



Fourth Sunday of Lent



WEEK OF MARCH 30, 2025



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Blessing the Journey of Faith

Celebrating our *First Scrutiny*, **Father Carlos**, along with sponsors and our congregation of St. John the Baptist, pray for our Catechumens and Candidates preparing to receive the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil this year.



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

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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH FAMILY



Sunday, March 30

Choir Rehearsal (Swahili)
Franciscan Companions
Swahili Community
Youth Confirmation
Cursillos (Spanish)
Rosary (Spanish)
Wedding Class (Spanish)

Monday, March 31

Bible Study Groups (Spanish)
Pastoral Council
Food Pantry
Small Christian Community
Grupo de Oracion
Centro Rendu Youth Workshops
Youth Group
Grandparent Bible Study (Spanish)

Tuesday, April 1

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, April 2

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

Thursday, April 3

Divine Will Group
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, April 4

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, April 5

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



Sunday, March 30

Mass - 9:00 am

Coffee and donuts 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 31

Mostly Yoga - 8:00 am
Mass - 9:00 am
Joint High School Group - 6:00 pm
Choir (Sunday 9:00 am) Practice - 7:00 pm
Choir (Fil-Am) Practice - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, April 1

Word & Communion - 9:00 am
Life, Justice, Peace Meeting - 3:00 pm
AF Oracion - 6:00 pm
WICS - 6:00 pm
AF Vida en el Espiritu Santo - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, April 2

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

Thursday, April 3

Funeral for Christina Cusack - 11:00 am
Creation Care Team - 1:00 pm
Safe Parking Monthly Meeting - 3:00 pm
Hora Santa - 5:00 pm
Mass - 6:30 pm
Choir (Sunday 11:30 am) Practice - 7:00 pm
OCIA - 7:00 pm

Friday, April 4

First Friday **Mass** (St. John the Baptist) - **9:00 am**
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 9:45 am
Hispanic Charismatic Adoration - 4:00 pm
Stations of the Cross - 7:00 pm

Saturday, April 5

Saturday Morning Scripture - 10:00 am
Confessions - 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Mass - 5:30 pm

Please Pray for
those who are **sick:**
Sue Ray, Alexca Schaup

those who have **died:**

Pamela Barry (mother of Eric Barry)
Le Habryle (husband of Sara Habryle)
Peter Mbanugo (father of Nkechi Echeruo)
Gillian Moon (friend of Eric Barry)
David Southard (friend of Eric Barry)

No Unauthorized Items in the Narthex

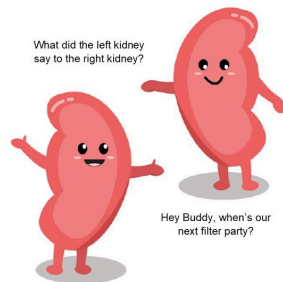
The narthex is sometimes overlooked as a vital space in our church that serves as both practical and spiritual. It is not only the threshold between the parking lot and the sacred space of worship but also a place that invites us to prepare our hearts and minds for encountering God.

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 developing a policy to address this. When complete, notification will appear in the bulletin. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our narthex uncluttered.

March is National Kidney Month

This is observed every March to bring awareness to kidney health and encourage people to support kidney disease research and take steps to keep their own kidneys safe and healthy. Chronic kidney disease is the 9th leading cause of death in the United States and affects one in every seven adults.



To learn more about your kidneys and how you can support kidney research visit the [University of Washington Kidney Research Institute](https://www.kidney.org).

Your Donations at Work

You may have noticed that fences around the retention ponds on the property are being installed. This is made possible because of your generous donations to the Archdiocese as part of the *Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA)*. The amount of donations qualified us for a rebate to take on this important safety project. **Thank you to all who have paid and continue to give to the ACA.**

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 **sign up by April 6, 2025** in the narthex at the *Life, Justice, and Peace* table, or online by clicking [here](#). Many 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.

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, there are 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.

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Save the Dates!

Please be sure to mark your calendars for the following:

Stations of the Cross - Fridays

7:00 pm on 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

April 4 ----- Knights of Columbus

April 11 ----- Guadalupanos (bilingual)

April 18 (3:00 pm in Prayer Garden) -Young Adults

Season of Service

Every Hour Counts! Let's come together to celebrate the Archdiocese of Seattle's 175th anniversary through the *Season of Service*, March 1 through May 31, 2025.

The hours that you are already giving will count. Whether you are volunteering at church, serving in the community, or praying for those in need, every act of service matters.

Tracking your hours is easy. **Report them on the Archdiocese website or skip the tech and fill out one of the green cards in the narthex.** Drop it in the offering basket or bring it to the office, and we'll take care of the rest. Let's see the impact our parish family is already making!



Join us **this weekend after**
the **9:00 am and 11:30 am**
Masses

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 crsricebowl.org 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.

Kick Off A New Walking Group

Looking for a simple way to stay active and connect with others? We are starting a Walking Group at St. John the Baptist **this spring**. Each week, we will meet at the church and enjoy a 30-minute walk on paved and easy-to-moderate routes. When the weather isn't great, we'll have an indoor alternative to keep the fellowship going.

But first, **we need your input!** Would you prefer Mondays at 10:00 am (after Mass) or Thursdays at 11:00 am?

Let us know by April 14. You can email rosem@sjtbcc.org, check the box at the Welcome table, or vote online by scanning the QR code.



We will publish the final result in the bulletin after April 14. We can't wait to walk with you!

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

While the Israelites were encamped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, they celebrated the Passover. (Jos 5:10)

Psalm:

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 34)

Second Reading:

And all this is from God,
who has reconciled us to himself through Christ
and given us the ministry of reconciliation. (2 Cor 5:18)

Gospel:

“But now we must celebrate and rejoice,
because your brother was dead and has come to life again;
he was lost and has been found.” (Lk 15:32)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The Prodigal Son doesn't dare ask for the honor of being called his Father's son again. All he wants is to be close to his Father, to be cared for. But his Father surprises him with his mercy, as God surprises us. He offers more than just forgiveness. He offers redemption.

Observances for the week of March 30, 2025

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent
Tuesday: April Fools' Day
Wednesday: St. Francis of Paola, Hermit
Friday: St. Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Saturday: St. Vincent Ferrer, Priest
Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent



Devotions, Explained!

A novena is a nine-day period of prayer focused on a specific topic, saint, or devotion. There are four basic categories of novenas — novenas of preparation, of mourning, of prayer, and of indulgence. This 9-day period of prayer can be traced back to the Acts of the Apostles.

Prayer of a Father's Blessing

God who wills good things for your children, Help me to trust that You will be faithful.
God who will not leave me, Help me to seek You, too.
God who is ever-waiting for me, Help me to run straight towards You.

Amen.

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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.



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