



*Our Lord Jesus Christ
King of the Universe*



WEEK OF NOVEMBER 23, 2025



Photos by **Pat Defiesta**, **Paul Dehmer**, and **Scott Gilyeat**

Blessings, Smiles, and Little Footsteps

Children chat happily with Father Carlos and Father Crispin or rest comfortably in their arms, showing how at ease they feel with our priests. Their smiles, hugs, and playful confidence offer a warm invitation for other children to reach out to Father Carlos and Father Crispin just as naturally.



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

Please Pray for

those who are **sick**:

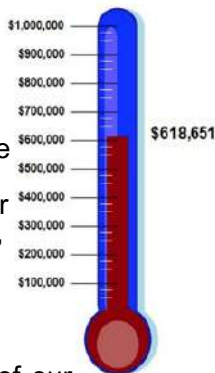
Linda Denney
Robert Hart
Rose Neuroth
Lois Willard

and those who have **died**:

Friedel Schiel (stepfather of *Christina Bovee*)
Enrique Martinez (father of *Wendy Martinez*)
and those 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 November 20, our pledges total **\$618,651.00** from 274 of our 1200 registered families, 61.8% of our goal!



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.

New Mass Setting



On the First Sunday of Advent, we will begin using the *Mass of St. Ann*, a Mass setting already familiar to our Holy Spirit community. This change will help our shared liturgies feel more unified and seamless. The setting includes the Kyrie, Gloria, Holy Holy, Lamb of God, and all the Mass acclamations. You are invited to listen ahead here [Mass of St. Ann](#). Music aids will also be placed in the chairs to help you follow along.



Altar of the Dead: Items Ready for Pickup

If you placed a photo or memento on the Altar of the Dead, we warmly invite you to collect it at your earliest convenience. While items left behind will be safely stored for a limited time, we encourage you to retrieve them soon, so you may continue to honor your loved ones at home. Thank you for helping us care for our sacred space.



Help Fill Hearts and Stock The Store

Santa's helpers - led by our chief elves, **Mary Hammock** and **Kathy Kernan** - are gearing up to launch Santa's workshop any day now. Soon, all the lovingly prepared gifts will make their way to the Giving Tree Store on December 21. On that joyful day, families from our own St. John the Baptist community, many of whom feared Christmas might not happen for them this year, will be invited to shop for toys and gifts for their entire family.

If Christmas feels overwhelming or hopeless this year, and you need a little help with gifts, we warmly invite you to stop by the narthex, fill out a form, and drop it in the collection box.

This year, the Giving Tree team is excited to bring back two long-time favorites that weren't available last year: queen-size blankets and laundry detergent. Of course, the ever-popular essentials - socks, underwear, PJs, pants, tops, coats for kids (infant through adult 2XL), and a wide variety of toys - will also be offered. We encourage parishioners to take advantage of Black Friday sales to shop for these items. Tags will be available in the narthex beginning November 28 and will remain there until a few days before the event.

But two elves can't make Christmas happen on their own - they need a whole team! They are looking for volunteers to help families shop at the Giving Tree Store on **December 21**. If you are able to serve as an elf for a few hours, there will be a signup sheet available next weekend. For now, please save the date.

More information will be shared during all Masses the weekend of December 6 and 7. We hope you will consider giving a bit of your time to help bring joy and big smiles to families this Christmas by volunteering at our Giving Tree Store.

A Quick Review for a Smooth 2026 Stewardship



As we approach the 62% mark of our *2026 Stewardship Renewal*, we ask all parishioners who give through PushPay.com to review their recurring gift schedules. Occasionally, **overlapping gifts occur when a new schedule is set up without ending the previous one**. Reviewing your gifts now helps prevent duplicates and ensures your stewardship is accurate and intentional. Thank you for your ongoing generosity and support!

How to review and update your recurring gift:

- Log in to your Pushpay account at PushPay.com.
- Under "Scheduled Gifts" review each gift to ensure the giving schedule does not overlap, which creates a duplicate gift.
- If necessary, add an end date to an existing gift:
 - select the recurring gift you want to edit
 - click "edit" and adjust the "end date" to your desired date
- **IMPORTANT** - Save your changes!

Contact the office if you need further assistance.

Reminder:
Blood Pressure Check
this weekend
after Sunday morning Masses



FRIENDSGIVING POTLUCK



Friday, November 28th
7:00 to 11:00 pm
McMullen Center

Bring a favorite dish to share and
celebrate the season with friends
and community!


