

Pentecost Sunday





WEEK OF JUNE 8, 2025









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Howers of May Adorn Mother Mary

Flores de Mayo is a beloved Filipino Catholic tradition celebrated throughout the month of May in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary. A highlight of this celebration is the Santacruzan, a religious and cultural procession that combines devotion and pageantry. During the Santacruzan, women and children who are elegantly dressed as Sagalas, portray various biblical and historical figures to commemorate Queen Helena's legendary search for the True Cross. The procession is typically accompanied by prayers and the carrying of a statue of the Blessed Mother, reflecting deep reverence and faith. Enjoy the beautiful moments captured from this vibrant and meaningful celebration on May 25 here at St. John the Baptist.







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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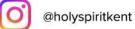


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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH FAMILY



Sunday

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

Monday

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

Tuesday

Adult Confirmation Small Christian Community Grupo de Oración Choir Rehearsal (12:30 Spanish) HS Youth Group Terrific Tuesday Meals

Wednesday

Young Adult Group (Spanish)
Rosary (English & Spanish)
Bible Study (Spanish)
Holy Spirit Consecration Group
RCIA/OCIA
Cursillos

Thursday

Holy Hour for Vocations
Apologetics Bible Study (Spanish)
Adult Confirmation (Spanish)
Small Christian Communities (Spanish)
Bible Study Communities

Friday

Grupo de Oración Kent All Men's Al Anon Bible Study Communities Free Community Dinner Baptism Prep (Spanish) Base Ecclesial Group (Spanish)

Saturday

Choir Rehearsal (7pm Spanish) Swahili Community Young Adults (Spanish)



Sunday, June 8

Yard Sale Donations after Masses
Mass - 9:00 am
Pancake Breakfast - 10:00 am
Mass - 11:30 am
Mass - 5:30 pm

Monday, June 9

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

Tuesday, June 10

Word & Communion - 9:00 am WICS - 6:00 pm MDES Rehearsal - 7:00 pm Vida en el Espíritu Santo - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, June 11

Backpack Buddies Bagging - 9:00 am

Mass - 9:00 am

Divine Will Prayer Group - 10:00 am

Choir (Truthful Reign) Practice - 7:00 pm

Thursday, June 12

Facilities Commission Meeting - 10:00 am
Walking Group - 11:00 am
La Hora Santa - 5:00 pm
Mass - 6:30 pm
Choir (Sunday 11:30 am) Practice - 7:00 pm
Liturgy Commission - 7:00 pm

Friday, June 13

Word & Communion - 9:00 am Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 7:00 pm

Saturday, June 14

Yard Sale Donations after Mass Reconciliation - 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm Mass - 5:30 pm

Please Pray for

those who are **sick**:

Nancy Moore
Tina Schaffer

those who have **died**:

Evelyn Buaya Ballanca (sister of Tessie Osborne)
Parker Parsons, Sr (father of Darren Parsons)



Continue to bring donations after weekend Masses until June 15

Bring your donations to the front of the McMullen Center. Donations are **only accepted while volunteers are present**. Do not drop off if volunteers are not there!

To keep things safe and manageable, we **cannot accept**:

- Large furniture (i.e., desks, dining tables, sofas, hutches) - call the office if you have questions about the size
- Mattresses
- Batteries (all kinds)
- Oil/Fuel/Paint
- Items containing fuel or oil (i.e., lawn mowers, camping stoves)
- Medications
- Medical equipment that can't be sanitized
- · Electronics with missing cords or components
- Large appliances
- · Baby car seats or cribs

Volunteers are the heart of our yard sale, and we can't do it without your help. Whether you're sorting treasures, pricing finds, welcoming shoppers, or cleaning up, there's a spot for everyone to pitch in and be part of the fun.

Sign up in the narthex or online at <u>sjtbcc.org/yard-sale-volunteers</u>. There will be a sign-in sheet for volunteers in the McMullen Center during the yard sale days. Please be sure to sign your name, so the yard sale committee can give a shout-out to you in the bulletin.

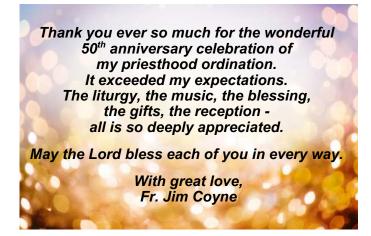
Pancake Breakfast

Knights of Columbus are hosting a Start of Summer Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, June 8, from 10:00 to 11:30 am in the McMullen Center.

