

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 16, 2025

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Photo by Fr. Carlos

Holy Spirit Confirmation on February 7, 2025



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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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



Sunday, February 16

Mass - 9:00 am
Mass - 11:30 am
OCIA Dismissal - 11:30 am
Mass - 5:30 pm
High School Group - 6:30 pm

Monday, February 17

Mostly Yoga - 8:00 am
Mass - 9:00 am
Prayer Ministry SFC Meeting - 9:30 am
Stewardship Meeting - 5:30 pm
Oracion - 6:00 pm
Alpha (Holy Spirit Parish) - 6:30 pm
Choir (Sunday 9:00 am) Practice - 7:00 pm
Choir (Fil-Am) Practice - 7:00 pm
Knights of Columbus Leadership Meeting - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, February 18

Word & Communion - 9:00 am
Prayer Ministry - 2:00 pm
WICS - 6:00 pm
Liturgy Training (Español) - 7:00 pm
MDES Rehearsal - 7:00 pm
Threshold Bible Study - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, February 19

Mostly Yoga - 8:00 am
Mass - 9:00 am
American Sewing Guild - 9:30 am
Choir (Truthful Reign) Practice - 7:00 pm

Thursday, February 20

Threshold Bible Study - 10:00 am
Creation Care Team Meeting - 1:00 pm
Hora Santa - 5:00 pm
Mass - 6:30 pm
Choir (Sunday 11:30 am) Practice - 7:00 pm
Confirmation Year 2 Meeting - 7:00 pm
Finance Council Meeting - 7:00 pm
OCIA - 7:00 pm

Friday, February 21

Craft & Hobby Retreat - 7:00 am
Word & Communion - 9:00 am
Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 6:30 pm

Saturday, February 22

Craft & Hobby Retreat
Married Couples Retreat - 8:00 am
Adult Confirmation Prep - 9:00 am
Alpha Leader Training - 9:30 am
Saturday Morning Scripture - 10:00 am
Confessions - 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Mass - 5:30 pm



Sunday, February 16

Choir Rehearsal (Swahili)
Swahili Community
Swahili Jumuyia Leaders
Youth Confirmation
Cursillos (Spanish)
Rosary (Spanish)
Wedding Class (Spanish)
Adult Faith Formation/Bible Study

Monday, February 17

Bible Study Groups (Spanish)
Pastoral Council
Food Pantry
Alpha
Small Christian Communities
Guatemala Mission Trip Planning
Grupo de Oracion
Centro Rendu Youth Workshops
Youth Group
Grandparent Bible Study (Spanish)

Tuesday, February 18

Food Pantry
Young Adult Choir (Spanish)
Adult Confirmation
Small Christian Community
Grupo de Oracion
Choir Rehearsal (12:30 Spanish)
High School Youth Group
Terrific Tuesday Meals

Wednesday, February 19

Young Adult Group (Spanish)
Knights of Columbus
Pastoral Council
Bible Study (Spanish)
RCIA/OCIA
Cursillos

Thursday, February 20

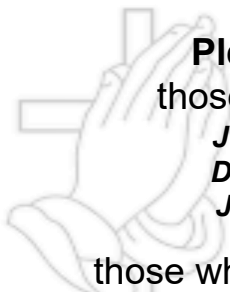
Young Adult Core Team (Spanish)
Memorial Service
Holy Hour for Vocations
Apologetics Bible Study (Spanish)
Adult Confirmation (Spanish)
Small Christian Communities (Spanish)
Bible Study Communities
Grupo de Oracion Leadership Meeting
Choir Rehearsal (English)

Friday, February 21

Grupo de Oracion
Kent All Men's Alanon
Bible Study Communities
Baptism Prep (Spanish)

Saturday, February 22

Choir Rehearsal -7pm Spanish
Swahili Community
Centennial Mass
Young Adults (Spanish)
Children's Sacramental Prep
Small Christian Communities



Please Pray for
those who are **sick**:

Judith Chaney
Doug Johnson
Jack Meredith

those who have recently **died**:

David Collins (husband of Mary Collins)
Flossie Nelson (mother of Jennifer Nelson)
Tom Pierre (brother of Rita Rydberg)

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 meet-and-greet, ministry information, and a special tour of the facilities! Get your questions answered, make new friends, and get involved! Please RSVP at archseattle.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/66/responses/new by February 21, 2025. Hope to see you there! Contact **Kathy Wickward** at ext. 101 for more information.

A “Warm” Thank You!

Matthew 25:36 says, “I needed clothes and you clothed me.”

“When we first reached out to ask for all-weather coats for our unsheltered friends, we were very aware of the amazing generosity of our St. John the Baptist Parish Family. It is from the bottom of our hearts that we say, ‘Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! And may God bless each one of you donating for your compassion, your generosity, and your love.’”

