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Come Worship With the *Hispanic Charismatic Group*

Nurturing and inspiring Catholics to mature in a personal relationship with Jesus is the mission of all charismatic groups. At St. John the Baptist, we have a strong *Hispanic Charismatic Group* (pictured above), who meets every Friday. On the first Friday of the month, they meet after Mass. The evening begins with rosary followed by Hispanic charismatic prayers and music. Children are invited to join in this worship. For more information on Catholic Charismatic Renewal, please visit wwccr.org/.

September 8, 2024

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Praise the Lord, my soul! (Ps 146)



The Catholic Community of
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

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

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!

Please feel free to email or call one of us below if you have any questions regarding our parish.

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This Week in Our Church



Sunday, September 8

Mass - 9:00 am
Pancake Breakfast - 10:00 am
Elementary Catechist Training - 10:15 am
Mass - 11:30 am
Mass - 5:30 pm
High School Catechist Training - 6:30 pm

Monday, September 9

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

Tuesday, September 10

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

Wednesday, September 11

Mass - 9:00 am
Middle School Catechist Training - 6:30 pm
Choir (Truthful Reign) Practice - 7:00 pm

Thursday, September 12

Mostly Yoga - 7:30 am
Hora Santa - 2:30 pm
Mass - 6:30 pm
Choir (11:30 am) Practice - 7:00 pm
RCIA/OCIA Team Training - 7:00 pm
Finance Council Meeting - 7:30 pm

Friday, September 13

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

Saturday, September 14

Craft & Hobby Day - 10:00 am
Gospel Study - 10:00 am
Confession - 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Mass - 5:30 pm

Please Pray for

the sick:

Doris Conley
Paula Gonzales

and those who have recently died:

Larry Trincerì - cousin of Milly Nabarrete

Sue Merk - aunt of Rose McAvoy

Kathy Palmer - wife of Ken Palmer

Eli Villa - cousin of Cathy Silva



Get ready for a new season of faith enrichment opportunities at St. John the Baptist.

- RCIA starts on September 12.
- Children's Faith Formation & Youth Ministry programs start the week of September 29.
- Annual Fall Parish Mission will be held on September 26 & 27 with Father Carlos and Father Crispin speaking on our theme of "Hope!"
- Adult Faith Formation continues to meet on Tuesday evenings throughout the school year.

Additional information can be found on our [website](#).

Volunteer with Our Youth



Join us in making a difference in the lives of our middle and high school students! Enthusiastic volunteers, who are at least 21 years old, are needed. Peter Guthrie needs your help to lead games and guide small groups during our Wednesday Middle School and Sunday High School Faith Formation sessions.

This is a wonderful opportunity to share your time and talents, help young people connect with Jesus, and grow in your own faith journey. Training is provided.

Interested? Contact **Peter Guthrie** at peterg@sjtbcc.org.

Kicking Off the Season of Creation



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 second Sunday's scriptures encourage us not to lose hope in the face of our complex environmental crisis. God is faithful and is always working to open our eyes and ears. God has chosen the poor who suffer most, and we need to listen especially to them. Spread the good news of those who see and hear, whose ecological conversion is appearing around and among us.

You will find "*Hope and Action*" weekly reflections through this 2024 Season of Creation in this bulletin. You are invited to discover much more for yourself at seasonofcreation.org.

Use Sparingly, Please!

Did you know that the average perfume has about 14 chemicals that could trigger an allergic reaction in fragrance-sensitive individuals?¹ 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!

¹news-medical.net/health/Perfume-Allergy.aspx

Church Is Open

Our main doors might be locked, but the church is open during our normal business hours. Enter through the office doors, which are located to the north (left) side of the building. The main doors are locked for safety reasons, but you can still exit from the church through the main (front) doors. Come and spend some peaceful time in our church. If you have any questions, please call the office at **253-630-0701**.

Pilgrimage to Italy

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

For more information, call the parish offices at either Holy Spirit or St. John the Baptist.

Support Our Students in the Kent School District



We are still accepting school supplies especially 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. Donations can be dropped off in the bin located in the narthex.

Thank you for your help!

Wanted: Beds & Furniture

Thinking of getting a new bed or getting rid of the spare bed to make room for other things? Why not donate to *St. Vincent de Paul* or *Sacred Heart Shelter*?

We are in need of gently used beds and other household furniture. The winter months are fast-approaching and many of our neighbors also need warm clothing. If you have items to donate, please contact **Pat** at patd@svdpseattle.org. Thank you for your generosity.

Wanted: Fresh Fruits and Veggies

Summer isn't quite over yet, so many of us have gardens that are still producing an abundance of fruits and/or vegetables. If your neighbors are tired of your tomatoes or zucchinis, and your fruit trees are giving you more fruits than you can store in your refrigerator, please consider our neighbors who are food insecure. They could use the harvest from your garden. Please **drop off your harvest gifts in the coolers or crates in front of the McMullen Center**. Our neighbors-in-need will be grateful.

Anniversary Prayer for 9/11

God of Peace and Mercy, on this anniversary for September 11, we lift up the souls who perished on that day. Welcome them with loving arms into Your kingdom. Comfort their families and friends. Help us to mourn alongside them with a constant compassion that can only be rooted in You. May we look to the first responders that day to inspire us to live bravely and courageously, and to selflessly protect others in need. May we look to those who opened up their homes to the stranded and displaced that day to stir us to be more hospitable. Having seen the face of evil and darkness, may we be steadfast and faithful in pursuing You, our perpetual Light. In Jesus's name we pray. Amen.

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Invasive Ivy Removal Project - Part II

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 to remove the remaining ivy 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. Thank you for your help.



September is *Suicide Prevention Awareness Month*. At this special Mass, we pray for all who have been lost to suicide, for survivors of suicide, and for all who have lost a family member, friend, or colleague. We also pray that, as Church and as individuals, we can help prevent suicide by raising awareness and knowing how to help those in need. Please join us on

Saturday, September 14, 2024

5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

St. James Cathedral, Seattle

If you or someone you know is in crisis, please call or text the **988** Suicide and Crisis Lifeline.



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/. Live captioning available in Spanish.

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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**

1-IX-2024



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