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FAMILY 30



The Catholic Community of
St. John the Baptist

Father Carlos Orozco, Pastor
Father Crispin Okoth, Vicar

Holy Spirit
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A New Catholic Liturgical Year Begins

Welcome to St. John the Baptist, as we begin our new liturgical year for 2024 - 2025 on this First Sunday of Advent, December 1, 2024. Our season of Advent runs through December 24, 2024. Welcome to everyone joining us in worship!

December 1, 2024

First Sunday of Advent

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul. (Ps 25)



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 "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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Contact Us!

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This Week in Our Church

Sunday, December 1

Mass - 9:00 am
Mass - 11:30 am
Mass - 5:30 pm
High School Youth Group - 6:30 pm
First Reconciliation Parent Meeting - 7:00 pm

Monday, December 2

Mostly Yoga - 8:00 am
Mass - 9:00 am
Choir (9:00 am) Practice - 7:00 pm
Knights of Columbus Council Meeting - 7:00 pm
Guadalupe Celebration Practice - 7:30 pm
Guadalupe Dance Practice - 8:30 pm

Tuesday, December 3

Word & Communion Service - 9:00 am
Life, Justice, Peace Meeting - 3:00 pm
Oracion - 6:00 pm
Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena - 6:00 pm
WICS - 6:00 pm
Choir (Fil-Am) Practice - 7:00 pm
Vida en el Espiritu Santo - 7:00 pm
Guadalupe Dance Practice - 9:00 pm

Wednesday, December 4

Mostly Yoga - 8:00 am
Mass - 9:00 am
Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena - 6:00 pm
Elementary First Reconciliation Service - 6:30 pm
Backpack Buddies Packing - 6:45 pm
Middle School Youth Group - 7:00 pm
OCIA (children) - 7:00 pm
Walking Through Grief Zoom - 7:00 pm

Thursday, December 5

Creation Care Team Meeting - 1:00 pm
Safe Parking Meeting - 3:00 pm
Hora Santa - 5:00 pm
Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena - 6:00 pm
Mass - 6:30 pm
Choir (11:30 am) Practice - 7:00 pm
RCIA/OCIA Meeting - 7:00 pm
Guadalupe Celebration Practice - 7:30 pm
Guadalupe Dance Practice - 8:30 pm

Friday, December 6

Word & Communion - 9:00 am
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 9:45 am
Hispanic Charismatic Adoration - 4:00 pm
Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena - 6:00 pm
Mass (Spanish) - 7:30 pm

Saturday, December 7

Advent Reconciliation Service - 10:00 am
Saturday Morning Scripture SFC - 10:00 am
Confession - 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Mass - 5:30 pm
Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena - 6:00 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"

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 it 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.

Culturally Curious?

We have just the thing for you! Discover the profound story of Our Lady of Guadalupe with Father Carlos on Tuesday, December 10. He'll share the history of this miraculous event, its impact on the indigenous people, and why it remains a cornerstone of Mexican culture today.

The evening begins with a meal prepared by members of our Hispanic community at 6:00 pm, followed by Father Carlos's talk from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. The event will conclude with a captivating performance by the *Matachines* dancers at 7:30 pm. This is an enriching experience for everyone, not just our Hispanic community. Come and learn something new! All are welcome!

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.



Pictures Available for Viewing

For those of you who attended *Father Carlos's Installation Mass* on November 4, 2024, 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 the Mass. Please take a minute to browse through the gallery on our [website](#).



Christmas is in the air! The tree is up and decorated with tags of items needed by boys and girls of all ages. The *Giving Tree* team continues their planning, as we quickly approach the event date of December 22, 2024.

Mark your calendars and please consider signing up to be a volunteer at this event. The team will need a lot of Santa's elves to help the families through the "store". Sign up sheets will be available soon.

There will be no option to order from Amazon this year. The team is depending on the generosity of donors to do the shopping with local merchants or order online themselves. Tags for items needed are available out in the narthex on the tree or on the tables.

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.

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.

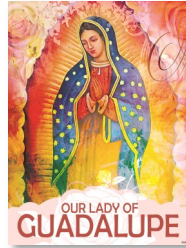
Save the Date!

The *Knights of Columbus* will be having their annual **Crab Feast on Saturday, January 25, 2025**. Please mark your calendars. Tickets will be available around the middle of December 2024. Dates will be announced in the bulletin.



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. Novena will take place before the evening 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.

Decorate With Poinsettias

You are invited to make a donation on behalf of a loved one for the poinsettias that we will use to decorate the church for Christmas. Blank cards are available out in the narthex. Write the name of the person you wish to remember on a memorial card and place it in the envelope with your payment. Put it in the collection box in the narthex. The memorial cards will be displayed in the narthex at Christmas.



Deadline is Sunday December 22, 2024. A donation of \$10 per flower pot is greatly appreciated.

Hats, Scarves, and Mittens Keep Neighbors Warm

Thanks to the generosity of St. John the Baptist Catholic community, over 500 hats, mittens, and scarves have been distributed to the homeless. Each of the charities supported were beyond grateful for all that our community has given to their clients. Thank you very much for your generosity!