Sponsored by SJTB Young Adults



Fighting Weekend Hunger

On behalf of the *Backpack Buddies* Ministry, thank you for your generous support and faithful partnership. Because of your compassion, we have been able to provide over 380 weekend meal bags to students at Covington Elementary - children who might otherwise face hunger when school meals are unavailable. Your kindness is a powerful reminder of what it means to care for our neighbors. Each donation, prayer, and act of service helps us live out our mission to love others as Christ loves us. You are truly making a difference in the lives of these students and their families. Thank you for being a blessing to this ministry. If you have any questions, please contact **Andrea Shimek** in the parish office.

Ways to support the *Backpack Buddies* Ministry:

- 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 office.
- 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.
- Monetary donations. Write all checks out to “St. John the Baptist Catholic Church”.



This week, we need popcorn, fruit snacks, and individual servings of cereal. Needs change every week, so be sure to check our weekly bulletins for items needed for that particular week.



Join Us For Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is Thursday, **November 27**, a time to celebrate our blessings. Join us for a multicultural **Mass at 10:00 am** (primary Mass parts in English, with music and prayers in multiple languages). Bring a food item from your meal to be blessed. We will also collect food and financial donations for a local food bank.

Holiday Season Pancake Breakfast

Sunday December 14th

10:00 – 11:30



Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage, Biscuit & Gravy

All Proceeds Will Support
The Archdiocese of Seattle Seminarians
(Our Next Generation of Priests)

Adults: \$10 | Youth 6-16: \$5 | Children 5 and Under: Free

Cold Temperatures Bring Icy Mornings



It's that time of the year again, when cold mornings bring ice to our parking lot and sidewalks.

When the temperatures drop below freezing, frost and ice form on the parking lot and sidewalks creating unsafe conditions for people attending the early morning Masses.



Without a dedicated ministry, de-icing the parking lot was only made possible by snagging a parishioner or two before Mass to help with the de-icing. We need a few strong people/families willing to be on a winter rotation to come and spread the de-icer on our sidewalks and parking lot at 8:00 am on these icy mornings. This will be a special ministry team that will only operate through mid-March.

Please contact **Joe Holien** at joeh@sjtbcc.org or the parish office if you can support this ministry.

Thank you for your gift of time.

Honoring the 25th Anniversary Quilt

Father Carlos and the *Liturgy Commission* have decided it is time to retire the 25th Anniversary quilt currently hanging in the nave. The quilt will be taken down this weekend, the end of the liturgical year, as we celebrate *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*.

To honor the parishioners who contributed their time and talent to create the quilt in 2016, the *Liturgy Commission* plans to hold a commemoration ceremony. **If you, or someone you know, helped assemble the quilt, please contact Laurie Moloney in the parish office.** We will share the date of the celebration once it is set.

The quilt will be professionally cleaned and stored or displayed in a suitable location, preserving this cherished piece of our parish history.

