

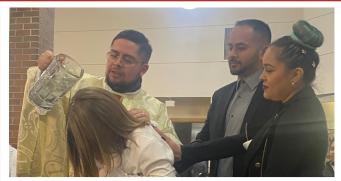




#### WEEK OF FEBRUARY 2, 2025

## The Presentation of the Lord







Baptism at Holy Spirit Parish January 22 to 25, 2025



Photos by Lupita Madrid

Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:38







## **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 5:00p 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 4:00p Saturday from 10:00a to 3:00p Sunday & Monday - Closed

Monday to Friday 9:00a to 5:00p Saturday & Sunday - Closed

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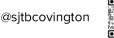


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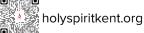
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**Evelia Torres-Lopez Clean Environment** 







#### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



#### Sunday, February 2 Mass - 9:00 am Elementary Faith Formation - 10:15 am Mass - 11:30 am OCIA Dismissal - 11:30 am First Communion Parent Meeting - 4:00 pm Mass - 5:30 pm High School Group - 6:30 pm

#### Monday, February 3

Mostly Yoga - 8:00 am **Mass - 9:00 am** Oracion - 6:00 pm Alpha (Holy Spirit Parish) - 6:30 pm Choir (9:00 am) Practice - 7:00 pm Choir (Fil-Am) Practice - 7:00 pm Knights of Columbus Council Meeting - 7:00 pm

#### **Tuesday, February 4**

Word & Communion - 9:00 am Life Justice Peace Meeting - 3:00 pm WICS - 6:00 pm Liturgy Training (Español) - 7:00 pm MDES Rehearsal - 7:00 pm Threshold Bible Study - 7:00 pm

#### Wednesday, February 5

Mostly Yoga - 8:00 am **Mass - 9:00 am** Choir (Truthful Reign) Practice - 7:00 pm Middle School Youth Group - 7:00 pm OCIA for children - 7:00 pm

#### Thursday, February 6

Threshold Bible Study - 10:00 am Creation Care Team - 1:00 pm Safe Parking Meeting - 3:00 pm Hora Santa - 5:00 pm **Mass - 6:30 pm** Choir (11:30) Practice - 7:00 pm OCIA 7:00 pm

#### Friday, February 7

Word and Communion - 9:00 am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 9:45 am Hispanic Charismatic Adoration - 4:00 pm Mass (Español) - 7:00 pm

#### Saturday, February 8

Adult Confirmation Prep - 9:00 am Saturday Morning Scripture - 10:00 am Confessions - 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm **Mass - 5:30 pm** Gala Dinner - 7:00 pm



#### Sunday, February 2

Choir Rehearsal (Swahili) Choir Rehearsal Español - 12:30 pm Rosario ala Virgen de Guadalupe **Mass** Swahili CWA Youth Confirmation Cursillos **Mass** Adult Faith Formation/Bible Study

#### Monday, February 3

Bible Study Groups (Español) Centro Rendu Youth Workshops Pastoral Council Food Pantry Small Christian Communities Alpha Grupo de Oracion **Mass** Grandparent Bible Study (Español)

#### **Tuesday, February 4**

Food Pantry Young Adult Choir (Español) Adult Confirmation Small Christian Community Grupo de Oracion Choir Rehearsal Español - 12:30 pm High School Youth Group Terrific Tuesday Meals Knights of Columbus Golf Committee

#### Wednesday, February 5

Young Adult Group (Español) Knights Council 8150 Bible Study (Español) RCIA/OCIA Cursillos

#### Thursday, February 6

Centennial Celebration Meeting Young Adult Core Team (Español) Holy Hour for Vocations Apologetics Bible Study (Español) Adult Confirmation (Español) Small Christian Communities (Español)

#### Friday, February 7

Confirmation Kent All Men's Alanon Bible Study Community (Español)

#### Saturday, February 8

Choir Rehearsal -7pm Español Sacramental Prep Young Adults (Español) Altar Society (Swahili) Small Christian Community Swahili Community CMA



We have a new rectory! Father Carlos, with dogs and goats, is moving into a home in Kent, five minutes from Holy Spirit and 10 minutes from St. John the Baptist. With a combination of Capital Reserve and Operating savings from St. John the Baptist and Holy Spirit, the home was purchased at a total cost of \$695,000. The basement of the new rectory will be converted into independent living quarters for a second priest, and seminarians will be able to stay with the pastor as well. It also has a large yard for happy dogs! Meanwhile, Father Crispin will move into Holy Spirit's existing rectory.

