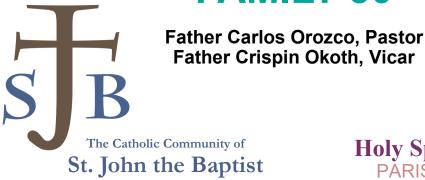
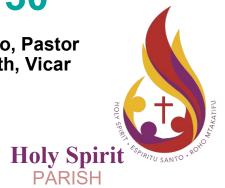
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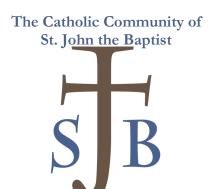
On September 22, 2024, Father Carlos blessed our leaders in faith formation to be "heralds of the gospel" to our parish family.

October 6, 2024 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives. (Ps 128)







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

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, October 6

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 7

Our Lady of the Rosary

Mostly Yoga - 7:30 am

Máss - 9:00 am Prayer Ministry SFC Meeting - 9:30 am

Rosary - 9:45 am

Art Event with Father Carlos (at Holy Spirit) - 7:00 pm Choir (9:00 am) Practice - 7:00 pm Guadalupe Celebration Practice - 7:30 pm

Tuesday, October 8

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

Wednesday, October 9

Mass - 9:00 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 10

Hora Santa - 2:30 pm Facility and Grounds Commission Meeting - 4:30 pm Mass - 6:30 pm

Choir (11:30 am) Practice - 7:00 pm Confirmation Year 2 Meeting - 7:00 pm Liturgy Commission Meeting - 7:00 pm RCIA/OCIA Team Training - 7:00 pm Women's Commission Meeting - 7:30 pm

Friday, October 11

Word & Communion - 9:00 am Creative Kindness Sewing - 9:30 am

Saturday, October 12

RCIA/OCIA Fall Retreat - 9:00 am Craft & Hobby Day - 10:00 am Confession - 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm Mass - 5:30 pm

Please Pray for

the sick:
Bruce Barnes
Rosalee Gothier
Pam Schwalm

and those who have recently died:

Maria Morando - cousin of Manny Martinez *Horatio Tan Torres* - husband of Kit Tan Torres

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**.

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*.

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. This month, you will hear from those who have invested their talents in the church. You will hear how they started small and gradually became immersed in the life of the community. This small investment gave big returns! Please check out our ministries at <a href="mailto:sittle:sit

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.



We Need Diapers, Please!

The good news is, we are helping families journey through pregnancy and parenting. The bad news is, we are running out of diapers as our babies grow into toddlers!

Our *PREPARES* ministry thanks all who have supported them with baby things in the past, but they are still in need of **diapers Sizes 4, 5, and 6**. There are about 20 infants and toddlers, who are being helped through this ministry here at St. John the Baptist, and they need diapers and wipes. Please help us meet our needs by dropping off some diapers and wipes by our ministry table in the narthex. Thank you for your unwavering support to this ministry!

Drawing With Father Carlos



Did you know that Father Carlos is an amateur artist?

Young adults are encouraged to come and learn about the origin of art and how beauty leads us to God. It will be followed by an art class taught by Father Carlos. You will learn the fundamentals of drawing with charcoal.

Join us on **Monday, October 7, 2024 at 7:00 pm** on the grounds of Holy Spirit Parish. For more information, please call Holy Spirit Parish office.

Fill 'er Up!



Thank you to everyone who donated food to the *Backpack Buddies* program! Last week we packed 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. Please 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.

Items	Quantity for each backpack				
Oatmeal	1 packet				
Belvita Biscuit	1 package				
Granola Bars	2				
Chicken Noodle Soup	1 can				
Macaroni & Cheese	1 box				
Top Ramen	2 packages				
Snack 1 - popcorn	1 pack				
Snack 2 - fruit cup	1 cup				
Snack 3 - applesauce cup	1 cup				
Snack 4 - fruit snack	1 packet				
Apples and/or oranges	2				
Milk (shelf-stable)	1 each of 8 oz box				
Hot chocolate	1 pack				
Juice (i.e., Capri Sun)	2 packages				

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.

More Fruits and Veggies, Please!

The fall season is already here, but hunger knows no season. It happens every day of the year.



If your garden is still happily producing fruits and vegetables,

please share them with our neighbors in need!