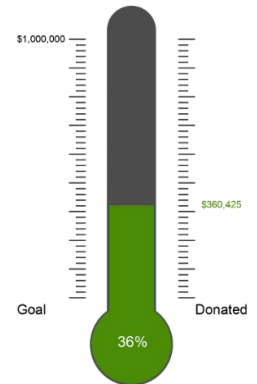


Become a Steward of Your Treasure

Thanks to all who have pledged their time and treasure to our parish! We are entrusted with God's kingdom. Your support makes our formation, liturgy, community, and outreach programs possible.

This thermometer shows how many pledges we have received. Note that **less than a quarter of our members have committed**.

- 186 households have pledged their treasures
- \$360,425.00 total pledged
- 36% of our goal of \$1M
- **16% of our registered families have pledged**



Remember, even the smallest pledge counts! Your commitment helps us to budget our funds for the coming year.

Please 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.

Thank You!

The Knights of Columbus would like to thank all those that attended and made a donation at the recent *Pancake Breakfast* on November 17. We served over 120 guests.



Your donations enabled us to make a \$1,500 donation to the Seminarian Fund. Special thanks for a generous donation of \$500 from one parishioner.

If you attended the breakfast and were not able to make a donation but would still like to support our seminarians, you can drop off a donation of cash or a check at the office. Checks can be made out to *KOC Council 11780*; write *Seminarian Fund* in the memo. Thank you, again, for your support!

Holy Day of Obligation

December 8 is the Second Sunday of Advent, so the *Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception* is transferred to Monday, December 9. Previously, when the date was transferred, the obligation was abrogated. That will no longer be true. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops states, "The feast must be observed as a day of obligation on the day to which it is transferred." In light of this new and recent directive, the ***Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on Monday, December 9, 2024 is to be observed as a holy day of obligation.***



CELEBRACIÓN DE *La Virgen de Guadalupe*

11 de diciembre de 2024

San Juan Bautista	1:00 PM	Exposición del Santísimo y Rosario
	2:00 PM	Inicio de Procesión
San Vicente de Paul	6:00 PM	Encuentro en el estacionamiento
	7:45 PM	Llegada a la Parroquia
Parroquia del Espíritu Santo	8:00 PM	Rosario Guadalupano
	9:00 PM	Actividades
	11:00 PM	La Santa Misa

12 de diciembre de 2024

Parroquia del Espíritu Santo	12:00 AM	Mañanitas
	1:00 AM	Juramentación
San Juan Bautista	4:00 AM	Mañanitas, Rosario y Actividades
	6:30 PM	La Santa Misa (Español)
Parroquia del Espíritu Santo	7:00 PM	Rosario y Actividades
	8:00 PM	La Santa Misa (Español) seguida por Cena Parroquial

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CELEBRATION OF

Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 11, 2024

St. John the Baptist	1:00 PM	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary
	2:00 PM	Procession Begins
St. Vicent de Paul	6:00 PM	Meeting at the Parking Lot
	7:45 PM	Arrival at the Parish
Holy Spirit Parish	8:00 PM	Guadalupan Rosary
	9:00 PM	Actividades
	11:00 PM	Holy Mass

December 12, 2024

Holy Spirit Parish	12:00 AM	"Mañanitas"
	1:00 AM	Oath
St. John the Baptist	4:00 AM	"Mañanitas", Rosary, and Activities
	6:30 PM	Holy Mass (Spanish)
Holy Spirit Parish	7:00 PM	Rosary and Activities
	8:00 PM	Holy Mass (Spanish) followed by Parish Dinner

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NOVENARIO A

La Virgen de Guadalupe


3 al 11 de diciembre de 2024

Día	Fecha	Iglesia	Hora del Rosario	Hora de la Misa	Lenguaje
Día 1	Martes 3	Parroquia del Espíritu Santo	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	Español
Día 2	Miércoles 4	Parroquia del Espíritu Santo	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	Español
Día 3	Jueves 5	Parroquia del Espíritu Santo	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	Español
Día 4	Viernes 6	San Juan Bautista	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	Español
Día 5	Sábado 7	Parroquia del Espíritu Santo	Después de Misa	7:00 PM	Español
Día 6	Domingo 8	Parroquia del Espíritu Santo	6:30 PM	8:00 PM	Español
Día 7	Lunes 9	Parroquia del Espíritu Santo	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	Español
Día 8	Martes 10	Parroquia del Espíritu Santo	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	Inglés
Día 9	Miércoles 11	Parroquia del Espíritu Santo	8:00 PM	11:00 PM	Español

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NOVENA TO *Our Lady of Guadalupe* December 3 to 11, 2024

Day	Date	Parish	Rosary Time	Mass Time	Language
Day 1	Tuesday 3	Holy Spirit Parish	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	Spanish
Day 2	Wednesday 4	Holy Spirit Parish	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	Spanish
Day 3	Thursday 5	Holy Spirit Parish	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	Spanish
Day 4	Friday 6	St. John the Baptist	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	Spanish
Day 5	Saturday 7	Holy Spirit Parish	After the Mass	7:00 PM	Spanish
Day 6	Sunday 8	Holy Spirit Parish	6:30 PM	8:00 PM	Spanish
Day 7	Monday 9	Holy Spirit Parish	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	Spanish
Day 8	Tuesday 10	Holy Spirit Parish	6:30 PM	7:30 PM	English
Day 9	Wednesday 11	Holy Spirit Parish	8:00 PM	11:00 PM	Spanish

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Simbang Gabi 2024

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

Please join us after the mass for dinner at the McMullen Hall.
Hosted by: The Filipino-American Association of SJTBCC

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