



Second Sunday of Lent



WEEK OF MARCH 1, 2026

Go Seahawks!



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Family Fun & Seahawks Support

Nothing brings communities together, or drives them apart, quite like art, family, religion, and sports preferences. Here at St. John the Baptist, we are hoping to use them to foster goodwill, fun, and congratulations to the Seahawks for winning the Super Bowl.

This Week in Our Parish Family



Holy Spirit
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Please call 253-859-0444
for event times.

Sunday, March 1

Choir Rehearsal (Swahili)
Swahili Community
Marriage Preparation (Spanish)
Youth Confirmation
Sacramental Prep
Choir (12:30) Rehearsal
Adult Faith Formation/Bible Study
Rosario

Monday, March 2

Rosario del Migrante
Bible Study Groups (Spanish)
Food Pantry
Small Christian Communities
Centro Rendu Youth
Grandparent Bible Study (Spanish)
Children's Choir

Tuesday, March 3

Rosary for Peace - 12:00pm
Adult Confirmation
Small Christian Community
Grupo de Oracion
Choir (12:30 Spanish) Rehearsal
Terrific Tuesday Meals

Wednesday, March 4

Young Adult Group (Spanish)
Bible Study (Spanish)
RCIA/OCIA
Cursillos

Childrens' Dance Practice (traditional Mexican dances)

Thursday, March 5

Holy Hour for Vocations
Apologetics Bible Study (Spanish)
Small Christian Community
Bible Study Communities
Choir Rehearsal (English)
Mujeres de Fe
Clases de Confirmacion

Friday, March 6

Grupo de Oracion
Bible Study Communities
Baptism Prep (Spanish)
Base Ecclesial Groups (Spanish)
Marriage Prep (English)
Knights Council
Divine Mercy
Knights of Columbus Fish Fry - 5 pm
Stations of the Cross (English & Spanish) - 7pm

Saturday, March 7

Choir (7pm Spanish) Rehearsal
Small Christian Community
Children Sacramental Prep
Youth Group



The Catholic
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St. John the Baptist

Sunday, March 1

Mass - 9:00 am

Children's Liturgy of the Word - 9:00 am
Elementary Faith Formation - 10:15 am

Mass - 11:30 am

Mass - 5:30 pm

Monday, March 2

Mostly Yoga - 8:00 am

Mass - 9:00 am

Listening Session - 9:30 am

Hispanic Choir Practice - 6:00 pm

Alpha - 6:30 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, March 3

Word & Communion Service/Liturgy of Hours - 9:00 am

Safe Car Team Meeting - 2:00 pm

WICS - 6:00 pm

Grupo de Oracion - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 4

Mass - 9:00 am

Backpack Buddies Setup (Youth Room) - 9:30 am

Bible Study (In-Person) - 7:00 pm

Choir (Truthful Reign) Practice - 7:00 pm

Middle School Night - 7:00 pm

Thursday, March 5

Mostly Yoga - 8:00 am

Bible Study (Zoom) - 10:00 am

Adult Faith Formation Committee - 11:00 am

Creation Care Team Meeting - 1:00 pm

Hora Santa - Holy Hour - 3:00 pm

Mass - 6:30 pm

Young Adult Night - 6:30 pm

Choir (11:30 Sunday) Practice - 7:00 pm

OCIA - 7:00 pm

Friday, March 6

Word & Communion Service/Liturgy of Hours - 9:00 am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - 9:45 am

Fish Fry - 5:00 pm

Choir (Filipino) Practice - 7:00 pm

Stations of the Cross - 7:00 pm

La Misa en Español - 7:45 pm

Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 8:30 pm

Saturday, March 7

First Eucharist Parent & Child In-Service - 9:00 am

Middle School 1st Eucharist Parent Planning - 9:00 am

Reconciliation - 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Mass - 5:30 pm

Please Pray for

those who are **sick**:

**Faye Driessen, Fr. Robert Keane, Neal Johnson,
Ana Maria Medina,
Renee Nicholas, Susana Schlimmer**

those who have **died**:

Kenny Cox (cousin of Lyn Johnson)
Pedro Rodriguez-Sanchez (friend of Moira Rodriguez)
Diana Trovato (mother of Gina Trovato)



Who Do We Want to Become?