**The rectory is in need of furnishings.** If you would like to donate new or very lightly used furnishings, or would like to donate money towards the purchase of furniture, please contact Father Carlos or the office (include pictures and descriptions of the furniture). We are also requesting funds in a campaign to reduce our loan cost - please write "Family 30 Rectory" and send your checks to the St. John the Baptist office: 25810 156th Ave. SE, Covington, WA 98042. We will have a fund set up on PushPay by February 1, 2025.

To get your content in our bulletin, websites, and social media, contact **Pat Defiesta** at communications@sjtbcc.org for St. John the Baptist bulletin) or **Mary Molina** at communications@holyspiritkent.org (for Holy Spirit bulletin). Please send us content at least two (2) weeks before publication. For bulletin questions/comments, email **Pat** at <u>bulletin@sjtbcc.org</u>

#### Please Pray for

those who are **sick**: Judy Chaney Ronie Gerona

those who have recently **died**: *Kyle Babick* (nephew of Ray & Tess Babick) *Michael Eugene James Childs* (husband of Robin Childs) *Sylvia Taft* (mother of Karen Loomis)

#### **Confirmation Preparation for Adults**

Were you baptized and received *First Communion* in the Catholic Church as a child? Are you an adult who has completed high school? Do you attend Mass regularly? If you answered yes to all of the above and are interested in finishing your *Rites of Initiation*, then this is for you!

#### Please contact Joan Williamson at

joanw@sjtbcc.org or 253-630-0701 ext. 109 to learn more about becoming a full member in the Catholic Church.

#### **Did You Get Your Tax Statement?**

They were sent last week. For those who have an email address on file with St. John the Baptist, it was emailed last week. If we do not have your email address, your tax statement was mailed to your physical address. If you have not yet gotten your tax statement, please contact *Nancy Moore* (*ext. 102*) at the parish office. It's possible that you may need to update your mailing information.

#### Save the Date for Craft & Hobby Retreat

Planning for the Craft & Hobby Retreat is underway!

While registration doesn't open until February 14, 2025, *Nancy Moore* needs to know now who's planning to attend, so preparations can begin. If you are sure you'll be able to attend on February 21 and/or February 22, please email *Nancy* at <u>nancym@sitbcc.org</u> or call the parish office. You can submit your registration later by mail or drop-off. We need at least 20 participants to hold the event; friends and family from outside St. John the Baptist are warmly welcome!



#### **Olive Wood Carvings for Sale**



The handicrafts trade in the Holy Land has evolved as a cultural tradition of the Holy Land people over many centuries and has become an industry of significance to the local economy. Sadly, the Christian population in the Holy Land has dropped from 22% to less than 2% over the past two decades.

**Issa Jaraysa** will be at St. John the Baptist this weekend, February 1 and 2, to sell these handicrafts after all the Masses. They are crafted from olive wood. Artisans use only the pruned and discarded pieces of young olive trees and sprouts from the old, unproductive trees.

The proceeds support Catholic families in the Holy Land and will allow them to remain in their homeland. The sale of these handicrafts is their major source of income. The wares (nativities, crucifixes, rosaries, statues, and more) are from more than 75 families in Bethlehem. They are beautiful and unique items.

#### Thankful For Your Stewardship

We hit **\$838,472.00 in pledges** from 384 (33%) of our registered families at St. John the Baptist parish! Our goal was \$1,000,000, but we are still very thankful and blessed for reaching 83% of our goal. Thank you so much to everyone who has pledged to support our parish with their financial contribution. Our pledges are a bit less than last year, but we remain optimistic as we start our budget process. We appreciate all who give, regardless of pledge status.

If you are financially supporting the parish but have not received your "Vincent van Goat" magnet, please stop by the office and pick one up!

It is not too late to contribute! We welcome any amount. Click on the QR code and follow the prompts, or you may visit our <u>website</u> and enter your pledge there.



A million thanks from Vincent van Goat! We look forward to building a bright future together!



