

# Third Sunday of Lent





#### WEEK OF MARCH 23, 2025



# **Budding Artists of Family 30**

(Photos by Rose McAvoy)

A fun night of wine, laughter, and creativity! Look at these amazing charcoal masterpieces from *Father Carlos's* art class. Can you spot your drawing? Stay tuned for more events in the future for your work to be featured.







## **Our Mission**

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

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!

## **Mass Times & Confessions**

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) 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

## **Office Hours**

Monday to Friday 8:00a to 5:00p Wednesday, Saturday & Sunday - Closed Tuesday to Friday 9:00a to 4:00p Saturday from 10:00a to 3:00p Sunday & Monday - Closed 310 3rd Ave. S. Kent, WA 98032 253-859-0444







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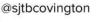
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#### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH FAMILY



#### Sunday

Choir Rehearsal (Swahili)
Knights of Columbus All-You-Can-Eat Breakfast
Franciscan Companions
Swahili Community
Youth Confirmation
Cursillos (Spanish)
Rosary (Spanish)
Wedding Class (Spanish)

#### Monday

Bible Study Groups (Spanish)
Food Pantry
Alpha
Small Christian Community
Grupo de Oracion
Centro Rendu Youth Workshops
Youth Group
Grandparent Bible Study (Spanish)
Guatemala Team Meeting - 6:00 pm

#### Tuesday

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
Mother Mary Guild

#### Wednesday

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

#### Thursday

Young Adult Core Team (Spanish)
Holy Hour for Vocations
Apologetics Bible Study (Spanish)
Adult Confirmation (Spanish)
Small Christian Community (Spanish)
Bible Study Community
Women's Bible Study Community
Grupo de Oracion Leadership Meeting
Choir Rehearsal (English)

#### Friday

Grupo de Oracion Kent All Men's Alanon Bible Study Communities Baptism Prep (Spanish) Knights of Columbus Fish Fry - 5:00 pm Stations of the Cross - 7:00 pm Base Ecclesial Groups (Spanish)

#### Saturday

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



#### Sunday, March 23

Mass - 9:00 am
Blood Pressure Screening after morning Masses
Elementary Faith Formation Classes - 10:15 am

Mass - 11:30 am
OCIA Dismissals - 11:30 am
Living Stations Practice - 2:00 pm
First Reconciliation/Eucharist Prep - 4:00 pm
Mass - 5:30 pm

### Monday, March 24

Mostly Yoga - 8:00 am

Mass - 9:00 am

Alpha (at Holy Spirit) - 6:30 pm

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

#### Tuesday, March 25

Word & Communion - 9:00 am
AF Oracion - 6:00 pm
WICS - 6:00 pm
AF Vida en el Espiritu Santo - 7:00 pm
Choir (Fil-Am) Practice - 7:00 pm

#### Wednesday, March 26

Mostly Yoga - 8:00 am

Mass - 9:00 am

Choir (Truthful Reign) Practice - 7:00 pm

#### Thursday, March 27

Hora Santa - 5:00 pm

Mass - 6:30 pm

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

Communications Meeting - 7:00 pm

OCIA - 7:00 pm

## Friday, March 28

Word & Communion - 9:00 am Lenten Fish Taco Dinner - 5:00 pm Stations of the Cross - 7:00 pm Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 7:45 pm

#### Saturday, March 29

Confessions - 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm Mass - 5:30 pm

#### **Please Pray for**

those who are **sick**:

Pope Francis, Ronie Gerona,

Doug Johnson, Sue Ray,

Alexca Schaup

those who have recently died:

DeRonda Knight (mother of Teri Johnston)

Yvonne Lawless

Patty Ritter (mother of Abraham Ritter)

#### **Walking Through Grief**

This is a 9-week, FREE educational & inspirational program offering support and hope to those experiencing loss.

March 26, 2025 to May 21, 2025 Wednesdays from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm Online via Zoom

If you are grieving or know of someone who is grieving and you feel this might have some benefit for you, please contact *Frank Hammock* at the parish office at **253-630-0701** to register.

