

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



Photo courtesy of **Paul Dehmer**

Father Juan Carlos Orozco, Pastor of Parish Family 30

This completes the family! Father Carlos (left in photo) is installed as the official pastor of Parish Family 30, Holy Spirit Parish in Kent and St. John the Baptist Parish in Covington, on November 4, 2024. Presiding is **Bishop Frank Schuster**. Congratulations and God bless you always, Father Carlos!

November 17, 2024

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

You are my inheritance, O Lord! (Ps 16)



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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

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

Please check Page 5 "This Week in Our Church" for any Mass schedule changes

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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This Week in Our Church

Sunday, November 17

Mass - 9:00 am

Pancake Breakfast - 10:00 am

Elementary Faith Formation Classes - 10:15 am

Mass - 11:30 am

Mass - 5:30 pm

High School Youth Group - 6:30 pm

Monday, November 18

Mostly Yoga - 8:00 am

Mass - 9:00 am

Prayer Ministry Meeting - 9:30 am

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

"Friendsgiving" with Father Carlos - 7:00 pm

Knights of Columbus Leadership Meeting - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, November 19

Word & Communion Service - 9:00 am

Prayer Ministry - 2:00 pm

Oracion - 6:00 pm

WICS - 6:00 pm

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

Simbang Gabi Planning - 7:00 pm

Vida en el Espiritu Santo - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, November 20

Mostly Yoga - 8:00 am

Mass - 9:00 am

American Sewing Guild - 9:30 am

Backpack Buddies Packing - 6:45 pm

Middle School Youth Group - 7:00 pm

Choir (Truthful Reign) Practice - 7:00 pm

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

Thursday, November 21

Creation Care Team - 1:00 pm

Hora Santa - 5:00 pm

Mass - 6:30 pm

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

Confirmation Year 2 Meeting - 7:00 pm

Finance Council Meeting - 7:00 pm

RCIA/OCIA Meeting - 7:00 pm

Guadalupe Celebration Practice - 7:30 pm

Friday, November 22

Word & Communion - 9:00 am

Safe Car Parking Thanksgiving - 6:00 pm

Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 6:30 pm

Saturday, November 23

Thanksgiving Meal Bagging - 8:00 am

Saturday Morning Scripture SFC - 10:00 am

Elementary 1st Reconciliation In-Service #2 - 1:00 pm

Confession - 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Mass - 5:30 pm

Sunday, November 24

Blood Pressure Check after morning Masses



Please Pray for

the sick:

Ronie Gerona
Elizabeth Justin
Yvonne Lawless
Arnold Seman

and those who have recently **died**:

Jonathan Pilapil (father of *Raphael & Gabriel Pilapil*)
and those whose names
are inscribed in the "Book of the Dead"

The Garden of the Good Shepherd Blesses Neighbors in Need

Giving thanks to our God, *The Garden of the Good Shepherd* yielded 488 pounds of produce this season, the highest in our 10 years of growing crops!

On November 2, we had our end-of-season work party cleanup. So much was accomplished by our enthusiastic volunteers: **Joanne Ackerman, Angelo & Margie Battisti, Paul Dehmer, Tom Kane, Hazel Kroll, Emilio Mayorga, and Diane & Charlie Seitz**. The bean and tomato vines were removed and composted. Weeds were removed, and wood chips were spread over the cleared soil. The raspberry plants were trimmed in preparation for their removal. The team is offering these raspberry plants for relocation to anyone who would enjoy cultivating this tasty fruit. If you would like these plants, free of charge, please call the office at 253-630-0701 and leave a message for **Margie Battisti** to call you back.

In addition, if you are interested in this ministry please check us out on [our page](#) on our church's website and click [here](#) to sign up. It will lead you to PushPay, but follow the prompts and you will get to the volunteer form. The team needs young and energetic people! Please consider *The Garden of the Good Shepherd* as your stewardship commitment!



The Garden of the Good Shepherd volunteers
(Photo courtesy of **Margie Battisti**)

Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, November 17, 2024
10:00 am to 11:30 am
McMullen Center
Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

Donations will support the Archdiocese Seminarian Fund
(our next generation of priests)

Feeding Our Hungry for Thanksgiving

We have reached our goal to purchase the meals. Thank you to our wonderful and generous donors! Your donations will make 460 families happy with a Thanksgiving Meal this year!

Volunteers will pick up the food from Red Apple in Seattle on November 23 and bring them to the McMullen Center for bagging. We are blessed with the number of volunteers, who have pledged to help this day. We can never have too many volunteers, so if you feel called to serve your community on November 23, 2024, please come by to the McMullen Center at 9:00 am to help bag the meals. More hands on the assembly line mean faster bagging of the meals. You can also stay to help distribute from 11:00 am to closing. We are expecting neighbors from *St. Vincent de Paul* to come through the parking lot in addition to *Catholic Community Services, Children's Home Society, Covington Elementary, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Kent School District, and Kent Youth & Family Services*. Again, more hands will help make the process run faster.

Thank you, again, for your generosity with the monetary donations and for your help with the bagging and distribution.

Update From the Liturgy Commission

The commission met for their monthly meeting on October 10. The subcommittee working on updating the *Hospitality* (formerly *Greeter*) *Ministry* gave an update on the ministry instructions. This ministry held a retreat on October 19 for current and interested future ministers.

