



Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time



WEEK OF NOVEMBER 2, 2025



Time to "Fall Back 1 Hour"

If you show up at church on Sunday to an empty sanctuary, it's because you forgot to turn your clock back an hour the night before. Now you have to wait an hour for Mass to start! Make sure you change the clock on your stove and on your coffeemaker and your alarm clock. Your computer and cell phone should be fine.



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 4:45p (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 9:00a (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



Holy Spirit
PARISH

For events with no times,
please call Holy Spirit at 253-859-0444

Sunday, November 2

Choir Rehearsal (Swahili) 12:00 pm
Swahili Community 4:30 pm
Confirmation 6:30 pm
Sacramental Preparation
Rosary (English & Spanish)
Knights of Columbus Coats for Kids 9:30 am
Adult Faith Formation

Monday November 3

Bible Study (Spanish) - 10:00 am
Food Pantry - 1:00 pm
Centro Rendu - 3:00 pm
Small Christian Communities
Youth Group
Grandparent Bible Study (Spanish)

Tuesday November 4

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

Wednesday November 5

Knights of Columbus Golf Committee 6:00 pm
RCIA/OCIA - 6:30 pm
Young Adult Group (Spanish)
Rosary (English & Spanish)
Cursillos
Bible Study

Thursday November 6

Holy Hour for Vocations - 10:00 am
Adult Confirmation (Spanish) - 7:00 pm
Mujeres de Fe
Young Adult Core Team (Spanish)
Apologetics Bible Study (Spanish)
Small Christian Community
Celebracion Guadalupe

Friday November 7

Grupo de Oración - 7:00 pm
Bases Comunidades Eclesiales (Spanish) - 7:00 pm
Bible Study Communities

Saturday, November 8

Sacramental Preparation - 9:00 am
Choir Rehearsal (7:00 pm Spanish) - 6:00 pm
Small Christian Communities - 7:00 pm



Sunday, November 2

Mass - 9:00 am
Children's Liturgy of the Word - 9:00 am Mass
Elementary Faith Formation - 10:15 am
Mass - 11:30 am
Mass - 5:30 pm

Monday, November 3

Mostly Yoga - 8:00 am
Mass - 9:00 am
Hispanic Choir Practice - 6:00 pm
Choir (9:00 am Sunday) practice - 7:00 pm
Knights of Columbus Council Meeting - 7:00 pm
Spanish Charismatic Group - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, November 4

Word & Communion/Liturgy of Hours - 9:00 am
Safe Car Team Meeting - 2:00 pm
Life, Justice, Peace - 3:00 pm
WICS - 6:00 pm
Confirmation Phase 2 - 6:30 pm
Grupo de Oracion - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, November 5

Mass - 9:00 am
Backpack Buddies set up (youth room) - 9:30 am
Middle School Night - 6:30 pm
Choir (Truthful Reign) Practice - 7:00 pm

Thursday, November 6

Mostly Yoga - 8:00 am
Weekly Walking Group - 11:00 am
La Hora Santa - 3:00 pm
Mass - 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

Friday, November 7

Word & Communion/Liturgy of Hours - 9:00 am
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 9:45 am
Choir (Filipino) Practice - 7:00 pm
La Misa en Espanol - 7:30 pm
Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 8:30 pm

Saturday, November 8

Alpha Retreat 8:30 am
First Reconciliation Parent & Child In-service - 1:00 pm
Reconciliation - 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Mass - 5:30 pm

Please Pray for

those who are sick:

Carmen Neste
K.G.

and we remember
all of our parishioners and loved ones
who have gone before us especially those names
written in the Book of the Dead

Sharing God's Gifts

Live your faith, give joyfully, and help our parish thrive. Stewardship lets us joyfully share our blessings, and your pledge supports our parish's mission and ministries. Remember, everything you give of your time, talent, and treasure will combine with what others give to build our future as a parish. Your gifts pay our staff, maintain our facilities, and supply our liturgies, faith formation, justice, and evangelization programs.



