

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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Advent Wreath at Holy Spirit

The Advent wreath is a symbol of *Hope* (Week 1), *Peace* (Week 2), *Joy* (Week 3), and *Love* (Week 4) and is a cherished tradition in the weeks leading up to Christmas. You can find this beautiful wreath in the sanctuary at Holy Spirit. St. John the Baptist has its own wreath, which will be featured next week.

December 15, 2024

Third Sunday of Advent

Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel. (Ps 12)



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

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Saturday from 10:00a to 3:00p

Sunday & Monday - Closed

Come visit us at:
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253-630-0701



Please Pray for

the sick:

Leah Womack

and those who have recently died:

Rhodora Caguiao

Joyce Cordero

Osmundo Mendoza

(relatives of Carolina Mendoza)



There's still time to help make Christmas merry and bright for families who are struggling this Christmas!

We have 37 families on the Giving Tree list, and the Giving Tree team expects another 13 families to call before the event.

A "tree of tags" is up in the narthex and is decorated with tags of items needed by boys and girls of all ages. More tags are available on the table next to it. Please stop by and pick up a tag or tags.

Purchase the item on the tag and place it under the tree **unwrapped by December 19**. There is also an option to purchase gift cards for each family, in lieu of or in addition to the toys and clothing. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, please visit us at [PushPay](#). Or use the QR code to make your donation.



DONATE \$

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". Please sign up to be an elf or pack the food bags that are given to each family. You can sign up at this [link](#) or scan the QR code. Feel free to dress in your elf outfit while volunteering as elves, or don your Christmas festive attire!



VOLUNTEER

The *Giving Tree* team thanks you for helping make this season merry and bright for families who are less fortunate than most of us. Please contact **Kathy Wickward** at kathyw@sjtbcc.org or 253-630-0701 ext. 101 if you need more information on the *Giving Tree*.

Alpha - Come and See

Bring a friend or family member and engage in a meaningful and safe dialogue about life's big questions.

Three weekends ago, we heard **Dave Richardson** speak at all the Masses about Alpha – a program designed for people to explore what it means to believe in Christ.



Sessions include sharing a meal, watching a video, and having small group discussions. Whatever your questions, doubts, or perspectives are, they are all embraced here.

We will gather beginning **January 13 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm at Holy Spirit**. Come for the first three Mondays, and then decide on your commitment for the remaining eight weeks. We are sure you will want to commit! For more information, please **contact the office at 253-630-0701** and leave a message for Dave Richardson. There are signup sheets in the narthex. A signup sheet on our website will be available soon.



sitbcc.org/advent-christmas-events/

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 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.

12 DAYS PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY
Padova – Venice – Siena – Assisi – Rome
APRIL 23- MAY 3, 2025

We finally have some information on the *12 Days Pilgrimage to Italy*. Please check our [website](#) for complete information and a form to fill out if you are interested in this pilgrimage. A reservation application is also attached to the **electronic** version of this bulletin.

The office has limited information on this pilgrimage, so it's best to call **Holy Sepulcher Tours & Travel** at **989-239-6584** if you have any questions.

Cold Temperatures Bring Icy Mornings

It's that time of the year again, when cold mornings bring ice to our church's parking lot and sidewalks.

When the temperatures drop below freezing, frost and ice form on the parking lot and sidewalks creating unsafe conditions for people attending the early morning Masses.

Without a dedicated ministry, de-icing the parking lot was only made possible by snagging a parishioner or two before Mass to help with the de-icing. We need a few strong people/families willing to be on a winter rotation to come and spread the de-icer on our sidewalks and parking lot at 8:00 am on these icy mornings. This will be a special ministry team that will only operate through mid-March.

Please contact **David Aldous** at (253) 630-0701 x114 if you can support this ministry.

Thank you for your gift of time and talent.

2025 Calendars

Get your copy of St. John the Baptist's 2025 liturgical calendar! They are now available out in the narthex in both English and Spanish.

Watch It On Facebook

If you missed the *Our Lady of Guadalupe* presentation by Father Carlos, you can still watch it on [Facebook](#) or simply click on the Facebook icon to the right. Unfortunately, the meal was not livestreamed, so you'll have to use your imagination for that. The meal consisted of *pozole* (soup) which is consumed as a thanksgiving for the joy we receive in Christ; tacos, which came from the influence of the Lebanese during that period and represents the mingling of cultures; and tamales, a staple in the culture. As Father Carlos puts it, "Tamales are the Mexican version of an energy bar."