**Our New Rectory** 

Please direct your attention to Page 5 of our bulletin trifold. There are photos and a brief description of our new rectory. The link to donate is finally live, and you can donate at <u>ppay.co/-UiXbbeTgME</u>. Or you can scan this QR code. Thank you for your generosity!



#### Smile, You're on Candid Camera!

From time to time, you will see me, *Pat* (the bulletin editor) or other volunteers and staff members snapping photos at Mass. Some of these photos may be published in the bulletin. All photos are usually taken of the back of the parishioners, so



faces will not be recognizable. We respect the privacy of our parishioners attending Mass and will not publish photos going forward without a photo release form if a parishioner is clearly identifiable. If you have any questions, please email me, **Pat**, at <u>bulletin@sjtbcc.org</u>.

### **Cold Temperatures Bring Icy Mornings**

It's that time of the year again, when cold mornings bring ice to our 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.

#### New Parishioners, Join Us!



If you have joined St. John the Baptist in the last year but have missed our previous *Welcome Gatherings*, you are invited to join us **on Sunday, February 23, 2025 at 12:30 pm** (after the 11:30 am Mass) for lunch, a meetand-greet, ministry information, and a special tour of the facilities! Get your questions answered, make new friends, and get involved! Please RSVP at <u>archseattle.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/66/responses/new</u> by February 21, 2025. Hope to see you there! Contact *Kathy Wickward* at ext. 101 for more information.

#### 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 <u>bulletin@sitbcc.org</u> 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.

#### Tell Us What You Think

The community of St. John the Baptist is proud to partner with the City of Covington to address issues such as extreme weather and climate change. It is our hope that, together, we can create a more resilient, inclusive, and sustainable Covington for the future.

There is a five-minute survey that we hope you will take the time to complete and voice your opinion on issues like how you are impacted by extreme weather, reducing the city's greenhouse gas emissions, and identifying top priorities for the City's projects including parks, transportation, and more. Please fill out the <u>survey</u> by February 23, 2025. If you have any questions, please contact *Dafne Hernandez* at

dhernandez@covingtonwa.gov or 253-480-2442.

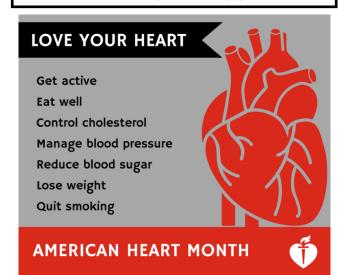
Thank you for your participation and concern for our city.



The Director of Vocations for the Archdiocese of Seattle, Father Justin Ryan, will be preaching on vocations at the Masses at <u>St. Monica</u> the weekend of **February 15 & 16, 2025**.

For more information about discernment and vocations, visit <u>Seattle Vocations</u> on the <u>Archdiocese</u> website.

Tell us how we can improve! Email me, *Pat*, at <u>bulletin@sjtbcc.org</u> and send me your suggestions



# **Discover Fire**

FEBRUARY1/2 2025

PASTOR'S CORNER

### **UPDATES**

Hello Parish Family,

January is now behind us. Thank you for your patience as we await Fr. Gilberto's return so that we can resume our alternating Mass presider schedule; as I long to be with our St. John the Baptist parish family for Sunday Mass.

Here are some updates for you:

- Partners in the Gospel. As of this month, we now have our Staff Partners in the Gospel Leadership Team. *From St. John: Kathy, Joan, Laurie and Rose. From Holy Spirit: Kristi, Brenda, Holly, & Lupita.* This team will work closely with me as we continue our journey towards becoming one canonical parish. The next step is to create our Parish Advisory Council, composed of key lay volunteers from both parishes. A reminder that this is a SLOW process. While you have noticed some changes, they are normal changes that come from a new pastor. The current phase for 2025 is "who we are" and "who do we want to become." Then in 2026 we will begin to explore the "how do we get there" and "what should we be called." By 2027, we will officially be one canonical parish. Be assured that this will all take place in a consultative manner, so everyone who wants to participate in the process will have a voice. More to come!
- **Rectory**. As of now, I am fully moved into the new rectory house. Being a larger house with more rooms to furnish, if you have GOOD furniture that you no longer have a need for and would like to donate for the new house, feel free to send Kathy W. or myself a photo of what you have. *Currently I am looking for: book shelves, couches, dining table with seating for 6, coffee tables.* Matching sets are always preferred. In case it helps, I'm going for a "contemporary farmhouse décor' feel".
- Time Management. As we enter into February, and being in this role now for 7 months, I thank you for the love and support you have shown me and the love and support I witness you show to one another. Please give me grace and patience as things have been incredibly difficult on my end in terms of time management. In the past couple of months Nancy Ortiz was brought in to be the assistant to the pastor which has helped a lot for scheduling appointments. The need is greater than I am able to offer at the moment so if you call for an appointment please be patient as we are working a couple months in advance. A reminder of my schedule: Monday & Thursday St. John office, Wednesday & Friday Holy Spirit office, and off on Tuesday. For the time being, Monday and Wednesdays are administrative days, which means I only have two days a week for personal meetings. It is not ideal, but it is the only way I will be able to keep up with the current administrative demand on me. Trust me, I would rather spend my days being present with the people! But the goal will be to get there after we continue restructuring.

