



# The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time *XII Domingo Ordinario*



The Catholic Community of  
St. John the Baptist

June 21, 2026 | 21 de junio, 2026

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY | FELIZ DIA DEL PADRE



Photo: Ray Palisoc

## Flores de Mayo at St. John the Baptist

On May 17th, St. John the Baptist gathered for Flores de Mayo, the Filipino celebration that honors Mary throughout her month of May. The Filipino-American (FilAm) Association of St. John the Baptist hosted the day, and the turnout filled the church.

*More story and photos inside...*



## Our Parish Missions

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 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 at 9:00a  
 (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

# This Week in Our Parish Family



## Week of 6/21/26 - 6/27/26

**Sunday/  
domingo** Choir (12:30) Rehearsal - 9 am  
Choir Rehearsal (Swahili) - 11 am  
SVdP en español - 1:30 pm  
Swahili Sunday School - 2:30 pm  
Swahili CWA - 4 pm  
Swahili Young Adult Community - 4:30 pm  
Chuukese Community

**Monday/  
lunes** Food Pantry - 1 pm - 2:30 pm  
Swahili Charismatic Group - 5pm  
Exposion del Santisimo 5:30 pm - 8 pm  
(Rosario del Migrante 6:30 pm)  
Children's Choir - 6 pm

**Tuesday/  
martes** Terrific Tuesday Meals - 5 pm - 6 pm  
Grupo de Oración - 7 pm  
Young Adult Choir Rehearsal - 7 pm

**Wednesday/  
miércoles** Grupo Floclor: Children's Dance Practice - 4 pm  
Young Adult Group en español - 6 pm  
Knights of Columbus - 6:30 pm  
St. Joseph Community 7:30 pm  
Cursillos - 7:45 pm

**Thursday/  
jueves** Holy Hour for Vocations  
Chuukese Community - 2 pm - 9 pm

**Friday/  
viernes** Grupo de Oración - 6:30 pm  
Baptism Class en español  
Chuukese Community - 2 pm - 9 pm

**Saturday/  
sábado** Small Christian Community  
Chuukese Community - 2 pm - 9 pm  
Retiro Vocacional Hermanas Religiosas - 7 am - 8 pm

**Sunday/  
domingo** Mass - 9:00 am  
Mass - 11:30 am  
Mass - 5:30 pm  
\*Last Day\* Receiving Yard Sale Donations after all Masses

**Monday/  
lunes** Mostly Yoga - 8 am  
Mass - 9 am  
Hispanic Choir Practice - 6 pm  
High School Youth Group @HS - 6:30 pm  
Choir (9 am Sunday) Practice - 7 pm  
Spanish Charismatic Group - 7 pm

**Tuesday/  
martes** Word & Communion Service/  
Liturgy of the Hours - 9 am  
Weekly Walking Group - 10 am  
WICS - 6 pm  
Grupo de Oración - 7 pm

**Wednesday  
/ miércoles** Mass - 9 am  
Truthful Reign Choir Practice - 7 pm

**Thursday  
/ jueves** Mostly Yoga - 8 am  
Creation Care Team - 1 pm  
Hora Santa/Holy Hour - 3 pm  
**Yard Sale Preview 6 pm - 8 pm**  
Mass - 6:30 pm  
Choir (Sunday 11:30) Practice - 7 pm  
Young Adults - 7 pm

**Friday/  
viernes** Word & Communion Service/  
Liturgy of the Hours - 9 am  
**Yard Sale 9 am - 5 pm**  
Voices of Light Choir Practice - 4:30 pm  
Choir (Filipino) Practice - 7:00 pm  
Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 7:00 pm

**Saturday  
/ sábado** Yard Sale 9 am - 5 pm  
Reconciliation - 4:00 pm  
Mass - 5:30 pm

## Please pray for the sick:

Dave Teece, Crispin Valencia Jr.

## And, those who have died:

Tai Hugnh (brother of Thanh Hugnh)

Riley Swanberg (nephew of Chad Forczek)

Ted Wendel (grandfather of Sarah Naberrete)

To add or extend a name to the prayer list, please contact the parish office or [office@sjtbcc.org](mailto:office@sjtbcc.org). Names will appear for two weeks.



## ACA Two Ways We Give: Understanding the Difference

If you've ever wondered why we talk about both the Annual Catholic Appeal and parish stewardship pledging, you're not alone. They sound similar, but they support different parts of our shared life as Catholics.

