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FAMILY 30



The Catholic Community of
St. John the Baptist

Father Carlos Orozco, Pastor
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Holy Spirit
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God Bless Our Pets!

Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures. You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air, and animals on the land. You inspired St. Francis of Assisi to call all of them his brothers and sisters. We ask you to bless these pets. Amen.

October 4, 2024

October 13, 2024

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy! (Ps 90)



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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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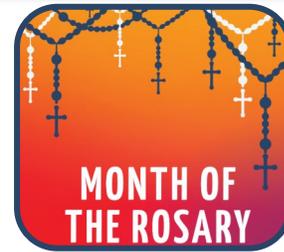
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This Week in Our Church



Sunday, October 13

Respect Life Sunday

Mass - 9:00 am

Elementary Faith Formation Classes - 10:15 am

Mass - 11:30 am

Mass - 5:30 pm

High School Youth Group - 6:30 pm

Monday, October 14

Columbus Day

Mostly Yoga - 7:30 am

Mass - 9:00 am

Choir (9:00 am) Practice - 7:00 pm

Choir (Fil-Am) Practice - 7:00 pm

Our Lady of Guadalupe Planning Meeting - 7:00 pm

Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration Practice - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, October 15

Word & Communion - 9:00 am

Prayer Ministry - 2:00 pm

Adult Formation Oracion - 6:00 pm

WICS - 6:00 pm

Adult Formation Vida en el Espiritu Santo - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, October 16

Mass - 9:00 am

American Sewing Guild - 9:30 am

Middle School Youth Group - 7:00 pm

Choir (Truthful Reign) Practice - 7:00 pm

Walking Through Grief (via Zoom) - 7:00 pm

Thursday, October 17

Creation Care Team Meeting - 1:00 pm

Hora Santa - 2:30 pm

Mass - 6:30 pm

Choir (11:30 am) Practice - 7:00 pm

Confirmation Year 2 Meeting - 7:00 pm

RCIA/OCIA Team Training - 7:00 pm

Friday, October 18

Word & Communion - 9:00 am

Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 6:30 pm

Saturday, October 19

Faith Formation Commission Meeting - 9:00 am

PREPARES Meeting - 9:30 am

Confirmation Year 1 Parents Meeting - 10:00 am

Ministers of Hospitality Retreat - 2:00 pm

Confession - 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Mass - 5:30 pm

Please Pray for

the sick:

Bruce Barnes

Duane Baus

and those who have recently died:

Patty Feugen - niece of Luella Baus

Feeding Our Hungry for Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is almost here!

We are planning to serve our community by providing a nutritious Thanksgiving dinner for our less fortunate neighbors. But we can't do this without your help. So please consider donating towards our purchase of these meals. Meals are \$40.00 each, and we plan to purchase 423 meals. We had some money left over from last year, but **we will need at least \$10,100.00** to make it happen this year.

To donate, please take an envelope on one of the church chairs, write a check (to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church) or insert cash, and drop in the collection basket. We will need the donation by November 22 to purchase the meals on the morning of the 23rd. You can also donate via the Pushpay button on our website, pushpay.com/g/sjtbcc and choose "Thanksgiving Meals."

We also need volunteers for our **distribution day, Saturday, November 23**. The sign-up form will be available on October 20, 2024.

Thank you for your generosity.

A Deeper Look at Stewardship

We are entrusted with the care of the Kingdom until the return of the King.

Starting this month, St. John the Baptist will present a new look at what it means when we say, "Stewardship is a way of life." By way of SAM (Stewardship And Ministry) Talks and blog posts, we want to encourage our community to consider what it means to be a steward of the gift that is our faith. How do we apply our resources to care for and grow the Kingdom of God in our own time? What is this awesome task to which we apply our resources of time, talent, and treasure?

Building up the body of Christ takes all of us, all of our gifts and talents. Many of you already give so much of yourselves to the parish, but some are unsure. A small investment of your time and talent will yield great returns. Please check out our ministries at sjtbcc.org/go-ministries/. When you find a ministry that interests you, fill out our form at archseattle.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/3772/responses/new. Someone involved in that ministry will be contacting you with more information.

Children's Liturgy of the Word Is Back!

Starting on Sunday, October 13 during the 9:00 am Mass, *Children's Liturgy of the Word* will begin for the 2024-2025 school year! This is an exciting way for children in Kindergarten through 5th Grade to hear and discuss God's Word and grow in their appreciation of their Catholic identity! Children will be invited to the altar after the *Introductory Rites* to go forward and celebrate the Liturgy of the Word at their own level. They will rejoin the assembly after the *Prayers of the Faithful*.



We need one or two volunteers, who will be available to set up the worship space in the McMullen Center before the 9:00 am Mass each Sunday. If you can help out with this, please contact **Therese McHenry** at 206-300-1889 (text ok). Thank you for your support.

Counting Heads at Masses

It's that time of the year again, when our parish needs to send Mass attendance counts to the archdiocese. These Mass counts provide vital data that help the archdiocese gauge attendance trends, demographic shifts, and overall parish engagement. This information is crucial for planning and allocating resources effectively. It also ensures that our programs and services meet the actual needs of our parishioners.

