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## Honoring Our Lady of Africa

On May 24th – Pentecost Sunday – Family 30 made history with the first procession and Mass honoring Our Lady of Africa in the Archdiocese of Seattle. Hosted by the Swahili Community of Holy Spirit Parish, the celebration drew multiple communities together in devotion to Mary during her month of May.

*More story and photos inside...*

# This Week in Our Parish Family



Please call 253-859-0444 for event times.



## **Sunday, June 7**

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

## **Monday, June 8**

Rosario del Migrante  
Bible Study Groups en español  
Grandparent Bible Study en español  
Children's Choir  
HS Youth Group @HS - 6:30 pm

## **Tuesday, June 9**

Knights of Columbus  
Adult Confirmation  
Small Christian Community  
Centro Rendu  
Grupo de Oración  
Choir (12:30 Sp) Rehearsal  
Terrific Tuesday Meals

## **Wednesday, June 10**

Young Adult Group en español  
Bible Study en español  
RCIA/OCIA  
St. Joseph Community 7 pm  
Cursillos  
Children's Dance Practice: traditional Mexican dances  
Knights of Columbus

## **Thursday, June 11**

Holy Hour for Vocations  
Apologetics Bible Study en español  
Small Christian Communities español  
Bible Study Communities  
Chuukese Community

## **Friday, June 12**

Grupo de Oración  
Bible Study Communities  
Baptism Class en español  
Base Ecclesial Groups en español

## **Saturday, June 13**

Small Christian Community  
Chuukese Community  
Retiro de XV's con Religiosas

## **Sunday, June 7**

Mass - 9:00 am  
Coffee Hour - 10:15 - 11:15 am  
Mass - 11:30 am  
Mass - 5:30 pm  
*Receiving Yard Sale Donations after all Masses*

## **Monday, June 8**

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

## **Tuesday, June 9**

Word & Communion Service/  
Liturgy of the Hours - 9:00 am  
Weekly Walking Group - 10:00 am  
WICS - 6:00 pm  
Grupo de Oración - 7:00 pm

## **Wednesday, June 10**

Mass - 9:00 am  
Yard Sale Committee Meeting - 5 pm  
Finance Council Meeting - 7 pm  
Truthful Reign Choir Practice - 7:00 pm

## **Thursday, June 11**

Mostly Yoga - 8:00 am  
Hora Santa/Holy Hour - 3:00 pm  
Facility and Grounds Commission Meeting - 4:30 pm  
**Solemnity of the Sacred Heart (Vigil) Mass - 6:30 pm**  
Women's Commission Meeting - 6:30 pm  
Choir (Sunday 11:30) Practice - 7:00 pm

## **Friday, June 12**

Word & Communion Service/  
Liturgy of the Hours - 9:00 am  
Spring Cleaning - 10 am - 4 pm  
Voices of Light Choir Practice - 4:30 pm  
Choir (Filipino) Practice - 7:00 pm  
Hispanic Charismatic Prayer - 7:00 pm

## **Saturday, June 13**

Reconciliation - 4:00 pm  
Mass - 5:30 pm  
*Receiving Yard Sale Donations after all Masses*

## Please Pray for

those who are sick:

*Roger Camat, Andrea Chay, Tai Huynh  
Gary Shimik, Jim Singleton,  
Jim Tanasse, Ted Wendel,*

those who have died:

*Kerren Rhea (mother of Trish Hanson)*

## ACA Q & A - Why do pledges matter?

A pledge is your good-faith estimate of what you will give to the Annual Catholic Appeal – it's a statement of intent, not a contract or a bill. You can make changes throughout the year if needed. What pledges do is help us plan. When we have a sense of what's coming in, we can budget responsibly for the ministries and services the Appeal supports. Your pledge, whatever the amount, makes that planning possible.

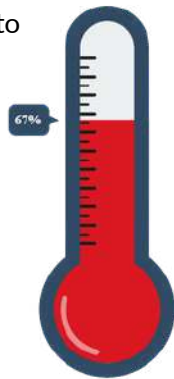
**Parish 2026 ACA goal:** \$136,718  
**Amount pledged as of June 4, 2026:** \$91,347  
**% of goal:** 66.8%  
**Number of donors:** 195  
**% of past parish participation:** 56%  
based on 346 pledges in 2025

Please consider the Archdiocesan average gift of \$575 as a reference. Any funds received beyond our goal will be directed to Family 30 Parish for projects that enhance accessibility and safety at St. John the Baptist Parish.