Menu: pancakes, biscuits & gravy, and sausage.

All donations will benefit our Faith Formation ministries here at St. John the Baptist.

Come hungry and bring the whole family!



Welcome to St. John the Baptist

If you are new here, we would love to meet you! Join us for a *Welcome Gathering* on **Sunday, June 15, after the 9 am and 11:30 am Masses**. We'll have coffee, pastries, and friendly faces ready to help you get to know the St. John the Baptist community. Bring your questions, and we'll be happy to answer them!

Keep Our Kitchen Clean

The kitchen in the McMullen Center has gotten a lot of use in the last few months. Many thanks to the ministries and outside groups who used the kitchen and adhered to the "Kitchen Use Policy and Checklist".

The Kitchen Ministry will be starting up again and will be reviewing completed checklists on a regular basis. Emphasis will be on overall cleanliness and removal of items not consumed. Please be sure to fill out the checklist after your function and before you leave the kitchen. Keeping our kitchen clean is not only appealing to the next user but is also healthier for everyone.

Thank you for your cooperation. Kitchen questions and concerns can be directed to *Kathy Wickward* at the office (<u>kathyw@sjtbcc.org</u>).

Last Call for Reimbursements

Reminder for Commission and Committee Members: submit your **reimbursement requests** for ministry-related expenses **by June 15**, the deadline for this fiscal year.

Please note: per Archdiocesan policy, all reimbursements must be requested within three (3) months of the incurred expense.

Thank you for helping us close out the fiscal year smoothly!



One Church, Many Gifts

When you support the *Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA)*, you're joining Catholics across western Washington in supporting ministries that care for those in need across the Archdiocese.

As of June 5, **\$68,179.20** (**50% of our goal**) has been pledged towards our parish goal of \$136,467.00 with 16% of parish households participating.

Thank you to all who have returned your pledges and one-time gifts, as well as those who are recurring monthly donors. For those of you who have not yet contributed, there is still time! Visit archseattle.org/GiveACA to make a donation. All funds received over our goal will go to support Catholic Relief Services and the Archdiocese Mission Essential Parish Family Fund.

Your 2024 ACA Donations at Work



Fences around the retention ponds on our church grounds are now installed! This was made possible because of your generous donations to the Archdiocese as part of the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA). The amount of donations qualified us for a rebate of approximately \$32,000 to take on this important safety project. Thank you to all who have been a part of the funding of this project!

Total Volunteer Hours Exceed Expectation

The numbers are in! According to the <u>Archdiocese</u>, 306,527 volunteer hours were recorded by schools, parishes, groups, and individuals across the Archdiocese of Seattle. Parish hours recorded totaled 61,766 with **2,836 hours coming** from **50 individuals who filled out the green cards at St. John the Baptist. This number excludes parishioners' hours that were filed online.** Those hours are counted in the total Archdiocese volunteer hours (306,527).

Thank you to everyone who recorded their hours to support this event. Numbers are meaningless without action, so let us be inspired to keep on volunteering for our parish and the greater community of St. John the Baptist!

Lawsuit Filed Against State of Washington on Bill 5375

In case you missed this in last week's bulletin, on May 29, 2025, the bishops of the state filed a lawsuit against the State of Washington regarding *Senate Bill 5375* that was signed into law earlier this month. It is anticipated that this will spark significant media coverage – all of which will be handled by *Washington State Catholic Conference (WSCC)* and their legal counsel teams. If you have questions, please direct them to <u>WSCC</u>.

You can find the feature story at Northwest Catholic.

Shhhh!

Did you know that you can silence your phone while you are attending Mass at St. John the Baptist (SJTB)? It's very simple, and you only have to **do it once**.

Check out this <u>YouTube video for iPhone users</u> and here for <u>Android users</u> on how to silence your phone. It will automatically silence it when you enter SJTB. Once you leave the building, it will revert back to your previous setting. Remember, you only have to do this once, and it will silence your phone whenever you attend Mass here at SJTB.

Let's be kind to one another, respect the quiet time to worship, and be in the moment at Mass!

Pope Francis's Five-Finger Prayer

If you find yourself staring at your hands, try praying; with your fingers!

