

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



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Crafter's Day at St. John the Baptist (November 9, 2024)

We pray. We play. We craft - on the "Craft & Hobby Day" at St. John the Baptist, where crafters get together for fellowship and lunch and even learning and teaching. Anyone is welcome to join! Treat yourself to a day dedicated to crafting, and join this group once a month. Come meet our mascot, **Sailor**, an 8-1/2 weeks old Whippet. The meeting times are posted in the "This Week in Our Church" section of this bulletin.

The next meeting is January 4, 2025.

November 24, 2024

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty. (Ps 93)



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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:

310 3rd Ave. S.
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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 "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

Come visit us at:

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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, November 24

Mass - 9:00 am
Advent Fun Day - 10:00 am
Blood Pressure Screening - 10:00 am
Mass - 11:30 am
Mass - 5:30 pm
High School Youth Group - 6:30 pm

Monday, November 25

Mostly Yoga - 8:00 am
Mass - 9:00 am
Guatemala Team Meeting - 6:00 pm
Choir (9:00 am) Practice - 7:00 pm
Choir (Fil-Am) Practice - 7:00 pm
Guadalupe Celebration Practice - 7:30 pm

Tuesday, November 26

Word & Communion Service - 9:00 am
Oracion - 6:00 pm
WICS - 6:00 pm
Vida en el Espiritu Santo - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, November 27

Mostly Yoga - 8:00 am
Mass - 9:00 am
Backpack Buddies Packing - 6:45 pm
Choir (Truthful Reign) Practice - 7:00 pm

Thursday, November 28

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Mass - 10:00 am
Hora Santa - 5:00 pm
Choir (11:30 am) Practice - 7:00 pm
RCIA/OCIA Meeting - 7:00 pm
Guadalupe Celebration Practice - 7:30 pm

Friday, November 29

Word & Communion - 9:00 am

Saturday, November 30

Parish Retreat - 9:00 am
Saturday Morning Scripture SFC - 10:00 am
Confession - 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Mass - 5:30 pm





Please Pray for

the sick:
J. J. Chapel
Ronie Gerona
Gina Howell
Arnold Seman

and those who have recently died:

Diane Crook
Greg Sherwood (brother of Jean Wall)
Jaren Tilley (nephew of Donna Lindsey)
and those whose names
are inscribed in the "Book of the Dead"



Pictures Available for Viewing

For those of you who attended *Father Carlos's Installation Mass*, you might be curious to see other angles of the Mass. Thanks to our photographer, **Paul Dehmer**, you can now see the before, during, and after of Father Carlos's Installation Mass. Please take a minute to browse through the gallery on our [website](#).

Alpha Coming Soon to *Family 30*



What is *Alpha*? It is an opportunity to explore the Christian faith in a modern, complex, and challenging world. It is an open and informal environment. All questions, and viewpoints are totally welcome - no pressure; no charge.

Sessions include sharing a meal, watching a video, and having small group discussions.

Whether you know nothing about Christianity or have a degree in theology, *Alpha* has something for you! Bring a friend!

Family 30 plans to start this program on **January 13, 2025** and will run for 11 consecutive Mondays from **6:30 pm to 8:00 pm**.

Holy Spirit will host most of the evenings, and St. John the Baptist will host the fourth Mondays in January and February.

For more information, please contact the office at **253-630-0701** and leave a message for **Dave Richardson**.

There will be flyers and announcements on this event in the upcoming weeks. Please continue to check the bulletin and the website for updates.

Say Yes to "Hello!"

We are still in need of *Hospitality Ministers*. These ministers are primarily involved in welcoming parishioners before Mass, assisting the disabled, handing out bulletins after Mass, and being an usher before and throughout Mass.

If you are a family that wants to serve together at Mass or a person who feels called to this ministry (consider this as part of your stewardship gift), please contact **Laurie Moloney** at lauriem@sjtbcc.org or call the office.

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.



Honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe

Join us as we celebrate the *Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe*, who is the Virgin Mary who appeared to Juan Diego, a gifted member of the Chichimeca people in Mexico City. The celebration includes the following at **St. John the Baptist parish**:

- December 3 to 11: Novena at 6:00 pm. If there is an evening Mass, the novena will take place after Mass.
- December 10: Introduction to Our Lady of Guadalupe at 6:00 pm at St. John the Baptist McMullen Center. Join **Father Carlos** as he gives the history of the Marian apparitions at Guadalupe, Mexico, and what it meant to the indigenous peoples. There will be Mexican food and dancing.
- December 11: Rosary and Exposition at 1:45 pm at St. John the Baptist and procession to Holy Spirit at 2:30 pm.
- December 12: The start of *Mañanitas* at 4:00 am followed by breakfast at 5:00 am. Stop by before work!
- December 12: Spanish Mass at 6:30 pm followed by dinner at 7:30 pm.