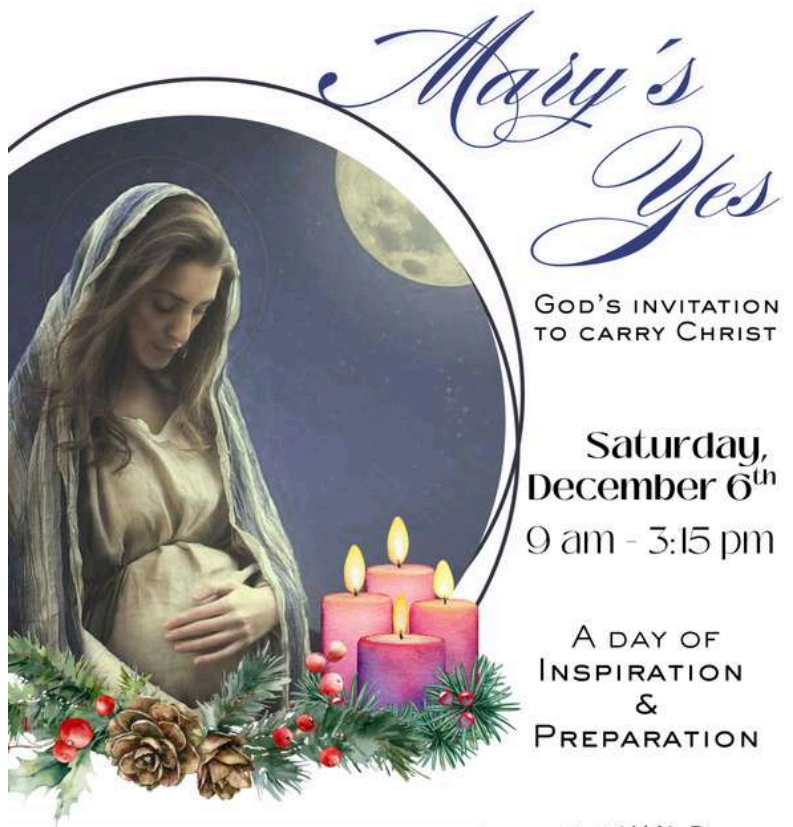


Ordination Mass for Simon

Seminarian Simon Stehr will be ordained to the Diaconate on Saturday, November 29th, at St. Joseph Church in Chehalis. The Mass will begin at 10 a.m., with Bishop Schuster presiding. All are welcome to attend.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP TIME. TALENT. TREASURE

Make or renew your
pledge today!



GOD'S INVITATION
TO CARRY CHRIST

Saturday,
December 6th
9 am - 3:15 pm

A DAY OF
INSPIRATION
&
PREPARATION

Please register by Wednesday,
December 3 so we can plan
food and small groups.



FAMILY 30
ADVENT RETREAT
 



Christmas



SOCKS, GLOVES AND BLANKET DRIVE



COLLECTING
AFTER EACH MASS AT
HOLY SPIRIT &
ST JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH



NOVEMBER 29TH & 30TH
&
DECEMBER 6TH & 7TH

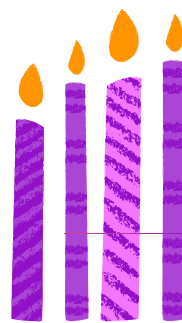


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TEENS



St. John the Baptist Faith Formation Presents:

Come, prepare your heart & home for the season of Advent.

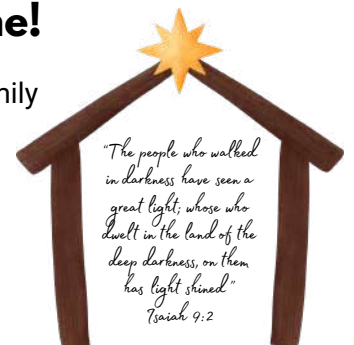


ADVENT FUN DAY

St. John the Baptist,
McMullen Center
Sunday November 23
10:00 - 11:30 AM

All Ages Welcome!

Activities for the entire family
Crafts to make and take
Outreach project
Cookie Decorating
Music



*"The people who walked
in darkness have seen a
great light; whose who
dwelt in the land of the
deep darkness, on them
has light shined"*
Isaiah 9:2

CELEBRATION OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

DECEMBER 3RD - 12TH



CELEBRACION A NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE

DICIEMBRE 3 AL 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena

All are welcome, prayers will be in Spanish

12/3 6:00 PM	12/8 6:00 PM*
12/4 7:00 PM*	12/9 6:00 PM
12/5 6:30 PM*	12/10 6:00 PM
12/6 7:00 PM*	12/11 7:00 PM*
12/7 7:00 PM*	*After evening Mass

12/9: Mass of St. Juan Diego, at Holy Spirit, in Spanish

12/11: Pilgrimage St. John the Baptist to Holy Spirit

St. John the Baptist

10:30 am – Welcome and Breakfast
11:00 am – Rosary
11:40 am – Traditional dances
12:00 pm – Start of the procession

Holy Spirit

7:00 pm - Program begins, in Spanish
11:00 pm - Mass, in Spanish

12/12: Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

at St. John the Baptist

4:00 AM Mañanitas 12:00 PM Rosary
4:00 AM Breakfast 7:00 PM Spanish Mass
6:00 AM Rosary *with English worship aid provided*
6:45 AM Traditional Dance 8:30 PM Dinner

Novena a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Todos son bienvenidos, las oraciones serán en español

12/3 6:00 PM	12/8 6:00 PM*
12/4 7:00 PM*	12/9 6:00 PM
12/5 6:30 PM*	12/10 6:00 PM
12/6 7:00 PM*	12/11 7:00 PM
12/7 7:00 PM*	*Después de la Misa de la tarde