Also discussed were considerations for a request from a parishioner to replace the procession crucifix, which has been a part of our parish since the beginning. The commission will continue to discuss this request at their next meeting on November 14.

Ongoing education is a regular part of their work, so the commission members began a discussion of the document from the *Archdiocese of Seattle* entitled, "Partners in the Gospel Liturgical Considerations." They will conclude the discussion of this document at the next meeting.

For comments or questions, please contact **Laurie Moloney** at lauriem@sjtbcc.org or ext. 111.

Stewardship Pledges by Mail

If you want to use the pledge card you received by mail, **please do one of two things**:

- ⇒ Use the QR code to pledge, or
- ⇒ Fill out the card that you received in the mail, and bring it to Mass. This works well if you are an envelope user and are not using PushPay.



Update on Backpack Buddies Program

We will continue to support the *Backpack Buddies* program to the end of the school year in June 2025. Thank you to everyone who donated food to the *Backpack Buddies* program in the past few months! We fill 35 bags every week 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.

Because of our limited storage, **we can only take items on a weekly basis**. Please keep that in mind when you sign up for [Backpack Buddies Covington Elementary](#). If you are unable to provide all 35 pieces of an item (one each per backpack unless otherwise noted), please mention that in your comments.

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

First Aid Kits

A blister on your foot? A paper cut while reading the bulletin? A headache while following a slow driver coming in to church? Where's the First Aid kit?

Last week, you were informed of the AED locations within the church grounds. This week, you are challenged to find the First Aid kits.



If you don't already know where they are, you can find them in the same area as the AED, which is in the narthex hallway towards the office by the *Lost and Found* area. While it's not as crucial as knowing where the AED is, it is still important for those "band aid fixes" that you need to make while you're attending Mass.

Maybe you'll never need it, but it's nice to know where it is.

Don't Forget - Food & Game Night

Save the date for "Friendsgiving Potluck and Game Night" with **Father Carlos**. This event will be held at the McMullen Center on **Monday, November 18, 2024 at 7:00 pm**. Bring your favorite dish to share, and get ready to let your inner child out with game night.



The *Giving Tree* team is in the process of finalizing their plans. No new information is available at this time as we try to concentrate on Thanksgiving. Please check our future bulletins for more information.

Our goal is to support at least 50 families this holiday season; more if our funding supports it.

If you would like to be involved in this wonderful ministry, please contact **Kathy Wickward** at kathyw@sjtbcc.org or 253-630-0701 ext. 101.

How Can You Be a Steward of Your Talent and Treasure?

In Jesus' time, a steward was entrusted with the care of the household, the business, and even a kingdom. You have learned before about how you steward your gifts of time, talent, and treasure. Now, take a look at what that means for the church!

On the right is a triangle with the pillars of our stewardship of God's kingdom. Jesus entrusts his kingdom to us - to worship, to care for God's people, and to care for our "home." This is how we ask you to invest your time, talent, and treasure.



First, if you have not already done so, now is the time to become a part of a unique community of believers by sharing your talents to fulfill the mission of building God's Kingdom. Please check out our ministries on our [website](#) (or scan the QR code on the right), and then fill out the [talent form here](#).



There are 186 households, which have pledged their treasure over the last week for a total of \$360,425.00. That is 16% of our registered families and 36% of our goal of \$1M. We are hoping for 100% participation, even if it's just a small amount. Please pray about how you can commit a portion of your finances to support this church in 2025. Then fill out a pledge card on [PushPay](#) or scan the QR code to the right. **If you pledge online, please report your total pledge for the year.**



Change your life by becoming engaged, as the steward that our Lord and Savior has called you to be. Give of your time by attending Mass and praying for us. Give of your talent by joining a ministry. Give of your treasure by pledging a portion of it.

Thank You to Our "Street Cleaners"

Our *Adopt-A-Street Fall Cleanup* on October 5, 2024 included a beautiful day in nature, encountering less trash, and sharing more positive conversations. Thank you **Jennifer Leeden**, our City of Covington Coordinator, **Renee Samuelsen**, and **members of the Creation Care Team** for their participation. In addition, we would like to express gratitude to **David Aldous** for his twice-a-week efforts to pick up trash on our campus and 156th Avenue adjacent to our parish grounds.

For more information on how you can help keep our neighborhoods cleaner through the *Random Acts of Cleanup* program, visit covingtonwa.gov/cleancovington.php. If you choose to enroll, you as a volunteer will receive a cleanup kit provided by the city, which will be yours to keep.



See you at our *Adopt-A-Street* cleanup in the spring!



ST. JOHN THE
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FAITH
FORMATION

ADVENT FUN DAY

MCMULLEN CENTER
November 24th
10:00-11:30am

FAMILIES, TEENS AND ADULTS WELCOME

**Activities for the
entire family!**

**Advent Crafts!
Cookie Decorating!
Photos! And More...**



Mary's Yes, Our Invitation into Love

ADVENT RETREAT FOR FAMILY 30

Presenters:

Fr. Carlos & Fr. Crispin

Presentations:

***Mary Questions**

***Mary Ponders**

***Mary Responds**

Saturday, November 30th

9am-3pm

Sanctuary of St. John the Baptist

Lunch is included

we recognize it is Thanksgiving weekend, yet hope you can
join us as we begin Advent together .

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