



Third Sunday of Easter



WEEK OF APRIL 19, 2026

The Celebration of Baptism and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil



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Welcome to our newly baptized and confirmed! Family 30 joyfully welcomed you at the Easter Vigil, gathering with hearts full of gratitude and hope to celebrate these beautiful, sacred moments. Our community surrounds you with love, prayer, and a deep sense of belonging. May the light of Christ shine brightly upon you, gently guiding you every step of your journey.

This Week in Our Parish Family



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The Catholic
community of
St. John the Baptist

Sunday, April 19

Choir Rehearsal (Swahili)
Swahili Community
Wedding Class
Choir (12:30) Rehearsal
Adult Faith Formation/Bible Study

Monday, April 20

Bible Study Groups (Spanish)
Food Pantry
Small Christian Communities
Grupo de Oracion
Centro Rendu Youth
Rosario del Migrante
Grandparent Bible Study (Spanish)

Tuesday, April 21

Centro Rendu
Knights of Columbus
Small Christian Community
Grupo de Oracion
Choir (12:30 Spanish) Rehearsal
Terrific Tuesday Meals

Wednesday, April 22

Young Adult Group (Spanish)
Knights Council
Bible Study (Spanish)
RCIA/OCIA
Cursillos
Knights of Columbus

Thursday, April 23

Holy Hour for Vocations
Apologetics Bible Study (Spanish)
Adult Confirmation (Spanish)
Bible Study Communities

Friday, April 24

Grupo de Oracion
Kent All Men's Alanon
Bible Study Communities
Baptism Prep (Spanish)
Base Ecclesial Groups (Spanish)
Swahili Community Choir
Last Friday of the Month Supper
Marriage Prep

Saturday, April 25

Choir (7pm Spanish) Rehearsal
Swahili Community
Children Sacramental Prep
Small Christian Communities
Formacion para Quinceaneras
Chuukese Community

Sunday, April 19

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, April 20

Mostly Yoga - 8:00 am
Mass - 9:00 am
Prayer Ministry SFC Meeting - 9:30 am
Hispanic Choir Practice - 6:00 pm
Choir (9:00 am Sunday) Practice - 7:00 pm
Knights of Columbus Leadership Meeting - 7:00 pm
Spanish Charismatic Group - 7:00 pm

Tuesday, April 21

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

Wednesday, April 22

Mass - 9:00 am
Backpack Buddies Setup - 9:30 am
Yard Sale Committee Meeting - 5:00 pm
Bible Study - 7:00 pm
Choir (Truthful Reign) Practice - 7:00 pm
Middle School Night - 7:00 pm

Thursday, April 23

Mostly Yoga - 8:00 am
Hora Santa Holy Hour - 3:00 pm
Mass - 6:30 pm
Young Adult Night - 6:30 pm
Choir (Sunday 11:30) Practice - 7:00 pm
OCIA - 7:00 pm

Friday, April 24

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

Saturday, April 25

Adult Confirmation Prep Retreat - 9:00 am
First Eucharist & Reconciliation Retreat - 9:00 am
Reconciliation - 4:00 pm
Mass - 5:30 pm
Welcome Wine & Cheese - 6:30 pm

Please Pray for

those who are sick:

**Barry Manaois, Leonor Manaois,
Gary Osborne, Caroline Victor, Bruce Barnes**

those who have died:

JoAnn Nelson (sister-in-law of *Mary Ellen Nelson*)
Kashmir Pierepiekar (nephew of *Mark Pierepiekar*)
Mark Weiss (cousin of *Rose McAvoy*)

Welcome New Members!

New to St. John the Baptist? If so, we invite you to a "Welcome Wine and Cheese" gathering **after the 5:30 pm Mass on Saturday, April 25, 2026**. Enjoy wine, non-alcoholic beverages, heavy appetizers, and desserts in the McMullen Center. Meet our staff, learn about ministries, and discover ways to get involved. Experience a warm welcome, our "red carpet" treatment, and place your stone in the baptistry as a sign of belonging.

Serving Together: Liturgical Ministers Training

The Liturgy Commission will offer a training session for Liturgical Ministers who serve as **Eucharistic Ministers, Ministers of Hospitality** (formerly Greeters), **Point People**, and **Sacristans**. This is not a retreat but a focused session covering recent updates to ministerial procedures and how they impact each ministry.



Two **identical sessions** are available. Please plan to **attend one session**:

- Tuesday, **May 19, 2026, at 6:30 pm**
- Saturday, **May 23, 2026, at 8:30 am**

Each session will last about two hours, depending on discussion. If you are unable to attend either of the dates above, please contact your minister coordinator (**Pat Defiesta** for Eucharistic Ministers, **Paul Dehmer** for Sacristans, and **Scott Gilyeat** for Ministers of Hospitality and Point People). **Your attendance is important** to help foster unity, deepen understanding, and strengthen service in our liturgy.