**The Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA)** supports the wider work of the Archdiocese of Seattle, helping to form seminarians and deacons, train lay leaders, and carry out ministries that reach far beyond any single parish—spreading the joy of the Gospel across western Washington. The Appeal is archdiocesan, and every parish takes part.

**Parish Stewardship** pledges support the daily life of our own parish: keeping the lights on, supporting our ministries, caring for our buildings, and making the work of the parish possible week to week.

Both are ways of returning a portion of what God has given us, and both matter.

Thank you for all the ways you support this community and the larger Church.

**Parish 2026 ACA goal:** \$136,718

**Amount pledged as of June 18, 2026:**

\$113,877

**% of goal:** 83%

**Number of donors:** 235

**% of past parish participation:** 68%

based on 346 pledges in 2025

Give online anytime at [archseattle.org/GiveACA](https://archseattle.org/GiveACA).

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## LITURGY

### No Daily Masses or Confessions June 22 - 26

Due to Priest Days, there will be Liturgy of the Word Services in place of the Masses at Holy Spirit and St. John the Baptist. Please pray for our priests during their annual gathering.



### Special Masses - Save the Date

Fr. Simon's First Masses for Fam. 30

- June 15, 9 am at St. John's. (Eng)

- June 28, 12:30 pm Mass at Holy Spirit (Sp)

### Daily Mass times are changing in July

Beginning in July, daily Mass at St John the Baptist will swap its Monday and Tuesday morning services.

#### New times:

**Monday — Word & Communion, 9:00am**

**Tuesday — Mass, 9:00am**

Everything else stays the same.

## YOUTH GROUP

Teen Nights will continue this summer!

Join us on the second and fourth Mondays from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Holy Spirit on the following dates:

- June 22
- July 13
- July 27

**Service Week is scheduled for August 17 to 21, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.:**

- August 17 to 18 at Holy Spirit
- August 19 to 21 at SJTB

We are looking for parent volunteers to:

- Lead small groups
- Assist with meals
- Ensure the safety of all teens

Training and materials will be provided. If you're interested in helping out, please contact Veronica.



## WELCOMING FATHER CHAD

During the month of July, Fr. Chad will begin presiding over Family 30 Masses. Each Mass time will have an opportunity to welcome him with a sweet treat following that Mass. Helpers are needed to distribute the treats. Please sign up to help at the Welcome tables at each parish.

### Father Chad's Welcome Masses

**July 5: 2:30 pm & 6 pm, HS**

July 11: 5:30 pm, SJTB

**July 12: 8:30 am, 10:30 pm, 12:30 pm, 8 pm, HS**

**July 18: 5 pm, 7 pm, HS**

July 19: 9 am, 11:30 am, 5:30 pm SJTB

### Meet Fr. Chad -

We asked Father Chad some icebreaker questions, and here are five of his answers!



Are you an early bird or a night owl? **Night owl**

Do you have a favorite liturgical color? **Green, since it's my favorite color**


Do you have a favorite dessert? **Cheesecake**


What's your favorite season & why?

**Winter, because I don't like the heat.**

What is something small that always improves your day? **Connecting with people.**

## PARISH COMMUNITY

**Mostly Yoga** will be in the Nursery until June 30 

 **Knights of Columbus Cherry Sale in July;**  
date TBD based on fruit ripeness.

**Creation Care:** Would you like to learn about water-friendly gardening or just participate in a garden project? **Join us on July 18 from 9 am - 1 pm** to help build a rain garden for the *Garden of the Good Shepherd* - our vegetable garden that supports the local food bank. Bring gloves, work boots, and a favorite tool; shovels will be provided.



## Volunteers needed for the office.

Would you like to be the face and voice of St. John the Baptist for four hours a week? We're looking for volunteer receptionists to give visitors a warm, helpful welcome—in person and on the phone. If you enjoy office work and a friendly pace, we'd love your help!

Open time slot:

Friday, 9 a.m.–1 p.m. (starting September 1)

We'll train you on our phones and email, so minimal experience is needed. Stop by the front office to learn more.



## John the Baptist Garage Sale - This Week

Spread the word! The largest temporary thrift store in South King County is back for just one weekend. Our education building is packed with deals on clothing, decor, toys, sports equipment, and much more.

### Shop!

Thursday, June 25, 6–8 pm (\$10 per shopper for first pick)

Friday, June 26, 9 am - 5 pm

Saturday, June 27, 9 am–5 pm

Sunday, June 28, 9 am–4 pm

### Volunteer!

Sort and prepare (June 21–25)

Sales assistants (June 25–28) to help shoppers and keep everything running smoothly

Clean-up and move out (June 29). Trucks and vans needed

### Do you have a truck or van?

We especially need trucks and vans on Monday, June 29 to transport remaining items to local organizations and thrift stores. Even if you can help transport for part of the day, it makes a big difference.

