



Fifth Sunday of Easter



WEEK OF MAY 18, 2025



(Photos by **Laurie Moloney**)

May Crowning of Mary

May Crowning is a tradition celebrated by Catholics around the world during the Marian month of May. It begins with a procession, followed by the offering of flowers at the statue of the Blessed Mother, and ends with placing a crown of flowers on her head. At St. John the Baptist, we celebrate May Crowning at the end of the faith formation year.

Pictured above: Elementary Faith Formation participants and their parents listen to high schoolers from CREW during their annual May Crowning celebration.



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
PARISH

Sunday, May 18

Choir Rehearsal (Swahili)
Swahili Community
Youth Confirmation
Centro Rendu Youth Workshops
Choir Rehearsal (12:30)
Adult Faith Formation/Bible Study

Monday, May 19

Blood Drive
Bible Study Groups (Span)
Food Pantry
Small Christian Communities
Grupo de Oracion
Centro Rendu Youth
Youth Group
Grandparent Bible Study (Span)

Tuesday, May 20

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

Wednesday, May 21

Young Adult Group (Span)
Knights Council 8150
Rosary (Eng & Span)
Bible Study (Span)
RCIA/OCIA
Cursillos

Thursday, May 22

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

Friday, May 23

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

Saturday, May 24

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



Sunday, May 18

Mass - 9:00 am
Mass - 11:30 am
Welcome Gathering - 12:30
Mass - 5:30 pm
Joint Youth Night - 6:30

Monday, May 19

Mostly Yoga - 8:00 am
Mass - 9:00 am
Choir (9:00 am) Practice - 7:00 pm
KofC Leadership Meeting - 7:00

Tuesday, May 20

Word & Communion - 9:00 am
AF Oracion - 6:00 pm
WICS - 6:00 pm
Faith & Immigration Justice - 6:30 pm
AF Vida en el Espiritu Santo - 7:00 pm
Choir (Fil-Am) Practice - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, May 21

Mostly Yoga - 8:00 am
Mass - 9:00 am
Divine Mercy Prayer Group - 10:00 am
Choir (Truthful Reign) Practice - 7:00 pm
Backpack Buddies Packing - 7:00 pm
Finance Council - 7:00 pm
Choir (Truthful Reign) Practice - 7:00 pm

Thursday, May 22

Walking Group - 11 am
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 23

Word & Communion - 9:00 am
Spring Cleaning - 9:00 am
Hispanic Charismatic Adoration - 4:00 pm
7th/8th Grade Retreat - 7:00 pm

Saturday, May 24

7th/8th Grade Retreat - continued
Spring Cleaning - 9:00 am
Flores de Mayo Set-up - 4:00 pm
Confessions - 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Mass - 5:30 pm

Please Pray for
those who are **sick**:
Lillian Lamberty, Nancy Moore,
& Gina Howell

those who have **died**:
Tom Sawyer (husband of Bonnie Sawyer)




It's Time - Bring Out Your Stuff!

The Yard Sale team is accepting yard sale donations starting this weekend until June 15.

A few reminders! Bring your donations to the front of the McMullen Building. Donations are **only** accepted during the designated times **after weekend Masses** while volunteers are present.

-  **What to Donate**
- **Small furniture** (one person can carry)
 - Sports equipment
 - Holiday decorations
 - Linens & bedding
 - Books
 - Electronics (tested and working, please!)
 - Housewares & kitchen items
 - Home décor
 - Baby gear (excluding car seats or cribs)
 - Toys & games
 - Clothing (all ages and sizes)
 - Purses & bags
 - Shoes (in good condition)
 - **And so much more!**
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-  **What NOT to Donate**
To keep things safe and manageable, we cannot accept:
- **Large furniture** (desks, dining tables, sofas, hutches, etc.)
 - Mattresses
 - Batteries (any kind)
 - Oil/Fuel/Paint
 - Items containing fuel or oil (like lawn mowers or camping stoves)
 - Medications
 - Medical equipment that can't be sanitized
 - Electronics with missing cords or components
 - Large appliances

Volunteers are essential to make the yard sale happen, so please consider giving some of your time to help with this "pop-up thrift store". **Add your name to the lists in the narthex or use the links on our parish website.** Watch this bulletin for updates!

Welcome!

If you're new to St. John's and haven't attended a Welcome Gathering, this is for YOU. You and any family members are invited to our next **Welcome Gathering on 6/15 after either the 9 am or 11:30 am Masses.**

We'll bring the coffee and pastries, you bring yourself and any questions you have about the community here at St. John the Baptist.

Time to Shine

Roll up your sleeves and grab a buddy it's time to Spring Clean! **May 23 & 24, from 9 am - 4 pm**, we need all hands on deck to make our church shine! Come when you can and leave when you must.

Most tasks are indoors—window washing, chair tidying, and more.

