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FAMILY 30



The Catholic Community of
St. John the Baptist

Father Carlos Orozco, Pastor
Father Crispin Okoth, Vicar

Holy Spirit
PARISH



Photos courtesy of *Kathy Wickward*

Celebrating *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

The *Matachines* dancers, pictured above during their practice, will be performing on Tuesday, December 10, when Father Carlos will speak about the mystery of *Our Lady of Guadalupe*. (See Page 3 for more details.) The *Matachines* dance tells stories and histories and is considered a pilgrimage to *Our Lady of Guadalupe*. Be sure to join us for this culturally enriching experience.

December 8, 2024

Second Sunday of Advent

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy. (Ps 126)



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

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

Sunday, December 8

Mass - 9:00 am
Elementary Faith Formation Classes - 10:15 am
Mass - 11:30 am
RCIA/OCIA Dismissals - 11:30 am
Welcome Gathering - 12:45 pm
Mass - 5:30 pm
Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena - 6:00 pm
High School Youth Group - 6:30 pm

Monday, December 9

Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary
Mostly Yoga - 8:00 am
Mass (Immaculate Conception) - 9:00 am
Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena - 6:00 pm
Choir (Fil-Am) Practice - 7:00 pm
Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Meeting - 7:00 pm
Mass (Immaculate Conception) at Holy Spirit - 7:00 pm
Guadalupe Celebration Practice - 7:30 pm
Guadalupe Dance Practice - 8:30 pm

Tuesday, December 10

Word & Communion Service - 9:00 am
Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena - 5:00 pm
Oracion - 6:00 pm
Our Lady of Guadalupe Presentation - 6:00 pm
WICS - 6:00 pm
Vida en el Espiritu Santo - 7:00 pm
Guadalupe Dance Practice - 9:00 pm

Wednesday, December 11

Mostly Yoga - 8:00 am
Mass - 9:00 am
Rosary & Exposition - 1:45 pm
Procession to Holy Spirit - 2:30 pm
Children's Mass Rehearsal - 4:30 pm
Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena - 6:00 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 - 7:00 pm

Thursday, December 12

Mañanitas - 4:00 am
Breakfast - 5:00 am
Facility & Grounds Commission Meeting - 4:30 pm
Hora Santa - 5:00 pm
Our Lady of Guadalupe **Mass (Spanish) - 6:30 pm**
Liturgy Commission - 7:00 pm
RCIA/OCIA Meeting - 7:00 pm
Our Lady of Guadalupe Reception - 7:30 pm

Friday, December 13

Word & Communion - 9:00 am

Saturday, December 14

Covington Chamber Craft Fair - 9:00 am
Holy Spirit Advent Reconciliation Service - 10:00 am
Saturday Morning Scripture - 10:00 am
Children's Christmas Mass Rehearsal - 2:00 pm
Confession - 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Mass (Simbang Gabi) - 5:30 pm
Simbang Gabi Reception - 6:30 pm



Please Pray for

the sick:

Ronie Gerona
Gina Howell

and those who have recently died:

Roldan Segundo Pinedo Diaz
(brother of Rosanna Del Aquila)
David Gaytan (father of Esperanza)
Ed Kinney Jr. (brother of Eva Diaz de Leon)

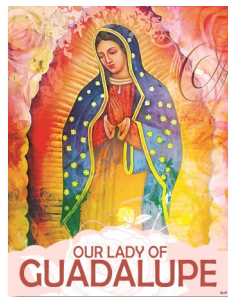
Experience the Mystery of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Father Carlos will share the history of this miraculous event, its impact on the indigenous people, and why it remains a cornerstone of Mexican culture today. Join us in discovering this profound story of *Our Lady of Guadalupe* on **Tuesday, December 10**.

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!

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 8 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. See article above.
- 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 you calendars and join us for these wonderful activities commemorating Our Lady of Guadalupe.



