

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 9, 2025



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Snow and rain water the earth, making it fruitful and providing food.  
God's word is similar, accomplishing his purpose and not returning empty. Is 55:10-11



## 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 9

**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

First Communion Parent Meeting via Zoom - 7:00 pm

### Monday, February 10

Mostly Yoga - 8:00 am

**Mass - 9:00 am**

Guatemala Team Meeting - 6:00 pm

Oracion - 6:00 pm

Alpha (Holy Spirit Parish) - 6:30 pm

Choir (Sunday 9:00) Practice - 7:00 pm

Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Meeting - 7:00 pm

### Tuesday, February 11

Word & Communion - 9:00 am

WICS - 6:00 pm

Choir (Fil-Am) Practice - 7:00 pm

Liturgy Training (Español) - 7:00 pm

Threshold Bible Study - 7:00 pm

### Wednesday, February 12

Mostly Yoga - 8:00 am

**Mass - 9:00 am**

Choir (Truthful Reign) Practice - 7:00 pm

Middle School Youth Group - 7:00 pm

### Thursday, February 13

Threshold Bible Study - 10:00 am

Funeral for Sylvia Taft - 12:00 pm

Facilities & Grounds Commission Meeting - 4:30 pm

Hora Santa - 5:00 pm

**Mass - 6:30 pm**

Women's Commission Meeting - 6:30 pm

Choir (Sunday 11:30) Practice - 7:00 pm

Liturgy Commission Meeting - 7:00 pm

### Friday, February 14

Word and Communion - 9:00 am

Creative Kindness Sewing - 9:30 am

Family Art Event - 4:30 pm

Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 6:30 pm

### Saturday, February 15

Adult Confirmation Prep - 9:00 am

Faith Formation Commission - 9:00 am

PREPARES Meeting - 9:30 am

Saturday Morning Scripture - 10:00 am

Confessions - 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

**Mass - 5:30 pm**



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### Sunday

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

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

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

Young Adult Group (Español)

Knights Council 8150

Bible Study (Español)

RCIA/OCIA

Cursillos

### Thursday

Centennial Celebration Meeting

Young Adult Core Team (Español)

Holy Hour for Vocations

Apologetics Bible Study (Español)

Adult Confirmation (Español)

Small Christian Communities (Español)

### Friday

Confirmation

Kent All Men's Alanon

Bible Study Community (Español)

### Saturday

Choir Rehearsal -7pm Español

Sacramental Prep

Young Adults (Español)

Altar Society (Swahili)

Small Christian Community

Swahili Community CMA

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

**Ronie Gerona**  
**Leah Womack**

those who have recently **died**:

**Assumpta Agu-Ibe** (sister of Daniel Agu-Ibe)  
**Linus Agu-Ibe** (father of Daniel Agu-Ibe)  
**Lilly Dominic** (grandmother of *Christina Daniel*)  
**Tom Pierre** (brother of *Rita Rydberg*)  
**Sylvia Taft** (mother of *Karen Loomis*)  
**Jean Wesloski** (cousin of *Helen Martinez*)

## 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](http://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.

## Cold Temperatures Bring Icy Mornings

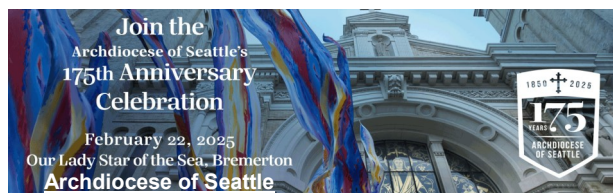
Ice can be fun if it's on a skating rink. But it's not so much fun if you have to walk on it, like on our church's parking lot and on the sidewalks. In fact, it's very dangerous!

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.

Thank you for your gift of time and talent.



## Save the Date for Craft & Hobby Retreat



Mark your calendars for the *Craft & Hobby Retreat* on **February 22 and 23, 2025**.

In last week's bulletin, it was noted that registration starts on February 14, 2025. Please correct that to read **registration ends on February 14, 2025**. Please email **Nancy Moore** at [nancym@sjtbcc.org](mailto:nancym@sjtbcc.org) or call the parish office to register. We need at least 20 participants to hold the event. Friends and family from outside St. John the Baptist are warmly welcome!



## Thank You from *Elie*

The *PREPARES* Ministry of St. John the Baptist along with *Elie*, a *PREPARES* neighbor, thank our community for their outpouring of love for a mom in need.

On Tuesday January 28, 2025, over 30 members of our community celebrated *Elie* and the upcoming birth of her baby boy at a baby shower given in her honor. *Elie*, a young and first time mom facing an unexpected pregnancy, was extremely touched by the genuine compassion and generosity shown to her! The numerous baby and mommy gifts she received will definitely ease the financial burden of welcoming her new little son. She was most impressed by the personal notes of encouragement that parishioners included with their gifts. One person even invited *Elie* to join her in some mommy/baby play time!

A huge thank you to our *Event Support Team*, who planned the menu, shopped for groceries, prepared the food, and helped with set-up and clean-up! Thank you, also, to all who attended the shower! Without being asked, everyone pitched in with the clean-up. It was amazing! A special thanks to all you anonymous gift givers - your support of the *PREPARES* ministry allows us to celebrate and support life! God is good!

## 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 before, during and after 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 [bulletin@sjtbcc.org](mailto:bulletin@sjtbcc.org).



## Our New Rectory

Last week's bulletin contained pictures and an article on Family 30's new rectory. You can donate towards this rectory at [ppay.co/-UiXbbeTgME](http://ppay.co/-UiXbbeTgME). Or you can scan this QR code. Thank you for your generosity!