To learn more, visit walkingthroughgrief.com/.

#### No Unauthorized Items in the Narthex

The narthex is sometimes overlooked as a vital space in our church that serves as both practical and spiritual. It is not only the threshold between the parking lot and the sacred space of worship but also a place that invites us to prepare our hearts and minds for encountering God.

As such, please be reminded that **no items are to be left in the narthex**. These items include statues, medals, leaflets, and other articles that we may deem sacred at home as well as unsolicited donations. If these items are left in the narthex, they will be disposed of.

The *Liturgy Commission* is currently developing a policy to address this. When complete, notification will appear in the bulletin.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our narthex uncluttered.

### **Apologies to Holy Spirit**

In last week's cover photo, the caption read that the photo included Holy Spirit's Catechumens, Candidates, and their sponsors. The bulletin team would like to apologize for the error and misinformation. There were no Holy Spirit Catechumens, Candidates, and their sponsors. We hope to publish the photo of them in an upcoming bulletin soon.

#### Slam Dunk the Junk!

Let's face it. Living can produce a lot of junk, and that junk can end up on our roads, with 156th Avenue being no exception. Please join the *Creation Care Team* on **Saturday, April 12 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am** to help clean up the junk that accumulated along the street in front of our parish. For safety reasons, these cleanups will be limited to adults only.

Please **signup by April 6, 2025** in the narthex at the *Life, Justice, and Peace* table. We will have online signup by our next bulletin. A lot of helping hands will make the job a lot easier. Hope to see you all there!

# Remember Your Deceased Loved Ones with Flowers

Spring flowers adorn the sanctuary and narthex on Easter day. But did you know that flowers are specifically banned as decorations around the altar for nearly all of Lent? It is because Lent is a solemn season of preparation for the Easter Triduum.

At the arrival of Easter, the altar and surrounding areas are decorated with flowers to symbolize the new life that emerges from Jesus's death on Good Friday.

This year, and every year, we request donations to purchase flowers for Easter. In addition to the donations, we ask that donors write the names of their deceased loved ones on a card. Those cards become part of the Easter décor and are displayed on ribbons in the narthex. This is a beautiful way, during Easter, to remember those family and friends who have gone before us. Please donate funds for a pot or two of flowers by April 13, Palm Sunday. You can find envelopes and cards in the narthex.

Spring flowers on Easter - what better way to welcome the season and remember your loved ones!

#### **Shawls Provide Comfort and Love**

Do you know someone who needs some extra love? Our shawls might just do the job! Handmade with love by our *Yarning for Community* team, we have some beautiful prayer shawls that have been blessed and are waiting to show that special person you care. Just stop by the office and pick one out.



Blood pressure check March 23 after all morning Masses



#### Save the Dates!

Please be sure to mark your calendars for the following:

**Stations of the Cross - Fridays** 7:00 pm on 3/28, 4/4, 4/11, & 4/18

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - April 13 Mass Saturday - 5:30 pm Masses Sunday - 9:00 am, 11:30 am, and 5:30 pm

Holy Thursday - April 17
Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper - 6:00 pm
Exposition and Adoration
of the Blessed Sacrament - 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Good Friday - April 18
Live Stations of the Cross (in prayer garden) - 3:00 pm
Sanctuary is open for private prayer
Good Friday of the Lord's Passion - 6:00 pm

Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter - April 19 Vigil Mass - 8:30 pm

Easter Sunday - April 20 Masses - 8:00 am, 10:00 am, & 12:00 noon



#### 7:00 pm every Friday evening during Lent

March 2	8 Elementary Faith Formation
	(family friendly)
April 4	Knights of Columbus
April 11	Guadalupanos (bilingual)
April 18	(3:00 pm in Prayer Garden) -Young Adults

#### **Praying the Stations of the Cross**

Remember listening to a bedtime story as a child? Why not incorporate the Stations of the Cross as a bedtime story on Fridays during Lent, tailoring it to the age of the child? What better way to introduce children to the story of Jesus's *Passion* than to break it down into stages that children can reflect upon and remember? Keep in mind that the Stations are more than the re-telling of a story; it is a prayerful participation in the event that lies at the heart of Christianity.