Thank you for your faithful ministry.

Walking Group Season Two!

"When do we start walking again?" Soon! Our Weekly Walking Group is open to everyone - all ages, all fitness levels. One group heads out for a moderate-paced walk of about a mile east of St. John the Baptist, while a second group enjoys a gentler stroll around the parish grounds. One gathering, two routes - good conversation either way. Strollers and well-behaved pups welcome at both! **We're moving to Tuesdays this spring and need your input on one thing: 10 AM or 11 AM?** Email Rose at rosem@sjtbcc.org to cast your vote or get on the interest list. **First walk is Tuesday, May 5!**

**Reminder:
Blood Pressure Check
next weekend
after Sunday morning Masses**



Caring Hands, Cleaner Streets



Hosted by our Creation Care Team, our 7th Adopt-A-Street Cleanup was blessed with beautiful weather and yielded the smallest amount of trash since we began in April 2023.

Heartfelt thanks to **Joanne Ackerman, Angelo and Margie Battisti, Pat Carroll, Paul Dehmer, Jennifer Leeden** (City of Covington coordinator), **Ben Leeden, Ben Peralta**, and **Susan Ravotti** for generously giving their time and energy to participate.

You can also help keep our neighborhoods clean through the Random Acts of Cleanup program, offered by the City of Covington, which sponsors our street clean-up events. This program is open to individual volunteers 18 years and older and allows you to pick up litter anytime it's convenient. Participants receive a cleanup kit from the city to keep.

For more information, visit the [City of Covington](https://www.cityofcovington.com).

Serving Our Neighbors in Need

The *St. Vincent de Paul Conference* at St. John the Baptist is actively answering the calls of our neighbors in need, providing assistance with food, rent, utilities, cleaning supplies, and personal hygiene products.

With our parishioners' generous **donations totaling \$14,806.00** from **January to March 2026**, we were able to:

- Assist 494 people with rent and utilities
- Provide 38 bags of food
- Provide 20 bags of hygiene/cleaning supplies
- Provide furniture for two families



THANK YOU, St. John the Baptist community, for your incredible generosity!

To donate to this ministry, please visit pushpay.com/g/sjtbcc and select "St. Vincent de Paul" under "Fund." Thank you for your continued support! **We also need donations of gently-used beds and a storage unit if you have one that you aren't using.**

Backpack Buddies: Keep It Coming



This week, we especially need **fruit snacks, hot chocolate packets, and shelf stable milk.**

The needs change weekly; be sure to check this bulletin for the most up-to-date list of needed items. Currently, 43 bags are filled each week.

Shop via our Amazon wish list by clicking [Amazon](#) or by scanning the QR code. Items can be shipped directly to the parish office.





Get the Friday Email

Our Friday email is a simple way to stay up to date on parish life each week. Along with the paper copy of the bulletin available at Mass, it gives you helpful reminders, upcoming events, worship opportunities, and direct links to more information.

To subscribe, visit sjtbcc.org/friday-email or scan the QR code.



If you've received the Friday email before, but haven't seen it lately, check your spam, junk, or promotions folder. **Signing up for the Friday email is separate from parish registration.**



Spring and Summer Events

- Silver Rose Service (a pilgrimage prayer) - **April 30**
- Coffee Hour (meet our parish family) - **May 3** and 1st Sunday of every month thereafter
- Flores de Mayo (traditional Filipino celebration of faith and devotion to Mother Mary) - **May 17**
- Liturgical Ministers Training session (foster unity and consistency among liturgical ministers) - **May 19 or May 23**
- Women's Morning with Mary - **May 30**
- Pancake Breakfast (Hosted by Knights of Columbus, and proceeds support St. Vincent de Paul) - **May 31**
- Spring Cleaning of parish facilities - **June 6 and June 12**

Taste of Family 30: A Global Celebration of Faith, Food, and Community



Save the date! On **August 9, 2026**, the family of St. John the Baptist hopes to have a "Taste of Family 30" event to celebrate our coming together as a parish family and our new pastor. This event will feature food booths showcasing the rich cuisines of our diverse cultures: Cameroonian, Filipino, German,

Irish, Kenyan, Mexican, North American, Vietnamese, and more. We also traditionally feature a bouncy house for the kids and music. We are all Family 30! If you're interested in sponsoring a booth or a band, please contact **Rowlyn Clark** at the parish office.

Ordination Announcement

You may remember Seminarian Simon from his time with us last summer, and that he was ordained a Deacon in January. We are delighted to share that on **Saturday, June 6, he will be ordained a priest** at St. James Cathedral in Seattle. What a gift to celebrate with him!

Congratulations from our Parish Family will be included in the June/July edition of Northwest Catholic. Please keep Simon in your prayers as he prepares for this next step in his priestly vocation.



It's almost time the Yard Sale is coming!



Mark your calendars: our **Parish Yard Sale is happening June 25 - 28**, with a **Preview Night on Thursday, June 25** (6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, \$10 entry).