Blessed beginning of February!

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

-Fr. Carlos



ESPAÑOL AL REVERSO

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



## ACTUALIZACIONES

Hola Familia Parroquial,

Enero ya quedó atrás, gracias por su paciencia mientras esperamos al P. Gilberto regrese para que podamos reanudar nuestro horario de misa alternativo, ya que anhelo estar con nuestra familia parroquial de San Juan Bautista para la misa dominical.

Aquí hay un par de actualizaciones para usted:

- Compañeros en el Evangelio. A partir de este mes, ahora tenemos nuestro equipo de personal para Compañeros en el Evangelio. *De St. John: Kathy, Joan, Laurie y Rose. Del Espíritu Santo: Kristi, Brenda, Holly y Lupita.* Este equipo trabajará estrechamente conmigo mientras continuamos nuestro viaje hacia convertirnos en una parroquia canónica. El siguiente paso es crear nuestro Consejo Asesor Parroquial, compuesto por voluntarios laicos clave de ambas parroquias. Recuerden que este es un proceso LENTO. Si bien has notado algunos cambios, son cambios normales que provienen de un nuevo pastor. La fase actual para 2025 es "quiénes somos" y "en quiénes queremos convertirnos". Luego, en 2026, comenzaremos a explorar "cómo llegar allí" y "cómo deberíamos llamarnos." Antes de que finalmente, en 2027, seamos una parroquia canónica. Tengan la seguridad de que todo esto se llevará a cabo de manera consultiva, para que todos los que quieran participar en el proceso tengan voz. Más por venir.
- **Casa del párroco.** A partir de ahora, me he mudado por completo a la nueva casa rectoral. Al ser una casa más grande con más habitaciones para amueblar, si tiene BUENOS muebles que ya no necesita y le gustaría donar para la nueva casa, no dude en enviarme una foto por correo electrónico de lo que tiene. Estoy buscando: estanterías para libros, sofás, mesa de comedor con capacidad para 6 personas, mesas de café. Siempre se prefieren los conjuntos a juego. En caso de que ayude, voy por una sensación de "decoración de granja contemporánea".
- Gestión del tiempo. Al entrar en febrero, y habiendo desempeñado este cargo durante 7 meses, les agradezco el amor y el apoyo que me han mostrado y el amor y el apoyo que presencio que se muestran unos a otros. Por favor, dame gracia y paciencia ya que las cosas han sido increíblemente difíciles por mi parte en términos de gestión del tiempo. En el último par de meses, Nancy Ortiz fue contratada para ser la asistente del pastor, lo que ha ayudado mucho a programar citas. La necesidad es mayor de lo que puedo ofrecer en este momento, así que si llama para programar una cita, tenga paciencia ya que estamos trabajando con un par de meses de anticipación. Un recordatorio de mi horario: Lunes y jueves Oficina de St, John, Miércoles y viernes Oficina de Espíritu Santo, y Martes Día libre. Por el momento, los lunes y miércoles son días administrativos, lo que significa que solo tengo dos días a la semana para reuniones personales. No es lo ideal, pero es la única manera en que podré mantenerme al día con la demanda administrativa actual. Créame, ¡preferiría pasar el día estando presente con la gente! Pero el objetivo será llegar allí después de que sigamos con la reestructuración.

¡Bendiciones!



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