Check out our Annual Report on the front of our [web page](#) to see the impact of your generosity. Our goal remains at \$1M to cover our expenses for 2026-2027. **As of October 30, we are at \$395,521.00 from 166 of our 1200 registered families.**



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.

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 fruit or applesauce cups/pouches, BelVita Bars, and fresh apples/oranges. 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!



Have you joined our parish in the past year?

We're delighted to have you with us!

Join us for a light lunch

Share your story and

Learn more about our ministries

Event Details:

NEW Date: Sunday, November 16

Time: 12:30 pm - following the 11:30 am Mass

Location: McMullen Center Multi-purpose Room

Support for Families This Thanksgiving



St. John the Baptist would like to be able to support **425 families** this Thanksgiving from 10 organizations. We have \$8,978 from last year and will **need \$8,022** or \$40 per meal.

We will be bagging Thanksgiving meals on Saturday, November 22 at 9:00 am, so **SAVE THE DATE** if you want to help. While you are considering your Stewardship, please keep our holiday programs in mind!

To donate, you can write a check to St. John the Baptist and put Thanksgiving in the memo line, or scan this QR code to donate with a credit card.



Warm Hearts, Warm Hands



Our hat, scarf, and glove collection was a wonderful success! Thanks to your generosity, **more than 350 items** were distributed through Vine Maple Place (both locations) and Catholic Community Services. Your compassion and kindness have brought warmth and comfort to many in need.



Continued Support Requested

Did you know the average 1-year-old goes through 5 - 8 diapers a day?

That's about 56 diapers per week!

You can support this vital ministry by arranging a monthly diaper delivery from your favorite retailer directly to St. John the Baptist. Or, if you prefer, you can bring boxed diapers in weekly as your budget allows.

All donations support our *PREPARES* ministry, which serves 23 families in our community, from pregnancy through a child's fifth birthday. Every family is assisted, regardless of background.

Thank you for your generosity and care!

Remember Your Loved Ones

This weekend, we will celebrate the Commemoration of the Faithfully Departed at all the weekend Masses. We will honor all those in the Book of the Dead and will call the names of all those who have died this past year. Bring a photo of your loved ones to place on the *Día de los Muertos* altar in the narthex. We will offer special prayers for them through the month of November.



May all our beloved, who have gone before us, rest in peace.

Fuel Their Faith: Volunteer with Teens!



Love working with middle and high school students? Join us as a volunteer!

Assist our catechists and collaborate with *Youth Ministry* leaders. Parents, grandparents, and community members are all welcome. No experience is needed - just a heart for our youth. If you are interested, please call the parish office at 253-630-0701.

First Friday Mass at Holy Spirit
on November 7 at 9:00 am

Misa en Español at
St. John the Baptist at 7:30 pm



Veteran's Mass at St. John the Baptist
on November 13 at 6:30 pm

Keep Things Safe and Orderly



Oops - someone forgot to put out the altar candles! You might think, "Here's my chance to help and keep the church from burning down!" **Please don't blow them out. Candles must be extinguished using a snuffer.** Blowing them out can splatter wax and create a mess. If you notice candles still burning, please find a minister to snuff them properly.

You might also notice that the collection baskets have not been emptied yet. Even if you know who the Point Person is, please **don't pick up or move the baskets. Only vetted money handlers are authorized to handle donations.** You can help by locating the Point Person and letting them know the baskets are ready.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

Serving Our Neighbors in Need

The *St. Vincent de Paul Conference* at St. John the Baptist is actively answering the calls of our neighbors in need, providing assistance with food, rent, utilities, cleaning supplies, and personal hygiene products.

With our parishioners' generous donations totaling **\$21,329.00** from July to September 2025, we were able to:

- Assist 88 families with rent and utilities
- Provide 27 bags of food and 9 bags of hygiene/cleaning supplies
- Provide furniture for two families



THANK YOU, St. John the Baptist community, for your incredible generosity!

