



# Easter Sunday



WEEK OF APRIL 5, 2026

St. John the Baptist Firepit (gallery photo)



## *The Meaning of the Easter Fire*

The fire lit at the start of the Easter Vigil is a powerful reminder that light overcomes darkness and life overcomes death. It points to the risen Jesus Christ, the “Light of the World,” who drives out the darkness of sin. When this fire is used to light the Paschal candle, it shows that Christ is still present with his people. The fire also speaks of new beginnings, cleansing, and renewal. Its warmth can be seen as a sign of the Holy Spirit, bringing life and energy to our faith. In a simple but meaningful way, the Easter fire invites us to be renewed - to let go of what weighs us down and to live with hope again.

# This Week in Our Parish Family



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## **Sunday, April 5**

### ***Easter Sunday***

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

## **Monday, April 6**

Food Pantry - 1:00 pm  
Rosario del Migrante  
Bible Study Groups (Spanish)  
Small Christian Communities  
Centro Rendu Youth  
Grandparent Bible Study (Spanish)  
Children's Choir

## **Tuesday, April 7**

Adult Confirmation  
Small Christian Community  
Mother Mary Guild  
Grupo de Oracion  
Choir (12:30 Spanish) Rehearsal  
Terrific Tuesday Meals

## **Wednesday, April 8**

Young Adult Group (Spanish)  
Bible Study (Spanish)  
RCIA/OCIA  
Cursillos  
Childrens' Dance Practice (traditional Mexican dances)

## **Thursday, April 9**

Apologetics Bible Study (Spanish)  
Small Christian Community  
Choir Rehearsal (English)

## **Friday, April 10**

Grupo de Oracion  
Baptism Class (Spanish)  
Base Ecclesial Groups (Spanish)  
Via Crucis

## **Saturday, April 11**

Parish Work Party - 9:00 am  
Formacion Para Quinceanera - 4:00 pm

## **Sunday, April 5**

### ***Easter Sunday***

Mass - 9:00 am  
Mass - 11:30 am

## **Monday, April 6**

Mostly Yoga - 8:00 am  
Mass - 9:00 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, April 7**

Word & Communion Service/Liturgy of Hours - 9:00 am  
Safe Car Team Meeting - 2:00 pm  
Life, Justice, & Peace Meeting - 3:00 pm  
WICS - 6:00 pm  
Grupo de Oracion - 7:00 pm

## **Wednesday, April 8**

Mass - 9:00 am  
Backpack Buddies Setup - 9:30 am  
Choir (Truthful Reign) Practice - 7:00 pm  
Finance Council Meeting - 7:00 pm

## **Thursday, April 9**

Mostly Yoga - 8:00 am  
Hora Santa Holy Hour - 3:00 pm  
Facility and Grounds Commission Meeting - 4:30 pm  
Mass - 6:30 pm  
Women's Commission Meeting - 6:30 pm  
Young Adult Night - 6:30 pm  
Choir (Sunday 11:30) Practice - 7:00 pm  
Liturgy Commission Meeting - 7:00 pm

## **Friday, April 10**

Word & Communion Service/Liturgy of Hours - 9:00 am  
Choir (Filipino) Practice - 7:00 pm  
Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 8:00 pm

## **Saturday, April 11**

Adult Confirmation Prep - 9:00 am  
Middle School 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist & Reconciliation - 9:00 am  
Reconciliation - 4:00 pm  
Mass - 5:30 pm

## Please Pray for

those who are sick:

**Bruce Barnes**  
**Vicky Egan**  
**Nancy Moore**

those who have died:

**Anter Binios** (father of *Angely Binios-Tulop*)  
**Rosendo Jimenez** (uncle of *Veronica Nava*)  
**Briar Magley** (brother of *Christine Martincic*)  
**Father Desmond McMann** (friend of *Pat Wallace*)  
**Daniel Milster** (brother-in-law of *Christine Martincic*)  
**Susan Schlimmer** (mother of *Ivan Mendozavalencia*)

## With Gratitude for Your Generous Hearts



We extend our heartfelt thanks to our parish community for your generous support of Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl this Lent. Through your prayers, sacrifices, and contributions, Parish Family 30 was awarded \$6,500 in Rice Bowl grant funding - enabling us to continue our mission of serving those experiencing hunger in our local community.

At St. John the Baptist, grant recipients include **Backpack Buddies, Garden of the Good Shepherd, Holiday Meals, PREPARES, and St. Vincent de Paul**. At Holy Spirit, supported ministries include Backpack Distribution, Car Bag Distribution, Food Pantry, Giving Tree, Holiday Assistance Program, St. Vincent de Paul, Terrific Tuesday Meals, and Todo por Cristo Service Ministry.

