



*Easter Sunday*



**WEEK OF APRIL 20, 2025**



(Photo by **Sue Cassidy** Vigil 2024)

### **Light in the Darkness**

The Paschal fire blazes forth, marking the beginning of the Vigil and the triumph of Christ's resurrection. From the sacred flame, hope is rekindled. Light prevails over darkness.

May the flame of Easter grace your heart and guide your steps through every season.



## 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

Check Page 4 for Easter Sunday schedule

**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)

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**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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Holy Spirit  
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## Sunday, April 20 Easter 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)  
6:00 pm (Chukese)  
8:00 pm (Spanish)

## Monday

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

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

## Wednesday

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

## Thursday

Holy Hour for Vocations  
Apologetics Bible Study (Span)  
Adult Confirmation (Span)  
Small Christian Community  
Bible Study Communities  
Choir Rehearsal (English)

## Friday

Grupo de Oracion  
Kent All Men's Alanon

## Saturday

Choir Rehearsal (7pm Span)  
Small Christian Communities



## Sunday, April 20 Easter Sunday

Mass - 8:00 am  
Mass - 10:00 am  
Mass - 12:00 noon

## Monday, April 21 Office Closed

Mostly Yoga - 8:00 am  
Mass - 9:00 am

Prayer Ministry SFC Meeting - 9:30 am  
Choir (Sunday 9:00 am) Practice - 7:00 pm  
Knights of Columbus Meeting - 7:00 pm

## Tuesday, April 22

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

## Wednesday, April 23

Mostly Yoga - 8:00 am  
Mass - 9:00 am  
Divine Mercy Prayer Group - 10:00 am  
YS Committee Meeting - 5:00 pm  
Choir (Truthful Reign) Practice - 7:00 pm

## Thursday, April 24

Hora Santa - 5:00 pm  
Mass - 6:30 pm  
Choir (11:30 am) Practice - 7:00 pm  
OCIA - 7:00 pm

## Friday, April 25

Word & Communion - 9:00 am  
Funeral for Le Habryl - 1:30 pm  
Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 6:30 pm

## Saturday, April 26

Men's Spirituality Retreat - 9:00 am  
Saturday Morning Scripture - 10:00 am  
Confessions - 4:00 to 5:00 pm  
Mass - 5:30 pm

## Please Pray for

those who are **sick**:

**Nicky Mendozavalencia**  
**Mellissa Strader**

those who have **died**:

**Sharon Norambuena**  
(wife of Hernan Norambuena)

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## 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** also 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. He will share some touching stories about the amazing work Catholic missions are accomplishing worldwide. Since *Cross Catholic Outreach* empowers existing Catholic missions, its programs are extremely cost-effective, and the vast majority of the resources it collects go into program services that help the poorest of the poor around the world.

To learn more about Cross Catholic Outreach, please go to [CrossCatholic.org/outreach](https://CrossCatholic.org/outreach), or scan the QR code.



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



**Blood pressure check**  
**next weekend April 27**  
after all morning Masses

## A Family in Need of Help

On the night of March 28, 2025, **Jose and Nancy Ortiz** were driving home from a church event when their lives were tragically altered after being struck by a driver who was driving under the influence. **Jose** did not survive the crash at the intersection of 94th Avenue South and South 240th Street in Kent, WA. **Nancy** (executive assistant to Father Carlos) suffered injuries, was hospitalized after the crash, and is now resting at home with her family.

The family is humbly asking for monetary donations and prayers as they navigate this unimaginable grief while facing significant financial burdens (funeral expenses, medical costs, and legal fees to ensure justice is served). To assist the Ortiz Family, please visit their [GoFundMe](#) page.

## Share Your Crafty Skills

Meet with the crafting group for some fellowship and sharing of craft skills. Bring a craft to work on and a small snack to share on **Saturday, April 26, 2025 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm** in the McMullen multi purpose room. Contact Nancy Moore for more information [nancym@sjtbcc.org](mailto:nancym@sjtbcc.org).



## 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 6:30 pm**. Three Protestant pastors and a rabbi will share their experiences and their faith's understanding of ordination. More information to follow.

## Knights of Columbus Thank You

To all who attended this season's *Lenten Fish Fry Fridays*, thank you from the *Knights of Columbus*! Your generosity assisted them in raising nearly **\$3,000 for Pregnancy Aid**.

Thank you also to *Ivar's* and *Trident Seafood*, who graciously provided the meal. If you missed it this year, be sure to join us next year.

From the *Knights of Columbus* to you and your loved ones:



## Father Jim Coyne's 50<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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 time in minutes) x (number of participants) =  
service hours

Click [here](#) to enter your hours, or click on the QR code to enter from your phone.



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

## Thrifter's Paradise is Coming!

Mark your calendars! St. John the Baptist's annual yard sale is going to happen from **June 19 (paid preview) to June 22, 2025**. **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!