Many, many of our unsheltered friends feel the warmth of your kindness and love as they are wrapped in a clean, new or gently used, warm all-weather coat. Additional under layers of vests, sweatshirts, and fleece have helped keep out the chill from the humidity and wind chill. As the temperatures have dipped below, and well-below, freezing these past two weeks, the JOY of a warm coat and layers is so appreciated now and in the time to come.

There will never be enough words to express the depth of gratitude for the 433 pieces of warm clothing made available to our unsheltered friends: 218 all-weather coats, 140 underlayers, 42 wind breakers/ rain jackets, 33 pairs of gloves, hats, scarves, and earmuffs! Thank You!

*A very special thank you to **Pat and Angel Anderson** for helping to collect and deliver coats to the Kent Food Bank.*

Our St John the Baptist Parish Family is truly living out the Gospel according to Matthew! Thank you!”

Lyn & Mary Murphy Johnson

Planned Giving Webinar

Discover how you can make a lasting impact on our Church’s mission through planned giving. This informative webinar will guide you through the various ways you can support our community and ensure the future of our faith. Highlights include understanding the importance of planned giving, learning how to create a legacy that aligns with your values, and taking practical steps to begin your planned giving journey.

Join us for this **webinar** event on **Thursday, March 6 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm**.

We Need You at the 11:30 Mass!

The 11:30 am Mass on Sundays is the most attended Mass of all weekend Masses, but it is also the one with the fewest Liturgical Ministers. We are in **need of more Point People, Sacristans, Hospitality Ministers, Eucharistic Ministers, and Lectors**. The Point Person assures that all the positions are filled, gathers the money after Mass, and locks up the church. The Sacristan puts out the bread, wine, chalices, and other vessels that will be used in the Mass. Training is provided. Contact **Laurie Moloney** for more information on becoming a Liturgical Minister.

Come, get to know the Mass more intimately by participating.

Lent Event Coming Up

Believe it or not, Lent is around the corner! So, save the date for some fun during Lent. Come join us on **March 2, 2025 from 10:00 am to 11:30 am** at the McMullen Center for crafts and activities to prepare your family for Lent. Hope to see you there!

Show Us Your Pictures

During the last few weeks, we mentioned that our staff and various members of the media/ communication team will be taking photos for the bulletin cover.

Now it’s your turn! If you have an awesome photo of activities here at St. John the Baptist, please share it with the bulletin staff. If it meets with our guidelines, your photo could be featured on the front of the bulletin. We all love photos of fun activities here at our parish. Show us your talent in photography! In order to respect those who are at Mass to worship, we ask that you try to avoid photos of faces during the Mass. For guidelines on what you can or cannot submit, please email me, **Pat**, at bulletin@sjtbcc.org.



Our New Rectory

By now you already know that we have a new rectory. Pictures were in our bulletin a few weeks ago. You can donate towards this rectory at ppay.co/-UiXbbeTgME. Or you can scan this QR code. Thank you for your generosity!



ICE Agents and Searches

The Archdiocese has released guidance to all parishes about the potential for *Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)* agents to conduct searches on church property. The first thing to keep in mind is that such searches are extremely rare. The second is that while we are not permitted to serve as 24-hour "sanctuary," ICE agents may not conduct searches of church property without a signed judicial warrant. This is similar to how we interact with the police. The Archdiocese has instructed that **no one besides the pastor or his authorized designee may engage with ICE**. Our goal is to maintain a safe environment for all to come and encounter the love of Jesus, no matter their status. We are praying for all of our immigrant brothers and sisters, that they may live in peace and be treated with dignity. Please visit our website page on [immigration information](#) to read the letter from Pope Francis on immigration and a letter from the Archdiocese regarding immigration enforcement.

If you have any questions, please reach out to us at our parish office at 253-630-0701.

February is American Heart Month

According to the [Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#), someone has a heart attack every 33 seconds in the United States (US). Every 60 seconds, more than one person in the United States dies from a heart disease-related event. The CDC also reports that heart disease costs the US about \$200 billion each year, which includes the cost of health care services, medications and lost productivity. Learn to take care of your heart by visiting the [American Heart Association](#) website on healthy living.

Don't forget to get your **blood pressure checked next week Sunday, February 23**, after the morning Masses (and then head on over to the McMullen Center and enjoy some coffee and donuts **in moderation** after the Mass).