The Garden of the Good Shepherd has been blessed all summer long for growing 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 the harvest from parishioners' gardens.

Please **share your harvest** with us, whether they are picked from your very own home garden or your local grocery store. 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 in need, no matter the season!

When In Doubt, Stay Home

COVID is here to stay, just like the common cold or flu. According to the <u>U.S.Centers for Disease Control</u>, the SARS-CoV-2 (the coronavirus that causes COVID-19) is still mutating and is raising concerns about a potential wave of infections in the fall.

If you are experiencing a sore throat, body aches, headaches, sinus pressure, runny nose, fatigue, and/or persistent fever, please play it safe and **stay home**. Most of our Masses are now live-streamed, so you can still participate in Mass at home.

Please help us protect each other, especially the vulnerable among us with compromised immune systems, by limiting the spread of COVID.

Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship 2024

Political engagement for Catholics can be complicated. Neither major party fully represents our position on issues of the day, so how do we make voting decisions or share our stances on political questions?

Join the Washington State Catholic Conference (WSCC) for a discussion of Catholic social doctrine, conscience formation, and political participation in anticipation of the November elections and 2025 legislative session. Interpretation in Spanish will be provided.

Register for a Zoom meeting at <u>us06web.zoom.us/</u> <u>meeting/register/tZYtc-</u> yvrTwjEtH47eNG6CWb577phsKJDnan#/registration

Learn more about the WSCC at www.wacatholics.org/.



YOUNG ADULT EVENTS

(SINGLES AND UNMARRIED COUPLES 18-39)

SAVE THESE DATES!!



Art Class with Fr. Carlos

7pm @ Holy Spirit Parish Hall

Did you know Fr. Carlos is an amateur artist? Come and learn the basics of charcoal drawing while diving into how beauty draws us closer to God. No experience needed—just come ready to create!



Pumpkin Patch, Carving Contest, & Exorcisms!

5:30 PM @ Carpinito Brother's Pumpkin Patch (buy your own pumpkin) 27508 W Valley Hwy N Kent, WA 98032

7 PM - Pumpkin Carving & Discussion @ St John the Baptist Hall

- Grab your flannels and meet us for a fall photo op at the patch!
 Afterward, we'll gather at St John for a fun pumpkin carving contest (we'll have extra pumpkins on hand if you missed the patch).
- Ever wonder what the Church actually says about exorcisms, demons, and the devil? Bring your burning questions—Fr.
 Carlos will be sharing his experiences and insights. Bonus: Has he performed an exorcism? Find out!



18 **nov**

Friendsgiving Potluck & Game Night

7pm @ Holy Spirit Parish Hall

- · Learn about Aristotle's philosophy on friendship
- Bring your favorite dish to share, and get ready to let your inner child out with game night!



30 **dec**

Christmas Party/White Elephant Gift Exchange & Karaoke Night

7pm @ St John the Baptist Hall

- Celebrate the birth of our Lord! Bring a wrapped unisex gift of up to \$25
- Bring your ugly Christmas sweater for our group picture!

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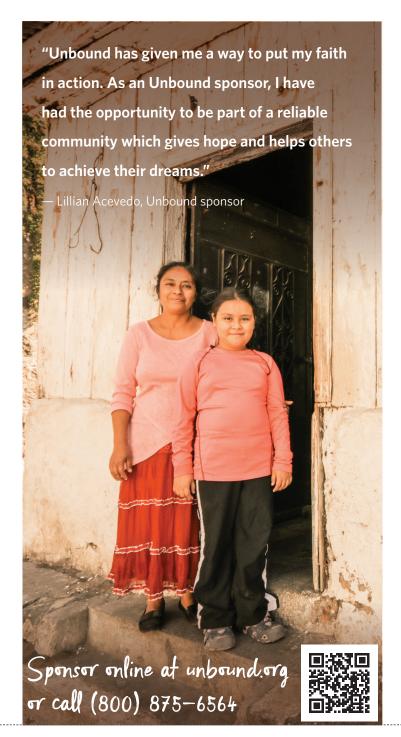
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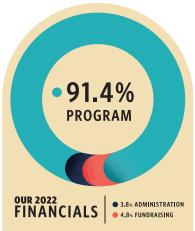
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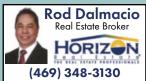


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