



WEEK OF JANUARY 19, 2025

# *The Second Sunday* IN ORDINARY TIME



Photo by Fr. David Rogerson

Brothers and sisters:

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. 1 Corinthians 12:4



## 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.*

*Gather in God's Name!  
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 19**

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 20**

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

### **Tuesday, January 21**

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

### **Wednesday, January 22**

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 23**

Hora Santa 5:00 pm  
Mass 6:30pm  
Choir Practice (11:30) 7:00 pm  
Communications Team 7:00pm  
RCIA/OCIA 7:00 pm

### **Friday, January 24**

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

### **Saturday, January 18**

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

### **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

those who are **sick**:

**Melinda Cabaccang**  
**Carrie Campo**  
**William Hogan**  
**Vivian Realista**  
**Bernadette Rollolazo**  
**Diane Seitz**  
**Leah Womack**

those who have recently **died**:

**Felix Carunoncan**  
**Nandi Khanna**  
(father-in-law of Marilyn Khanna)

## Food Donations Break Records

Blessed are those who are generous,  
because they feed the poor. ~Prov 22:9

The Covington Storehouse (food bank) and the neighbors who utilize the food bank are deeply grateful to the generous parishioners of St. John the Baptist for their donations of food in 2024.

The [Consumer Price Index](#) reports that the cost of food in the Puget Sound area rose 2.6% in 2024 (up from 2023). But that did not stop our parishioners from helping our neighbors, who are food insecure. The rising cost has not deterred them from donating **7,300 pounds of food** (includes harvest from the *Garden of the Good Shepherd*) to the Storehouse in 2024, up from 4,670 in 2023. Food donations were also given to our *St. Vincent de Paul* (SVdP) food pantry and the Holy Spirit food pantry. It is estimated that **at least 10,900 pounds** were donated by our generous parishioners! Thank you!

Many thanks, also, for the hard work of **Angelo Battisti** and the *Knights of Columbus*. They gather the food donated every Sunday, fill the SVdP boxes every Monday, and deliver the rest to the Storehouse and Holy Spirit food pantry.

God bless our many donors, especially those little angels (kids), who proudly march up to the altar to bring their offerings of food every Saturday & Sunday during Mass!

## Found: Insulin Pen

An insulin pen was found in the sanctuary a few weeks ago. If you have lost a pen, please email **Pat** at [bulletin@sjtbcc.org](mailto:bulletin@sjtbcc.org) and identify the manufacturer and the proximity of where you might have lost it. If identified correctly, you can pick it up at the church office during office hours.

## Mind Your Numbers!



Blood Pressure check after all morning Masses on  
**Sunday, January 26, 2025**

## Attention Giving Tree Volunteers



It is not too late to give your comments on this past year's *Giving Tree*. A parishioner has already committed to leading the *Giving Tree* 2025, so if you have any comments or suggestions for the next event, please email them to **Pat** at [bulletin@sjtbcc.org](mailto:bulletin@sjtbcc.org). If you would like

to remain anonymous, please write your comment or suggestion on a piece of paper and place in the "Bulletin" mail slot in the parish's mailroom. The team also welcomes comments on what went well, so they can continue that process in the future. Thank you for your feedback!

## Wanted: Gently Used Coats/Jackets

There's still time to do some early spring cleaning and putting your once-cherished coat or jacket to good use!

The *Kent Food Bank and Emergency Services* 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 these neighbors' needs, because they are without shelters. Additionally, 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.

## Update From the Women's Commission

A meeting was held on January 10, 2025.

The Commission will be leading the first Stations of the Cross during Lent on March 7, 2025. It is also *The World Day of Prayer*, an ecumenical movement led by laywomen across the globe, celebrating women and girls who are "fearfully and wonderfully made" in the image of God. The Commission will honor that movement during their Stations of the Cross that evening, and they are looking for volunteers to write reflections as well as read them. You don't have to do both if you are only comfortable with one or the other. Please contact **Kathy Wickward** or **Rose McAvoy** in the office if you wish to participate.

As a result of some ideas shared by participants of last October's *Synod in Rome* event, the Commission is pursuing an opportunity in May and will communicate more as plans develop.

The Commission's display table in the narthex is "under construction" and should have an updated look in the next few weeks.

