



Palm Sunday



WEEK OF APRIL 13, 2025



(Photo by *Laurie Jensen*)

Experience Peace and Reflection at the Prayer Garden

Mother Mary welcomes all who enter the tranquil Prayer Garden on the grounds of St. John the Baptist Parish. As we journey through the final week of Lent, take a peaceful walk among the cherry blossom trees and blooming winter heath bushes. Let the natural beauty of the garden inspire your prayer, meditation, and contemplation.

We invite you to join us for a special time of prayer during our live Stations of the Cross through the Prayer Garden on Good Friday. Let this sacred space deepen your connection to Christ's passion and the hope of Easter.



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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Sunday, April 13 - *Palm Sunday*

In addition to the regularly scheduled Sunday events,

Masses:

8:30 am (English); 10:30 am (English); 12:30 pm (Spanish);
2:30 pm Swahili; 8:00 pm (Spanish)

Monday, April 14

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

Tuesday, April 15

Adult Confirmation
Grupo de Oracion
Choir Rehearsal (12:30 Span)
Terrific Tuesday Meals

Wednesday, April 16

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

Thursday, April 17 - *Holy Thursday*

Mass - 6:00 pm (English)
Mass - 8:00 pm (Spanish)
Holy Hour for Vocations
Apologetics Bible Study (Span)
Adult Confirmation (Span)
Small Christian Community
Bible Study Communities
Choir Rehearsal (English)

Friday, April 18 - *Good Friday*

Mass - 6:00 pm (English)
Mass - 8:00 pm (Spanish)
Grupo de Oracion
Kent All Men's Alanon

Saturday, April 19 - *Holy Saturday*

Easter Vigil Mass - 8:30 pm (Multicultural)
Parish Work Party - 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
Choir Rehearsal (7pm Span)
Small Christian Communities



Sunday, April 13 *Palm Sunday*

Mass - 9:00 am

Mass - 11:30 am

OCIA Dismissals - 11:30 am

Living Stations Practice - 2:00 pm

Mass - 5:30 pm

Monday, April 14

Mostly Yoga - 8:00 am

Mass - 9:00 am

Funeral for **Yvonne Lawless** - 11:00 am
Choir (Sunday 9:00 am) Practice - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, April 15

Word & Communion - 9:00 am

AF Oracion - 6:00 pm

Living Stations Practice - 6:00 pm

WICS - 6:00 pm

AF Vida en el Espiritu Santo - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, April 16

Mostly Yoga - 8:00 am

Mass - 9:00 am

Living Stations Practice - 6:00 pm

Choir (Truthful Reign) Practice - 7:00 pm

Thursday, April 17 *Holy Thursday*

Creation Care Team Meeting - 1:00 pm

Hora Santa - 5:00 pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 6:00 pm

OCIA - 7:00 pm

Holy Thursday Adoration - 7:00 pm

Friday, April 18 *Good Friday*

Living Stations of the Cross - 3:00 pm

Passion of the Lord - 6:00 pm

Saturday, April 19 *Holy Saturday*

Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter - 8:30 pm
OCIA Celebration - 8:30 pm

Please Pray for

those who are **sick**:

Melissa Strader

those who have **died**:

Derrick Albrecht (husband of Lisa Albrecht)

Remember Your Deceased Loved Ones with Flowers

It's not too late to donate spring flowers to decorate our sanctuary for Easter. Please consider donating to purchase a pot or two in memory of a loved one during this Easter season.

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

Your Donations at Work

Fences around the retention ponds on the property are now installed! This was 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.**

Men's Retreat

Due to **Father Crispin's** travels, this event will feature **Father Jim Coyne** as the guest speaker. It is still on for April 26, 2025. Please continue to check the bulletin for updates.

Father Jim Coyne's 50th Jubilee Celebration

Save the date for **Father Jim's** 50th Jubilee party on **June 1, 2025.** If you're interested in helping with the planning and organizing, please contact **Kathy Wickward** in the office.

