



Twenty eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



WEEK OF OCTOBER 12, 2025



Photos by **Pat Defiesta, Paul Dehmer, and Rose McAvoy**

Paws, Claws, and Shells - Blessing of the Pets

Father Crispin gathered parishioners and their beloved pets for a joyful Blessing of the Pets celebration on October 5, 2025. From dogs to cats to a patient tortoise, each creature received a prayer of gratitude and protection - along with a gentle sprinkling of holy water from Father Crispin. The smiles, wagging tails, and glistening drops captured the spirit of St. Francis, who reminds us to cherish all of God's creation. It was a heartwarming moment of faith, friendship, and furry (and shelled) blessings!



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 weekly schedules inside for holiday times and weekly changes to Mass)

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
Wednesday 7:00p Spanish
1st Friday (alternating months - see weekly schedule)

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 at 9:00 a (alternating months - see weekly schedule)
1st Friday Spanish at 7:30p

Word & Communion/Liturgy of the Hours:

Tuesday & Friday at 9:00a

Confessions:

Saturday 4:00p to 5:00p

Office Hours

(check weekly schedules for changes)

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



Sunday

Choir Rehearsal (Swahili) 12:00 pm
Swahili Community 4:30 pm
Confirmation Preparation

Monday

Grandparent Bible Study (Spanish) - 10:00 am
Food Pantry - 1:00 pm
Centro Rendu - 3:00 pm
Rosary for Migrants (Spanish) & Hora Santa - 6:00 pm
Bases Comunidades Eclesiales - 7:00 pm

Tuesday

Choir Rehearsal (12:30 pm Spanish) - 9:00 am
Terrific Tuesday Meals - 5:30 pm
Alpha - 6:30 pm
Small Christian Community - 7:00 pm

Wednesday

Partners Listening Session (English) - 10:00 am
Todo por Cristo (Spanish) - 8:00 pm
Knights of Columbus - 6:30 pm
Altar Server Practice (Spanish) - 5:00 pm
Rosario de San Jose - 7:30 pm
RCIA/OCIA - 6:30 pm

Thursday

Holy Hour for Vocations - 10:00 am
Apostoles de la Palabra (Spanish) - 7:00 pm
Adult Confirmation (Spanish) - 7:00 pm
Bases Comunidades Eclesiales (Spanish) - 7:00 pm

Friday

Grupo de Oración - 7:00 pm
Baptism Prep (Spanish) - 7:00 pm
Bases Comunidades Eclesiales (Spanish) - 7:00 pm

Saturday

Sac Prep/Catechesis - 9:00 am
Choir Rehearsal (7:00 pm Spanish) - 6:00 pm
Small Christian Communities - 7:00 pm



Sunday, October 12

Mass - 9:00 am
Children's Liturgy of the Word - 9:00 am Mass
Elementary Faith Formation - 10:15 am
Mass - 11:30 am
Partner's Listening Session (English) - 3:00 pm
Mass - 5:30 pm

Monday, October 13

Columbus Day

Mostly Yoga - 8:00 am
Mass - 9:00 am
Hispanic Choir Practice - 6:00 pm
Choir (9:00 am Sunday) practice - 7:00 pm
High School Youth Group - 7:00 pm
Spanish Charismatic Group - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, October 14

Word & Communion/Liturgy of Hours - 9:00 am
WICS - 6:00 pm
Confirmation Phase 2 - 6:30 pm
Vida en el Espiritu Santo - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, October 15

Mass - 9:00 am
Backpack Buddies set up (youth room) - 9:30 am
Divine Will Prayer Group - 10:00 am
Partner's Listening Session (English) - 10:00 am
Choir (Truthful Reign) Practice - 7:00 pm
Middle School Night - 7:00 pm
OCIA for Kids - 7:00 pm

Thursday, October 16

Mostly Yoga - 8:00 am
Weekly Walking Group - 11:00 am
Creation Care Team - 1:00 pm
La Hora Santa - 3:00 pm
Mass - 6:30 pm
Guatemala Team Meeting - 6:30 pm
Young Adult Night - 6:30 pm
Azteca Dance Practice (Guadalupe) - 7:00 pm
Choir (11:30 am Sunday) Practice - 7:00 pm
OCIA Meeting - 7:00 pm
Partner's Listening Session (English) - 7:00 pm

Friday, October 17

Word & Communion/Liturgy of Hours - 9:00 am
Choir (Filipino) Practice - 7:00 pm
Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 7:00 pm

Saturday, October 18

OCIA Fall Retreat - 9:00 am
Craft & Hobby Day - 10:00 am
Partner's Listening Session (English) - 10:00 am
Partner's Listening Session (English) - 2:00 pm
Reconciliation - 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Mass - 5:30 pm

Please Pray for

those who are sick:

Doug Johnson
Wendy Martinez

and those who have died:

Ann Baerny (mother of *Linda Saucedo*)

Sharing God's Gifts

We can express our discipleship by returning a portion of all that has been given to us back to God. **Archbishop Etienne** beautifully affirms this in his

☛ [Spirituality of Stewardship video](#), reminding us that "the starting point of stewardship is recognizing that everything we have, everything that we are, is by God's initiative - God's grace."