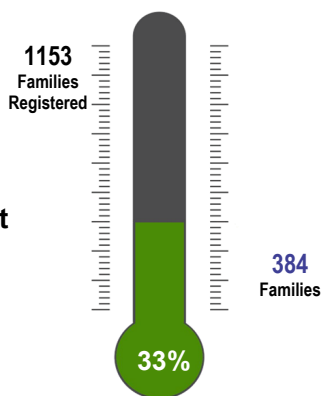
The next Commission Meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2025.

## Become a Steward of Your Treasure

Thank you to all who have pledged their time and treasure to our parish! Your support makes our faith formation, liturgy, community, and outreach programs possible.

If you are giving regularly through your bank, retirement fund, or through Pushpay, please check your account and contact the office to confirm or update your pledge. **We still want to hear from everyone!**

- **384 households** (out of 1153 registered) **have pledged** their treasures (up from 341 last week)
- \$838,472 total pledged is 84% of our goal of \$1M (up from \$767,189 last week)



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.



## Join Us For a Baby Shower

The PREPARES Ministry of St. John the Baptist invites you to join them in a baby shower for one of their mothers-to-be, **Elie**. Please join them on **Tuesday, January 28, 2025 at 2:00 pm in the McMullen Center** for light refreshments, games, and gift giving.

If you are unable to attend and would like to give **Elie** a gift, the following are gift ideas for her and her baby boy:

- Diapers (newborn and Sizes 1 and 2), baby wipes, & diaper cream
- Baby clothes (newborn to 12 months)
- Baby thermometer
- Bottles and binkies
- Baby wash and lotion
- Bassinet
- Baby rocker
- Monetary donations (checks written out to "St. John the Baptist" noting it's for PREPARES)

**Elie** is a young, single mother, who is looking forward to the birth of her baby boy on February 15, 2025. She has very restricted finances and will appreciate any of the above items. Thank you for any help you can give.

PREPARES will also appreciate help with providing refreshments, setting up, and clean up. If you can lend a hand with these, please contact **Laura Rothschilds** by leaving a message at the parish office at **253-630-0701**. **RSVP by January 26, 2025.**

## 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 Sunday, January 26, 2025**

English: [Gala Dinner & Dance 2025](#)  
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**JANUARY**  
POVERTY AWARENESS MONTH

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.

**Tell us how we can improve!  
Email me, Pat, at  
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and send me your suggestions**



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## Readings for the week of January 19, 2025

### Sunday:

Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3)/  
1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

### Monday:

Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 2:18-22

### Tuesday:

Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c/  
Mk 2:23-28

### Wednesday:

Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 3:1-6

### Thursday:

Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/  
Mk 3:7-12

### Friday:

Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14/  
Mk 3:13-19

### Saturday:

Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/  
Mk 16:15-18

### Next Sunday:

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15  
(see Jn 6:63c)/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14,  
27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A friend invited me to an invitation-only wine-tasting event. There were over two hundred varieties of wine. Having no idea how to approach such a massive selection, I wandered aimlessly among the tables, sipping this and that. At the end of the evening my friend asked if I had tried some of the exceptionally expensive wines. I hadn't. "The really good stuff disappears first," he said. "My man, you missed out on some amazing vino." I was so disappointed. I wasted my chance for amazing once-in-a-lifetime wine. The wine I tasted was, well, *blah*.

Don't we often feel a similar disappointment in life? I missed this or that opportunity. If only I had known. Optimism sputters and fades. The glory days are gone. The chances, it seems, for the really great things in life come and go so quickly. Then they are gone forever. The good stuff goes first. Then life is just *blah*.

Not so with the Lord Jesus. In Jesus' miracle at the wedding at Cana, the steward of the feast says, **"Everyone serves good wine first, and then...an inferior one" (John 2:10)**. That's the natural downward progression of life. The good stuff disappears quickly. But he says of the groom (who symbolizes Jesus), **"But you have kept the good wine until now."** This is the ever-improving trajectory of the realm of God's grace. With Jesus, the "good wine" of divine love, hope and peace gets better as our journey of faith progresses. Where are your greatest disappointments? Don't give in to the lie that the really good stuff is gone. Tell Jesus you've run out. Then learn how to taste *that* amazingly good wine, because he saves the best until now.

— Father John Muir

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