12/9: Misa de San Juan Diego, en Espíritu Santo, en español

12/11: Peregrinación de San Juan Bautista a Espíritu Santo

10:30 am – Bienvenida y desayuno
11:00 am – Rosario
11:40 am – Danzas tradicionales
12:00 pm – Inicio de la procesión

en Espíritu Santo

7:00 pm – Program begins, en español
11:00 pm – Misa en español

12/12: Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

en San Juan Baptisto

4:00 AM Mañanitas 12:00 PM Rosario
4:00 AM Desayuno 7:00 PM Misa en español
6:00 AM Rosario 8:30 PM Cena
6:45 AM Danzas tradicionales



Discover Fire

PASTOR'S
CORNER



PARTNERS IN THE GOSPEL UPDATE

The process of Partners in the Gospel continues throughout the Archdiocese of Seattle.

A Quick Reminder

Partners in the Gospel is our archdiocesan response to a simple reality: we do not have enough priests to serve every parish individually. Because of this, parishes have been grouped into parish families under the leadership of a single pastor. Over time, each parish family will become one canonical parish, that is, one parish in Church law, with one pastor, one set of councils and finances, and a shared vision, even if we continue to worship at more than one church site. The goal is to renew our commitment to the mission the Church, evangelization and service.

What Have We Done So Far?

- **2024:** Organization and kickoff. Parish family and priest assignments were announced. Parishes began getting to know one another through shared events and ministries. Consultative groups were formed (PFLT and PFAC).
- **May 2025:** Demographic Survey and Metrics of Viability. We conducted a survey to see who is currently attending Mass with us. We also received a report from the archdiocese regarding our current space usage, finances, and Mass/Priests ratio. These reports were made available through the bulletin, and can be found in our websites.
- **August 2025:** "Who are we?" Parishioners shared what they most loved about their parish. A summary of this report is available in the bulletin insert, and the full report is on our parish websites.

As immediate needs arose, some changes to staffing, youth programming, and weekday Mass times have already been implemented.

Where Are We Right Now?

- **October 2025:** The first round of listening sessions took place, addressing the question, "What are the challenges and opportunities?"

- **November and December 2025:** The report from this session is currently being compiled. Once completed, it will be made available, and planning for the next round of listening sessions is underway.

What Is Next? (Dates are approximate targets.)

- **Early 2026:** Second round of listening sessions, discerning "Who do we want to become?"
- **Spring and Summer 2026:** Third round of listening sessions, discerning "How do we get there?"
- **Summer and Fall 2026:** Fourth round of listening sessions, discerning "What should we be called?"
- **January to June 2027:** This vision will be reviewed by our PFLT and PFAC teams and ultimately approved by me, your pastor. It will become a document called the One Parish Plan. This plan will describe how we will live as one canonical parish, with shared leadership, resources, and mission, while continuing to honor the unique gifts and traditions of each community. We will submit this plan to the Archbishop for review. Once it is approved, we will begin implementing the major changes that flow from our shared discernment.

Your Participation Matters

What you share is being written down, reflected on in prayer, and will help guide the future of our parish family.

- If you have already participated, I invite you to continue.
- If you have not yet participated and would like to, the upcoming listening sessions will give you that opportunity.
- If you prefer not to participate directly, that is perfectly fine. Your prayers and support are a real and important part of this journey.

I am incredibly grateful for all of our staff, volunteers, and parishioners who have been involved in this important work. Let us keep looking to the future with hope and trust.

Fr. Juan Carlos O.

SPANISH ON REVERSE



HOLY SPIRIT PARISH



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



ACTUALIZACIÓN DE COMPAÑEROS EN EL EVANGELIO

El proceso de Socios en el Evangelio continúa en toda la Arquidiócesis de Seattle.

Un breve recordatorio

«Compañeros en el Evangelio» es la respuesta de nuestra arquidiócesis a una realidad innegable: no contamos con suficientes sacerdotes para atender a cada parroquia individualmente. Por ello, las parroquias se han agrupado en familias parroquiales bajo la dirección de un solo párroco. Con el tiempo, cada familia parroquial se convertirá en una sola parroquia canónica, es decir, una sola parroquia según el derecho canónico, con un solo párroco, un solo consejo parroquial, una sola administración y una sola visión compartida, aunque continuemos celebrando cultos en más de un templo. El objetivo es renovar nuestro compromiso con la misión de la Iglesia: la evangelización y el servicio.

¿Qué hemos hecho hasta ahora?