Embracing stewardship allows us to experience the deep joy that comes from developing, using, and sharing our God-given gifts in service to others. Your pledge makes it possible for our parish to continue its mission and ministries.

To know how we are stewarding your gifts, please check out our newly published Annual Report on the front of our web page. Our goal is, again, \$1 million in pledges to cover our expenses for 2026/27.



Thank you for being part of this journey of faith and generosity.

Make your pledge online by clicking or scanning the QR code or visiting our website at ☛ sjtbcc.org.

Come Listen and Be Heard

The final phase of Partners in the Gospel warmly invites all parishioners to join synodal listening sessions. Together, we'll explore the question: "What are our challenges and opportunities?" Everyone's voice matters - come share your thoughts and help shape the future of our parish through the One Parish Planning process.



You can sign up for these listening sessions by visiting ☛ archseattle.ccbchurch.com. Every perspective counts!

Please take a few moments to listen to **Father Carlos** and his update on *Partners in the Gospel*. (You may need to slow down the video player by clicking on the "1x" on the bottom right of the video next to the Closed Captions button.) ☛ [Father Carlos's Update on Partners in the Gospel](#)

Find Your Pet Blessing Photo

Were you at the Pet Blessing on October 5? Find and download your photo by clicking ☛ [here](#)!

Filling Weekends With Food and Hope

Backpack Buddies is a parish ministry of St. John the Baptist Parish, partnering with Covington Elementary to provide weekend meals for students facing food insecurity. Currently supporting 41 children, the program helps ensure that these children have consistent access to nutritious and easy-to-prepare food to boost their energy, confidence, and academic success.



We are in need of donations to help fill the backpacks. You can contribute in several ways:

- Shop our Amazon wish list (search "2025-2026 Backpack Buddies for Covington Elementary") by clicking ☛ [Amazon](#), or by scanning the QR code. Items can be shipped directly to the parish office.
- Use your preferred online retailer and have your items shipped directly to the parish.
- Purchase items locally and place them in the bin by the Life, Justice, and Peace table in the narthex or bring them to the parish office.



This week, we especially need Soup (chicken noodle, vegetable beef, tomato), Ramen (beef or chicken), Macaroni & Cheese boxes (not cups), and Microwave Popcorn. Needs change every week, so be sure to check our weekly bulletins for items needed for that particular week.

Monetary donations are also welcome. If you write a check, please note "Backpack Buddies" on the memo line. Write all checks out to "St. John the Baptist Catholic Church".

If you have any questions, please contact **Andrea Shimek** in the parish office. Thank you for your generosity and support! No child should ever go hungry!

Holiday Help and Volunteer Opportunities

Thanksgiving is coming, and right behind it, is Christmas! Save the date for the **Thanksgiving meal distribution on Saturday, November 22, 2025**, and for the **Giving Tree store day on Sunday, December 21, 2025**.



We need volunteers to help make these events a success. More importantly, if your family is suffering economic distress and would like help with food and gifts, please fill out a form in the narthex so you can be contacted and placed on the Thanksgiving meal and Giving Tree list.



Men's Morning of Brotherhood

All men from St. John the Baptist and Holy Spirit are invited to a relaxed morning of food, friendship, and faith with the men of Family 30. Join us on **October 25, 2025** at St. John the Baptist McMullen Center, Room A. Coffee and sign-in will be at **7:45 am**. Breakfast will be served at 8:00 am, and event should conclude before noon. Young and middle-aged men are especially welcome!

Supporting Moms and Kids in Action

The Life, Justice, and Peace Commission invites you to a one-hour Vine Maple Place fundraising breakfast on **Saturday, October 25, 10:00 am** (9:45 am registration) at 21730 Dorre Don Way SE, Maple Valley.



Learn how moms and kids get off the streets of South King County and into safe and stable housing. Please join us in helping families leave generational homelessness behind forever!

See materials and sign-up sheets on the *Life, Justice, and Peace* table in the narthex for more information. Contact **Bob Denney** at the parish office for more information.