You're going to keep hearing about our Listening Sessions, and that's because they truly matter. These gatherings are a key step in shaping our future as we become one parish family—discernment isn't something done for you, but with you.

We deeply value your voice. Your stories, hopes, questions, and your concerns are a gift to this community. When you show up and share, you help us name what to carry forward, what needs to grow, and who God may be calling us to serve next.

We are going to add more days, but here's the current schedule. Choose a date now and join us!

- Monday, March 2, 9:30 am to 11:30 am
- Thursday, March 5, 7:00 to to 9:00 pm
- Tuesday, March 10, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
- Sunday, March 15, 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm
- Saturday, March 21, 10 am to 12 noon



Please prayerfully consider attending a session.

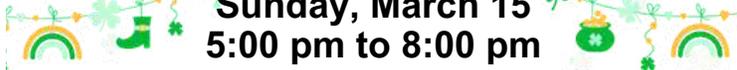
Come as you are, ready to listen and to be heard, knowing that your presence **will** make a difference.



Join Us This Lent (7:00 pm; Good Friday at 3:00 pm)

Date	Fish Dinner	Stations Leader
March 6	Fish Fry	Women's Commission
March 13	Fish Tacos	St. Vincent de Paul
March 20	Fish Chowder & More, Peruvian style	Elementary Faith Formation
March 27	Fish Fry	Guadalupanos
April 3	Good Friday	Young Adults

St. Patrick's Day Potluck
Sunday, March 15
5:00 pm to 8:00 pm



Help Us Continue to Fill Carts and Hearts

This Backpack Buddies program continues through the end of the school year, so please keep the donations coming. By living out Christ's call to feed the hungry, you are making a meaningful and lasting difference for families in our community.



This week we especially need **canned soup, juice boxes, and applesauce or fruit cups/pouches**. Needs change every week, so be sure to check this bulletin for the most up-to-date list of needed items.

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.



If you have any questions, please contact **Andrea Shimek** in the parish office. Your support makes a difference to our children in need!

Coffee Hour is Returning!



Stay after the 9:00 am Mass for **hot drinks and a sweet treat** in the narthex. Stop by the ministry tables to ask questions, **learn about ways to get involved**, and enjoy time with friends—old and new.

We'll gather monthly in the narthex and portico on **March 8, April 12, May 3, and June 7**. We're expecting a great turnout, so it may be a little lively—but that's part of the joy of being together.

Want to help make it happen? We'd love volunteers to **help before, during, or after Coffee Hour**. Please contact the parish office to join this welcoming ministry!

Lenten Fasting and Abstinence Guidelines



To clarify any confusion about fasting and abstinence during Lent, here are the guidelines from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB):

- **Obligatory Days:** Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of both fasting and abstinence. All Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence.
- **Fasting:** For members of the Latin Catholic Church, **fasting is required from age 18 until age 59**. On fasting days, one full meal is allowed, along with two smaller meals that together do not equal a full meal.
- **Abstinence:** **Abstaining from meat is required for members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onward.**

For more details, visit the [USCCB website](#).

Join the Journey: Seder Meal and Celebration

If you open your Bible to Exodus 12, you'll find the instructions God gave the Israelites for a quick meal the night before they left Egypt. This meal, now celebrated as Passover, commemorates God's saving power, leading the people to freedom and a new national identity in the Promised Land.



Passover is an 8-day festival, and the meal - called the Seder - is traditionally shared on the first one or two days. Over time, it has drawn from many cultural traditions.

St. John the Baptist will explore the Seder on **Sunday, March 29, 2025, at 5:30 pm**, with a potluck meal as part of the celebration. **Seats are limited to 60**, and kids and families are especially welcome.

For more information or to register, click on this link archseattle.ccbchurch.com or email **Kathy Wickward** at kathyw@sjtbcc.org.

REMINDER: No Parking!