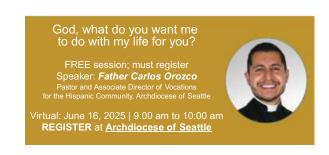
Your thumb is the closest finger to you. Start praying for those who are closest to you. To pray for our dear ones is a "sweet obligation."

On your index finger, pray for those who teach, instruct, and heal you. They need the support and wisdom to show direction, like your index finger, to others.

On your middle finger, the tallest finger, pray for our leaders, and those who have authority. They symbolize power and influence; they need God's guidance.

On your ring finger, which is the weakest finger, pray for the weakest, those who are sick or plagued by problems.

And finally your pinky, the tiniest finger, pray for yourself. When you are done praying for the other four groups, you will be able to see your own needs but in the proper perspective.



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. (Acts 2:3)

Psalm:

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (Ps 104) Or: Alleluia.

Second Reading:

As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. (1 Cor 12:12)

Gospel:

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (Jn 20:21)

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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Whoever loves me will keep my word," Jesus tells his disciples, "and my Father...will come to him and make our dwelling with him." We know what's at stake. We know what we have to do. So when the Father comes, will He make His dwelling with us?

Observances for the week of June 8, 2025

Sunday: Pentecost Sunday

Monday: Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

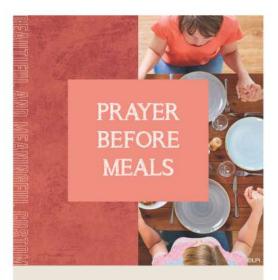
Wednesday: St. Barnabas, Apostle
Friday: St. Anthony of Padua,

Priest and Doctor of the Church

Saturday: Flag Day

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Next Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity; Father's Day



Devotions, Explained!

The practice of praying before meals is Biblical, and in the Gospels, Jesus is shown praying before the Last Supper and other meals. In Laudato SI', Pope Francis urged the faithful "to return to this beautiful and meaningful custom."

Prayer for Pentecost

Holy Spirit of God —
Disturb this room with your presence today, filling us, empowering us, emboldening us.
Descend upon us with your gifts, your inspiration, and your promptings.

Lead us to where we should go, stirring within us the movement

of God. Amen.

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Please send us content at least two (2) weeks before publication.

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Discover Fire



A CALL TO SERVICE AND BROTHERHOOD: WHY THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MATTER

Dear Parish Family,

Our Knights of Columbus Councils are holding a **recruitment drive**. I want to take a moment to speak personally about **why this matters** to all of us as a community of faith.

As a child, I remember the warmth and joy of the pancake breakfasts hosted by the Knights after Sunday Mass at my home parish, Holy Family in Seattle. Their red vests and friendly presence are now key memories of my childhood Catholic faith experience. I remember the toy drives during Christmas—especially the year my own family was going through a difficult financial time. Those toys were more than just gifts; they were signs of hope, reminding us that we were not alone. Years later, when I entered the seminary, the Knights were there again. I learned that part of the funds they raised through the pancake breakfasts went toward seminarian support. With their annual financial gift, I was able to cover basic personal needs and buy books for my studies. I also received letters and cards filled with prayers and encouragement.

Now, as a pastor, I continue to rely on our local Knights Council. They stand by me in the mission of the Church—serving our parish and reaching out to the wider community. Whether it's raising funds for charitable needs, food and blood drives, fish fry, distributing coats for kids, or fostering opportunities for men's spiritual growth, the Knights are always ready to step in with prayerful service. Oh yes, they matter because their reach goes beyond what most people would think, and we are all a part of it; both the members who give of their time, and all of us through our participation in their many events and drives. If the Knights were no longer part of our parish, we would feel that absence deeply.

If all this is done with just a few men, imagine what more could be done with new members from all walks of life?

The Knights of Columbus is not meant to be a "club" for the retired guys who have nothing else to do, it is open to any man over the age of 18 who simply has a willing heart to serve and grow in the faith, and there is great flexibility in the time commitment from each member.

I became a member at 22 when I was at Holy Family. Half the members were young adults, some single like me as I was discerning the priesthood, and some with young families. The mix of age and cultural backgrounds was ideal; us younger guys offered fresh new ideas and high energy within the limited time we could volunteer, while the older guys shared their wisdom and extended time.

