



Feast of the Holy Family



WEEK OF DECEMBER 28, 2025



Photos by **Laurie Moloney**

Celebrating Our Lady of Guadalupe

Joyful celebrations honored Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 11 - 12, 2025, with traditional dancers in colorful regalia, shared food, and reverent worship at both parishes. Although the long procession was canceled due to inclement weather, a shorter procession took place from Kent Plaza to Holy Spirit Parish. The feast commemorates the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Juan Diego in 1531; yet, as Fr. Carlos wrote, "Guadalupe is not only history. She is a living Gospel, still revealing what we need to see."



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
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for event times.

Sunday, December 28

Choir Rehearsal (Swahili)
Swahili Community
Sacramental Prep
Rosary (Spanish)
K of C Coffee and Donuts
Swahili Community
Centro Rendu
Adult Faith Formation

Monday, December 29

Bible Study Groups (Spanish)
Small Christian Communities
Centro Rendu
Youth Group
Grandparent Bible Study (Spanish)

Tuesday, December 30

Rosary (12:00 pm)
Adult Confirmation
Small Christian Community
Terrific Tuesday Meals - 5:30 pm

Wednesday, December 31

Choir (12:30 pm) Practice
Practice for Altar Servers (Spanish)
Cursillos
Todo Por Cristo
RCIA
Grupo de Oracion

Thursday, January 1

Happy New Year

Young Adult Core Team (Spanish)
Holy Hour for Vocations
Apologetics Bible Study (Spanish)
Adult Confirmation (Spanish)
Small Christian Community
Tesalonicenses (Spanish)

Friday, January 2

Office Closed

Grupo de Oracion
Bible Study Communities
Base Ecclesial Groups (Spanish)
Divine Mercy
Celebracion Guadalupeana

Saturday, January 3

Sacramental Prep (9:00 am or 12:30 pm)
Folclor Tonanzin
Choir Rehearsal (7:00 pm Spanish)
Small Christian Communities



**The office is closed from
December 24 to January 2.
Please call 253-630-0701
for emergencies.**

Sunday, December 28

**Mass - 9:00 am
Mass - 11:30 am
Mass - 5:30 pm**

Monday, December 29

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

Tuesday, December 30

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

Wednesday, December 31

Mass - 9:00 am

Thursday, January 1

Happy New Year

Mostly Yoga - 8:00 am
Mass (Solemnity of Mary) - 6:00 pm

Friday, January 2

Word & Communion Service/Liturgy of Hours - 9:00 am
Funeral for Malva Anderson Logg - 11:00 am
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 12:30 pm
Choir (Filipino) Practice - 7:00 pm
Mass (First Friday - Spanish) - 7:30 pm
Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 8:30 pm

Saturday, January 3

Middle School Retreat - 10:00 am
Reconciliation - 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Mass - 5:30 pm

Please Pray for

those who are **sick**:

Ida Gonzales, Antony Lewis

those who have **died**:

Connie Ocampos (mother of Lou Villalba), **Fernando Villalba** (father of Lou Villalba), **Matthew Mazzitelli** (grandson of Tim & Sharon Mazzitelli)
Jean Smith (aunt of Roberta Tift)

Vacation Schedule Changes

The office will be closed for normal business Dec. 26 through Jan. 2. Daily Masses and lay led worship times will stay the same.

During the closure you can call the main number and follow the prompts to leave a message. Staff will be returning messages beginning the first week of January.

Due to Fr. Gilberto's vacation, Fr. Carlos will cover all the Spanish Masses at Holy Spirit in January. He will be at Holy Spirit for all weekends in January. No changes to the schedule for the weekday Masses at St. John the Baptist. The usual priest rotation will resume in February.

Thanks to our Holiday Teams!

From the desk of Stewardship and Outreach: The Knights of Columbus recognized a need and stepped in to direct traffic to available spots in our lot and to our overflow parking at Covington Elementary. There were 752 people participating in the Children's Christmas Eve Mass this year, 527 at the 7 pm Mass, and 367 at the 10 pm Mass. There were 542 at the Christmas Day Mass, a 26% increase over last year. Thank you **Mark, Bailey, Gilbert, and Jose!**

And thanks to all who donated items and gifts to our **Giving Tree!**. Like our Thanksgiving Meal program, Giving Tree allows us to invite those experiencing poverty to participate in our cultural tradition of gift giving on Christmas Day. Your generosity sends a message of hope to all children.