St. John the Baptist's 11th Commandment: *Thou shalt not park in the space marked, "Reserved for Presiding Priest."* (Just kidding, this isn't really a commandment! But please refrain from parking here.)

Both priests travel between Holy Spirit and St. John the Baptist on very tight Mass schedules. Having a reserved space helps ensure that Mass can begin on time without unnecessary delays. Thank you very much for your understanding and cooperation.

Spotlight on Ministries: *Ministers of Hospitality*



Do you have a welcoming smile and a friendly personality?

The *Ministers of Hospitality* are the first faces people see at Mass, creating a warm and inviting environment before, during, and after the liturgy. You'll greet parishioners, offer directions, assist those with special needs, help families bring up the gifts, hand out bulletins, and prepare the church for the next Mass.

If you enjoy making people feel at home, this ministry is a perfect way to share your gifts and be the face of our parish community! To learn more or get involved in this welcoming ministry, please reach out to **Laurie Moloney** at lauriem@sjtbcc.org. We'd love to have you join us!

New Contact Update for Father Carlos

You may have noticed that **Father Carlos's** direct line is no longer listed in the bulletin or on the website. All calls for him are now routed through his assistant, **Nancy Ortiz**, who can be reached at Holy Spirit Parish at extension 212 or by email at nortiz@holyspiritkent.org. You may also contact the St. John the Baptist office and leave a message for him there.

Managing Water, Nurturing Community

Have you ever struggled with too much water in your yard? Would you like to learn about a solution that helps disperse water, reduce pollution, and improve the health of your landscape? Or are you simply eager to lend a hand with a meaningful construction project?



If you and/or your family would enjoy getting your hands dirty, **we'd love your help building a rain garden** directly outside of the *Garden of the Good Shepherd* - our parish produce garden that supports the local food bank. This rain garden will help manage excess water while benefiting the environment and our community.

Join us on **Saturday, March 14, from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.** Please bring gloves, work boots, and your favorite tool. We'll have plenty of shovels available for everyone!

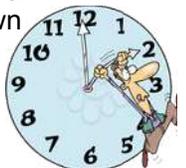
Prayers and Gratitude for *Andy Nolasco*

Andrés (Andy) Nolasco, our affiliate who has been serving our parish family since August 2025, is now nearing the completion of his application process as an affiliate. He is currently at another parish for the final phase of his affiliate formation.

We are grateful for the time he shared with us and for his faithful service at Mass and throughout our parish community. Please continue to keep Andy in your prayers as he prepares for his upcoming interview. Blessings on your journey, Andy!

Daylight Savings Time Returns

Time to "spring" forward! As we prepare for the vernal equinox, more commonly known as the beginning of spring, we are reminded that equinoxes occur when the sun shines equally on both hemispheres, marking the start of spring and autumn.



Most clocks will adjust automatically. But if you still have manual clocks at home, please remember to set them one hour forward before going to bed on Saturday, March 8, so you won't be late for Mass.

Missing Our Weekly Emails?

Are you missing the weekly emails from St. John the Baptist that include a link to our parish bulletin? If so, please **call the parish office at 253-630-0701** to be added to our email distribution list. Likewise, if you no longer wish to receive emails from us, simply let the parish office know by calling the same number.

Our **weekly email includes a link to the upcoming weekend's bulletin**, allowing you to read it before attending Mass, as well as additional information that may not have been included in the printed bulletin.

LENT 2026

PARISH FAMILY 30

February 18th - April 4th

Changes to the published events may occur. Please refer to the weekly bulletin for updates.