There are team projects for extroverts, solo tasks for introverts, and everything in between.

Please use the **sign-up** sheets in the narthex to RSVP. **Lunch will be provided** to volunteers who work during midday.

Come with a friend or make a new one!



Pancake Breakfast | June 8th

All are welcome to join the Knights of Columbus for a **Start of Summer Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, June 8, from 10:00–11:30 a.m.** in the McMullen Center.

Enjoy **pancakes, biscuits & gravy, and sausage**—a delicious way to kick off the season and support a great cause!

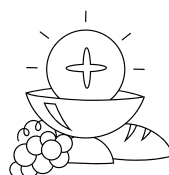
All donations will benefit our Faith Formation Ministries here at St. John the Baptist. Come hungry and bring the whole family!

Silver Rose Service: A Pilgrimage of Prayer

The Knights of Columbus are sharing a very special opportunity. **Thursday at 6:30 p.m.** one of eight Silver Roses will stop here at St. John the Baptist as part of a continent-wide pilgrimage honoring **Our Lady of Guadalupe** and promoting prayer for life, peace, and renewal.

You'll have the chance to write a personal intention that will travel with the Silver Rose to the **Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe**, arriving in time for her **feast day on December 12**. Don't miss this beautiful opportunity to unite in prayer.

Wednesday AM Mass



The Wednesday 9:30 am Mass will include the blessing of an urn. This may change the usual length. If you regularly attend Wednesday morning Mass, please plan accordingly.



Partners in the Gospel: Where We Are Now

As part of the Archdiocese's Partners in the Gospel initiative, we are moving forward together in our Parish Family with Holy Spirit Church in Kent. We are happy to share that two key leadership groups have been formed to help guide this transition.

Parish Family Leadership Team (PFLT)

This team will work closely with Fr. Carlos to oversee the implementation process, support staff and ministry leaders, and help ensure a smooth transition.

PFLT Members:

- Brenda Fincher
- Laurie Moloney
- Holly Renz
- Rose McAvoy
- Kristi Vasquez
- Kathy Wickward
- Joan Williamson

Parish Family Advisory Council (PFAC)

The PFAC brings together a diverse group of parishioners from both parishes to offer wisdom, ask questions, and reflect the voices of our communities. They will be deeply involved in listening sessions and discerning feedback.

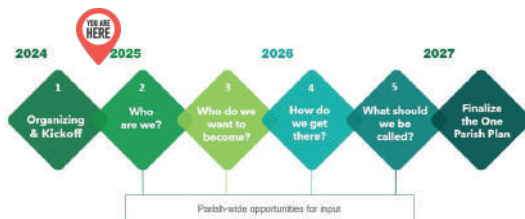
PFAC Members:

Holy Spirit:

- Lucia Amaro
- Patrice Ackerman
- Barbara Fraser
- John Kanai
- Oscar Rangel
- Don Rosokow

St. John the Baptist:

- Jessica Mendoza
- Mike Dennis
- Alex De Dios
- Brittney & Devin Craig
- Conrado "Butch" Padua
- Rene Santiago
- Peter Smith



What's Next?

The first opportunity for your input will be a **Demographic Survey** during the weekends of **May 24–25** and **May 31–June 1**. Only one person per household needs to complete the survey. You can fill it out online (links coming soon!) or in person—helpers will be available in the narthex after each Mass to assist.

Listening Sessions will follow soon after, with dates to be announced in the coming weeks. These sessions are a chance for **every voice** to be heard as we shape the future of our Parish Family **together**.

For more information about the Partners in the Gospel initiative, visit: www.archseattle.org/partners



One Church, Many Gifts

When you support the **Annual Catholic Appeal**, you're joining Catholics across Western Washington in something big. As of May 15, **\$44,110** has been pledged toward our parish goal of \$136,467—that's **32% of our goal**, with 9% of parish households participating.

Through the Annual Catholic Appeal, our parish has been answering the call to support our shared mission – to help one another encounter Christ and put the Gospel into concrete action.

Your gift is integral to bringing faith formation programs to life, inviting youth and young adults into the Church, fostering a welcoming community, and providing for the spiritual and physical needs of every person we encounter.

Thank you to all who have returned your Annual Catholic Appeal pledges and one time gifts, as well as those who are recurring monthly donors. All funds received over our goal will go to support Catholic Relief Services and the Archdiocese Mission Essential Parish Family Fund.

Will you be part of this year's effort?

High School Night | June 20th



Kick off summer with an evening of **food, fun, and surprises** at St. John the Baptist! This **Family 30 event** is for all high school youth—from incoming freshmen to graduating seniors. **Friends welcome!** Details coming soon!

Reimbursement Requests Due

Reminder for Commission and Committee Members
Now is the time to submit any **reimbursement requests** for ministry-related expenses. The deadline for this fiscal year is **June 15**.