If you are unable to attend, please consider donating directly by scanning the QR code or clicking on the code directly. You may also visit vineappleplace.org to donate.



Help Us Feed the Community

The Holy Spirit Meal Prep Team for *Terrific Tuesday Meals* needs your help! The team needs at least **five volunteers each week** to prepare and package meals.

Meals are prepared at St. Stephen the Martyr in Renton and then delivered to Vine Maple Place locations. Volunteers are needed to prepare 230 - 255 meals every Tuesday. Meals that are "to go" for those served at the Holy Spirit Hall are also made at St. Stephen the Martyr. The meals for all the sites are picked up between 4:20 and 5:00 pm.

No experience is necessary - just a willingness to help and a heart for service! This is a great way to connect with others, give back to the community, and make a real difference.

If you can lend a hand, please join the team on any Tuesday at Holy Spirit Parish, and you will be warmly welcomed by their friendly team. Please help keep this vital ministry running smoothly. If you have any questions about this ministry, please contact **Jeannine Kuolt** at the Holy Spirit parish office.

Love Keeping Things Organized?



Detail-minded **volunteers are needed** to help keep our parish website's Events Page current. If you can give about three to five hours a month and **have good command working with WordPress and plugins**, please call the parish office or email **Rose McAvoy** at rosem@sjtbcc.org.

Cherishing the Gift of Every Life

October is Respect Life Month, a time for Catholics to reflect on the sacred gift of every human life - from conception to natural death. The Church invites us to pray, learn, and act to uphold the dignity of all people, especially the most vulnerable. Together, we can build a culture that cherishes life in every stage and circumstance.

Help Families Thrive: Give Diapers, Give Time, Give Hope

PREPARES has an **ongoing need for diapers, wipes and monetary donations**.

Here are some ways to help:

- A one-time donation of diapers, especially sizes 4, 5, and 6
- A monthly diaper commitment. This can be set up on Amazon and delivered directly to the office at St. John the Baptist.
- A one-time monetary donation - checks made out to St. John the Baptist (memo: PREPARES).

Our **monthly needs** are:

- 30 boxes of diapers, mostly sizes 4, 5, and 6
- 60 packs of wipes

Please place your donations in the crib in the narthex. Thank you for your support of this ministry!

The Knights Appreciate You

The *Knights of Columbus* sincerely thank everyone who supported their recent fundraisers. Your generosity helps them serve our parish and community in meaningful ways.

Fundraisers and benefiting programs:

- Papa Murphy's Pizza: *Life, Justice, and Peace Ministry* - \$500
- Pancake Breakfast: *SJTB In-Parish Family Assistance* - \$500
- Apple Sales: *Coats for Kids* - \$3,000



Celebrate All Saints Day With Us

All Saints Mass will be on **Saturday, November 1 at 10:00 am** at St. John the Baptist. This is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year, and there is **only one Mass for both parishes**. **Father Crispin** will preside at this multicultural Mass (mostly English with some Swahili and Spanish). The Swahili, Chuukese, and Spanish choirs are invited to participate.

After Mass, children and their families are invited to the McMullen Center for an hour of fun, dressed as their favorite saints! Come and **enjoy food, games, and presentations** about some of our beloved saints.

Be the Key to Our 9:00 am Choir's Harmony



Since the passing of our beloved **Rick Antes**, the 9:00 am choir has been in need of a piano accompanist. Ideally, we need two accompanists who rotate weekly, giving each one a week off. If you play the piano, are familiar with church repertoire, and can accompany a choir, you are invited to share your time and talent with the 9:00 am choir. As you reflect on your parish stewardship, this is a wonderful opportunity to serve St. John the Baptist through music. For more information, please contact **Luis Diaz de Leon** at x108 or luisd@sjtbcc.org.

Discover Fire

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LISTENING SESSIONS NOW HAPPENING

This is your Partners in the Gospel update for October 2025.

This month marks an important milestone: we are conducting our first Listening Sessions. There are two key questions we need your help to answer as we continue discerning where the Lord is leading our parish family.

- **First:** What challenges or obstacles might we encounter as we merge our two unique parishes into one family?
- **Second:** What opportunities do you see in combining our gifts and resources?

Before reflecting on those questions, we first took time to recognize the unique gifts that make each of our parishes special. A comprehensive list of all your comments will be made available once ready, but here is a summary of key themes you mentioned:

St. John the Baptist is a joyful and welcoming community where people of many cultures come together as one family of faith. Parishioners are deeply nourished by inspiring homilies, beautiful music, and the reverence of the Eucharist. They value strong leadership, vibrant service and outreach, and genuine care for every person. It is a parish defined by warmth, generosity, and joyful worship.