February

2-15, Lent Event

10 - 11:30 am, McMullen MPR, SJ

2-18, Ash Wednesday

9 am, Mass, eng., HS & SJ
5:30 pm, Word & Ash Service, SJ
6 pm, Mass, eng., HS
7 pm, Mass, eng., SJ
7:30 pm, Mass, sp., HS

2-20, Friday

5 - 6:30 pm, Fish Fry, SJ
5 - 6:30 pm, Fish Fry, HS
7 pm, Stations of the Cross, SJ
7pm - Stations of the Cross, HS
- English in the Chapel
- Spanish in the Church

2-27, Friday

5 - 6:30 pm, Fish Tacos, SJ
5 - 6:30 pm, Fish Fry, HS
7 pm, Stations of the Cross, SJ
led by Knights of Columbus
7pm - Stations of the Cross, HS
- English in the Chapel
- Spanish in the Church

2-28, Saturday

9 am - 3 pm, Family 30
Lent Retreat,
Featured Speaker: Fr. Crispin

HS = Holy Spirit
SJ = St. John the Baptist



March

3-6, First Friday

5 - 6:30 pm, Fish Fry, SJ
5 - 6:30 pm, Fish Fry, HS
7 pm, Stations of the Cross, SJ
7pm - Stations of the Cross, HS
- English in the Chapel
- Spanish in the Church
7:45 pm, La Misa en español, SJ

3-13, Friday

5 - 6:30 pm, Fish Tacos, SJ
5 - 6:30 pm, Fish Fry, HS
7 pm, Stations of the Cross, SJ
7pm - Stations of the Cross, HS
- English in the Chapel
- Spanish in the Church

3-14, Saturday

1 pm, Reconciliation Service, SJ

3-20, Friday

5 - 6:30 pm, Fish Fry, HS
7 pm, Stations of the Cross, SJ
led by Faith Formation Families
7pm - Stations of the Cross, HS
- English in the Chapel
- Spanish in the Church

3-21, Saturday

*Middle School Encounter,
Kennedy High School,
Archdiocese event,
preregistration required*

3-25, Wednesday

7 pm, Healing Mass, SJ

3-27, Friday

5 - 6:30 pm, Fish Fry, HS
7 pm, Stations of the Cross, SJ
7pm - Shadow Stations of the
Cross, HS led by confirmation
teens

Holy Week

3-28, Palm Sunday Vigil Masses

5:00 pm, English, HS
5:30 pm, English, SJ
7:00 pm, Spanish, HS

3-29, Palm Sunday Masses

8:30 am, English, HS
9:00 am, English, SJ
10:30 am, English, HS
11:30 am, English, SJ
12:30 pm, Spanish, HS
2:30 pm, Swahili, HS
5:30 pm, English, SJ
8:00 pm, Spanish, SJ

4-2, Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper
6 pm, SJ
Holy Thursday Adoration
7 pm - 10 pm, SJ