Many thanks to **Julissa Uribe** of *El Ranchito*, who provided the delicious Mexican meal. **Julissa** is also a proud sponsor of our bulletin and a parishioner at St. John the Baptist. Please see her ad on the back of this bulletin and support her business! Thank you also, to the Hispanic Community for serving the meal!

Even without the meal, you'll be sure to enjoy this presentation!

Let's Party!



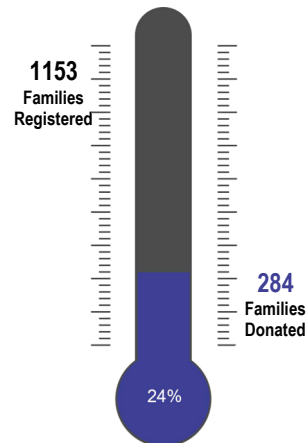
For all singles and unmarried couples between 18 and 39 years old, come join us! St. John the Baptist is hosting a *Christmas Party with White Elephant Gift Exchange and Karaoke* on **December 30 at 7:00 pm** at the McMullen Center.

Celebrate the birth of our Lord! Exchange an unwrapped unisex gift of up to \$25. Be sure to wear your "festive clothing" (AKA ugly Christmas sweater) for a group photo. Hope to see you all there!

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.

While it would be nice to reach our monetary goal of \$1M, our primary goal now is to have **each and every registered household pray and respond to the call of stewardship**. This thermometer shows how many pledges we have received. Note that **less than a quarter of our registered households have committed**.



- 284 households have pledged their treasures
- \$660,813.00 total pledged is 66% of our goal of \$1M
- **24% 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.

Mind Your Numbers!



Blood Pressure check after all morning Masses on **Sunday, December 22, 2024**

ADVENT 2024
Hope and Rejoice

Advent is a season of hope and joy as we prepare for the birth of Jesus Christ and his second coming.

Go to archseattle.org/advent or scan the QR code to the right for Advent inspiration, reflections, and resources.

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

All Masses are at St. John the Baptist unless otherwise noted.

Sunday, December 15

Mass - 9:00 am
Elementary Faith Formation Classes - 10:15 am
Mass - 11:30 am
RCIA/OCIA Dismissals - 11:30 am
Mass - 5:30 pm
High School Youth Group - 6:30 pm

Monday, December 16

Mostly Yoga - 8:00 am
Mass - 9:00 am
Prayer Ministry SFC Meeting - 9:30 am
Stewardship Meeting - 5:30 pm
Knights of Columbus Holiday Dinner - 6:00 pm
Choir (9:00 am Sunday) Practice - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, December 17

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
Vida en el Espiritu Santo - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, December 18

Mostly Yoga - 8:00 am
Mass - 9:00 am
American Sewing Guild - 9:30 am
Children's Christmas Mass Rehearsal - 4:30 pm
Backpack Buddies Packing - 6:45 pm
Middle School Youth Group - 7:00 pm
Choir (Truthful Reign) Practice - 7:00 pm
Walking Through Grief Zoom (last meeting) - 7:00 pm

Thursday, December 19

Hora Santa - 5:00 pm
Mass - 6:30 pm
Choir (11:30 am Sunday) Practice - 7:00 pm
Finance Council Meeting - 7:00 pm
RCIA/OCIA - 7:00 pm

Friday, December 20

Word & Communion - 9:00 am
Parent's Night Out - 6:00 pm
Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 6:30 pm

Saturday, December 21

Prepares Meeting - 9:30 am
Saturday Morning Scripture - 10:00 am
Confession - 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

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**Optional Post Tour
Extension to Jordan**

Yes No

PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please complete one application per person)

Full Name (as printed on your passport):

First Name:

Middle Name:

Last Name:

Name (as you wish it to appear on your name badge):

Date of birth:

Male

Female

Mailing Address

Street:

Mobile Phone:

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City:

State:

Zip code:

Work Phone:

Email Address

PASSPORT INFORMATION

Country of citizenship:

Passport number:

Passport date of issue:

Passport date of expiration:

Frequent flier number:

Known traveler number:

ROOM ASSIGNMENT INFORMATION

Please check one: Double/triple occupancy Single occupancy (**Private Room**) \$850.00 additional

All prices are in US Dollars based on per person in a double/triple room, Passengers rooming alone is subject to single supplement

**If choosing double occupancy, please indicate the name of your roommate
if known at the time of booking**

If choosing single occupancy, would you be willing to share a room with another person?

Yes

No

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Please list the name, relationship and phone number for a family member/close friend who is NOT traveling with you:

I agree to the terms and conditions as stated in this tour contract:

Date: _____

Please enclose a copy of current passport and a deposit of **\$500.00 per person** made payable to:

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