If you would like to live out your Gospel call by joining this life-giving ministry, contact Pat at patd@SVdPSeattle.org.

Neighbors seeking help with rent, utilities, food, or clothing may call the St. Vincent de Paul Help Line at 206-767-6449.

To donate to this ministry, please visit pushpay.com/g/sjtbcc and select "St. Vincent de Paul" under "Fund." Thank you for your continued support! We also need donations of gently-used beds.

Deadline Reminders for Holiday Submissions

With the holidays approaching, we anticipate many ministry activities. If your ministry would like to announce an event or submit an article for the bulletin, please submit your article at least **10 days before the weekend you want it to appear**. If you need assistance writing your article, allow 14 days.

To be good stewards of our resources, flyers may be reduced to a quarter page to fit four flyers per page.

For questions about deadlines or content, email bulletin@sjtbcc.org.




Backpack Buddies 25/26

at St. John the Baptist

Because hunger doesn't
take the weekend off



Most needed items this week:

-  Fruit or applesauce cups/pouches
-  BelVita Bars
-  Fresh fruit - apples or oranges



Shop from our [Amazon Wish List](#) and
ship directly to the parish.

OR

Pick up items from our shopping list
and drop them in the Backpack
Buddy bins at the parish.



THANKSGIVING *meals*

Help provide Thanksgiving meals
for 425 families in our community.

The per meal estimate: \$40

Funds on hand: \$8,978

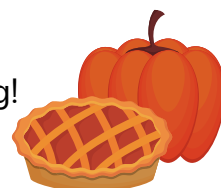
Still needed: \$8,022



Your \$ gift today = dinner on
Thanksgiving for a local family in
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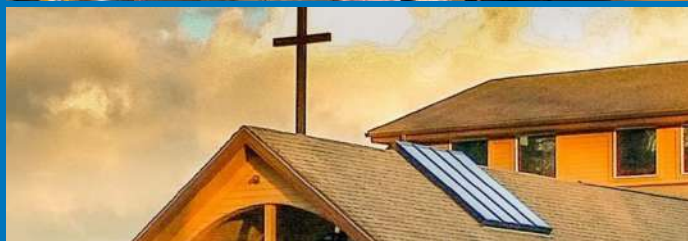
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Saturday November 22 is
packing and delivery day.
More volunteer info is coming!



PARISH STEWARDSHIP TIME. TALENT. TREASURE

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pledge today!





WITH PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING TO ALMIGHTY GOD,
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AUXILIARY BISHOP

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2025
AT 10 AM

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH
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RECEPTION LUNCHEON TO FOLLOW AT
SAINT MARY'S HALL
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"IT WAS NOT YOU WHO CHOSE ME, BUT
I WHO CHOSE YOU AND APPOINTED
YOU TO GO AND BEAR FRUIT THAT*
WILL REMAIN"

JOHN 15:16

Discover Fire

PASTOR'S
CORNER

PREPARING FOR EASTER!

Hello friends! We have several important celebrations that fall this weekend:

All Hallows' Eve (31 October) – the night before the solemnity of All Saints, has its roots in the ancient Christian practice of preparing for the feast of the “holy ones.” In the early Church the faithful gathered on the evening before a great feast to pray, fast and keep vigil, a tradition that later became known as “All Hallows' Eve.” This evening invites us to pause in the ordinary rhythm of life, to recall that every day is a gift of God and that we are called to walk with the saints who have gone before us.

All Saints' Day (1 November) – instituted by Pope Boniface IV after the dedication of the Pantheon and fixed universally by Pope Gregory IV, celebrates “all the saints, known and unknown.” The Church's liturgy makes visible the “communion of the saints,” a mystery that unites the Church militant with the Church triumphant. The saints do not need our honor, but their witness inflames our own yearning for holiness. By honoring the whole communion, we are reminded that our own vocation to sanctity, proclaimed by the Second Vatican Council, is shared by every member of the Body of Christ.