- **2024:** Organización e inicio. Se anunciaron las asignaciones de familias parroquiales y sacerdotes. Las parroquias comenzaron a conocerse a través de eventos y ministerios compartidos. Se formaron grupos consultivos (PFLT y PFAC).
- **Mayo de 2025:** Estudio demográfico y métricas de viabilidad. Realizamos un estudio para conocer quiénes asisten actualmente a misa con nosotros. También recibimos un informe de la arquidiócesis sobre el uso actual del espacio, las finanzas y la proporción de misas por sacerdote. Estos informes se publicaron en el boletín parroquial y pueden consultarse en nuestros sitios web.
- **Agosto de 2025:** «¿Quiénes somos?» Los feligreses compartieron lo que más les gustaba de su parroquia. Un resumen de este informe está disponible en el boletín parroquial y el informe completo se encuentra en los sitios web de nuestras parroquias.

A medida que surgieron necesidades inmediatas, ya se han implementado algunos cambios en la plantilla, los programas para jóvenes y los horarios de misa entre semana.

¿Dónde nos encontramos ahora mismo?

- **Octubre de 2025:** Se celebró la primera ronda de sesiones de escucha, en las que se abordó la pregunta: "¿Cuáles son los retos y las oportunidades?".
- **Noviembre y diciembre de 2025:** Actualmente se está elaborando el informe de esta sesión. Una vez finalizado, estará disponible y ya se está planificando la próxima ronda de sesiones de escucha.

¿Qué sigue? (Las fechas son aproximadas).

- **Principios de 2026:** Segunda ronda de sesiones de escucha para discernir "¿En quiénes queremos convertirnos?".
- **Primavera y verano de 2026:** Tercera ronda de sesiones de escucha para discernir "¿Cómo llegamos allí?".
- **Verano y otoño de 2026:** Cuarta ronda de sesiones de escucha para discernir "¿Cómo deberíamos llamarnos?".
- **De enero a junio de 2027:** Esta visión será revisada por nuestros equipos de PFLT y PFAC y, finalmente, aprobada por mí, su párroco. Se convertirá en un documento llamado Plan Parroquial Único. Este plan describirá cómo viviremos como una sola parroquia canónica, con liderazgo, recursos y misión compartidos, a la vez que continuamos honrando los dones y tradiciones únicos de cada comunidad. Presentaremos este plan al Arzobispo para su revisión. Una vez aprobado, comenzaremos a implementar los cambios principales que surjan de nuestro discernimiento conjunto.

Tu participación importa

- Lo que compartes se está escribiendo, se está reflexionando sobre ello en oración y ayudará a guiar el futuro de nuestra familia parroquial.
- Si ya has participado, te invito a continuar.
- Si aún no has participado y te gustaría hacerlo, las próximas sesiones de escucha te brindarán esa oportunidad.
- Si prefieres no participar directamente, no hay ningún problema. Tus oraciones y apoyo son una parte real e importante de este camino.

Estoy profundamente agradecido a todo nuestro personal, voluntarios y feligreses que han participado en esta importante labor. Sigamos mirando al futuro con esperanza y confianza.

Fr. Juan Carlos O.



WITH PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING TO ALMIGHTY GOD,
THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SEATTLE JOYFULLY ANNOUNCES THE
ORDINATION OF

SIMON STEHR

TO THE

SACRED ORDER OF THE DIACONATE

THROUGH THE IMPOSITION OF HANDS AND INVOCATION
OF THE HOLY SPIRIT BY

THE MOST REVEREND FRANK SCHUSTER

AUXILIARY BISHOP

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2025
AT 10 AM

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH
157 SW 6TH ST
CHEHALIS WA 98532

RECEPTION LUNCHEON TO FOLLOW AT
SAINT MARY'S HALL
225 N WASHINGTON AVE
CENTRALIA, WA 98531

*"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

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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH FAMILY



Sunday, November 23

Adult Faith Formation
Centro Rendu
Choir Rehearsal (Swahili) - 12:00 pm
Rosary (Spanish)
Sacramental Preparation
Swahili Community - 4:30 pm
Confirmation - 6:30 pm

Monday, November 24

Bible Study (Spanish) - 10:00 am
Grandparent Bible Study (Spanish) - 10 am
Food Pantry - 1:00 pm
Centro Rendu - 3:00 pm
Confirmation - 6:30 pm
Small Christian Communities - 7:00 pm
Partners in the Gospel PFAC

