

March 21-22, 2026

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

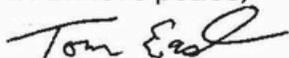
Dear Friends,

I am honored to be serving in an interim administrative role to support Fr. Crispin Okuth, and the staffs of Holy Spirit and St. John the Baptist. Allow me to introduce myself. I serve the Archdiocese of Seattle as the Parish Family liaison for South King County, which includes this wonderful parish family. I have been in ministry in various roles for over four decades including working for two different parishes, two different dioceses, and over two-decades as the director of a national Catholic non-profit agency.

Fr. Crispin brings zeal for the gospel, a great love for these parish communities, and tremendous pastoral gifts to this role as your priest administrator. To support Fr. Crispin in this interim period, I will be facilitating staff meetings and supervising the ministry staff that previously reported to Fr. Carlos. My support will include working closely with Kathy Wickward and Kristi Vasquez as Pastoral Assistants for Administration.

I am grateful for this chance to work with the generous and caring staffs of Holy Spirit and St. John the Baptist. Know of my continued prayers and care for you and your families.

In Christ's peace,



Tom East

Parish Family Liaison and Interim Administrative Support