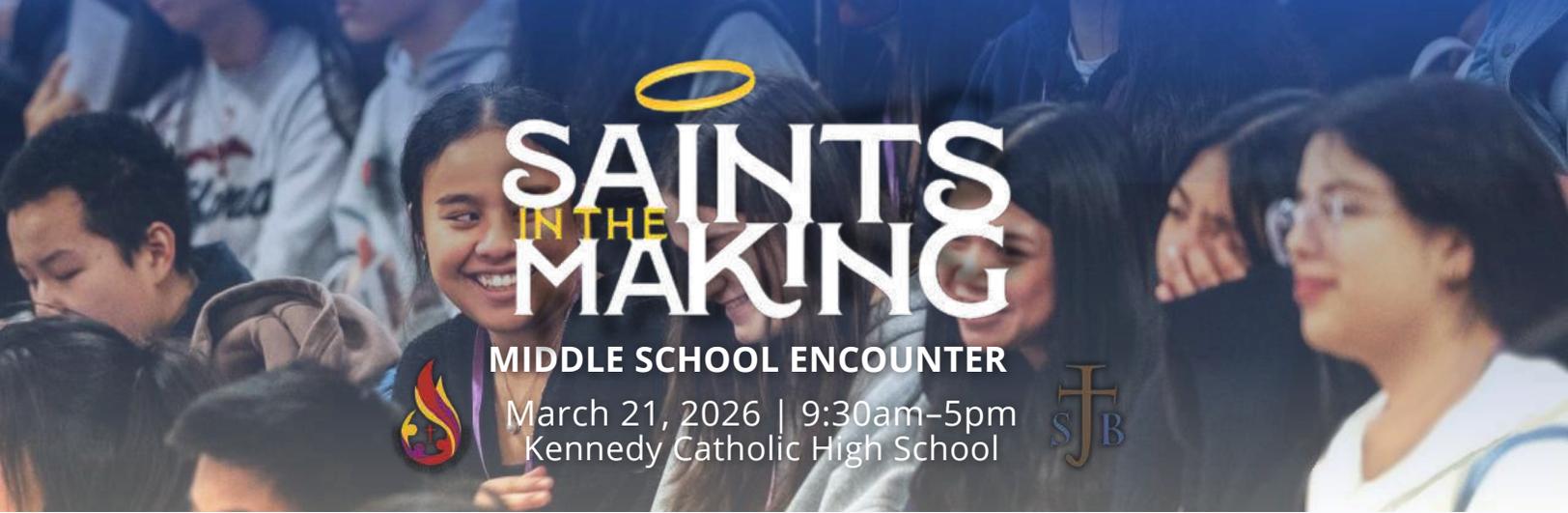
4-3, Good Friday

3 pm, Living Stations of the Cross,
Presented in Spanish & English, HS
3pm, Stations of the Cross, SJ
6 pm, Passion of the Lord Service, SJ

4-4, Holy Saturday

9am-12pm, Decorate Sanctuary, SJ





Middle Schoolers from Holy Spirit and St. John the Baptist - this is for you!!!

Register soon and let Vero know you're coming.

Parents, drop off your kids at Kennedy at 9 am and pick them up at 4 pm for the Mass.

Interested in joining the fun? Parents can sign up as chaperones and share the experience with the youth.

Veronica and her team of volunteers will be there to welcome you with smiles.

For students in grades 6-8*: Join hundreds of middle school students from across the archdiocese for an exciting day of inspiring speakers, music, worship and fun. Discover new joy, deepen your faith and be inspired to live boldly — you are Saints in the Making.

Scan the QR code to learn more.



Un llamado a todos los estudiantes en los grados 6° a 8°*: Únete a cientos de estudiantes de secundaria de toda la arquidiócesis para un día emocionante de ponentes inspiradores, música, adoración y diversión. Descubre nueva alegría, profundiza tu fe y inspírate para vivir con valentía: ¡Ustedes están en camino a la santidad!

Escanea el código QR para saber más.

* Students attend with their parish or school youth group, school or chaperone.

* Los alumnos asisten con el grupo de jóvenes de la parroquia o escuela o con acompañantes.

Questions: Contact Veronica at veronican@sjtbcc.org or vnavajimenez@holyspirit.org



Preguntas: Contacte a Verónica en veronican@sjtbcc.org o vnavajimenez@holyspirit.org

St. Patrick's Day
POTLUCK

15 MARCH, 5 - 8PM

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST MPR

Bring an Irish inspired dish to share

Who do we want to become?
Your voice is essential!

Community & Small Group
 Listening Sessions

The next opportunities to share your thoughts will be during the month of March.

The following sessions will be at St. John the Baptist. More opportunities will be added soon.

3/2, Mon. 9:30-11:30 am
 3/5, Thur. 7 - 9pm
 3/10, Tue. 6:30 - 8:30 pm
 3/21, Sat. 10-12 pm
 3/15, Sun. 1-3 pm

Discover Fire

PASTOR'S
CORNER



DISCERNMENT OF THE SPIRITS, RULES EIGHT AND NINE

This week we continue with Rules 8 and 9, which answer two questions we all face sooner or later: How do I get through desolation well, and why does God allow it at all?

Eighth Rule: “Let him who is in desolation labor to be in patience, which is contrary to the vexations which come to him: and let him think that he will soon be consoled, employing against the desolation the devices, as is said in the sixth Rule.”

Ignatius is very realistic. **In desolation, everything feels heavier:** prayer feels dry, charity feels harder, discipline feels pointless, and the heart is easily agitated. So he gives one central command: practice patience. Not passive resignation, but steady perseverance – the decision to stay the course even when you do not feel like it.

Then comes one of the most hope-filled lines in all the rules: “think that he will soon be consoled.” Desolation always tries to “predict the future.” It whispers, “This is how it’s going to be all week, all month, maybe forever.” Ignatius calls that bluff. He says, remember the truth: this will pass, consolation will return, and usually sooner than you think.