We served 35 Saint Vincent de Paul families, 10 from the community and parish, and an uncounted number of families of service men and women stationed at Joint Base Lewis McCord.

Thanks especially to our Giving Tree organizers: **Mary H., Kathy K., and Pat D.**, and all the elves who helped! Andrea S., Mike S., Kathy A., Mary Ellen N., Rita M., Linda F., Janet D., Joanne A., Cristine B., Ferdinand C., Jean F., Andrea C., Tamara B., Pete B., Bailey C., Kelly C., Donna P., Sue C., Lyn J., Mary M-J, Rowlyn C., Paul C., Hannah C., Bonnie S., Monica E., Lexie E., Molly S., Eva D., Diane R., Laura R., Susan R., Mike, Rose, Shaun, & Cooper M., and Terry F!



New Winter Bible Study with Adult Faith Formation

Adult Faith Formation is offering a winter Bible study using the Threshold Bible Study book "Peacemaking and Nonviolence" by Stephen J. Binz.

Choose one of two options:

- **Wednesdays** (January 21, 28; February 4, 11, 25; March 4, 11, 18, 25; and April 15, 22)
at **7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in person** in the Main Conference Room in the parish office.
- **Thursdays** (January 22, 29; February 5, 12, 19, 26; March 5, 12, 19, 26; and April 16)
at **10:00 am to 11:30 am via Zoom**

Cost is \$10 for the book.

Please register [online](#) at our website or call the parish office so we can order your book. For questions, please email **Joan Williamson** at joanw@sjtbcc.org.

Is There More to Life Than This?

Join a conversation about faith, life and meaning! Alpha offers an incredible journey to explore the Christian faith in today's modern, complex and often challenging world.

The Alpha experience is open to everyone, no matter their background or beliefs. Think of it as dinner with friends, a short video on life's biggest questions and an open conversation with a small group where no topic is off-limits.

The Family 30 program starts on January 19, 2026 and runs for 10 consecutive Mondays from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. All sessions will be held at St. John the Baptist Parish.



For more information, please contact the SJTB office at 253-630-0701 to leave a message for **Dave Richardson** or **Brenda Fincher** at 253-859-0444 at Holy Spirit Parish.

Please continue to check the bulletin and website for updates. Sign up in the narthex or [register here](#).

A note and picture from a Giving Tree family:



"Thank you so much for helping me and the kiddos out this holiday season. My kids are Sooooo happy. I appreciate you and your churches volunteers as a whole. What a blessing it is to have you ALL as blessings." Raya S.

thank you!

Help Us Clear the Way This Winter!



Icy roads and sidewalks may not be on our minds right now - flooding seems to be the word of the week - but this is the Pacific

Northwest, and snow and ice are inevitable at some point this winter. When temperatures drop, icy sidewalks and parking lots can create unsafe conditions for those attending early morning Masses, especially parishioners with mobility challenges.

We are still looking for families who can dedicate a little time around 8:00 a.m. on a Sunday to help de-ice the sidewalks. Your efforts will help ensure everyone can safely attend Mass during the winter months. If you are interested in this "winter ministry," please contact **Joe Holien** at 253-630-0701 x220 to join the de-icing team.



Thank you for your time, care, and service!

Wanted: Gently Used or New Coats/Jackets

Here's your chance to do some spring cleaning early! The Kent Food Bank and Emergency Services, located in downtown Kent on West Harrison Street, is accepting **clean, gently used or new all-weather coats (adult sizes only)** for our unsheltered neighbors. If you have coats that you would like to donate to help our neighbors in need, please drop them off in the **Coats for Unsheltered Neighbors Box in the narthex** at St. John the Baptist. Coats will be collected throughout the month of January. Please remember that long "dressy" coats will not meet their needs, as these are neighbors without shelters. There are resources for children's coats, so no children's coats are needed currently.



May God bless you for your kindness and generosity.

Annual Crab Feast Saturday, February 7, 2026

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus



After an unexpected cancellation last year, the annual Knights of Columbus, annual **Crab Feast is BACK!**

Save the date: February 7th at 6 pm for a multi-course dinner served by the Knights of Columbus.