Holy Spirit Parish is a close-knit, faith-filled community that radiates love, hospitality, and devotion. Parishioners find spiritual depth in the liturgy, thoughtful preaching, and a strong sense of unity in prayer. They take pride in their parish's diversity and multilingual Masses, the beauty of its worship spaces, and their service to others in Christ's name. It is a home where faith is lived with gratitude, compassion, and the power of the Holy Spirit.

As you can see, both parishes are filled with remarkable gifts, many that overlap and can beautifully enrich one another. So once again, as we prepare for these Listening Sessions, please have these gifts in mind as we reflect on those two questions. Please participate in any one of the many Listening Session opportunities. If you are able, sign up through our parish websites, or just show up at the meeting that works for you.

Lastly, please remember that your feedback is crucial! It will help our discernment teams as we begin envisioning the future, including changes to Mass schedules, ministries, programs, evangelization efforts, outreach and more.

Thank you for your prayerful participation in this next step of Partners in the Gospel. Together, let us listen to the Holy Spirit and follow where the Lord leads our parish family.

Fr. Carlos Orozco

**HOLY SPIRIT PARISH****ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST***SPANISH ON REVERSE*

SESIONES DE ESCUCHA AHORA EN CURSO

Esta es su actualización de Socios en el Evangelio para octubre de 2025.

Este mes marca un hito importante: estamos llevando a cabo nuestras primeras Sesiones de Escucha. Necesitamos su ayuda para responder dos preguntas clave mientras seguimos discerniendo hacia dónde guía el Señor a nuestra familia parroquial.

- **Primero:** ¿Qué desafíos u obstáculos podríamos encontrar al fusionar nuestras dos parroquias únicas en una sola familia?
- **Segundo:** ¿Qué oportunidades ves al combinar nuestros dones y recursos?

Antes de reflexionar sobre estas preguntas, nos tomamos un tiempo para reconocer los dones únicos que hacen especial a cada una de nuestras parroquias. Publicaremos una lista completa de sus comentarios tan pronto como esté lista, pero aquí tienen un resumen de los temas clave que mencionaron:

San Juan Bautista es una comunidad alegre y acogedora donde personas de diversas culturas se reúnen como una sola familia de fe. Los feligreses se nutren profundamente de homilías inspiradoras, música hermosa y la reverencia a la Eucaristía. Valoran un liderazgo sólido, un servicio y una ayuda comunitarios vibrantes, y una genuina preocupación por cada persona. Es una parroquia que se define por la calidez, la generosidad y la alegría del culto.

La Parroquia del Espíritu Santo es una comunidad unida y llena de fe que irradia amor, hospitalidad y devoción. Los feligreses encuentran profundidad espiritual en la liturgia, la predicación reflexiva y un fuerte sentido de unidad en la oración. Se enorgullecen de la diversidad de su parroquia y de sus misas multilingües, de la belleza de sus espacios de culto y de su servicio a los demás en nombre de Cristo. Es un hogar donde la fe se vive con gratitud, compasión y el poder del Espíritu Santo.

Como pueden ver, ambas parroquias están llenas de dones extraordinarios, muchos de los cuales se superponen y pueden enriquecerse mutuamente. Así que, una vez más, mientras nos preparamos para estas Sesiones de Escucha, les rogamos que tengan presentes estos dones al reflexionar sobre estas dos preguntas. Participen en cualquiera de las muchas Sesiones de Escucha. Si participan activamente en un ministerio parroquial, lo harán con su grupo. Si no lo hacen, asistan a cualquier sesión en inglés o español.

Por último, recuerden que sus comentarios son cruciales. Ayudarán a nuestros equipos de discernimiento a planificar el futuro, incluyendo cambios en los horarios de misas, ministerios, programas, esfuerzos de evangelización, actividades de alcance comunitario y más.

Gracias por su participación en oración en este próximo paso de Socios en el Evangelio. Juntos, escuchemos al Espíritu Santo y sigamos a donde el Señor guía a nuestra familia parroquial.

Padre Carlos Orozco



Your voice matters. Tu voz importa.

Partners in the Gospel Listening Sessions Opportunities & Challenges

- During the Month of October -

Members of Holy Spirit, Kent, and St. John the Baptist, Covington, are invited to share their thoughts on two key questions:

- *What challenges or obstacles might we encounter as we merge our two unique parishes into one family?*
- *What opportunities do you see in combining our gifts and resources?*

Each person's thoughts matter - We NEED to hear from YOU.