Example: Imagine someone who prays twenty minutes each morning with Scripture. For several days it has been dry. On day four, five minutes in, the thought comes: “Why bother, this is going nowhere.” Rule 8 says: don’t quit, don’t shorten, don’t run. Finish the time. Keep the promise. Patience is the spiritual muscle of fidelity.

A word for the week: When prayer feels dry, don’t measure the day by feelings. Measure it by fidelity. Remind yourself, “This will not last forever.”

Ninth Rule: “There are three principal reasons why we find ourselves desolate. The first is, because of our being tepid, lazy, or negligent in our spiritual exercises; and so through our faults, spiritual consolation withdraws from us. The second, to try us and see how much we are and how much we let

ourselves out in His service and praise without such great pay of consolation and great graces. The third, to give us true acquaintance and knowledge, that we may interiorly feel that it is not ours to get or keep great devotion... but that all is the gift and grace of God our Lord...”

Rule 9 goes straight to the big question: **If God loves me, why would He permit desolation?** Ignatius answers with three reasons. **First**, sometimes it’s a wake-up call. If we have grown careless – prayer slipping, habits softening, compromise creeping in, desolation can expose the drift and call us back to steadiness. **Second**, sometimes it is a trial that strengthens love. God may permit desolation so we learn to serve Him not only when it feels good, but when it costs something. This is where virtues grow: perseverance, humility, courage, trust. **Third**, sometimes God permits it to teach us humility. Consolation is always grace. When it fades, we learn in our bones that we do not “produce” devotion. We receive it. We cannot build a nest in something that is not ours.

Example: Think of the disciples on Holy Thursday. Their hearts were heavy, Jesus was “going away,” and it felt like loss. Yet Jesus told them, “It is better for you that I go,” because God was bringing a deeper work through that darkness. Rule 9 invites the same shift: not only “this hurts,” but also “God can bring fruit through this.”

A word for the week: In desolation, ask two honest questions: “Is there something I’ve neglected?” Then choose one small act of fidelity and do it. Next week we will continue with Rules 10 and 11, learning what to do when consolation returns, and how to prepare for the next round of desolation with wisdom instead of surprise.

Fr. Juan Carlos O.

ESPAÑOL EN EL REVERSO



HOLY SPIRIT PARISH



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST



DISCERNIMIENTO DE LOS ESPÍRITUS, REGLAS OCTAVA Y NOVENA

Esta semana continuamos con las Reglas 8 y 9, que responden a dos preguntas muy humanas: ¿cómo atravesar bien la desolación, y por qué Dios la permite?

La octava: “El que está en desolación trabaje por estar en paciencia, que es contraria a las vejaciones que le vienen, y piense que será pronto consolado, poniendo las diligencias contra esta desolación, como está dicho en la sexta regla.”

San Ignacio es muy realista. **En la desolación todo pesa más:** la oración se siente seca, el ánimo baja, la caridad cuesta, y el corazón se llena fácilmente de inquietud. Por eso da una indicación central: trabajar en la paciencia. No se trata de resignación pasiva, sino de una perseverancia activa, de permanecer firmes aunque no sintamos gusto espiritual. Luego viene una de las frases más llenas de esperanza de todas las reglas: “piense que será pronto consolado.” La desolación siempre intenta convencernos de que todo seguirá igual, que nada cambiará. San Ignacio dice lo contrario: recuerda la verdad, esto pasará, la consolación volverá, y normalmente más pronto de lo que pensamos.

Ejemplo: Una persona dedica veinte minutos cada mañana a orar con la Escritura. Lleva varios días sintiendo sequedad. A los cinco minutos surge el pensamiento: “Esto no sirve, mejor termino ya.” La Regla 8 dice: no cambies, no abandones, permanece. Termina el tiempo de oración. La paciencia sostiene la fidelidad.

Palabra para esta semana: Cuando la oración se sienta seca, no midas tu día por lo que sientes, sino por tu fidelidad. Permanece firme y repite interiormente: “Esto no durará para siempre.”

