part II of the Family 30 Parish Mission will occur in February 2025 at Holy Spirit. More information will be announced in this bulletin as well as our website.

Adopt-A-Street Fall Cleanup

A *Clean Team Maintenance* technician with the City of Covington and parishioner here at St. John the Baptist, **Jennifer Leeden**, states, “I like to think that every time I pick up a piece of litter, no matter how small, the world is instantly a more beautiful place. I believe there are too many reasons to list as to why some people litter. My question now is not, ‘Why do people litter?’ but it is, ‘Why doesn’t anybody pick it up?’”



The *Creation Care Team* invites you to join our fall cleanup on **Saturday, October 5, 2024 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am**. All needed equipment will be provided, but bring some gloves and help us clean up the grounds of our beloved church.

Please sign up on the sheets next to the *Season of Creation* poster in the narthex or by going to our website at archseattle.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/483/responses/new or scan the QR code to the right by **October 2, 2024** and help us finish the job.



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 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 29**, 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 (Grades 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.

Bless Our Pets

The annual pet blessing will be held on the *Memorial of St. Francis of Assisi* on **Friday, October 4, 2024 at 4:30 pm**. Bring your dogs, cats, hamsters, turtles, birds, and other pets. After the pet blessing, meet some of Father Carlos' pets at the first *Father Carlos Pet Expo* in the multi-purpose rooms.



The blessing of pets will take place outside the McMullen Center if the weather is nice. If the weather is inclement, the blessing will take place in the multi-purpose rooms of the McMullen Center. Come celebrate St. Francis and the end of the *Season of Creation* with many of God's creatures!

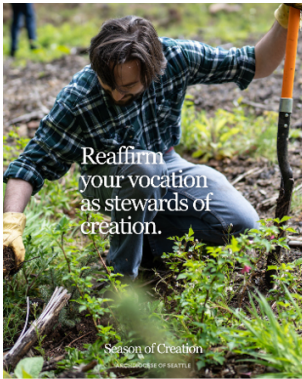
We will be accepting pet food donations for those pets in need. Donations will go to the Covington Storehouse.

Discover Fire

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THEOLOGY OF ECOLOGY



God created mankind in his image... God blessed them and God said to them: Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the living things that crawl on the earth. I give you every seed-bearing plant on all the earth and every tree that has seed-bearing fruit on it to be your food; and to all the wild animals, all the birds of the air, and all the living creatures that crawl on the earth, I give all the green plants for food.

(Genesis 1:27-30)

By now it is no secret that I have a fascination, appreciation (some might even call it an obsession) with the natural world. This translates into my entire worldview and how I experience God and how I approach my ministry. Genesis reminds us that all we have is a gift from God, and calls us to be good stewards of this gift. We are currently in the Season of Creation which you have seen in the bulletin and heard in the announcement. It is an ecumenical celebration where we come together as rational beings created in God's image and through the principles of our Catholic Social Teaching, take action to grow in mutual responsibility with how we administer and use our natural resources.

Pope Benedict and Pope Francis have both spoken extensively on the relationship between the ecology and the gospel. The poor are often the ones suffering the most from the ill management of natural resources. Jesus has revealed to us that God has a special concern for the poor (preferential option) because their dignity and image of God is most at risk. Therefore, the health of the ecology and our own impact in it should be a concern for every Catholic.

When you take action to ensure our streets are clean. When you recycle styrofoam, batteries, appliances, incandescent bulbs, car oil properly and not just toss it in the dumpster, when you don't use more water than you need, when you support the protection of our natural wildlife refuges, national forests and parks, when you give to organizations that help undeveloped countries become self-sustainable, you are building the Kingdom of God on earth, because all of those things impact the most vulnerable.

As we continue our Season of Creation, I invite you to consider what you can do over the next few weeks to reduce your own carbon footprint. The protection of creation is no mere political or ethical issue, it is eminently theological. Our very image of God demands action.

In the love of Christ,
+Fr Carlos



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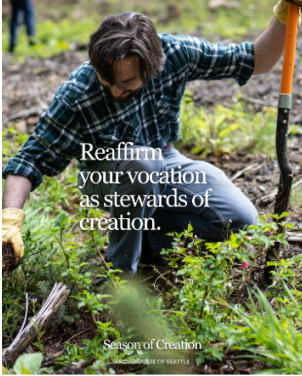


ESPAÑOL AL REVERSO

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



TEOLOGÍA DE LA ECOLOGÍA



Dios creó a la humanidad a su imagen... Dios los bendijo y les dijo: sean fértiles y multiplíquense; llenen la tierra y atiéndela. Ten dominio sobre los peces del mar, las aves del cielo y todos los seres vivientes que se arrastran sobre la tierra. Yo les doy toda planta que da semilla en toda la tierra, y todo árbol que tiene fruto que da semilla, para que os sirva de alimento; y a todas las bestias salvajes, a todas las aves del cielo y a todos los seres vivientes que se arrastran sobre la tierra, les daré todas las plantas verdes para comer. (Génesis 1:27-30)

A estas alturas no es ningún secreto que siento fascinación y aprecio (algunos incluso podrían llamarlo obsesión) por el mundo natural. Esto se traduce en toda mi visión del mundo y en cómo experimento a Dios y cómo abordo mi ministerio. Génesis nos recuerda que todo lo que tenemos es un regalo de Dios y nos llama a ser buenos administradores de este regalo. Actualmente estamos en el Tiempo de la Creación que habéis visto en el boletín y oído en el anuncio. Es una celebración ecuménica en la que nos reunimos como seres racionales creados a imagen de Dios y, a través de los principios de nuestra Enseñanza Social Católica, tomamos medidas para crecer en responsabilidad mutua con la forma en que administramos y utilizamos nuestros recursos naturales.

El Papa Benedicto y el Papa Francisco han hablado extensamente sobre la relación entre la ecología y el evangelio. Los pobres suelen ser los que más sufren por la mala gestión de los recursos naturales. Jesús nos ha revelado que Dios tiene una preocupación especial por los pobres (opción preferencial) porque su dignidad y su imagen de Dios están en mayor riesgo. Por tanto, la salud de la ecología y nuestro propio impacto en ella debería ser una preocupación para todo católico.

Cuando toma medidas para garantizar que nuestras calles estén limpias. Cuando reciclas espuma de poliestireno, baterías, electrodomésticos, bombillas incandescentes, aceite de automóvil adecuadamente y no simplemente los tiras al contenedor de basura, cuando no usas más agua de la que necesitas, cuando apoyas la protección de nuestros refugios naturales de vida silvestre, bosques nacionales y parques, cuando das a organizaciones que ayudan a los países subdesarrollados a ser autosostenibles, estás construyendo el Reino de Dios en la tierra, porque todas esas cosas impactan a los más vulnerables.

Mientras continuamos nuestro Tiempo de la Creación, los invito a considerar qué pueden hacer durante las próximas semanas para reducir su propia huella de carbono. La protección de la creación no es una mera cuestión política o ética, es eminentemente teológica. Nuestra misma imagen de Dios exige acción.

En el amor de Cristo,
+P. Carlos

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