All Souls' Day (2 November) – the Church's universal commemoration of the faithful departed, grew out of the early monastic practice of a collective remembrance of the dead and was formally linked to the feast of All Saints by St Odilo of Cluny. The liturgical celebration affirms that “by virtue of the communion of saints the Church commends the dead to God's mercy and offers her prayers, especially the holy sacrifice of the Eucharist, on their behalf.”

Dia de los Muertos – the Mexican cultural celebration that coincides with All Souls, finds its theological anchor in this same Catholic tradition. Placing decorative altars, visiting cemeteries and remembering our loved ones is a great consolation because the departed are in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles, the martyrs and all the saints. While this popular custom has cultural nuances, the Church's guidelines remind us that this celebration must be rooted in the Christian understanding of death as a passage toward the resurrection and must never slip into superstition.

These celebrations help us prepare for the end of the Liturgical Year and the dawn of Advent. The vigil of All Hallows' Eve awakens our conscience; the celebration of All Saints reminds us of the heavenly models who lived the Gospel fully; the prayer of All Souls (and its cultural expression in Dia de los Muertos) draws us into the mystery of death and resurrection, urging us to pray for the dead and to be mindful of our own mortality. In this way we enter Advent with a deeper awareness of our communion with the saints, a renewed desire for conversion, and a heartfelt solidarity with those who have already entered the life of the risen Christ.

May the prayers of the saints, the intercession of the faithful departed, and the love of our Lord guide us in patient anticipation as we close one liturgical year and begin **the journey of Advent towards Easter!**

Fr. Carlos



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SPANISH ON REVERSE

PREPARANDONOS PARA LA PASCUA

¡Hola! Tenemos varias celebraciones importantes este fin de semana:

La víspera de Todos los Santos (31 de octubre), la noche anterior a la solemnidad de Todos los Santos, tiene sus raíces en la antigua práctica cristiana de prepararse para la fiesta de los santos. En la Iglesia primitiva, los fieles se reunían la noche anterior a una gran fiesta para orar, ayunar y velar, una tradición que más tarde se conoció como la víspera de Todos los Santos. Esta noche nos invita a hacer una pausa en el ritmo cotidiano de la vida, a recordar que cada día es un don de Dios y que estamos llamados a caminar con los santos que nos precedieron.

El Día de Todos los Santos (1 de noviembre), instituido por el Papa Bonifacio IV tras la dedicación del Panteón y fijado universalmente por el Papa Gregorio IV, celebra a «todos los santos, conocidos y desconocidos». La liturgia de la Iglesia hace visible la «comunidad de los santos», un misterio que une a la Iglesia militante con la Iglesia triunfante. Los santos no necesitan nuestro honor, pero su testimonio inflama nuestro propio anhelo de santidad. Al honrar a toda la comunidad, recordamos que nuestra propia vocación a la santidad, proclamada por el Concilio Vaticano II, es compartida por cada miembro del Cuerpo de Cristo.

El Día de los Fieles Difuntos (2 de noviembre), conmemoración universal de la Iglesia por los fieles difuntos, tiene su origen en la antigua práctica monástica de recordar colectivamente a los muertos y fue vinculado formalmente a la fiesta de Todos los Santos por San Odilón de Cluny. Esta celebración litúrgica afirma que, «en virtud de la comunidad de los santos, la Iglesia encomienda a los difuntos a la misericordia de Dios y ofrece sus oraciones, especialmente el santo sacrificio de la Eucaristía, por ellos».

El Día de los Muertos, la celebración cultural mexicana que coincide con el Día de los Fieles Difuntos, encuentra su fundamento teológico en la tradición católica. Colocar altares decorativos, visitar cementerios y recordar a nuestros seres queridos es un gran consuelo, pues los difuntos están en compañía de la Virgen María, los apóstoles, los mártires y todos los santos. Si bien esta popular costumbre tiene matices culturales, las directrices de la Iglesia nos recuerdan que esta celebración debe estar arraigada en la comprensión cristiana de la muerte como un paso hacia la resurrección y jamás debe caer en la superstición.

