



Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy



WEEK OF APRIL 27, 2025



(Photo by **Paul Dehmer**)

Faith, Fellowship, and New Beginnings – Welcome to Our Newest Members!

Glory to God! St. John the Baptist Parish joyfully welcomes the newest full members of our faith community. Eight individuals received the sacrament of baptism, three were received into the Catholic Church from other Christian traditions by professing their faith as Catholic, and five finished their Rites of Initiation coming into full communion with the Church.

Pictured above are 16 of our newest confirmed members along with their sponsors, Father Carlos, and the *Order of Christian Initiations of Adults* team.



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



Holy Spirit
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Sunday, April 27

Divine Mercy

Choir Rehearsal (Swahili)
Knight of Columbus Coffee/Donuts
Wedding Class
Youth Confirmation
Centro Rendu Youth Workshops
Adult Faith Formation/Bible Study

Monday, April 28

Bible Study Groups (Spanish)
Food Pantry
Small Christian Communities
Grupo de Oracion
Centro Rendu Youth Workshops
Grandparent Bible Study (Spanish)

Tuesday, April 29

Young Adult Choir (Spanish)
Adult Confirmation
Small Christian Community
Grupo de Oracion
Choir Rehearsal (12:30 Spanish)
Terrific Tuesday Meals

Wednesday, April 30

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

Thursday, May 1

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

Friday, May 2

Grupo de Oracion
Kent All Men's Alanon
Bible Study Communities
Mujeres de Fe (Spanish)
Baptism Prep (Spanish)
Base Ecclesial Group (Spanish)

Saturday, May 3

Choir Rehearsal (7pm Spanish)
Swahili Community
Young Adults (Spanish)
Children Sac. Prep.
Small Christian Communities



Sunday, April 27

Divine Mercy

Mass - 9:00 am

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

Mass - 11:30 am

Mass - 5:30 pm

Monday, April 28

Mostly Yoga - 8:00 am

Mass - 9:00 am

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

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

Tuesday, April 29

Word & Communion - 9:00 am

AF Oracion - 6:00 pm

WICS - 6:00 pm

AF Vida en el Espiritu Santo - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, April 30

Mostly Yoga - 8:00 am

Mass - 9:00 am

Divine Mercy Prayer Group - 10:00 am

Choir (Truthful Reign) Practice - 7:00 pm

Thursday, May 1

Funeral for Patty Ritter - 11:00 am

Creation Care Team Meeting - 1:00 pm

Safe Parking 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, May 2

Word & Communion - 9:00 am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 9:45 am

Hispanic Charismatic Adoration - 4:00 pm

Mass (First Friday, Spanish) - 7:30 pm

Saturday, May 3

First Reconciliation/Eucharist Retreat - 10:00 am

Confessions - 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Mass - 5:30 pm



Pope Francis
1936 - 2025

Pope Francis was born **Jorge Mario Bergoglio** on December 17, 1936 in Flores, a neighborhood of Buenos Aires. He was the oldest of the five children of **Mario José Bergoglio** and **Regina María Sívori**. Mario Bergoglio was an Italian immigrant and an accountant from Piedmont.

Pope Francis earned a chemical technician's diploma from his high school and entered the Jesuit novitiate in March 1958. As part of his Jesuit formation, he taught literature and psychology at Jesuit high schools in the mid-1960s, and he was ordained to the priesthood on December 13, 1969.

In 1973, he was appointed superior of the Jesuit province of Argentina. In 1992, **Pope John Paul II** named him an auxiliary bishop of Buenos Aires. He was promoted to coadjutor archbishop in 1997 and became head of the archdiocese in 1998. **St. John Paul** named him to the College of Cardinals three years later.

On March 13, 2013, at the age of 76, he was elected to succeed **Pope Benedict XVI** and took the name of **Francis** to emulate **St. Francis's** dedication to poverty, peace, and the environment and was known for his humility and his love for the poor.

Pope Francis was the head of the Catholic Church and sovereign of the Vatican City State from 2013 until his death on April 21, 2025.

Rest in Peace, **Pope Francis**.

Special Mass for Pope Francis at St. James Cathedral, Seattle

Archbishop Etienne will offer a Mass at St. James Cathedral in Seattle on
Monday, April 28 at 12:10 pm.
All are welcome.

