



+ March 14 - 15, 2026

*To the Parishioners of  
Holy Spirit, Kent  
St. John the Baptist, Covington*

Dear Friends,

I continue to hold you in prayer as your parish family is undergoing leadership transitions during this Lenten season. Let us continue to pray for wisdom and grace to guide us through these challenging times.

I write today to share news regarding the pastoral transition in your parish family. I have appointed Father Crispin Okoth as your priest administrator beginning March 16, 2026. I wish to thank him in advance for his willingness to serve in this new capacity. He has once again responded generously with his vocation. I have confidence that as an experienced priest he will continue to bring his pastoral presence and joy for the Gospel to your parish family community.

To assist Father Okoth, I have asked your parish liaison, Tom East, to support some of the operations and administrative duties in the parish family, including supervision of the two Pastoral Assistants for Administration, Kristi Vasquez at Holy Spirit, and Kathy Wickward at St. John the Baptist. Tom, Kristi, and Kathy will collaborate closely with Father Okoth to ensure smooth and consistent operations.

My Office of the Vicar for Clergy will not only provide support to Father Okoth, Tom, and the staff, but will work with them on filling all the pastoral and sacramental needs with one fewer assigned priest to the family. We are also working on ways to cover Father Gilberto Mora Tapia in other locations so that he can spend more time serving Parish Family #30.

Thank you for your continued prayers for these leaders as they respond to their vocational call to serve your parish family community. Please know of my continued prayers for you. As always, I remain,

In The Heart of Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul D. Etienne".

Most Rev. Paul D. Etienne, DD, STL  
Archbishop of Seattle