Christmas is definitely here! For most of us, we are thinking of our Christmas shopping lists, decorating the house, or planning that family reunion somewhere nice and warm. But for some of us, Christmas is a time when we are reminded that our children will be

making Christmas wishes, but there will be no Santa. If only we could have a Christmas tree with lights and one present under it for each child in our family . . .

But Christmas doesn't have to be that way! This is a time when you and I can make a difference in these families' lives by way of the *Giving Tree*! A "tree of tags" is up in the narthex and is decorated with tags of items needed by boys and girls of all ages. Please stop by and pick up a tag or tags. Purchase the item(s) on the tag and place them 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.



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.

The *Giving Tree* team thanks you for helping us 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.

Last weekend, 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're sure you'll want to! For more information, please **contact the office at 253-630-0701** and leave a message for Dave Richardson. There are sign-up sheets in the narthex.



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.

Help Me Find My Way Back Home!

Help, I think I'm lost! I belong to the kitchen and my purpose in life is to hold trays of hot or cold food. I am about 7 feet tall, weigh about 45 pounds, and I'm made of aluminum. I've been a part of St. John the Baptist church kitchen for many years (I can't remember how old I am anymore), and I really need to find my way back home. I used to live near the convection oven. I understand the kitchen misses me dearly, and I miss it too. The last time I saw the church's kitchen was probably in the summer, after the Yard Sale. I was hauled away, but I don't know who took me, so I can't give you a description. If you see me standing and looking lonely, please guide me back home by calling the church's office at **253-630-0701**. I am a critical part of the many ministries that use the kitchen, and I thank you in advance in reuniting me with my home! I hear St. John the Baptist is planning to purchase another one if I can't be found. That would be sad. I am still able to help hold the racks and that money could be used for something else. I hope you can help!

If you still don't know what I look like, here is a picture of me and my family in the kitchen.



Let's Party!



All you 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.

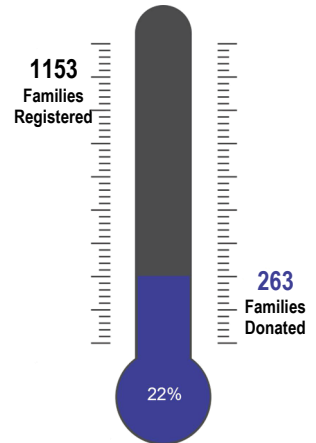
Celebrate the birth of our Lord! Exchange unwrapped unisex gift of up to \$25. Be sure to wear your "festive clothing" (AKA ugly Christmas sweater) for a group photo. Hope to see you all there!

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.

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

- 263 households have pledged their treasures
- \$606,542.00 total pledged is 60% of our goal of \$1M
- **22% 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.

Come Welcome New Parishioners

Have you joined St. John the Baptist in 2024?

If so, please join us in a welcome gathering! Meet our priests, Father Carlos & Father Crispin as well as members of our pastoral leadership team, leaders of various ministries, staff, and other parishioners! Add your rock to our baptistry, and let your stories become part of our parish story. We will meet in the **McMullen Center Multipurpose Room** for lunch this **Sunday, December 8, just after the 11:30 am Mass**. After lunch we will share stories, a tour, and take part in a short welcome ceremony.



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



An evening of culture, history, and celebration

DISCOVER THE STORY OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

with Fr. Carlos



Join us on Tuesday, December 10, for an inspiring evening exploring the story of Our Lady of Guadalupe with Father Carlos. Learn about the miraculous event that shaped history, its impact on indigenous peoples, and its lasting importance in Mexican culture today.

**DECEMBER 10TH
BEGINING AT 6 PM**

St. John the Baptist, McMullen Building

- 6:00 PM: Rosary
- 6:30–7:30 PM: Learn the history and significance of Our Lady of Guadalupe and experience a performance of traditional Aztec dance
- 7:45 PM: Share a meal prepared by members of our Hispanic community.

**This enriching event is open to everyone-
Come celebrate and learn something new!**



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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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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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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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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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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