The menu features generous portions of **Freshly caught Dungeness Crab** with Appetizers, Caesar Salad, Rolls, Clam Chowder, Vegetable side, Dessert, and Beverage (non-alcoholic).

Ticket prices: **\$65 per person OR \$375 to reserve a table for 6.** Tickets can be purchased after Masses or at the parish office.


The proceeds from this dinner will support parish ministries.

Don't Celebrate the Holidays Hungry

The children are off for the holidays, so our middle school and Wednesday morning team will be taking a much needed 2 week break. We're always in need of help! Please consider spending part of a Wednesday morning or evening preparing the 41 bags we send to Covington Elementary, and remember to check our weekly bulletins for the most up-to-date list of requested items. If you have any questions, **please contact Andrea Shimek** in the parish office. This is an ongoing effort that will run throughout the school year.



We do need donations of food items to start 2026! Ways to support the *Backpack Buddies Program*:

- 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".



Happy New Year from the Backpack Buddies team!

Meeting God's Mission With Your Gifts In the New Year



A new year is a great time to take a fresh look at where God might be inviting you to grow—and how your gifts can bless others. At St. John the Baptist, we're grateful for the many active and vibrant ministries that help us live our faith in real, practical ways.

We offer 10 **Outreach Ministries**, including **Backpack Buddies; Creation Care Team; Garden of the Good Shepherd; Guatemala Companion Parish; Life, Justice, & Peace Commission; Pregnancy Aid; PREPARES; Safe Car Parking; St. Vincent de Paul;** and seasonal activities such as **Thanksgiving Meals** and the **Giving Tree Store**.

We also have a wide range of **Stewardship Ministries**, including **Parish Leadership, Administrative Support, Community Life, Facilities and Grounds Maintenance, Liturgy and Music, Pastoral Care, Preschool and Elementary Faith Formation, Stewardship and Evangelization, Youth Ministry & Life Teen,** and the **Women's Commission**.

If one of your New Year hopes is to get more connected, we'd love to help you find a good fit—whether you have time weekly or just occasionally. Visit sjtbcc.org or contact the parish office at **253-630-0701** to learn more.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Whoever honors his father atones for sins,
and preserves himself from them. (Sir 3:3)

Psalm:

Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.
(Ps 128)

Second Reading:

And whatever you do, in word or in deed,
do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Col 3:17)

Gospel:

He rose, took the child and his mother,
and went to the land of Israel. (Mt 2:21)

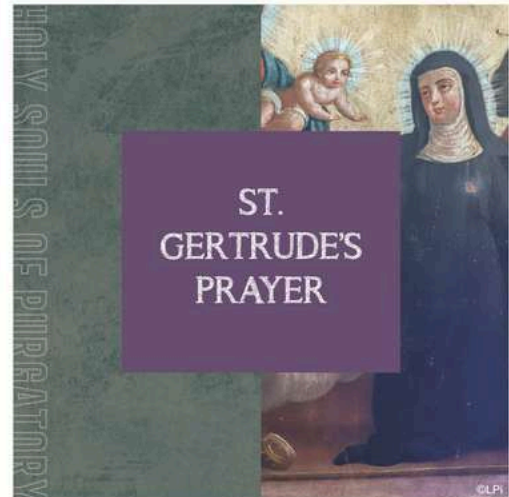
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

God created the Holy Family with a great sense of purpose, because he knew that Jesus would be defined by the woman and man who raised him. Who is our "Holy Family" — the people who will define us? Who has God placed within our lives for a specific purpose?

Observances for the week of December 28, 2025

- Sunday:** The Holy Family
Wednesday: St. Sylvester I, Pope; *New Year's Eve*
Thursday: Mary, The Holy Mother of God, New Year's Day, World Day of Peace
Friday: Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
Saturday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord



Devotions, *Explained!*

St. Gertrude's Prayer is a petition said on behalf of the Holy Souls of Purgatory, offering the Blood of Christ in reparation for the sins of the departed.

Family Blessing

May God bless, protect, unite, mend, and renew our family. Help us to be instruments of healing and holiness, breaking generational curses, rewriting scripts, overcoming tribulation, joining in gratitude, and growing in joy ... together. Amen.

Send corrections and bulletin content to
Pat Defiesta at communications@sjtbcc.org (for St. John the Baptist bulletin) or
Mary Molina at communications@holyspiritkent.org (for Holy Spirit bulletin).

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