Please mark your calendars and join us for these wonderful activities commemorating Our Lady of Guadalupe.

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 38 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 38 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.



The *Giving Tree* team held their first meeting on November 13. Members of the *Giving Tree* team are **Pat Carroll, Andrea Chay, Pat Defiesta, Barb Dickens, Kathy Kernan, Mary Petersen, Judy Peterson, Bonnie Sawyer, Amanda Varelia, and Kathy Wickward**.

The goal is to support at least 60 families (up from the original 50) this holiday season. The team hopes to support more families, but it will depend on donations received and volunteers available to help out with the event.

In all due respect to Thanksgiving, the tree for the event will not be set up until November 30. Therefore, tags will not be available before *Black Friday*. For those interested in shopping on *Black Friday* for items on the *Giving Tree*, please consider socks, underwear, and games/puzzles for boys and girls ages 1-18 years old. These items are very much in demand in the past *Giving Tree* events. Note that Amazon delivery to the parish will not be an option this year.

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, December 22** (time TBD) for the event. There will be a signup sheet available sometime soon for those interested in being a volunteer.

If you would like to be involved in this wonderful ministry and celebrate in the season of giving, please contact **Kathy Wickward** at kathyw@sjtbcc.org or 253-630-0701 ext. 101 or any of the team members listed above.



Join Us For Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is November 28, a time for celebrating what we have been blessed with. Join us in giving thanks during our Thanksgiving Mass on **November 28 at 10:00 am**. Bring a food item to be blessed for your Thanksgiving dinner. We will also take up financial and food collections to support a local food bank.

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 you are asked to invest your time, talent, and treasure.



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](#).



Last week's totals included Holy Spirit. This week's is only St. John the Baptist registered families. There are 147 households, which have pledged their treasure over the last week for a total of \$407,231.00. That is 12.7% of our registered families and 40% 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. 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.

Thanksgiving Office Hours

Please remember that our office is indefinitely closed on Mondays, and calls will be forwarded to voicemail.

So that our parish staff may enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday with their families, the **office is also closed on Thursday (Thanksgiving Day) and Friday**. If you have a [pastoral care emergency](#) and have to call the parish office on these days, please call [253-630-0701](tel:253-630-0701) and press 9.

From the team of St. John the Baptist bulletin, happy and blessed Thanksgiving to you and your loved ones!

Discover Fire

PASTOR'S
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WE PROCLAIM CHRIST CRUCIFIED

The symbol of the cross is today associated primarily with Christianity, but variations can be found in ancient religious art. In Christianity, the early Church Fathers began to see the cross foreshadowed in the Old Testament.

In Exodus, God instructs the people to sacrifice a lamb and smear its blood on the doorposts on the night before the exodus. Those who did so became the chosen people of God, taken out of slavery in Egypt. This is seen as a foreshadowing of the blood that Jesus, the Lamb of God, would shed on the cross, and those who believe in Him are God's people, taken out of the slavery of sin. Later, while in the desert, venomous snakes were biting the people, and God instructed Moses to build a bronze serpent on a cross-like post. When the people looked at it, they were healed from the poison. Jesus, on the cross, "becomes sin" to give us life. God uses the universal symbol of a cross to draw us to Himself.

The first Christian communities were less concerned with symbolic representations of Christianity and more focused on preaching and living the Gospel since they were being persecuted. St. Paul, in 1 Corinthians 1:22-23, says, "For Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified." Then, near the end of the letter in chapter 15, he writes, "If Christ has not been raised, then empty is our preaching; empty, too, your faith."

It wasn't until the 4th century, when the Church ceased to be persecuted, that a new artistic culture emerged within Christianity. It began with Emperor Constantine, who embraced Christianity to save the Roman Empire. Before going to war, he had his troops trace giant crosses on their shields. They won the war, Christianity became legal in Rome, and he attributed the victory to the sign of the cross.