## Serving As Jesus Would Today

Have you ever thought about how to serve as Jesus served in today's world? *St. Vincent de Paul* (SVdP) ministry provides the perfect opportunity to live out the call of the gospel to serve our neighbors in need.

"For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. I was naked, and you gave me clothing." (Mt 25:35-36)

The *SVdP Conference* at St. John the Baptist is making a difference in our community by answering the calls of our neighbors for assistance with food, rent, and utility costs along with other emergency needs.

From January to December 2024, **thanks to your generous donations of \$88,653.00**, we were able to assist 1,150 people with rent and utilities as well as provide 151 bags of food, 42 bags of personal hygiene items, and 56 bags of cleaning supplies. Through material donations, we helped 11 families with furniture and 12 families with clothing. In partnership with St. John the Baptist parish, *SVdP* also gave out 40 meals for Thanksgiving at a total cost of \$1,600.00 and served 56 families through the Giving Tree event for a total cost of \$17,943.00. All of this was made possible by the generous donations of our wonderful parishioners!

**THANK YOU to our St. John the Baptist community!**

If you want to participate in this life-giving ministry, please **contact Pat** at [patd@seattlesvdp.org](mailto:patd@seattlesvdp.org).

## We Need You at the 11:30 Mass!

The 11:30 am Mass on Sundays is the most attended Mass of all, 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 Liturgical Ministry.

Come get to know the Mass more intimately by participating. We need you!

## February is American Heart Month

Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the U.S. but impacts some communities disproportionately. Help raise awareness that heart disease is the leading cause of death in the U.S. and is largely preventable. Try to promote heart health in our community. Visit [American Heart Association](http://AmericanHeartAssociation.org) for more information.



## A Prayer for Married Couples

This prayer is said daily by Archbishop Etienne's parents, **Paul and Kay Etienne**:

Keep us, O Lord, from pettiness.  
Let us be thoughtful in word and deed.  
Help us to put away pretense,  
and face each other in deep trust  
without fear or self-pity.  
Help us to guard against fault finding,  
and be quick to discover the best in each  
other and in every situation.  
Guard us from ill temper and hasty judgment.  
Encourage us to take time for all things,  
to grow calm, serene, and gentle.  
Help us to be generous  
with kind words and compliments.  
Teach us to never ignore, never to hurt,  
and never to take each other for granted.  
Engrave charity and compassion on our hearts.  
O Mary, conceived without sin,  
pray for us.

**"Root your love and life in the Lord,  
and all will be well."**

## Rachel's Corner

**Hope and Healing After Abortion**



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Peace starts here

"I sought the LORD, and He answered me, delivered me from all my fears.  
Look to Him and be radiant, and your faces may not blush for shame." - Psalm 34:5-6

It all starts by seeking God and His mercy. Are you ready? During this *Jubilee Year of Hope*, you can begin to seek His mercy, and He will do everything for you by delivering you from all your fears, regret, and shame. Extend your hand and touch His loving heart as He invites you to join us for healing.

English Retreat - **February 28 to March 2, 2025**

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## Readings for the week of February 9, 2025

### Sunday:

Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5,  
7-8 (1c)/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-13

### Monday:

Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24  
and 35c/Mk 6:53-56

### Tuesday:

Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 7:1-13

### Wednesday:

Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28,  
29bc-30/Mk 7:14-23

### Thursday:

Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mk 7:24-30

### Friday:

Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 7:31-37

### Saturday:

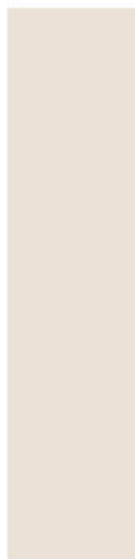
Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13/  
Mk 8:1-10

### Next Sunday:

Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6, (40:5a)/  
1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/Lk 6:17, 20-26



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

My parents' garage is full of old junk that no longer serves any purpose in my life. As a 46-year-old man, I admit that's pretty lame. Either due to my sentimentality or laziness (or both, probably), I just couldn't get myself to throw things away. But a few days ago, by a grace of God, I thought: "I'll hire my nephew Ryan to throw a bunch of my stuff away — he couldn't care less about my junk!" And you know what? It worked. In one day, Ryan chucked the majority of his uncle's useless stuff. I feel so free, ready for a new junk-free chapter in my life.

This kind of thing happens in this Sunday's Gospel. Peter's net is full of useless junk. Luke says he and the others are cleaning their nets after catching no fish. Imagine them dejectedly and impatiently removing a nasty assortment of seaweed, sticks and muck. The Lord teaches and calls them once their nets are cleared out. So it goes with us. Spiritual life begins by removing that which is useless and merely taking up space in our hearts, minds and lives. Then Jesus teaches and acts in a marvelous way in our lives, too.

So what's junking up your net? What habits, attachments, possessions, preoccupations? If, like me, you struggle to clean your nets by yourself, ask the Lord to send you someone like my nephew to be your "Peter" and help you clean it out. It is well worth it. Once Peter's net is clean, he is free to make a wonderful catch.

— Father John Muir

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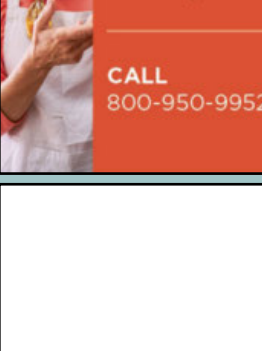
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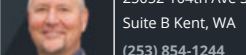
  
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