La novena: “Tres son las causas principales porque nos hallamos desolados: la primera es por ser tibios, perezosos o negligentes en nuestros ejercicios espirituales... la segunda, por probarnos... la tercera, por darnos veraz noticia y conocimiento... que todo es don y gracia de Dios nuestro Señor...”

La Regla 9 responde a la gran pregunta: si Dios me ama, ¿por qué permite la desolación? San Ignacio ofrece tres razones principales. **Primera:** a veces es una llamada de atención. Cuando nos volvemos tibios o descuidados, la desolación puede ayudarnos a reconocer que algo se ha debilitado y necesita ser retomado. **Segunda:** puede ser una prueba que fortalece el corazón. Dios permite que caminemos sin el “consuelo sensible” para que aprendamos a servirle por amor verdadero y no solo cuando sentimos gusto espiritual. Aquí crecen la perseverancia y la madurez interior. **Tercera:** nos enseña humildad. Cuando desaparece la consolación, comprendemos que no somos nosotros quienes producimos la devoción. Todo es gracia. No podemos apropiarnos de lo que es don de Dios.

Ejemplo: Pensemos en los discípulos el Jueves Santo. Sus corazones estaban tristes porque Jesús parecía alejarse. Sin embargo, ese momento de oscuridad preparaba una gracia mucho mayor. Así también, en nuestra vida espiritual, Dios puede sacar fruto incluso de la desolación.

Palabra para esta semana:

En la desolación, hazte dos preguntas sencillas: “¿He descuidado algo importante?” y “¿Qué virtud quiere Dios fortalecer en mí ahora?” Luego elige un pequeño acto de fidelidad y cúmplelo.

La próxima semana continuaremos con las Reglas 10 y 11, aprendiendo cómo vivir con sabiduría los tiempos de consolación y cómo prepararnos para los momentos de prueba espiritual.

F. Juan Carlos O.

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-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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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

I will make of you a great nation,
and I will bless you;
I will make your name great,
so that you will be a blessing. (Gn 12:2)

Psalm:

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. (Ps 33)

Second Reading:

Bear your share of hardship for the gospel
with the strength that comes from God.
He saved us and called us to a holy life. (2 Tm 1:8-9)

Gospel:

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother,
and led them up a high mountain by themselves.
And he was transfigured before them;
his face shone like the sun. (Mt 17:1-2)

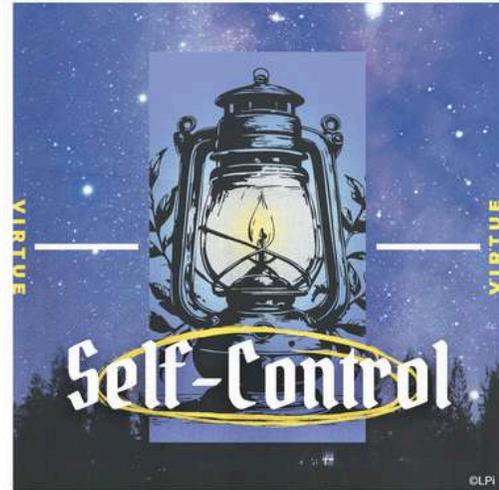
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

“Go forth,” God told Abram. We hear that message again in the Transformation: go forth. We cannot always remain where we are comfortable. We cannot always remain where things are simple. We must go forth.

Observances for the week of March 1, 2026

- Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Lent
- Tuesday:** St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin
- Wednesday:** St. Casimir
- Saturday:** Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs
- Next Sunday:** 3rd Sunday of Lent;
Daylight Saving Time begins



Virtues, Explained!

Self-control flows from the cardinal virtue of temperance, and it's really all about boundaries. Through self-control, a gift of the Holy Spirit, we avoid surrendering too much of ourselves to our passions.

Blessing of Hope

In Your goodness Lord, bless us.
Help us to know Your abundance
and Your gifts.
Help us to hear Your voice and
know Your assurance.
Help us remember what You have
done,
and look forward to what You will
do.
Amen.



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