The Stations are always present in our church. Introduce your children to the Stations, and take some time during this Lenten season to attend at least one Stations of the Cross prayer and meditation as a family. You have four more opportunities to attend these prayers before Easter. But you are always welcome to pray at the Stations at any time.

#### **Journey With Us**

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl shares stories of hope from CRS's work around the world. These stories are examples of how your Lenten alms are helping communities find solutions to problems like hunger and climate change. Take a virtual journey with CRS to Nigeria, Guatemala, and Bangladesh! Don't forget to try the meatless recipes each Friday during this Lenten season.

Visit <u>crsricebowl.org</u> for more information and to donate.

#### **Thrifter's Paradise is Coming!**

Attention thrifters: it's here again! St. John the Baptist's annual yard sale is going to happen from **June 19 (paid preview) to June 22, 2025,** so mark your calendars. So far there's been no competition for the yard sale's place as the largest pop-up thrift store in South King County. Donations will be accepted starting May 17. Plan to be there, either to volunteer or to shop or both! Stay tuned for more information in this bulletin!

#### Men's Retreat in April

Men: save the date! **April 26, 2025** will be the next *Men's Retreat* at St. John the Baptist. The day will start with a pancake breakfast in the McMullen Center and will end at 12:00 noon (no lunch provided). More information will be provided in upcoming bulletins.



Our care closets at *Vine Maple Place* are almost empty. When homeless families come to us in crisis, they need safety, food, and personal care. **Homeless moms and kids need your help now.** You can uplift them by replenishing our care closets **with hygiene essentials**. Please visit us at <u>vinemapleplace.org</u> to see how you can help replenish our care closets. Thank you for your generosity.

#### Looking for a Job?

St. Barbara Catholic Church of Black Diamond is looking for an **Administrative Assistant 2** for 25 hours a week. Salary ranges from \$22 to \$26/hour. If interested, please contact **Valerie Winston Healy** at paa@stbarbarachurch.org or call 360-886-2229.



Join us next week on

March 30 after the 9:00 am

and 11:30 am Masses

## Weekly Prayer

#### Sunday's Readings

#### First Reading:

"This is what you shall tell the Israelites: I AM sent me to you." (Ex 3:14)

#### **Psalm**

The Lord is kind and merciful. (Ps 103)

#### Second Reading:

These things happened to them as an example, and they have been written down as a warning to us, upon whom the end of the ages has come. (1 Cor 10:11)

#### Gospel:

"But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" (Lk 13:5)

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# Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Jesus Christ is the ever-vigilant gardener. He desires us to bloom, that we will do what we were created to do, that we will bear the fruit that God intended. Will we let him cultivate our ground and prune our imperfections? Will we let him save us?

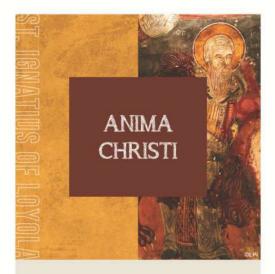
# Observances for the week of March 23, 2025

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent

Tuesday: The Annunciation of the Lord

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent





#### Devotions, Explained!

Traditionally said after or before receiving the Eucharist, the Anima Christi dates to the 14th century and was a favorite prayer of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

#### **Prayer of Lent**

Dear God,

As I fast, may Your presence be my sustenance.

As I pray, continue to reveal Yourself to me.

As I give to others, may I know You even more deeply.

Amen.

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#### Join the Season of Service!

Share the hours your hours of service from March through May and help reach the goal of 175,000 total hours. The time you already give counts! Pick up a green card in the narthex to track your hours and drop it in the offering basket. You can also log your hours online by visiting the Season of Service page on the Archdiocese website.