Help Needed for Decorating

Easter is next week! We need help on the morning of **Saturday, April 19**, to prepare the sanctuary for our celebrations of Easter. Any questions, please contact **Laurie Moloney** in the office.

New Keys to Building Entry Doors

If you hold a key to the office lobby door and attempt to come in through that door, you will not be able to get in unless you get lucky and see a staff member walking around inside. A new keyless lock has been installed on the office lobby door to make it easier to administratively manage. (Keys go out and never come back.) **Your key will no longer work on this door.** However, keep that key, as it will continue to work **inside** the buildings after the switch. In the meantime, use the narthex entry door to access the sanctuary and offices until you have a code. When the buildings are locked, the McMullen Center can only be entered through the front doors of that building.

All current key holders will need to meet with **David Aldous** to select a new personalized key code.

More information will be published in future bulletins.

Welcome **Father Peter**

Father Crispin will be joining the group to Italy on the *12 Days Pilgrimage to Italy* from April 23 to May 3, 2025.

Father Carlos will be on the confirmation retreat the weekend of April 26/27. In both **Father Crispin's** and **Father Carlos's** absence, **Father Peter Igwilo** will be our Celebrant for the weekend of April 26/27. **Father Peter** will hear confessions as well as celebrate Masses that entire weekend.

Father Peter is a priest of the Catholic Diocese of Ekwulobia, Nigeria and was ordained in 1992. As the priest chaplain/senior priest in charge of Catholic Ministry in the Veterans Affairs Medical Center (VAMC) in Wilmington, DE, **Father Peter** enjoys the full faculties of the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington and assists in ministries as needed. He is also affiliated with the Archdiocese of the military services. As a priest chaplain in the hospital at VAMC, he specializes in post-traumatic stress disorder and moral injuries. **Father Peter** represents *Cross Catholic Outreach*, which empowers the work of frontline Catholic religious and lay partners and other relief organizations serving the poor and vulnerable in over 30 countries.

Please welcome **Father Peter** the weekend of April 26/27!



Save the Dates!

Please be sure to mark your calendars for the following:

Palm Sunday - 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 - 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

Kick Off A New Walking Group

Thank you to everyone who voted on a day and time for the new walking group. If you haven't yet voted, you have a day or two to share your preferred date. Click [here](#) or use the QR code below to access the form or email **Rose McAvoy** at rosem@sjtbcc.org. If you prefer to skip the tech, you can share your vote on paper, which is located in the narthex or in front of the office window.

Let us know **by April 14**. We will publish the final results in the bulletin **after** April 14. We can't wait to walk with you!



Season of Service

St. John the Baptist has already logged in **over 270 hours** of volunteer hours in March (reported via the green cards).

Don't forget to record your volunteer hours from March 1 through May 31, 2025 to help celebrate the Archdiocese of Seattle's 175th anniversary through the Season of Service. Look back at your March calendar and count the time spent attending a meeting, prayer group, personal prayer time, and volunteer service. Committee and Commission leaders can report an estimated number of hours spent by the full group! (**Formula:** Meeting minutes x number of participants = service hours.)

Our Parish thrives, **thanks to our generous volunteers!**
Let's recognize that effort!

Experience *Just Faith*

Starting May 20, 2025, the *Life, Justice, Peace Commission* will be sponsoring an eight-week *Just Faith* small group experience, "Faith and Immigration Justice." This experience facilitates holy and healthy dialogue around immigration, a highly contentious topic that is nevertheless intricately linked with our Christian faith.

In writing this program, *Just Faith* intentionally sought out resources from a variety of faith and political perspectives. This program focuses primarily on immigrants crossing our southern border, though we will touch upon global migration and immigrants coming to the U.S. from non-Latin American countries. Ultimately, a deeper understanding of this particular slice of the issue will help us to better understand migration in general, and to learn about - and learn from - immigrants from all countries and cultures.

Regardless of whether you consider yourself "conservative" or "progressive," or if you don't fit neatly into any of these categories, we welcome participants from all perspectives. There will be safe opportunities to share in the "just faith" manner, without contentious debates.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to us if you have any further questions about program materials or the resources that *Just Faith* ministries seek to provide for our church and/or community.

