

WEEK OF JANUARY 12, 2025

The Baptism of THE LORD



After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."



Our Mission

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.

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Grow in God's Time!
Go in God's Spirit!*

*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*

Mass Times & Confessions

Vigil: Saturday at 5:30p

Sunday Masses:

9:00a | 11:30a | 5:30p

Weekday Masses:

Monday & Wednesday at 9:00a

Thursday at 6:30p

1st Friday Spanish 7:30p

Word & Communion:

Tuesday & Friday at 9:00a

Confessions:

Saturday 4:00p to 5:00pm

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

Tuesday to Friday 9:00a to 4:00pm

Saturday from 10:00a to 3:00p

Sunday & Monday - Closed

Monday to Friday 9:00am to 5:00pm

Saturday & Sunday - Closed

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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



Sunday, January 12

Mass - 9:00 am
Elementary Faith Formation - 10:15 am
Mass - 11:30 am
OCIA Dismissal - 11:30 am
Mass - 5:30 pm
High School Group - 6:30 pm

Monday, January 13

Mostly Yoga - 7:30 am
Mass - 9:00 am
Oracion - 6:00 pm
Choir (9:00 am) Practice - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, January 14

Word & Communion - 9:00 am
WICS - 6:00 pm
Choir (Fil-AM) Practice 7:00 pm
Liturgy Training (Espanol) - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, January 15

Mostly Yoga - 7:30 am
Mass - 9:00 am
Middle School Youth Group - 7:00 pm
Choir (Truthful Reign) Practice - 7:00 pm

Thursday, January 16

Creation Care Team - 1:00 pm
Hora Santa 5:00 pm
Mass 6:30pm
Choir Practice (11:30) 7:00 pm
Finance Council 7:00pm
RCIA/OCIA 7:00 pm

Friday, January 17

Word and Communion - 9:00 am
Grupo Divinia Miserecordia - 6:30 pm
High School Retreat - 7:00 pm

Saturday, January 18

Faith Formation Commission - 9:00 am
Confession - 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Mass - 5:30 pm



Sunday, January 12

Mass in English - 8:30 am, 10:30 am
Misa en Espanol - 12:30 pm
Bible Study (English) - 12:30 pm
Mass in Swahili - 2:30 pm
Teen Confirmation Session - 5:30pm
Teen First Communion Session - 5:30 pm
Mass in Chuukese - 6:00 pm
Misa en Espanol - 8:00 pm

Monday, January 13

Mass - 9:00 am
Food Pantry - 1:00 pm
Alpha - 6:30 pm
Guatemala Mission Meeting - 6:00 pm

Tuesday, January 14

Wednesday, January 15

Mass - 9:00 am
Exposition - 6:00 pm
Confession - 6:00 pm
Mass - 7:00 pm

Thursday, January 16

Mass & Exposition - 9:00 am

Friday, January 17

Mass - 9:00 am

Saturday, January 18

Confession - 3:00 pm
Mass - 5:00 pm
Mass - 7:00 pm

Please Pray for

the sick:

Carnie Campo
Ronie Gerona
Carol Phillips
Vivian Realista
Arne Wespestad

and those who have recently died:

Alexandar Perry
(brother of Danilo Perry)
Mary Ellen Sisk
(grandmother of Rose McAvoy)
Nancy Temple
(friend of Laurie Moloney)
Connie Turner
(sister of Carla Snyder)



Christmas 2024 Mass Attendance

- December 24:
 - . 4:00 pm (Children's Mass): 668 people
 - . 7:00 pm Mass: 539 people
 - . 10:00 pm Mass (Spanish): 175 people
- December 25:
 - . 10:00 am Mass: 429 people
- Fire code capacity (based on square footage and the number and sizes of exit doors): 900 people
- Seating capacity: 500 chairs

We have no numbers from past Christmas Masses to compare this with, but the above numbers are encouraging. It is our hope that we continue to see new families join our community throughout the year.

If you're new to our community, please watch for our *Welcome Gathering* coming soon. Or, you may contact **Kathy Wickward** at ext. 101 for more information on our parish or becoming a member. We extend a warm welcome to all of our newcomers and those returning to join us.

Wanted: Gently Used Coats/Jackets



Here's your chance to do some spring cleaning early! The *Kent Food Bank and Emergency Services*, located in downtown Kent on West Harrison Street, is accepting **clean and gently used or new all-weather coats (adult sizes only)** for our unsheltered neighbors. If

you have a few sitting in your coat closet that you would like to donate to help our neighbors in need, please drop them off in the **Coats for Unsheltered Neighbors** box in the narthex at St. John the Baptist. Coats will be collected throughout the month of January. Please remember that long "dressy" coats will not serve their needs, as these are neighbors without shelters. There are resources for children's coats, so no children's coats are needed at this time.

May God bless you for your kindness and generosity.

Alpha: Explore Life and Faith in a Welcoming Community

Begin a journey of exploration and discovery with *Alpha*. Whether you are curious about Christianity, seeking deeper meaning, or simply exploring, you'll find a friendly and open space to connect.