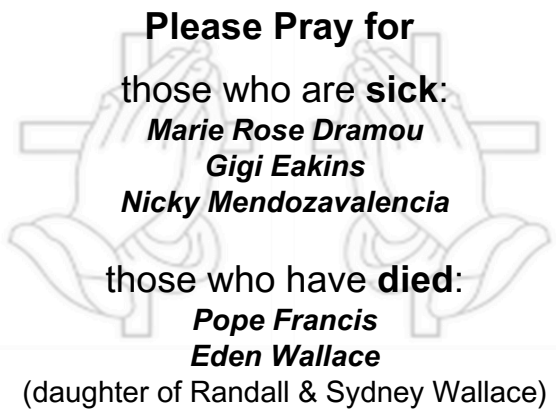
Let Us Pray

- That **Pope Francis**, called to the heavenly kingdom by the Lord, may rejoice forever at the banquet table of heaven.
- For **Pope Francis**, who served the Church as Supreme Pontiff for 12 years and who proclaimed the joy of the Gospel, that the merciful Lord may accompany him to our heavenly homeland and that he may worship God forever in the liturgy of heaven.
- That the tireless efforts of **Pope Francis**, now called to the Lord, may bear fruit in unity, peace, and love among all men and women.



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**Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.
May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.**



Please Pray for
those who are sick:
Marie Rose Dramou
Gigi Eakins
Nicky Mendozavalencia

those who have died:
Pope Francis
Eden Wallace
(daughter of Randall & Sydney Wallace)

Welcome to Our Newest Members!

The weather was a bit cold with even a sprinkling of rain, but that did not deter the 16 brothers and sisters who were determined to become full-fledged members of our faith community here at St. John the Baptist.

Beside them throughout this incredible journey are their sponsors, who were there until the very end when they were finally confirmed into our faith. Thank you Sponsors for journeying with our new brothers and sisters.

Please welcome our “full members of the church” (Confirmandi) and give thanks to their sponsors. (See front cover photo.)

Confirmandi	Sponsor
Nicole Ayamanjemi	Vicky French
Kate Gibson	Pat Carroll
Monica Guerrero	Guadalupe & Jose Maceda
Michael Hammons	Fred Sutton
Everett Hanke	Jim Carroll
Dorothy Harris	Connie Teece
Khan Heuangphimph	Kathy Androes-Downes
Dale Johnson	Dave Richardson
Tiffany Morin	Carol Boespflug
Gavin Munoz	Betty Lou Partridge
Anthony Smith	Eugene Partridge
Kristina St. John	Mary Petersen
Kyle Swiderski	Jim Tanasse
Alvaro Valdez-Duran	Luis Duran
Mirandha Vazquez Osorio	Najhive Ocampo Ramirez
Tri Vo-Tran	Pat Defiesta

Father Jim Coyne's 50th Jubilee Celebration

There are no updates yet, but don't forget to mark your calendars - **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.

Annual Catholic Appeal Kickoff

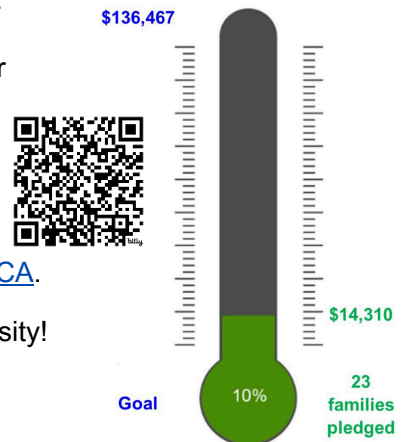
The 2025 *Annual Catholic Appeal* (ACA) is about to take off!

Together in Faith is the theme of this year's appeal, and this weekend the campaign begins. The ACA funds ministries and services for our local Catholic communities across Western Washington. This combined effort of parishes and the Archdiocese of Seattle ensures the availability of outreach ministries, Catholic education, faith formation, administrative services for parishes, and much more!

This year, **our parish's goal is \$136,467.00**. Last year, the average gift from our parish was \$466.00; across the archdiocese, it was \$545.00. All gifts received over our goal will be returned to the parish for our parish project, which is supporting **Catholic Relief Services** and the Archdiocese **Mission Essential Parish Family Fund**. Catholic Relief Services has experienced a decrease in funding, impacting its ability to provide vital humanitarian assistance. The Mission Essential Parish Family Fund supports parish families within our archdiocese in economically-depressed regions or rural areas with small populations. This support allows the parish to carry out the mission of the Church.

There are 25 families, who pledged recurring gifts last year (2024) into this year (2025). Thank you for continuing to support ACA.