Let's reinvigorate our knights councils for our parish! I invite all men of our parish over the age of 18 to prayerfully consider joining the Knights. This is not just about volunteering—it's about having a space to be challenged and exercise your vocation as leaders, husbands, fathers, and disciples of Christ. If you have ever asked, "How can I do more for my Church and community?"—this may be your answer.

With gratitude and prayer,

Fr. Carlos





UN LLAMADO AL SERVICIO Y A LA HERMANDAD: POR QUÉ IMPORTAN LOS CABALLEROS DE COLÓN

Querida Familia Parroquial:

Nuestros Consejos de Caballeros de Colón están llevando a cabo una campaña de reclutamiento. Quiero tomar un momento para hablar personalmente sobre por qué esto es importante para todos nosotros como comunidad de fe.

De niño, recuerdo la calidez y la alegría de los desayunos con panqueques que organizaban los Caballeros después de la Misa dominical en mi parroquia de origen, Holy Family en Seattle. Sus chalecos rojos y su presencia amistosa son ahora recuerdos clave de mi infancia en la fe católica. Recuerdo también las colectas de juguetes durante la Navidad—especialmente el año en que mi propia familia atravesaba una situación económica difícil. Esos juguetes fueron más que simples regalos; fueron signos de esperanza que nos recordaban que no estábamos solos. Años después, cuando ingresé al seminario, los Caballeros volvieron a estar presentes. Supe que parte de los fondos que recaudaban a través de los desayunos se destinaban al apoyo de seminaristas. Gracias a su donativo anual, pude cubrir necesidades personales básicas y adquirir libros para mis estudios. También recibí cartas y tarjetas llenas de oraciones y palabras de aliento.

Ahora, como párroco, sigo contando con el apoyo de nuestro Consejo local de Caballeros. Me acompañan en la misión de la Iglesia—sirviendo a nuestra parroquia y alcanzando a la comunidad más amplia. Ya sea recaudando fondos para causas benéficas, organizando colectas de alimentos y sangre, repartiendo abrigos para niños, preparando comidas de Cuaresma o fomentando el crecimiento espiritual de los hombres, los Caballeros siempre están listos para servir con oración y generosidad. Sí, ellos son importantes porque su alcance va mucho más allá de lo que muchos imaginan, y todos nosotros formamos parte de ello: tanto los miembros que entregan su tiempo como quienes participamos en sus múltiples iniciativas y eventos. Si los Caballeros dejaran de estar presentes en nuestra parroquia, sentiríamos esa ausencia profundamente.

Si todo esto se ha logrado con solo unos pocos hombres, ¿se imaginan lo que podríamos lograr con nuevos miembros de todos los ámbitos de la vida?

Los Caballeros de Colón no están pensados como un "club" para jubilados que no tienen nada más que hacer. Están abiertos a cualquier hombre mayor de 18 años que tenga un corazón dispuesto a servir y crecer en la fe, con gran flexibilidad en el compromiso de tiempo que cada miembro pueda ofrecer.

Yo me uní cuando tenía 22 años, en la parroquia Holy Family. La mitad de los miembros eran adultos jóvenes, algunos solteros como yo, discerniendo el sacerdocio, y otros con familias jóvenes. La mezcla de edades y culturas era ideal: los más jóvenes aportábamos ideas nuevas y mucha energía dentro del tiempo limitado que podíamos ofrecer, mientras que los mayores compartían su sabiduría y mayor disponibilidad.

¡Reavivemos nuestros Consejos de Caballeros en la parroquia! Invito a todos los hombres de nuestra comunidad parroquial mayores de 18 años a considerar en oración unirse a los Caballeros de Colón. No se trata simplemente de ofrecer voluntariado; se trata de tener un espacio para ser desafiados y ejercer su vocación como líderes, esposos, padres y discípulos de Cristo. Si alguna vez te has preguntado: "¿Qué más puedo hacer por mi Iglesia y mi comunidad?"—esta puede ser tu respuesta.

Con gratitud y oración, P. Carlos



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(John 21:15) Life After Confirmation

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Sacrament!

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Retreat for the youth that have done their Confirmation between the years 2023-2025 at Holy Spirit or St. John the Baptist Church from Family #30

PLACE: HOLY SPIRIT PARISH HALL

TIME: 8:00AM-6:00PM

What to Expect:

• Inspiring talks & testimonies

- Group activities
- · Adoration & confession
- Praise & worship
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