Rice Bowl reminds us that even small sacrifices, when offered together, can make a meaningful difference. Through this collection, 75% of donations support programs that address hunger and poverty around the world, while 25% remain within the Archdiocese of Seattle to fund local ministries such as ours. Your generosity has a direct and lasting impact, both globally and right here at home.

We are deeply grateful for the compassion you show each Lent and throughout the year. Your commitment to caring for our neighbors in need is a powerful expression of our call to live the Gospel.

## Mass with Little Ones Made Easier

Little ones are always welcome at Mass! But if your child needs a break, there's no need to head home. Instead, **visit our nursery, located just east of the narthex.**



The nursery is a comfortable space with rocking chairs, couches, and toys for little ones. Parents and caregivers can still follow along with Mass via livestream on the large TV while children play with toys or make new friends.

If you need help finding the nursery or would like more information, please ask a greeter or staff member - we're happy to help!

## Keep the Love Going: Backpack Buddies Still Needs Your Help



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 difference for families in our community.

This week, we especially need **macaroni & cheese, canned soup, and granola bars**. Needs change every week, so be sure to check this bulletin for the most up-to-date list of needed items. Currently, 43 bags are filled each week.

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.

## Easter: A Season to Grow, Serve, and Share Your Gifts

Easter is a season of renewal - a time to reflect on where the Risen Christ is calling you to grow and how your gifts can bring hope and joy to others. At St. John the Baptist, we are blessed with many vibrant ministries that help us live out the new life we celebrate at Easter in meaningful ways. We would love for you to join us!

Our parish offers 10 Outreach Ministries and a wide range of Stewardship Ministries.

This Easter, we invite you to explore how you can use your gifts to serve others, connect with our parish community, and grow in faith. Whether you can volunteer weekly or occasionally, there's a place for you to make a difference.

Visit [sjtbcc.org](http://sjtbcc.org) or contact the parish office at **253-630-0701** to find the perfect ministry for you. Come and be a part of the joy and hope we share this Easter season!





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- Learn about our New Building Vision!
- How to volunteer
- Learn about our partnerships with Community Organizations.
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# Our Synodal, Diaconal Church

An Evening with Deacon Geert De Cubber, Synod Delegate



APRIL 13  
7-8:30 pm



Explore the future of our synodal, diaconal church with Deacon Geert De Cubber of Belgium, the only Roman Catholic deacon to serve as a voting member in the 2023-2024 global Synod Assembly.

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## Silver Rose Service

A Pilgrimage of Prayer



Thursday  
April 30, 2026  
6:30 pm

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## 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](mailto:miguel.smith@seattlearch.org)



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## 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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# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

To him all the prophets bear witness,  
that everyone who believes in him  
will receive forgiveness of sins through his name. (Acts 10:43)

### Psalm:

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad. (Ps 118)  
Or Alleluia.

### Second Reading:

If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above,  
where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. (Col 3:1)

### Gospel:

Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning,  
while it was still dark,  
and saw the stone removed from the tomb. (Jn 10:1)

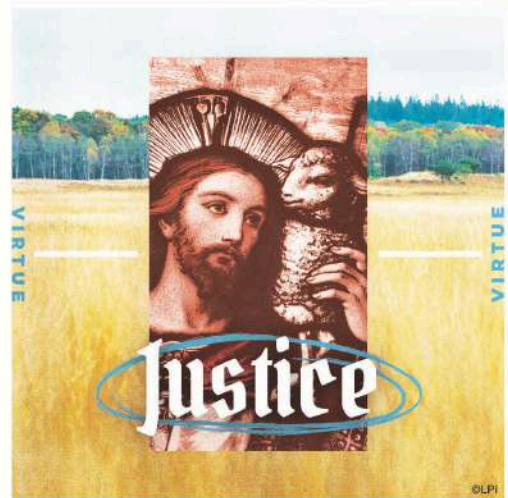
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The disciples didn't understand, at first, what happened at the tomb. Often, we can't fathom the purpose of God's plan. We only see a stone in the wrong place. When we pause and look deeper, we see it: God has moved the stone. So, we must ask ourselves: why?

## Observances for the week of April 5, 2026

- Sunday:** Easter Sunday
- Monday:** Monday within the Octave of Easter
- Tuesday:** Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
- Wednesday:** Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
- Thursday:** Thursday within the Octave of Easter
- Friday:** Friday within the Octave of Easter
- Saturday:** Saturday within the Octave of Easter
- Next Sunday:** 2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)



## Virtues, Explained!

The cardinal virtue of justice has to do with the fulfillment of our duty to one another and to God. It gives us a framework for existing in the world alongside one another, in reverence with our respective rights, property, and obligations.

## Easter Blessing

Dear Lord,  
Where there has been death, bring new life! Renew and redeem the sorrow in our stories with Your goodness and grace. Bless our hearts and homes this Easter and always. Amen.



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