Tuesday, November 25

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 26

Cursillos (Spanish) - 2:00 pm
Knights of Columbus Golf Committee - 6:00 pm
RCIA/OCIA - 6:30 pm
Bible Study
Rosary (English & Spanish)
Young Adult Group (Spanish)

Thursday, November 27

Thanksgiving Day - office closed
Holy Hour for Vocations - 10:00 am
Celebracion Guadalupana Dance Practice - 5:30 pm
Young Adult Core Team (Spanish)
Apologetics Bible Study (Spanish)
Centro Rendu - 7:00 pm
Adult Confirmation (Spanish)
Small Christian Community

Friday, November 28

Swahili Community Choir Retreat - 9:00 am
Grupo de Oración - 7:00 pm
Base Ecclesial Groups (Spanish) - 7:00 pm
Bible Study Communities
Divine Mercy

Saturday, November 29

Swahili Community Choir Retreat - 9:00 am
Sacramental Preparation - 9:00 am or 12:30 pm
Choir Rehearsal (7:00 pm Spanish) - 7:00 pm
Small Christian Communities - 7:00 pm



Sunday, November 23

Mass - 9:00 am
Children's Liturgy of the Word - 9:00 am Mass
Blood Pressure Screening after morning Masses
Advent Fun Day - 10:00 am
Mass - 11:30 am
Mass - 5:30 pm
First Reconciliation Parent Classes - 7:00 pm

Monday, November 24

Mostly Yoga - 8:00 am
Mass - 9:00 am
Backpack Buddies Setup (Youth Room) 9:30 am
Hispanic Choir Practice - 6:00 pm
Choir (9:00 am Sunday) Practice - 7:00 pm
Spanish Charismatic Group - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, November 25

Word & Communion/Liturgy of Hours - 9:00 am
WICS - 6:00 pm
Confirmation Phase 2 - 6:30 pm
Grupo de Oracion - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, November 26

Mass - 9:00 am
Middle School Night - 6:30 pm
Choir (Truthful Reign) Practice - 7:00 pm

Thursday, November 27

Thanksgiving Day - office closed
Thanksgiving **Mass** - 10:00 am



Friday, November 28

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

Saturday, November 29

Reconciliation - 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Mass - 5:30 pm

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"And the LORD said to you,
"You shall shepherd my people Israel
and shall be commander of Israel.'" (2 Sm 5:2)

Psalm:

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord. (Ps 122)

Second Reading:

For in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell,
and through him to reconcile all things for him,
making peace by the blood of his cross
through him, whether those on earth or those
in heaven. (Col 1:19-20)

Gospel:

He replied to him,
"Amen, I say to you,
today you will be with me in Paradise." (Lk 23:43)

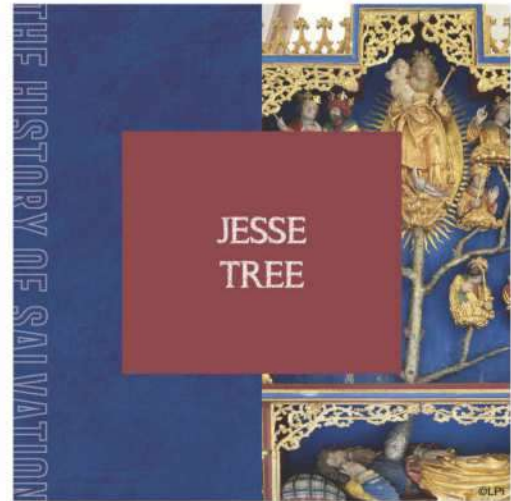
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

Our king wears a crown of thorns, not a crown of gold. His glory is not in riches but in suffering. His law is written in his own blood, shed for the love of us. Do we understand the gift that it is, to be subject to such a king?

Observances for the week of November 23, 2025

- Sunday:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Monday: St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Tuesday: St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr
Thursday: Thanksgiving Day
Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent



Devotions, Explained!

The Jesse Tree is an Advent practice which recounts the history of salvation by tracing the lineage of Christ — the foretold "shoot from the stump of Jesse" who will bring peace and unity to the people of God (Isaiah 11:1).

Jesus is King

Dear Jesus,
I see the kingdom you love,
the one full of the broken and forgotten.
I see the crown you wear —
thorns out of love for me.
I pick you as my King.
Mold my heart to be a worthy member of your kingdom.
Amen.

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