In February 2025, St. John's 30 boxes of diapers PREPARES Volunteers Delivered: & 60 packs of wipes All sizes were needed but the majority were sizes 5 & 6

#### Help is needed to continue operating at this level

#### **Monthly Diaper Donation**

You can arrange a monthly diaper donation from several retailers. Set it up once to have diapers delivered to St. John's monthly. It will definitely save time and may even save some money!

**Amazon Brand:** Mama Bear Plush







Every donation, big or small, reminds these families they are not alone. You can drop clearly marked donations in the offering basket or contact the parish office to arrange recurring support.



# Backpack Buddies Covington Flomentary Because hunger doesn't

**Covington Elementary** 

take the weekend off

Each week, our St. John's community fills 35+ food bags for kids at Covington Elementary who need a little extra support over the weekend.

We've come so far together, and we need your help to finish strong through June!

Whether you can donate once or a few times, it makes a **BIG** difference.

Sign up today and be part of something beautiful!





# Fr. Carlos Responds to Concerns About Language in the Nicene Creed, Affirming Our Unity in Christ

#### To The Members of the St. John the Baptist Parish Community:

On February 13, the Women's Commission held their monthly meeting. Fr. Carlos attended and addressed a question he received regarding the use of the word "men" in reciting the Nicene Creed ("...for us men and our salvation...") during Mass. He acknowledged the concern that such language makes some women and girls feel excluded or "less than." After consulting with Bishop Schuster and Jennifer Day, the Archdiocese's liturgist, Fr. Carlos shared that the response was that no person, lay or priest, "may add, remove, or change anything in the liturgy" on his/her own authority (as quoted from \*SACRAM LITURGIAM\* by Pope Paul VI).

Fr. Carlos emphasized, "part of my responsibility as pastor is to assist the archbishop in helping maintain communities that are united with the universal Church." He underscored that the Church serves as the sacrament of unity between God and humanity, stating, "and I was ordained for that mission – to remain in Christ." He pointed out that the sacraments and the continuity of the Mass are principal signs of that unity. While some flexibility exists in certain areas, clear guidelines dictate what must remain consistent across the Church. He mentioned referring to the congregation as "brothers and sisters" or "family" as example variants.

Fr. Carlos expressed his understanding of language limitations and referenced St. Paul: "all who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ...there is neither Jew or Greek, slave or free person, male or female... for all are one in Christ Jesus (Gal 3:28)." When the commission inquired about the possibility of individuals and families omitting the word "men" while reciting the creed, he indicated that if the use of the word is a barrier to the individual expression of that faith, they could omit it personally. He assured them, "Know that I am sensitive to your concern and will continue to exercise my ministry and preaching in a way that upholds every single one of us under the same dignity in which we were made."

Yours,

Teri (on behalf of the Women's Commission)



# Join the Season of Service

March 1 – May 31, 2025

# We are the living Body of Christ today!

#### A Legacy of Service

For 175 years Catholics in the Archdiocese of Seattle have been sharing the faith and serving others. Pioneering priests and courageous women religious began the first missions, schools and hospitals. Lay leaders began the first charity organizations to serve the poor. Over the years Catholics began advocating for life and justice issues – and continually serving others as the living Body of Christ.

#### Season of Service

Today Catholics continue this legacy of faith and charity. To honor this history and embrace our Catholic Social Teaching, the Archdiocese of Seattle invites YOU to join the Season of Service. From March 1 – May 31, Catholics will unite to serve others for 175,000 hours in honor of the 175th anniversary of the Archdiocese of Seattle.

#### **How to Participate**

You can participate in two ways:

- Many Catholic organizations will be offering volunteer opportunities during the Season of Service. Gather your family and friends, and volunteer together reflecting Jesus Christ in the world today.
- Create your own service opportunities or simply track your volunteer hours at your parish or school and report them by clicking on the QR code below.

From March 1 to May 31, simply scan this QR code to see volunteer opportunities and report your volunteer time.



#### Archseattle.org/seasonofservice



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