Last year, our parish community raised over \$40,000 with all of it going right back into parish activities and initiatives. The sale also brings hundreds of shoppers and visitors from outside the parish through our doors.

As you might guess, many hands are needed to reach or exceed last year's success. **Volunteer sign-up sheets and friendly faces ready to answer your questions are in the narthex this weekend.** Come find your spot on the team!

Donation drop-off begins May 23. More information about what can and can't be donated is coming soon, so hold on to those treasures for now.

Missing Something?

Still looking for that missing pair of reading glasses? You might want to check the **lost and found in the hallway leading to the parish offices.** Take a moment to see if anything looks familiar. **Any unclaimed items after June 21 will be included in our yard sale** on June 25, so be sure to claim your belongings before they end up on display at our yard sale!

Who knows? That pair of reading glasses might be waiting for you there.

Answering the Call: World Day of Prayer on Good Shepherd Sunday

World Day of Prayer will be observed on **Sunday, April 26, 2026**, also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." **The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction** to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please **pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, and societies of apostolic life and secular institutes.**

Police and Fire Chaplain Support Session

The Archdiocese of Seattle's First Responder Ministry invites all police and fire chaplains to join with Police Chaplain **Linda Haptonstall** for **monthly facilitated peer support sessions.** First session:

**May 6, 2026
6:00 pm to 7:00 pm via Zoom**

Email **Joe Cotton** at joe.cotton@seattlearch.org for Zoom link. Join with fellow Catholic police and fire chaplains to pray together in our tradition and debrief incidents, callouts, and pastoral encounters.

Journeying Together From Holy Week & Easter

From Palm Sunday through the Easter Vigil, Holy Spirit and St. John the Baptist honored the most sacred days with prayer, song, and praise.

Together, our communities worked to prepare each church and welcomed the catechumens and candidates into the Church. Many people, all united by the same risen Lord.



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).
Please send us content at least two (2) weeks before publication.
For St. John the Baptist questions/comments, email **Pat** at bulletin@sjtbcc.org



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SOUTH SOUND IGNATIAN SERVICE DAY



April 25th, 9am-1:30pm
9-11:30: Work/Reflect/Lunch
12:30: Mass at Bellarmine

Choose a Service Location

L'Arche Tahoma Hope Farm & Gardens - spring planting & weeding
St. Leo Parish Food Connection - help distribute food

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me." Matthew 25:35-36

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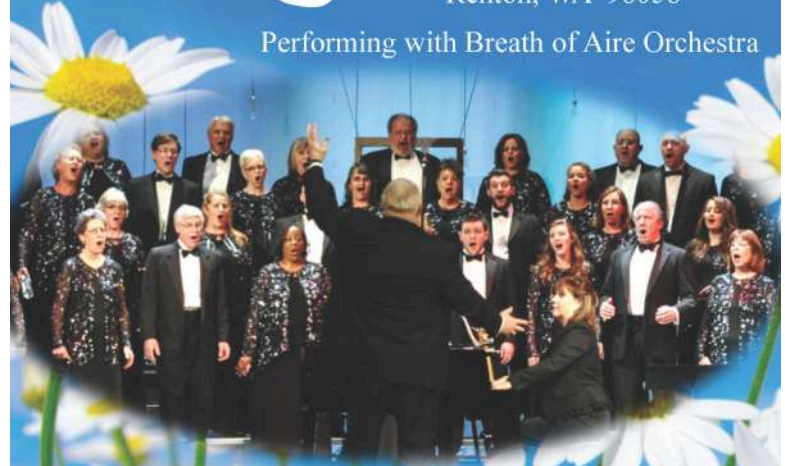
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BREATH OF AIRE

Benefit Concert

Friday, May 8, 2026 at 7:15PM
 St. Stephen the Martyr Parish
 13055 SE 192nd Street
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Performing with Breath of Aire Orchestra



Breath of Aire is a choir whose roster draws from all over Washington. They have performed internationally and are committed to helping communities by singing a wide range of music for benefit concerts.

In lieu of admission there will be a freewill offering. All proceeds will support Terrific Tuesday Meals. Scan this QR code to donate directly to TTM.



May 9

Disability Inclusion Mass & Dance

A celebration of diversity in our Catholic faith community

Mass | 11am
 St. James Cathedral

Social | 12pm
 St. James Cathedral Hall
 907 Columbia Street, Seattle

Everyone is welcome.

The Archdiocese of Seattle's Disability Inclusion Ministry serves and works collaboratively with our parishes and schools to promote the inclusion and meaningful participation of people with disabilities in the life of our Catholic faith community.

For any questions, please contact Miguel Smith at miguel.smith@seattlearch.org

Learn more and register

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In Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary

MAY 17, 2026, SUN
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 PROCESSION: 11:15 AM
 MASS CELEBRATION: 11:30 AM

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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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