Please prayerfully consider how you can participate in helping our parish be a light to others. It's easy to give to the 2025 ACA. Scan the QR code or visit archseattle.org/GiveACA.



Thank you for your generosity!

Join Us For May Crowning



The month of May is dedicated to Mary, the mother of Jesus, because of her connection to spring, renewal, and the blossoming of nature, which mirrors Mary's role as spiritual mother.

Join us in honoring Mother Mary next **Sunday, May 4**, when the Elementary Faith Formation, led by CREW, will present a **May Crowning at 10:25 am**. You are welcome to join the procession by **meeting in the narthex at 10:20 am**. Flowers will be provided. Please bring the entire family to honor our blessed mother!

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.

Yard Sale Kickoff! Volunteers Needed

Check out our webpage for volunteering opportunities. You, too, can be part of the "largest pop-up thrift store in South King County!" Sign up [here](#), or use the QR code.



We start collecting donations the week of May 17 & 18. **We need people to receive and sort donations** to start. Thanks!

What Sunday Was That Homily?

Never miss a homily by **Father Carlos** again! You can check out his past homilies by visiting his blog, *Discover Fire*, at frcarlos.blog/. You can also enter your email to subscribe to **Father Carlos's** blog and get notified via email when a new post is published.

Welcome Father Peter

This weekend we are blessed to be hosting a priest representing *Cross Catholic Outreach*, **Father Peter Igwilo**.

Cross Catholic Outreach ministry was founded to link parishes in the U.S. with priests, religious brothers and sisters, and laypeople working in Church missions overseas. Its programs span the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, and Central and South America.

Donation envelopes will be provided. Please be generous, and be sure to say, "hi" to **Father Peter** after Mass. Brochures with a donation envelope will be provided if you wish to support this worthy Catholic ministry. For more information on *Cross Catholic Outreach*, please go to CrossCatholic.org/outreach, or scan the QR code.



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.

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.

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](#) or go to this website: archseattle.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/5063/responses/new.

A History of Initiation Practices and an Examination of the OCIA

Last weekend, we witnessed our brothers and sisters go through OCIA, *Order of Christian Initiation of Adults*, a process for adults seeking to become fully initiated into the faith through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist. If you want to explore the entire content of the OCIA process, join us for a presentation on **Wednesday, May 7, 2025 from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm at Hotel Murano**, 1320 Broadway in Tacoma, WA 98402. Cost is \$40 and covers the presentation and refreshments. To register visit us at archseattle.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/4407/responses/new

For more information on becoming initiated into the Catholic faith, please contact **Joan Williamson** at joanw@sjtbcc.org.

Help Our Parishioners in Need

With inflation and increases in rent and utilities, many parishioners are struggling to make ends meet. We have received a record number of requests for emergency help, and the *In-Parish Assistance Fund* has nearly run dry. We don't have the budget to add to the fund until next year's *Annual Catholic Appeal* refund, so we need your help.

If you are able to **donate** to this important fund, please contact the office or put a donation in the collection basket. Make sure to mark it to go to the **In-Parish Assistance Fund**.

**Remember to bring back
your Rice Bowls by May 4.**

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the apostles. (Acts 5:12)

Psalm:

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting. (Ps 118) Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

When I caught sight of him, I fell down at his feet as though dead.

He touched me with his right hand and said, "Do not be afraid." (Rv 1:17)

Gospel:

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." (Jn 20:19)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Thomas needed proof to believe the amazing things that had happened. God, in His mercy, gave him that proof — but it was up to Thomas to accept it. Do we accept the proof we see of God's love every day?

Observances for the week of April 27, 2025

Sunday:	2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)
Monday:	St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest
Tuesday:	St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday:	St. Pius V, Pope
Thursday:	St. Joseph the Worker, National Day of Prayer
Friday:	St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Saturday:	Sts. Philip and James, Apostles
Next Sunday:	3rd Sunday of Easter



Devotions, *Explained!*

The rite of sprinkling, also called the Asperges rite, recalls the new life we receive in the waters of our baptism. Though most common during the Easter season, this rite can take place on any Sunday and is used in place of the penitential act.

Prayer of Divine Mercy

O Blood and Water that redeems and saves, have mercy on us!
O Blood and Water that heals and restores, have mercy on us!
O Blood and Water that strengthens and renews, have mercy on us!
Amen.

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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:

- **Pastor Rachel Swenson**
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.

Coffee, tea, and light snacks provided. Time for Q&A and fellowship.



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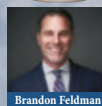
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