Since then, the cross as a Christian symbol has become widespread and used in all forms of artistic expression. Sometime between the 11th and 14th centuries, the tradition of adding the corpus of the crucified Christ to the cross became significant. Echoing St. Paul's words of preaching Christ crucified, the representation of the plain cross was replaced with the crucifix. From this emerged a deep spiritual tradition of meditating on the crucifix as a visible sign of God's love (John 3:16). Artistic emphasis was given to the lifelike representation of Jesus precisely to draw us closer to this mystery. The crucifix is today a key component of our houses of worship. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal requires that a crucifix be present on or near the altar during Catholic Mass.

The original corpus of the processional cross is an important part of the history of St. John the Baptist, created by the same Jewish artist who made the altar and tabernacle. That corpus will be displayed at a location to be determined later.

Let us continue to proclaim Christ crucified in our words, actions, and sacred spaces.

In Christ,
Fr. Carlos



HOLY SPIRIT PARISH



ESPAÑOL AL REVERSO

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



PROCLAMAMOS A CRISTO CRUCIFICADO

El símbolo de la cruz se asocia hoy principalmente con el cristianismo, pero se pueden encontrar variaciones en el arte religioso antiguo. En el cristianismo, los primeros Padres de la Iglesia comenzaron a ver la cruz prefigurada en el Antiguo Testamento.

En Éxodo, Dios ordena al pueblo que sacrifique un cordero y unte su sangre en los postes de las puertas la noche anterior al éxodo. Aquellos que lo hicieran se convertirían en el pueblo elegido de Dios, liberado de la esclavitud en Egipto. Esto se ve como un presagio de la sangre que Jesús, el Cordero de Dios, derramaría en la cruz. Aquellos que creen en Él son el pueblo de Dios, liberado de la esclavitud del pecado. Luego, mientras estaban en el desierto, serpientes venenosas mordían a las personas, y Dios ordenó a Moisés que construyera una serpiente de bronce sobre un poste con forma de cruz, para que cuando la gente la viera, se sanara del veneno. Jesús, en la cruz, “se hace pecado” para dar vida. Dios usa el símbolo universal de una cruz para atraernos hacia Él.

Las primeras comunidades cristianas estaban menos preocupadas por las representaciones simbólicas del cristianismo y más enfocadas en predicar y vivir el Evangelio, ya que estaban siendo perseguidas. San Pablo, en 1 Corintios 1:22-23, dice: “Porque los judíos piden señales y los griegos buscan sabiduría, pero nosotros predicamos a Cristo crucificado”. Luego, cerca del final de la carta, en el capítulo 15, escribe: “Si Cristo no resucitó, vana es nuestra predicación, vana también es vuestra fe”.

No fue hasta el siglo IV, cuando la Iglesia dejó de ser perseguida, que surgió una nueva cultura artística dentro del cristianismo. Comenzó con el emperador Constantino, quien abrazó el cristianismo para salvar al Imperio Romano. Antes de ir a la guerra, hizo que sus tropas trazaran cruces gigantes en sus escudos. Ganaron la guerra, el cristianismo se volvió legal en Roma y él atribuyó la victoria a la señal de la cruz.

Desde entonces, la cruz como símbolo cristiano se ha extendido y se ha utilizado en todas las formas de expresión artística. En algún momento entre los siglos XI y XIV, el uso de añadir el cuerpo de Cristo crucificado a la cruz se convirtió en una tradición importante. Haciendo eco de las palabras de San Pablo sobre la predicación de Cristo crucificado, las representaciones de la cruz simple fueron reemplazadas por el crucifijo. De ahí surgió una profunda tradición espiritual de meditar sobre el crucifijo como signo visible del amor de Dios (Juan 3:16). Se dio énfasis artístico a la representación realista de Jesús precisamente para acercarnos a ese misterio. El crucifijo es hoy un componente clave de nuestros lugares de culto. La Instrucción General del Misal Romano requiere que haya un crucifijo sobre el altar o cerca de él durante la Misa Católica.

El corpus original de la cruz procesional es una parte importante de la historia de San Juan Bautista, creado por el mismo artista judío que hizo el altar y el tabernáculo. Ese corpus se exhibirá en un lugar que se determinará más adelante. Sigamos proclamando a Cristo crucificado en nuestras palabras, acciones y espacios sagrados.

Sigamos proclamando a Cristo crucificado en nuestras palabras, acciones y espacios sagrados.

En Cristo,
Padre Carlos



ST. JOHN THE
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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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Simbang Gabi 2024

Saturday, December 14, 2024 at 5:30 PM
Celebrant: Fr. Carlos Orozco

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Hosted by: The Filipino-American Association of SJTBCC

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