Registration for the group is \$35.00 and includes two books: *The Line Becomes a River: Dispatches from the Border* by Francisco Cantú, and *Welcoming the Stranger: Justice, Compassion, & Truth in the Immigration Debate* by Matthew Soerens and Jenny Yang. If you are interested in participating, please fill out the form [here](#).

An Interfaith Exploration of Women in Ministry

The *Women's Commission* is hosting a moderated panel of four ordained women ministers on **Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at 6:30pm**. Three Protestant pastors and a rabbi will share their experiences and their faith's understanding of ordination. More information to follow.

Thrifter's Paradise is Coming!

If you haven't yet heard, 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. **Donations will be accepted starting May 17**, so please **don't bring any donations and leave them on the parish grounds**.

We will **need volunteers to make this happen**, so please consider giving some of your time to help with this "thrift store". Stay tuned for more information in this bulletin!



HOLY WEEK: ENTERING THE HEART OF OUR FAITH

Dear Parish Family,

As we enter the most sacred time of our liturgical year—Holy Week—I invite you to pause, reflect, and enter deeply into the mystery of Christ's passion, death, and resurrection. These days are not simply a series of beautiful rituals or traditions we observe out of habit. They are the very heartbeat of our faith—the moment when love conquered death and eternity was opened to us.

At the center of Holy Week is the **Easter Triduum**, a single liturgy spread over three days: **Holy Thursday**, **Good Friday**, and the **Easter Vigil**. Though each celebration has its own distinct character, together they form *one continuous act of worship*, one unbroken movement through the Paschal Mystery.

Holy Thursday: The Mandate to Love

We begin the Triduum with the **Mass of the Lord's Supper**. On this evening, we commemorate the institution of the **Eucharist** and the **priesthood**. Jesus, on the night He was betrayed, gave us His Body and Blood as a lasting memorial of His sacrifice. But He also gave us something else—an example.

In the **washing of the feet***, Jesus performs the humblest task, showing us that to be His disciples, we must serve one another with the same self-giving love. This gesture, rich in symbolism, reminds us that the Eucharist we celebrate must overflow into charity.

[*For St. John Parishioners: please note that I am aware the tradition at this parish has been that all wash each other's feet. I would like to move away from that for two reasons, one theological and the other practical.

Theological: While yes we all share in the priesthood of Christ through our baptism, the significance of Holy Thursday is for the priest himself to renew his commitment to servant leadership to you, his parishioners. For this reason, the **rubrics** in the **Roman Missal** specifically state that it is the **presider** who does the washing of the feet. As to how many people, that is not specified, but out of symbolism I use 12 people representing the diversity of the parish: children, adults, woman, men, staff, volunteers, etc.

Practical: As I have to be at Holy Spirit Kent to then celebrate Spanish Mass at 8pm, I also need to **expedite** the action so just me doing this to a few people helps my timing.]

The liturgy ends not with a dismissal, but with a solemn procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose. We are invited to keep watch with the Lord in prayer, just as the disciples were called to do in Gethsemane.



Good Friday: The Triumph of the Cross

On Good Friday, we enter into the stark and solemn commemoration of the Passion and Death of our Lord. It is the one day of the year when Mass is not celebrated, for Christ—the true Lamb—has been sacrificed.

During the liturgy, we listen to the Gospel account of the Passion according to John. Then comes the Veneration of the Cross—a deeply moving gesture where we approach and kiss or touch the wood of the Cross. This is not just a ritual act; it is an encounter with the instrument of our salvation. In the Cross, we see not defeat, but the depth of divine love.

We leave in silence, carrying with us the weight of the tomb, yet with eyes fixed on the promise of resurrection.

The Easter Vigil: From Darkness to Light

Then, in the quiet of the night on Holy Saturday, we gather for the Easter Vigil, the “mother of all Vigils.” We begin in darkness, symbolizing the world without Christ. But from a single flame—the Paschal candle—light spreads, illuminating our church and our hearts. Christ is risen!