Our Point People at each Mass will be doing the count around the time of the homilies of Father Carlos or Father Crispin. We apologize for the inconvenience and disruption that this counting may cause during Mass. Thanks for your understanding.

Pumpkin Patch, Carving Contest and Exorcisms!



Grab your flannels and meet us for a fall photo op on **Monday, October 28, 2024** at the **Carpinito Brothers Pumpkin Patch** on 27508 West Valley Highway North in Kent. Then we'll head on to St. John the Baptist McMullen Center for a pumpkin carving contest. We will have extra pumpkins on hand if you missed the patch.

Exorcism? Ever wonder what the Church actually says about exorcisms, demons, and the devil? Bring your burning questions, and Father Carlos will be sharing his experiences and insights. Here's something worth coming for - has he performed an exorcism? Come and find out!



Thank you to everyone who donated food to the *Backpack Buddies* program! Last week we packed another 32 bags for Covington Elementary kids to take home in their backpacks to supplement their families' pantries when they are unable to get free meals at school.

There is still time for those who would like to help fill these backpacks. Because of our limited storage, we can only take items on a weekly basis. We are well-stocked with Top Ramen and Macaroni & Cheese until the first week of December. Please keep that in mind when you sign up on our [website](#). If you are unable to provide all 32 of an item (one each per backpack unless otherwise noted), please mention that in your comments.

We need a Monday morning (9:00 am) volunteer to sort and set up weekend donations, and Wednesday evening volunteers in Grades 5 through 8 to pack bags before Youth Night starts! This is a great community service opportunity.

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

Greeting, A Ministry of Hospitality

Here is a ministry that involves everyone from babes in parents' arms to seniors with a walker. Become a *Minister of Hospitality*! Formerly known as the *Greeter Ministry*, this ministry is a chance for everyone to become actively engaged with Mass.

These ministers are primarily involved in (but not limited to) welcoming parishioners before Mass, assisting the disabled, handing out bulletins after Mass, and being an usher before and throughout Mass.

Two weeks ago, **Scott Gilyeat** of the Liturgy Commission team, delivered a pulpit talk on becoming a *Minister of Hospitality*. **Scott** is inviting you to find out more about this ministry. If you are a family that wants to serve together at Mass or a person who feels called to this ministry, please contact **Laurie Moloney** at lauriem@sjtbcc.org, ext. 111 or attend a *Minister of Hospitality* Retreat on **Saturday, October 19, 2024 from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm** at St. John the Baptist sanctuary.

Remember, you are never too old for this ministry! For the disabled, there is a place for you in this ministry!

St. Phoebe in Rome

For everyone who attended the prayer service last month as well those who were unable to make it, please join the *Women's Commission* on **Tuesday, October 22, 2024 at 7:00 pm** in the McMullen Center Multi-purpose Room. There will be a showing of the Rome event held by the *Discerning Deacons*, which included Psalms, reflections, and testimony from pilgrims to the synod as well as how they included all the local celebrations from around the world. There will also be a synod update along with small group reflection.

Prayerful Discernment and The Upcoming Election

Catholic teaching on respect for all life is deep, abiding, and consistent in its protection of the dignity and sanctity of every human life from conception to natural death.

October is Respect Life Month. As ballots begin arriving, our understanding of Catholic teaching on respect for all life is critically important.

Catholics in Washington state face many important choices that will impact human life this election season. As Pope Francis recently reminded us, our Church does not tell us how to vote. Rather, it asks us to **spend time in prayerful discernment**, informed by our social doctrine, as we each make our ballot selections. It is not easy to vote Catholic. But with our strong and consistent ethic of life and centuries of service to the poor and vulnerable, we bring much needed perspective to the table. As we enter the final weeks of the election, the *Washington State Catholic Conference (WSCC)* encourages Catholic voters to visit wacatholics.org for resources to aid you in your prayerful preparation before you exercise your right to vote.

Remember also that there are other ways to respect life besides political activity. Donate to or volunteer with *Pregnancy Aid* or *PREPARES*; support a child or elder through *Unbound*; take communion to the elderly in our parish and visit with them; volunteer as a tutor in the schools; speak kindly of single moms in public and on social media; and offer rides to elderly parishioners to church.

The *WSCC* encourages parishes to discuss public policy issues. However, **the Church does not endorse candidates nor political parties**. St. John the Baptist will discern endorsement of particular initiatives on a case-by-case basis, but as a rule very rarely makes an official statement on a particular initiative or piece of legislation. The *WSCC* strongly encourages advocacy, but some of the nuances may be confusing. As we are called to faithful citizenship, please consult the *WSCC*'s "[Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship](#)." The *WSCC* can be reached at wscs@wacatholics.org to provide further guidance.



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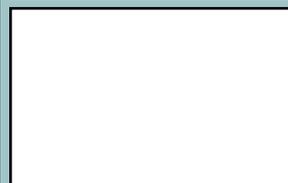
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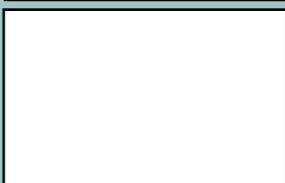
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