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It's easy to give to the 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal. Scan the QR code or visit [archseattle.org/giveaca](http://archseattle.org/giveaca). Envelopes are also in the pews for your prayerful reflection.



## A Shared Meal – Coming This Fall

The Taste of Family 30 planned for August has been canceled. Our planning team didn't have enough response to move forward this year. But the idea isn't going anywhere – we're already planning a shared multicultural meal for the parish mission in late September, and we'd love your help making it happen.

If you'd like to be part of the planning, please reach out to either parish office. Good food and good company are worth the wait!



## A Night of Vision started the conversation

– and there's still time to add your voice. You're invited to share your hopes and dreams for what we can become as a single parish: two distinct locations, united in one mission.

As the Parish Family Advisory Council begins to craft what that mission will be, your voice is part of it. We are one body with many parts, all essential.

To share your thoughts with Fr. Chad and the PFAC, scan the QR code to access the online feedback form.



## 2nd Spring Cleaning Day – Friday, June 12

We had a great turnout on June 6, and now we're back for round two. Friday, June 12, is your last chance to pitch in as we give the parish a good top-to-bottom tidy before summer. We understand Fridays can be tricky for many, but for those who are able, your efforts will be greatly appreciated, and it's a genuinely satisfying way to care for the place we share.



Let's give the parish some extra shine to prepare for Fr. Chad's arrival on July 1. Come give what time you can. To sign up, add your name to the sheets in the narthex or contact the parish office to learn more - or, simply show up!

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## SJTB Parish Yard Sale — June 25–28

Our annual Parish Yard Sale is back, and it's one of the best weekends of the year. Get first pick at Preview Night on Thursday, June 25, from 6–8 pm (\$10 entry), then join us (free) through the weekend for the full sale. Every purchase supports SJTB programs and ministries.

You have two more weeks to drop off donations after weekend Masses, so keep those items coming. And if you really want to be part of it, volunteer. Last year's sale raised \$40,000 — and that simply doesn't happen without the people who sort, price, set up, and welcome shoppers. It's satisfying work and a great way to spend time with fellow parishioners while putting your gifts to use. Whatever time you can give, we'd be glad to have you.

Visit our website, [sjtbcc.org](http://sjtbcc.org), or speak to a volunteer after Mass for more information about what to donate and how to volunteer.



## Three Special Masses Honoring the Sacred Heart

Join us across Parish Family 30 to celebrate the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and consecrate your family to his love. There are three opportunities to gather:



- **Thursday, June 11, 6:30 pm** (English) — St. John the Baptist
- **Friday, June 12, 9:00 am** (English) — Holy Spirit Parish
- **Friday, June 12, 7:30 pm** (Spanish) — St. John the Baptist

Parishioners are also invited to participate in the novena beginning June 2. Scan the QR code on our attached flyer to access the novena prayers in both English and Spanish.

## A Nation Consecrated to the Sacred Heart

This year's celebration carries special meaning. On June 11, 2026, the U.S. bishops will consecrate the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, marking the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. All Catholics are encouraged to join in prayer for the unity and healing of our country. The USCCB offers a novena (June 3–11) and other resources to help us take part — find them at [usccb.org/weholdthesetruths](http://usccb.org/weholdthesetruths). As we consecrate our own families to the Sacred Heart, we join Catholics across the nation in this same prayer.

**Correction:** In the May 17, 2026 issue of our bulletin, the names of the confirmands were published. We sincerely apologize for the misspelling of one of the confirmands' names. Austen Christopher Abadilla was inadvertently listed as "Auusten Christopher Abadilla." We regret this error and extend our apologies to Austen and his family.