This liturgy is rich and powerful:

- In the **Liturgy of the Word**, we hear the great story of salvation unfold.
- In the **Liturgy of Baptism**, new members are born into the Church, and all of us renew our **baptismal promises**, recommitting ourselves to the life of grace.
- And in the **Liturgy of the Eucharist**, we share once again in the Body and Blood of our Risen Lord.

My dear friends, I encourage you not to skip from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday, as if rushing past the Cross to get to the empty tomb. Instead, walk with Jesus. Sit with Him at the table. Stand by Him at the Cross. Keep vigil by the tomb. And when the light of Easter finally breaks through, you will know—not just with your mind, but in your soul—that He is truly risen.

Let us enter these holy days together, as one family of faith.

In Christ,
Fr. Carlos Orozco

SEMANA SANTA: ENTRANDO EN EL CORAZÓN DE NUESTRA FE

Querida Familia Parroquial,

Al entrar en el tiempo más sagrado de nuestro año litúrgico —la Semana Santa—, los invito a detenernos, reflexionar y adentrarnos en el misterio de la pasión, muerte y resurrección de Cristo. Estos días no son simplemente una serie de hermosos rituales o tradiciones que observamos por costumbre. Son el latido mismo de nuestra fe: el momento en que el amor venció a la muerte y la eternidad se abrió ante nosotros.

En el centro de la Semana Santa se encuentra **el Triduo Pascual**, una liturgia única que se extiende a lo largo de tres días: **Jueves Santo, Viernes Santo y Vigilia Pascual**. Si bien cada celebración tiene su propia identidad, juntas forman *un acto continuo de adoración*, un movimiento ininterrumpido a través del Misterio Pascual.

Jueves Santo: El mandato de amar

Comenzamos el Triduo con **la Misa de la Cena del Señor**. Esta noche conmemoramos la institución de **la Eucaristía y el sacerdocio**. Jesús, la noche en que fue traicionado, nos dio su Cuerpo y su Sangre como memorial perdurable de su sacrificio. Pero también nos dio algo más: un ejemplo.

En **el lavatorio de pies***, Jesús realiza la tarea más humilde, mostrándonos que, para ser sus discípulos, debemos servirnos unos a otros con el mismo amor abnegado. Este gesto, rico en simbolismo, nos recuerda que la Eucaristía que celebramos debe desbordar caridad.

[*Para los feligreses de San Juan: tengan en cuenta que sé que la tradición en esta parroquia ha sido lavarse los pies. Quisiera apartarme de esto por dos razones: una teológica y otra práctica.

Teológico: Si bien todos compartimos el sacerdocio de Cristo por nuestro bautismo, la importancia del Jueves Santo reside en que el sacerdote mismo renueve su compromiso de servicio a ustedes, sus feligreses. Por esta razón, **las rúbricas del Misal Romano** establecen específicamente que es **el celebrante** quien realiza el lavatorio de pies. En cuanto al número de personas, no se especifica, pero por simbolismo, utilizo 12 personas que representan la diversidad de la parroquia: niños, adultos, mujeres, hombres, personal, voluntarios, etc.

Práctico: Como tengo que estar en Holy Spirit Kent para luego celebrar la misa en español a las 8 p.m., también necesito **agilizar** la acción, así que el solo hecho de hacer esto con algunas personas me ayuda a sincronizar.]

La liturgia no concluye con una despedida, sino con una solemne procesión del Santísimo Sacramento hasta el Altar de Reposo. Se nos invita a velar con el Señor en oración, tal como se llamó a los discípulos en Getsemaní.

Viernes Santo: El triunfo de la cruz

El Viernes Santo, entramos en la solemne y austera conmemoración de la Pasión y Muerte de nuestro Señor. Es el único día del año en que no se celebra la Misa, pues Cristo, el verdadero Cordero, ha sido inmolado.

Durante la liturgia, escuchamos el relato evangélico de la Pasión según San Juan. A continuación, viene la Veneración de la Cruz, un gesto profundamente conmovedor en el que nos acercamos y besamos o tocamos el madero de la Cruz. No se trata de un simple acto ritual; es un encuentro con el instrumento de nuestra salvación. En la Cruz, no vemos la derrota, sino la profundidad del amor divino.