Please note: Per Archdiocesan policy, all reimbursements must be requested within 3 months of the expense—year-round.



Thank you for helping us close out the year smoothly!

Be a Backpack Buddy!

We need a small but mighty crew to filled the weekly Backpack Buddies bags. Our Middle Schoolers helped before Youth Group but they're done for the year. The task is VERY simple and with a few people working together it gets done

Readings for the week of May 18, 2025

Sunday:

Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 (see 1)/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Monday:

Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/
Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday:

Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/
Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday:

Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/
Jn 15:1-8

Thursday:

Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/
Jn 15:9-11

Friday:

Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/
Jn 15:12-17

Saturday:

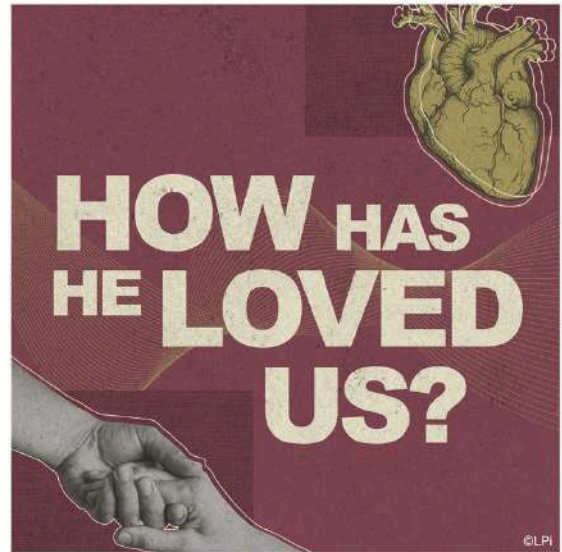
Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday:

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/
Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/Jn 14:23-29



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

I've always found it amazing that Jesus never says to his disciples the straightforward and bumper sticky words "I love you" or "I will always love you" (a la Dolly Parton's song). Why doesn't Jesus say, "I love you"?

Well, actually he does, but in particular ways. He says, **"As the Father loves me, so I love you"** (John 15:9) thereby rooting his love for us in the space of the Holy Trinity. This week he commands, **"Love another as I have loved you" (John 13:34)**. He presents his love for us as a completed action which continues into the present moment. How *has* he loved us? By becoming one of us, one with us, and finally giving his life for us in his suffering on the cross. We weren't there when he did that, but neither were his Apostles (except one). Still, that action is his great "I love you" to us.

His love is also hedged in a command: **"Love one another."** So how can we practically follow it? The great St. John XXIII wrote in his diary that each day he followed this rule: "Only for today, I will do one good deed and not tell anyone about it." The hidden nature of a good deed is a sign that it is truly loving. This week, take on St. John XXIII's practical method of following Jesus' great commandment of love. It's a splendid way to say, "I love you."

— Father John Muir

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FLORES DE MAYO

In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary

MAY 25, 2025, SUN

ASSEMBLY: 11:00 AM

PROCESSION: 11:15 AM

MASS CELEBRATION: 11:30 AM

RECEPTION FOLLOWS AFTER THE MASS . EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN US!

HOSTED BY THE FIL-AM ASSOCIATION OF SJTBCC

Celebrate Mother's with PREPARES

This Mother's Day Month—our PREPARES ministry will be hosting a Needs Drive to support moms in our local community. We're collecting essential items to restock our PREPARES Support Bags, which are lovingly shared with expectant mothers and families with young children who are facing difficult circumstances.

Right now, **our team of volunteers is walking alongside 23 families**—mothers, moms-to-be, and lots of little ones! Thanks to your past generosity, we've been able to offer comfort, encouragement, and practical help. With your support this Mother's Day, we can continue—and even grow—this life-giving outreach.

Here's what we're collecting:

🍼 Diapers (Sizes 2, 3, 4, and 6)

👶 Pull-Ups (3T-4T, for boys & girls)

🧻 Diaper wipes

🛁 Baby shampoo & diaper cream

🧦 Cozy socks or slippers for moms

💌 Financial gifts

- place cash in an envelope with PREPARES clearly written on the outside.
- Write checks to St. John the Baptist, memo: PREPARES Ministry.

How to donate:

Bring your donations to any Mass, and drop them in the crib located in the narthex **throughout the month of May**.

Every item and every dollar makes a real difference in the life of a family.

Thank you for being a community that shows up with love and support!

PREPARES (Pregnancy and Parenting Support) is a ministry of the Catholic bishops of Washington State that walks with moms and dads from pregnancy through their child's fifth birthday—**offering support, resources, and community regardless of belief**.

If you or someone you know could use pregnancy or parenting support, please contact PREPARES through Catholic Community Services at (206) 737-9264 or (206) 327-2474. You can also reach out to our parish office at (253) 630-0701.