Thanks to all of you who donated to *Vine Maple Place's* request a few weeks ago. A trunk full of hygiene essentials was delivered to replenish their Care Closets!

Please continue to drop off donations in the box next to the *Women's Commission* table in the narthex. The items most needed include shampoo, conditioner, laundry detergent, and toilet paper. Check out the [full list](#), and please continue to drop off your donations in the box by the *Women's Commission* table in the narthex.

## 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*, and *Welcoming the Stranger: Justice, Compassion, & Truth in the Immigration Debate*. If you are interested in participating, fill out the form [here](#).

## An Easter Prayer

Prayer is talking to God. Pray to Him as if he's sitting right next to you. Know that He is not as concerned with your words as He is with the attitude of your heart. Start with this prayer for Easter:

*"Lord Jesus, I want to know You personally. Thank You for dying on the cross for my sins. I open the door of my life to You and ask you to come in as my Savior and Lord. Take control of my life. Thank You for forgiving my sins and giving me eternal life. Make me the kind of person You want me to be. Amen."*

[William Stoddard](#)



# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

He went about doing good  
and healing all those oppressed by the devil,  
for God was with him. (Acts 10:38)

### Psalm:

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.  
Or: Alleluia. (Ps 118)

### Second Reading:

If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above,  
where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. (Col 3:1)

### Gospel:

So she ran and went to Simon Peter  
and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved,  
and told them,  
"They have taken the Lord from the tomb,  
and we don't know where they put him." (Jn 20:2)

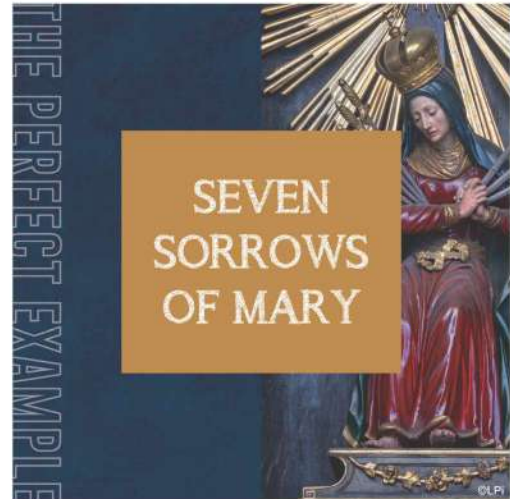
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

There is an invitation in the empty tomb and the abandoned burial cloths. What great things could we accomplish, if we only believe that Christ has conquered death? Go forth this Easter season, boldly embracing the hope of the resurrection.

## Observances for the week of April 20, 2025

- Sunday:** Easter Sunday
- Monday:** Monday within the Octave of Easter
- Tuesday:** Tuesday within the Octave of Easter; Earth Day
- Wednesday:** Wednesday within the Octave of Easter;  
Administrative Professionals' Day
- Thursday:** Thursday within the Octave of Easter
- Friday:** Friday within the Octave of Easter; Arbor Day
- Saturday:** Saturday within the Octave of Easter
- Next Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)



## Devotions, Explained!

The Seven Sorrows of Mary helps us to unite our own sufferings with those of Jesus, following Mary's perfect example, as we meditate upon the great sufferings endured by Our Lord and his Blessed Mother.

## Prayer for Easter

Blessed be God who has triumphed over the grave!  
Our Lord is victorious!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
May the joy of Easter fill every part of our lives!  
Amen.

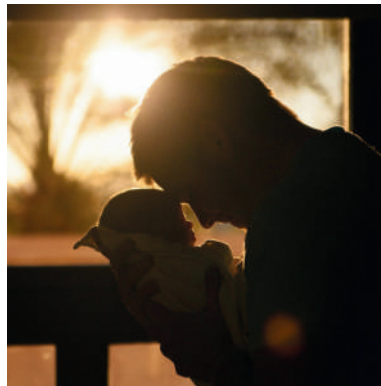
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For St. John the Baptist questions/comments, email **Pat** at [bulletin@sjtbcc.org](mailto:bulletin@sjtbcc.org)

# With a Father's Heart Men's Retreat

with Fr. Jim Coyne



**Saturday April 26, 8am-12pm**

at St. John the Baptist McMullen Building

- Breakfast provided -



Please scan the QR to register  
so we can plan appropriately

The Women's Commission of St. John the Baptist, invites you to

# AN INTERFAITH EXPLORATION OF *Women in Ministry*



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## Panelists:

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Grace Lutheran Church
- **Pastor Cheryl Olsen**  
Crossway Church
- **The Rev. Canon Elise Johnstone**  
St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church
- **Rabbi Yohanna Kinberg**  
Temple Kol Ami

Across faith traditions, women are called to serve as spiritual leaders—guiding, teaching, and caring for their communities. Join us for An Interfaith Exploration of Women in Ministry, a moderated panel discussion four women faith leaders who will share their experiences as women in ordained ministry.

Our panelists will share their personal experiences of vocation and service, as well as the joys and challenges they've encountered in ministry.

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