Curious? Visit us at sjtbcc.org/art-wine-night/



The new translation of the *Order of Christian Initiation of Adults* was published on November 1, 2024, with mandatory use by Ash Wednesday, March 5, 2025. **Carlos Carrillo**, Director of Faith Formation for the Archdiocese of Seattle, and **Corinna Laughlin**, Liturgy Consultant, will walk us through the new translation as we prepare to use these rites during Lent and Easter 2025. This will be via Zoom on **Tuesday, February 25, 2025 from 10:00 am to 11:30 am**. The Zoom link will be provided in the registration confirmation email. If interested, please register at [Archdiocese of Seattle](#).

Cold Temperatures Bring Icy Mornings

Ice can be fun if it's on a skating rink. But it's not so much fun if you have to walk on it, like on our church's parking lot and on the sidewalks. In fact, it's very dangerous!

When the temperatures drop below freezing like we've had in the last few weeks, frost and ice form on the parking lot and sidewalks. It creates unsafe conditions for people attending the early morning Masses.

Without a dedicated ministry, de-icing the parking lot is 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.

What To Do With Old Palms

We will soon enter the season of Lent, which has 45 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday.

Remember to **bring your old palms for burning**. Place them in the bin in the narthex. They will be burned at the Lent Event on March 2, 2025 and used as ash for distribution on Ash Wednesday.



Did you know that the proper way to dispose of palms is to either burn them and spread the ashes outside or bury them? **They must never be discarded in the trash.**

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

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD,
whose hope is in the LORD. (Jer 17:7)

Psalm:

Blessed are they who hope in the Lord. (Ps 1)

Second Reading:

If the dead are not raised, neither has Christ been raised,
and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is vain.
(1 Cor 15:16-17)

Gospel:

"Blessed are you who are poor,
for the kingdom of God is yours." (Lk 6:20)

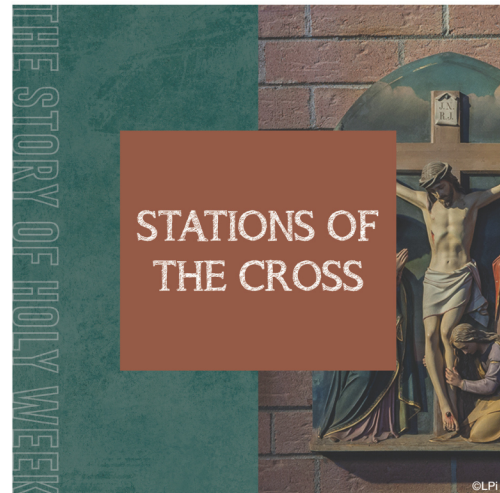
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Too many of us make the mistake of expecting prosperity here on Earth as a reward for following Christ. But Jesus is very clear: sorrow and hardship are a part of life. But when we offer these sufferings to Christ, they become transformed. They become blessed. And so do we.

Observances for the week of February 16, 2025

- Sunday:** 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order; Presidents' Day
- Friday:** St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Saturday:** The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
- Next Sunday:** 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Devotions, Explained!

Since the earliest days of the Church, Christians have meditated upon Christ's passion and death. Over the centuries, the Stations of the Cross was popularized as a devotional means to experience the places and moments central to the story of Holy Week.

Prayer of God's Blessing

Bless me, Lord, mold my heart
in imitation of Yours.
Bless me, Lord, help me to see
people as You do, and to hear
their needs.
Bless me, Lord, replace my
understanding with Yours.

Amen.

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Family 30 PARISH MISSION, Part II

Pilgrims of HOPE



February 27, 2025 - English
February 28, 2025 - Spanish

Dinner | 6:30pm

Presentation begins 7pm

At Holy Spirit, Kent

"The Jubilee pilgrimage will express and confirm the shared journey that the Church is called to make... to foster a renewed awareness of the demands of the universal call to responsible participation. The Second Vatican Ecumenical Council, together with the Magisterium, will continue to provide direction and guidance to God's holy people, so that it can press forward in its mission of bringing the joyful proclamation of the Gospel to everyone. +Pope Francis

From the letter to Mons. Rino Fisicella regarding Jubilee 2025

Familia 30 Mision Parroquial Parte II

Peregrinos de ESPERANZA



Febrero 27, 2025 - Ingles
Febrero 28, 2025 - Español
Cena | 6:30pm
La Presentacion comienza 7pm
en la Iglesia del Espiritu Santo, Kent

“El camino al Jubileo expresará y confirmará el camino compartido que la Iglesia está llamada a hacer... la llamada universal a una participación responsable. Las cuatro Constituciones del Concilio Ecuménico Vaticano II y el Magisterio seguirán dando dirección y guía al pueblo santo de Dios, para que pueda seguir adelante en su misión de llevar a todos el anuncio gozoso del Evangelio. +Papa Francisco

De la Carta del Santo Padre Francisco a Mons. Rino Fisicella para el Jubileo 2025



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