More information at [sjtbcc.org/yard-sale-volunteers](http://sjtbcc.org/yard-sale-volunteers).

Proceeds support programs at St. John the Baptist.

**See you there!**



### *...From the Cover*

The celebration opened outdoors with a procession. Young men in barong carried the image of Mary, followed by children in white, families under a flower arch, and the three queens of the Santa Cruzan in their crowns and sashes. The procession wound through the parking lot and into the sanctuary, where children brought flowers forward to lay before the statue of Mary.

Fr. Crispin Okoth presided over the Mass. Afterward, parishioners stayed for a reception of Filipino dishes and desserts, served by Fil-Am volunteers. Parish family culture ministries, Danza Folklorica, learned and performed traditional Philippine dances. The Little Voices of Light choir performed songs of Marian adoration, and Raejan Palisoc sang "Ave Maria."

*The Filipino-American Association thanks everyone who helped, from setup to cleanup. Their work made the day possible.*



### *What is Flores de Mayo?*

Flores de Mayo – "flowers of May" – is one of the most beloved devotions in the Philippines. Through the month, children and families bring fresh flowers to Mary, a daily offering of love woven into ordinary parish life.

The celebration often closes with the Santa Cruzan, a procession that remembers St. Helena's search for the True Cross. The queens each carry a title from the story: among them, Reyna Elena, who represents St. Helena, and her son Constantino, for the Emperor Constantine. Brought to the Philippines during the Spanish era, the tradition has been carried across generations and around the world – including here in Covington.



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## Celebrating 20 Years of Faith and Service: Happy Retirement, Nancy Moore!



Nancy Moore, our beloved St. John the Baptist bookkeeper achieved her milestone of 20 years of service this month and is retiring. Nancy has been a steady, reassuring presence in our parish administration, keeping St. John the Baptist running smoothly with care and professionalism. For 20 years she's paid the bills, balanced the bank statements, printed out reports, made sure that parishioners who fronted money for all sorts of things got reimbursed, made sure our priest and lay staff were paid, made sure the weekly deposit was correct, kept track of special funds for special ministries, and made sure everyone who donated received credit for tax day.

The parish enjoyed her skills in ways that went beyond bookkeeping: she kept the craft and hobby days alive for years after Rose Kinsella retired. Her ideas for events, like the ice cream truck at Fr. Bill's retirement celebration and the cookbook for the 2019 Bite of St. John, were always a success.

Speaking as her supervisor, I count our back and forth through the office window as among my best memories of working at St. John. I learned about her dock diving dogs, and how they loved racing and catching things. How she discovered the game Animal Crossing and really doesn't like fruit. She made sure I kept track of details and fixed all my own counting and math errors. She could greet and chat with visitors and then immediately turn back to a complicated budget spreadsheet with nothing missed.

Nancy is looking forward to spending more time with her husband, John, her adult children, and their dogs. Her last day in the office will be Friday, June 26th. Be sure to come by to join the staff in thanking her for her two decades of faith-filled service and wish her a happy and blessed retirement!

-Kathy W.



### June 18th: Rosary + S'mores

6:30 PM Mass at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church  
7:15 PM Meetup outside St. John the Baptist

### June 25th: Service Night

6:30 PM Mass at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church  
7:15 PM Meetup in McMullen Center Kitchen

### June 27th: Devotional Hike

Psalm 121:1-2  
Location: Rattlesnake Ridge in Northbend, WA

6:30 AM Meetup at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church for Carpooling. Arrangements will be made beforehand



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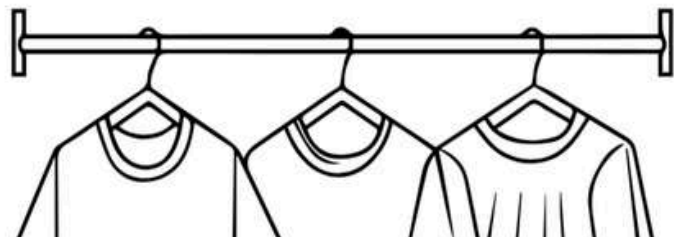
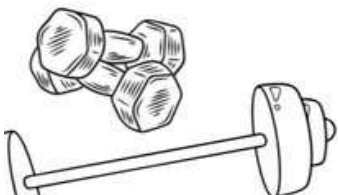
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