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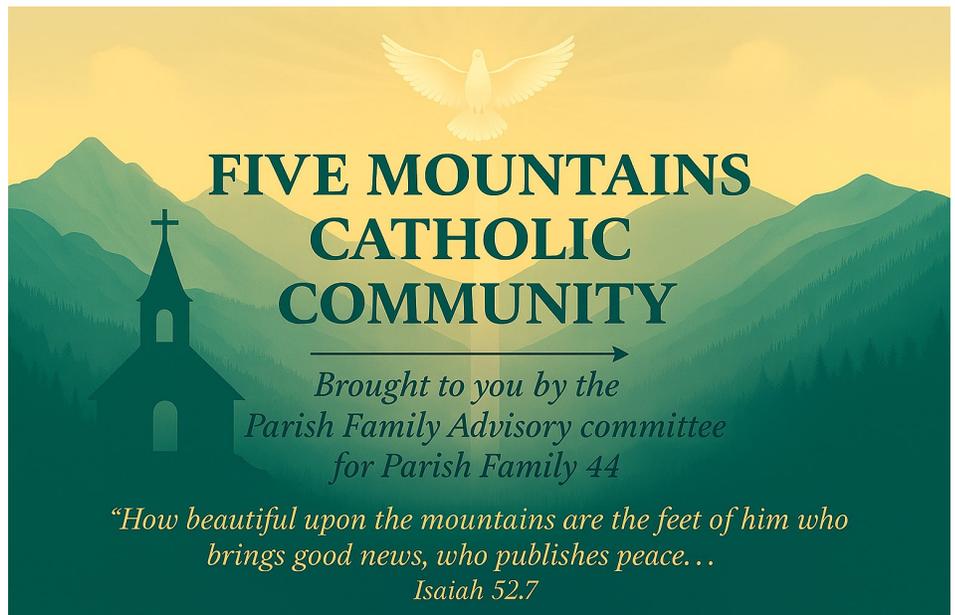
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FIVE MOUNTAINS CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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*"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who
brings good news, who publishes peace...
Isaiah 52.7*

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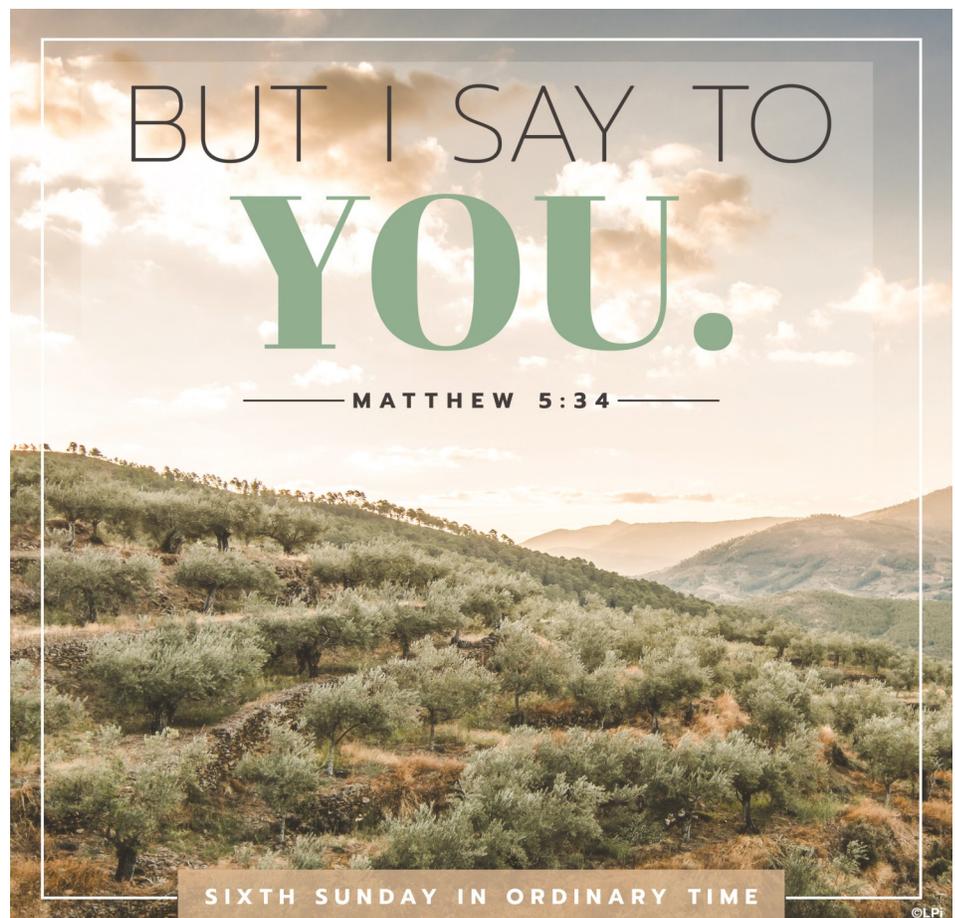
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February 22, 2026



BUT I SAY TO YOU.