Estas celebraciones nos ayudan a prepararnos para el fin del Año Litúrgico y el comienzo de la Adviento. La vigilia de la víspera de Todos los Santos despierta nuestra conciencia; la celebración de Todos los Santos nos recuerda a los modelos celestiales que vivieron plenamente el Evangelio; la oración de los Fieles Difuntos (y su expresión cultural en el Día de los Muertos) nos introduce en el misterio de la muerte y la resurrección, impulsándonos a orar por los difuntos y a ser conscientes de nuestra propia mortalidad. De este modo, entramos en Adviento con una mayor conciencia de nuestra comunidad con los santos, un renovado deseo de conversión y una sentida solidaridad con quienes ya han entrado en la vida de Cristo resucitado mientras esperamos nuestra resurrección.

Que las oraciones de los santos, la intercesión de los fieles difuntos y el amor de nuestro Señor nos guíen al concluir un año litúrgico, comenzar el **adviento** e **iniciar el camino a la Pascua**.

Padre Carlos



2025 Black Catholic Advisory Circle Annual Conference

THE EUCHARIST

FOR INCLUSION & HEALING

Join us for a day of reflection, prayer, learning and community as we explore how the Eucharist – the source and summit of our faith – calls us to deeper unity, radical inclusion and profound healing in the Body of Christ.

"For we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one bread."

– 1 Corinthians 10:17

November 15
8am–3:30pm
Mass 4pm

Conference Speakers

Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers (Keynote)
Sr. Genevieve Osayame, EHJ
Mrs. Christina (Mohini) Srinivasan, OP

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Register



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Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Those who trust in him shall understand truth,
and the faithful shall abide with him in love. (Wis 3:9)

Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23)
OR
Though I walk in the valley of darkness, I fear no evil, for you
are with me.

Second Reading:

But God proves his love for us
in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us. (Rom 5:8)

Gospel:

"For this is the will of my Father,
that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him
may have eternal life,
and I shall raise him on the last day." (Jn 6:40)

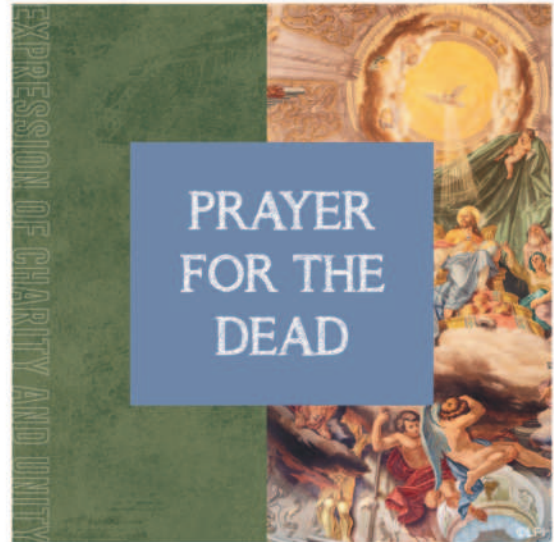
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

To live with Christ, we must die with him.
But what does this mean? What does this
look like in the ordinary life of a Christian?
We must ask God for the wisdom to see
our own crosses, so that we may carry
them into the newness of life.

Observances for the week of November 2, 2025

- Sunday:** The Commemoration of All the Faithful
Departed (All Souls' Day);
Daylight Savings Time Ends
- Monday:** St. Martin de Porres, Religious
- Tuesday:** St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop; Election Day
- Next Sunday:** The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica



Devotions, Explained!

God is not subject to the
constrictions of time as we
understand them. Our prayers
for the dead are, like our prayers
for the living, an expression of
charity and the unity which exists
between all members of the Body
of Christ.

Prayer during Loss

O God,
In the midst of my grief, be with me.
Cover this season with Your
comfort and consolation,
help me to know Your presence
and Your grace.
Bring comfort to my affliction,
and hope to my heart.
Amen.

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