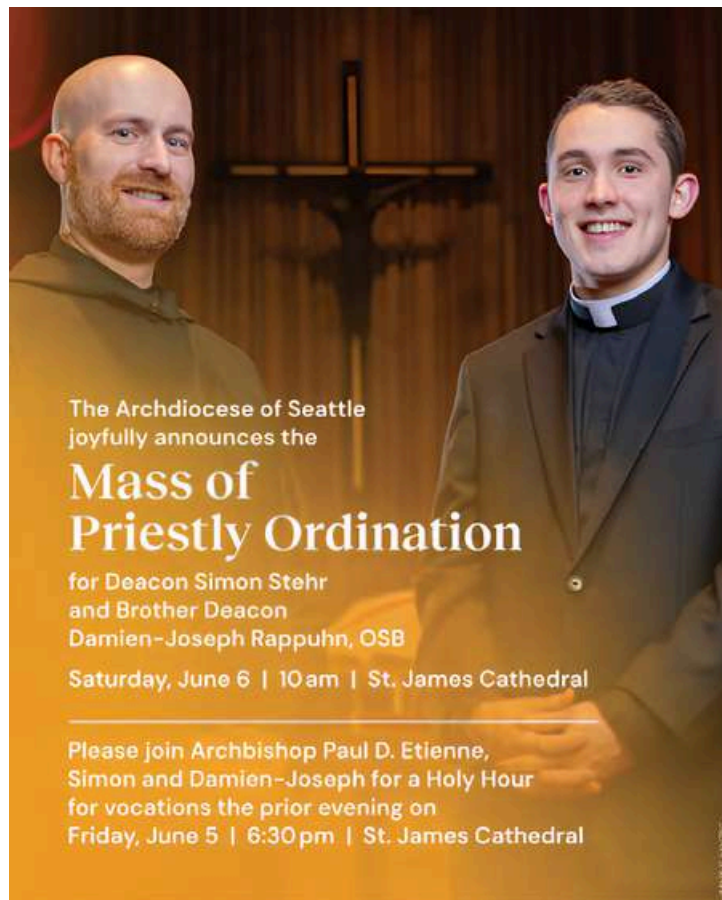
## Congratulations and Blessings

Congratulations to Fr. Simon Stehr and Fr. Damien-Joseph Rappuhn, OSB, on the weekend of their Priestly Ordination! Please keep them in your prayers as they embark on this significant journey.

Fr. Simon will be celebrating Masses for Parish Family 30 later in June.

June 15, 9 am at St. John's, English

June 28, 12:30 pm Mass at Holy Spirit, Spanish



from St. James bulletin 5-31-2026

## Vacation Bible School at St. Barbara

Children in grades K-5 starting Fall 2026 – July 27 - 31 at St. Barbara in Black Diamond.

Cost from \$85; scholarships available; discounts for volunteers.

Register by 6/28, contact [zmiddles@gmail.com](mailto:zmiddles@gmail.com).

## Inch by Inch, Row by Row Help Us Make Our Garden Grow

The Care for Creation team invites you to mark your calendars for July 18th as we come together to create a rain garden. This rain garden is essential for enhancing vegetable production in the Garden of the Good Shepherd, allowing us to continue supplying fresh produce to the Storehouse food bank with each growing season. Further details will be shared soon.





## *Celebrating Our Lady of Africa*

On May 24th, Family 30 celebrated something new for the Archdiocese of Seattle: the first procession and Mass in honor of Our Lady of Africa. Hosted by the Swahili Community of Holy Spirit Parish during the 2:30 p.m. Mass, the celebration began with a procession of a shrouded image of Our Lady, starting at St. Anthony's chapel, winding around the block, and ending at the Holy Spirit sanctuary. Auxiliary Bishop Eusebio Elizondo presided over the Mass, which included the unveiling and blessing of the image, followed by a reception.

The celebration was organized by an intercultural team of parishioners, moved by their devotion to Mary and a desire to honor her this May.



Parish photos by: Christian Rodriguez



## *The Deep-Rooted Devotion to Our Lady of Africa*

The devotion to Our Lady of Africa has a rich history, beginning in 1846 when two women at the minor seminary in Algiers placed a statue of the Virgin Mary in a tree hollow as a place to pray the rosary. As more individuals joined in, this location transformed into a hub of prayer and pilgrimage. In 1856, Bishop Pavy named the image "Our Lady of Africa," and eventually, a basilica was constructed on the site.

It is closely tied to the Missionaries of Africa and the Sisters of Our Lady of Africa, who came to see the shrine as a place of prayer, dialogue, and encounter. In 1876, Pope Pius IX granted the crowning of the statue, solidifying its significance. Her feast is celebrated on April 30th.



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History adapted from "Origins of Our Lady of Africa," Missionaries of Africa (mafrome.org).

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## 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

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