Partimos en silencio, cargando con el peso del sepulcro, pero con la mirada fija en la promesa de la resurrección.

La Vigilia Pascual: De la oscuridad a la luz

Luego, en la quietud de la noche del Sábado Santo, nos reunimos para la Vigilia Pascual, la "madre de todas las Vigilias". Comenzamos en la oscuridad, simbolizando el mundo sin Cristo. Pero de una sola llama —el cirio pascual— se extiende la luz, iluminando nuestra iglesia y nuestros corazones. ¡Cristo ha resucitado!

Esta liturgia es rica y poderosa:

- En **la Liturgia de la Palabra** escuchamos cómo se desarrolla la gran historia de la salvación.
- En **la Liturgia del Bautismo** nacen nuevos miembros en la Iglesia y todos renovamos nuestras **promesas bautismales**, comprometiéndonos nuevamente con la vida de la gracia.
- Y en **la Liturgia de la Eucaristía**, compartimos una vez más el Cuerpo y la Sangre de nuestro Señor Resucitado.

Queridos amigos, los animo a no saltarse del Domingo de Ramos al Domingo de Pascua, como si pasaran corriendo junto a la cruz para llegar al sepulcro vacío. En cambio, caminen con Jesús. Siéntense con él a la mesa. Permanezcan junto a él en la cruz. Vigilen junto al sepulcro. Y cuando la luz de la Pascua finalmente irrumpa, sabrán —no solo con la mente, sino con el alma— que Él verdaderamente ha resucitado.

Entremos juntos en estos días santos, como una sola familia de fe.

En Cristo,
P. Carlos Orozco

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The Lord GOD is my help,
therefore I am not disgraced;
I have set my face like flint,
knowing that I shall not be put to shame. (Is 50:7)

Psalm:

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Ps 22)

Second Reading:

Because of this, God greatly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name
which is above every name. (Phil 2:9)

Gospel:

Then he took the bread, said the blessing,
broke it, and gave it to them, saying,
"This is my body, which will be given for you;
do this in memory of me." (Lk 22:19)

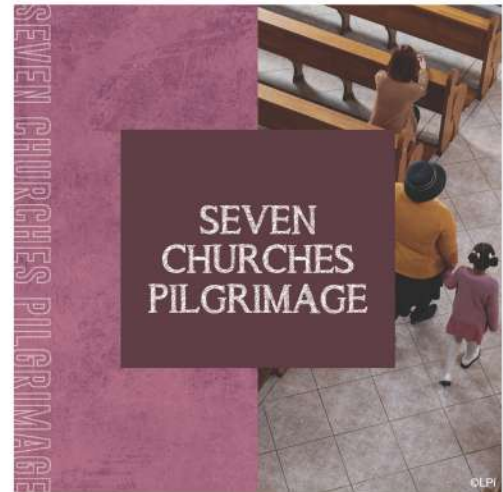
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The disciples followed Jesus' careful instructions for his entry to Jerusalem, even though they did not understand his words. Today, we too, look ahead to his arrival. In obedience, let us prepare the way for the King.

Observances for the week of April 13, 2025

Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Tuesday: Tax Day
Thursday: Holy Thursday
Friday: Good Friday
Saturday: Holy Saturday
Next Sunday: Easter Sunday



Devotions, *Explained!*

The Seven Churches Pilgrimage is the practice of visiting seven different churches on Holy Thursday, in imitation of the journey of Christ on the eve of his crucifixion, when he asked his disciples to stay with him as he awaited his Passion and death.

Prayer for Holy Week

Dear Lord,
I open my heart to You,
offering every day and night to
You in sacred surrender. I pray
for the grace to accompany
You in a special way this Holy
Week, joining and offering the
trials I encounter on our shared
journey to the cross and to a
victorious hope.
Amen.