Register to attend the session that works best for you.
Use the paper forms in the narthex or online by scanning the QR code



Los miembros del Espíritu Santo, Kent, y San Juan Bautista, Covington, están invitados a compartir sus pensamientos sobre dos preguntas clave:

- *¿Qué desafíos u obstáculos podríamos encontrar al combinar nuestras dos parroquias únicas en una sola familia?*
- *¿Qué oportunidades ven al combinar nuestros dones y recursos?*

**La opinión de cada persona importa.
NECESITAMOS escuchar de USTEDES.**

Regístrese para asistir a la sesión que mejor le convenga. Utilice los formularios en papel en el nártex o en línea escaneando el código QR.



More information about these listening sessions can be found on our website, scan the QR for a direct link

Para obtener más información sobre estas sesiones de escucha, visita nuestro sitio web.

Escanea el código QR para un enlace directo.





STICK THESE On your FRIDGE!



Save the Date Winter Wonderland Bazaar

October 26th 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

St. Barbara Catholic Church
32416 6th Ave Black Diamond

The third annual Winter Wonderland Bazaar will be held on October 25th from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. in the parish hall at St. Barbara Catholic Church. Come enjoy a wide selection of homemade items from food, carvings, pictures, paintings, clothing and more! There will be raffles and a cafe for shoppers to enjoy. This event is hosted by the Knights of Columbus.



Give Warmth. Give Love.

Yarning for Community is holding their annual collection of **hats, gloves, and scarves** for those experiencing homelessness.

Donations will be accepted the weekends of **October 11-12 and October 18-19**.

Please place items in the marked bins in the narthex or drop them off at the parish office.

Your gifts of warmth
make a big difference!



FAMILY 30 YOUNG ADULT OCTOBER MEETINGS



OCT 16



Evening Potluck



6:30 PM @ St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

OCT 23



Pumpkin Patch & Carving Night w/ Father Carlos

5:30 PM @ St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

OCT 30



All Saints Day Event

6:30 PM @ St. John the Baptist Catholic Church



Mark your calendars
OPEN HOUSE SATURDAY
OCT 18
11am-2pm

Join us for CRJS's Open House on Saturday, October 18 from 11am-2pm! Learn about what makes a Cristo Rey education unique, meet our team, tour campus, and learn how to apply!

RSVP TODAY!

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Naaman went down and plunged into the Jordan
seven times
at the word of Elisha, the man of God.
His flesh became again like the flesh of a little child,
and he was clean of his leprosy. (2 Kgs 5:14)

Psalm:

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power. (Ps 98)

Second Reading:

If we have died with him
we shall also live with him;
if we persevere
we shall also reign with him. (2 Tim 2:11-12)

Gospel:

Then he said to him, "Stand up and go;
your faith has saved you." (Lk 17:19)

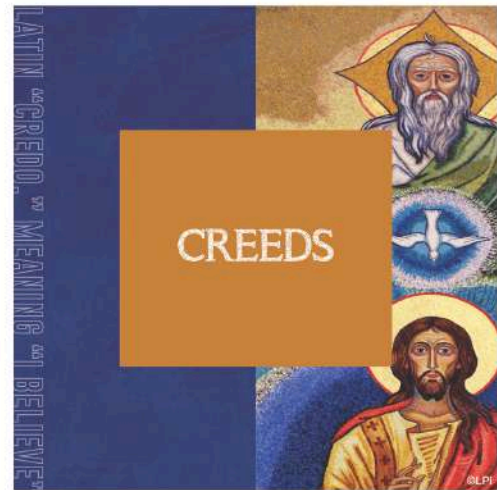
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

If we have faith, we call out to God and we beg him for healing. But when our faith is rewarded, what then? Do we take our miracle and run? No, we must return to the source of our healing to say, "You have changed me, Lord. Now help me change others."

Observances for the week of October 12, 2025

Sunday:	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	Columbus Day; Indigenous Peoples' Day
Tuesday:	St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr
Wednesday:	St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Thursday:	St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin
Friday:	St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr
Saturday:	St. Luke, Evangelist
Next Sunday:	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday



Devotions, Explained!

A creed (from the Latin "credo," meaning "I believe") is a summary of the most important articles of faith agreed upon by a group of people who hold them as truth. Tradition has given us not just the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds, but many more.

Prayer of Gratitude

Dear Lord,
Every day is full of blessings from Your generous hands. Thank You for waking us this morning, filling our lungs with breath. Thank you for the ways You are healing our past, working in the present, and opening possibilities for the future.
Amen.

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