Each session features a thought-provoking video that introduces key aspects of the Christian faith such as, who is Jesus and why does he matter. Learn how faith impacts everyday life. Join small group conversations where you can ask questions about God, faith, and life. Or you can simply listen to others share their perspectives.

Enjoy a free meal in a casual setting. Sharing food together helps build community and makes conversations more comfortable.

Sessions start on **January 13, 2025 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm** at Holy Spirit Parish Hall. Check St. John the Baptist's [website](#) for more information.

Happy Birthday St. John the Baptist! January 1991

Our journey started in the fall of 1990, when Father **Jack Walmesley** was assigned to establish a new parish in the Covington area. Ten acres of land had been set aside by the *Seattle Archdiocese* for a new church, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. The rest, they say, is history! Here's a snapshot of our journey:

- January 1991: First Mass of the Catholic Community of Covington celebrated at Horizon Elementary School with about 100 families
- March 1991 - **Archbishop Raymond Hunthausen** approves the name of "St. John the Baptist Catholic Church"
- July 1991 - **Sister Carol Ann McMullen**, SNJM, joined **Father Jack** in starting the religious formation program
- September 1992 - The building of stewardship begins with home visits
- January 1995 - Ground was broken for church sanctuary and office space
- January 1996 - The church sanctuary was dedicated; parish grows to 600 families
- September 2000 - The first Life Teen Mass was celebrated
- November 2000 - Construction of education/social center begins; parish grows to 820 families
- August 2001 - Grand opening of the McMullen Center (named after **Sister Carol Ann McMullen**); parish grows to 1,000 families
- July 2002 - **Father Walmesley** moves to another parish as Father Jim Coyne takes over
- July 2021 - **Father Jim** retires, and we welcomed **Father Bill McKee** as our new pastor
- July 2024 - **Father Bill** retires, and we welcomed **Father Carlos Orozco** as our new pastor and **Father Crispin Okoth** as our new vicar as we join Holy Spirit Parish as "Family 30"

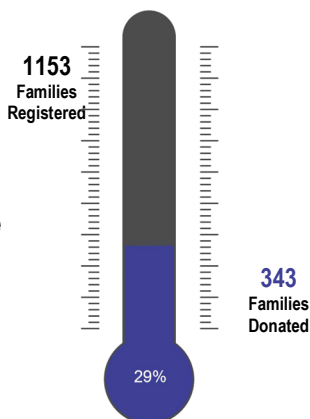
We are **1153 families strong today** and counting!

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.

If you are giving regularly through your bank, retirement fund, or through Pushpay, please check your account if you have not already done so. **After checking, please contact the office to confirm or update your pledge.** We still want to hear from everyone!

- **343 households** (out of 1153 registered) **have pledged** their treasures
- \$767,189 total pledged is 76% of our goal of \$1M



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.

New Look to Our Bulletin

You have probably noticed the new format to our bulletin.

As of January 5, 2025, St. John the Baptist has officially joined bulletins with Holy Spirit to become "Family 30." The cover, mission statement and office hours, contact numbers, calendars, Gospel meditation, and ads will be printed by LPI, our contracted printers, and will be shared by both parishes. The articles specific to St. John the Baptist and Holy Spirit will be printed by each parish respectively. This gives each parish the flexibility to include all articles in a timely manner.

We hope you will enjoy the new format. We strive for continuous improvement, so the bulletin staff would like to hear from you on our new format and how you like or do not like it. Please email **Pat** at bulletin@sjtbcc.org with your comments.

Thank you for reading this bulletin and staying informed with St. John the Baptist community news.

Deadlines for Article Submission

Because of the new bulletin format, the submission deadline for articles is now the Monday prior to the weekend you want your article to appear. Articles will need to be approved prior to publication, so please allow time for approval. The bulletin team tries to accommodate everyone, but articles from ministries take publication priority. Thank you for your cooperation.

Submit all articles to communications@sjtbcc.org.

Gala Dinner and Dance 2025

Please join us for a night of dining and dancing at the "Gala Dinner and Dance 2025" hosted by the *Hispanic Charismatic Prayer Group*. This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate love, friendship, and community.

The event promises a memorable experience with exquisite Italian dining, uplifting music, a lively dance atmosphere with a DJ, and surprises to delight everyone.

This celebration is not only a chance to connect with others and build friendships but also an opportunity to come together in support of a noble cause that will benefit future events for our church, Family 30.

Saturday, February 8, 2025

7:00 pm to 12:00 midnight

Dinner served between 7:30 pm and 8:30 pm

St. John the Baptist McMullen Center

Cost per person: \$60.00

Age requirement: 16 years and older

Please **register here by January 31, 2025**

English: [Gala Dinner & Dance 2025](#)

Español : [Cena Baile de Gala 2025](#)

Your Envelopes and Special Collections



We continue to have special collections every month, which support causes outside our parish (i.e., PREPARES, Rice Bowl, and Catholic Home Missions). Please refer to attached flyer (available only in the electronic version of the bulletin).