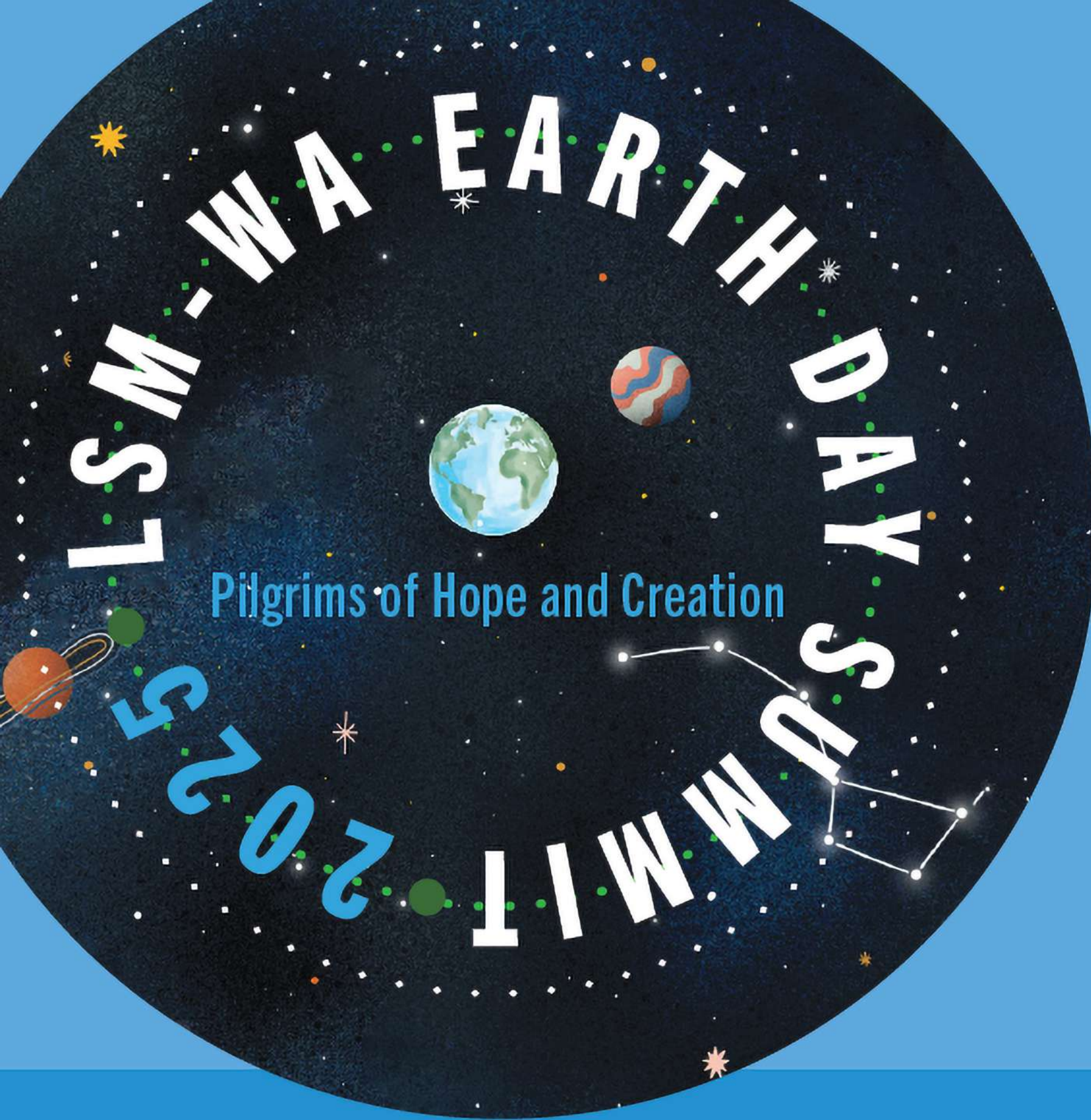
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(STUDENT CENTER 160)

THE DAY WILL FEATURE:

- Keynote Speaker:
Dr. Robert D. Bullard,
Father of Environmental
Justice
- Community Building
- Pilgrimage Planning
- Faith Sharing
- And more!



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