If you receive envelopes, it is really important that you **use the correct envelope** for your donations, so they will get credited to where you would like them to go. If we receive a donation in a Special Collection envelope, we assume it is intended for that Special Collection. If you are using that envelope because you don't have the stewardship envelope you need for that week, **please write the word STEWARDSHIP** in large letters somewhere on that envelope, so we can credit it correctly.

Thank you so much for all of your generosity to the parish and special causes. **We appreciate you!**

JANUARY
POVERTY AWARENESS MONTH

During *Poverty Awareness Month*, join the U.S. bishops, the *Catholic Campaign for Human Development*, and the Catholic community in the United States in taking up Pope Francis' challenge to live in solidarity with the poor! Daily reflections (usccb.org/resources) include ways to learn about poverty, get inspired by how communities are responding, and take action with others.

As you start the new year and make your resolutions, take a moment to think of one way you can address poverty in your community, school, or parish. Please visit the *United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website* for more ways to get involved in spreading awareness. There are resources in both English and Spanish.

“God loves a cheerful giver”

-2 Corinthians 9:7

Every year, the Archdiocese of Seattle invites Catholics to support important collections. This calendar outlines opportunities so you can plan your giving and support the causes most important to you.

Local, national and worldwide Catholic appeals



JAN

Church in Latin America:
Supports pastoral programs throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

FEB

PREPARES:
Parish-based pregnancy and parenting outreach to women and families of all faiths in building healthy support networks.



MAR

Northwest Catholic Campaign:
Supports the official news and evangelization publication for the Archdiocese of Seattle as well as the Catholic Communications Campaign for the USCCB.

Lenten CRS Rice Bowl:
Donations fund Catholic Relief Services' agriculture, health, and educational projects overseas as well as grants in Western Washington for local anti-hunger projects.

Catholic Relief Services:
Worldwide organization supporting the work of Catholic organizations that aid victims of war and natural disasters, help build peace in places of conflict, and minister to migrants and others with specific pastoral needs.

APR

Holy Land Good Friday:
Provides support for the holy places as well as pastoral, charitable, educational and social works in the Holy Land.

JUN

Peter's Pence:
Supports the works of the Holy Father in helping to relieve the suffering of the world's most vulnerable victims of war, the oppressed and those impacted by natural disasters.

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JUL

Military Services, USA:

Supports the pastoral care of Catholics in the armed forces (at home and abroad), military academies, Veterans Affairs Medical Centers and those working in civilian jobs for the federal government beyond U.S. borders.

AUG

Church in Africa:

Finances pastoral projects in Africa including outreach programs, schools, evangelization, and education of clergy and lay ministers.

Catholic Home Missions:

Provides resources to strengthen the Church in the U.S. by providing funds to enhance pastoral ministry through catechesis, seminarian and lay training, education and spiritual care.



SEPT

Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD):

Awards grants that address the root causes of national poverty through promotion and support of community-controlled, self-help organizations and transformative education.

OCT

Black and Indian Mission:

Supports and strengthens evangelization programs with an emphasis on serving economically challenged areas within dioceses in the U.S.

World Mission Sunday:

Supports mission priests, religious sisters and brothers, and lay catechists who are Christ's witnesses to the most vulnerable communities globally.

NOV

Church in Central and Eastern Europe:

Helps to restore the Church in lands that survived decades of communist rule while building a new, more hopeful future for the people living there.

DEC

Catholic Community Services of Western WA Appeal for the Poor:

Supports over 190 programs and services that are relevant to local needs in all 19 counties of Western Washington.

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Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together;
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. (40:5)

Psalm:

O bless the Lord, my soul. (Ps 104)

Second Reading:

He saved us through the bath of rebirth
and renewal by the Holy Spirit. (Ti 3:5)

Gospel:

After all the people had been baptized
and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying,
heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him
in bodily form like a dove. (Lk 3:22)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

“The people were filled with expectation,” writes Luke. And so we find ourselves, two thousand years later, filled with expectation, with longing. Who can give us what we seek? Only the one upon whom the dove descended. Follow him.

Observances for the week of January 12, 2025

- Sunday:** The Baptism of the Lord
- Monday:** St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Tuesday:**
- Wednesday:**
- Thursday:**
- Friday:** St. Anthony, Abbot
- Saturday:** January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- Next Sunday:** 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Devotions, *Explained!*

Catholics traditionally receive a blessing of the throat on the feast day of St. Blaise (Feb. 3), who was a bishop and martyr of fourth-century Armenia. During the blessing, a cross is formed from two blessed candles that are held over the throat.

Prayer for Baptism

Oh God,
You desire each of us to
be a part of Your sacred
family, called and invited into
relationship with You. May
the grace of our Baptisms
surround us anew, who are
beloved and chosen by You.

Amen.

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