— MATTHEW 5:34 —

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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PASTOR'S LETTER

FASTING, PRAYER, AND ALMSGIVING... PILLARS OF LENT

Lent has been, is, and will be a favorable time for conversion and returning to God the Father, full of mercy. This conversion is achieved through a good confession of our sins. The Fathers of the Church teach us that to advance spiritually we must unite prayer, fasting, and mercy. The three complement each other. During Lent, we are reminded of these truths that we should always live, since the Catholic Church recommends them for properly observing the Lenten season. **FASTING** (Mt. 6:16) Christ fasted to give us an example. We fast as a sacrifice offered to God and to gain mastery over our passions and the desires of the flesh. Fasting is a form of self-improvement. We remember those who are hungry and show solidarity with them. Fasting is not only from food and drink, which is also pleasing to God, as it helps to temper our bodies, sometimes so capricious and indulgent, and strengthen them so they can accompany our souls in the struggle against our age-old enemies: the world, the devil, and our own disordered passions. Fasting and abstinence, above all, from our selfishness, vanity, pride, hatred, laziness, gossip, evil desires, revenge, impurity, anger, envy, resentment, injustice, and insensitivity to the suffering of our neighbor. Fasting and abstinence, even, from good and legitimate things to atone for our sins and offer God a small sacrifice and an act of love; for example, fasting from television, entertainment, movies, and dancing during this Lenten season. Fasting and abstinence, also, from many forms of consumption, stimuli, and sensual gratification. Fasting here will mean giving up everything that feeds our tendency towards curiosity, sensuality, the dissipation of the senses, and the superficiality of life. This type of fasting is more meritorious in the eyes of God and will require much more effort, greater self-control, and more love and willpower on our part. Pope Leo XVI proposes accompanying traditional fasting with abstinence focused on the power of language. The pontiff emphasizes that, for fasting to be authentic and avoid the temptation of pride, it must be accompanied by abstaining from hurtful words that harm others. This initiative seeks to disarm everyday language, inviting the faithful to renounce immediate judgment, slander, and hate speech on social media and in the press. According to the Holy Father, practicing this abstinence from negative words allows us to cultivate kindness in our families and workplaces. By replacing offenses with words of hope and peace, the Christian community achieves a more sober lifestyle, closer to the Gospel.

Thus, abstinence from language becomes a tool for social and spiritual transformation during this time of reflection. **ALMSGIVING** (Mt 6:2-3) Christians call it "almsgiving" when we share our possessions with the poor. It should not be a contribution of what is left over, but an act of love made from the heart, a sharing that moves us to renunciation and sacrifice. Everything comes from God as a gift. Our whole life should become a gift of love in imitation of Christ. But not only material, monetary alms: a few coins we give to a poor beggar on the corner. Almsgiving must go further: helping those in need, teaching those who don't know, giving good advice to those who ask for it, sharing joys, spreading smiles, offering our forgiveness to those who have offended us. Almsgiving is that willingness to share everything, the readiness to give of oneself. It signifies an attitude of openness and charity toward others. Let us recall here Saint Paul: "If I give away all my possessions... but do not have love, I gain nothing." Saint Augustine is also very eloquent when he writes: "If you extend your hand to give, but do not have mercy in your heart, you have done nothing; on the other hand, if you have mercy in your heart, even if you have nothing to give with your hand, God accepts your alms." **PRAYER.** (Mt. 6:6) Knowing that we are loved by God, we desire to respond, to praise God, and to ask Him to take the throne of our lives. If almsgiving is an openness to others, prayer is an openness to God. Without prayer, neither fasting nor almsgiving would be sustainable. In prayer, God changes our hearts, making them cleaner, more understanding, more generous...in a word, He transforms our negative attitudes and creates within us a new heart full of charity. Prayer generates love. Prayer leads me to inner conversion. Prayer is a powerful promoter of action; that is, it leads me to do good works for God and for my neighbor. In prayer we regain the strength to emerge victoriously from the snares and temptations of the world and the devil. Lent, therefore, is a powerful time for prayer. Brothers and sisters, let us look closely to Christ this Lent. Before beginning his saving mission, he withdrew to the desert for forty days and forty nights. There he lived his own Lent, praying to his Father, fasting... and afterward, he went out into our world sharing his love, his compassion, his tenderness, his forgiveness. May his example inspire us and lead us to imitate him this Lent. Our motto: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

FIVE MOUNTAINS CATHOLIC COMMUNITY ~ STEWARDSHIP

Living the Mass: The Eucharist We Celebrate Shapes the Life We Live A Parish Journey into the Eucharist

Part IV: We Offer Lent and the Gift of Self

As Lent begins, the Church invites us to walk more intentionally with Christ toward the Cross. This sacred season is marked by prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, but at its heart, Lent is about offering ourselves more fully to God. The Mass teaches us how to do this, especially in the Preparation of the Gifts, when bread and wine are brought forward and placed upon the altar.

At first glance, these gifts seem simple. Bread and wine are ordinary elements of daily life, the fruit of the earth and the work of human hands. Yet in the liturgy, they come to represent much more. As they are carried forward, the Church invites us to place our own lives on the altar with them — our work and rest, our joys and struggles, our sacrifices and hopes. Lent gives us a renewed opportunity to make this offering consciously and sincerely.

The prayers spoken quietly by the priest during this moment reveal its depth. When he prays, “Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,” the Church acknowledges that everything we have is first a gift from God. Stewardship begins here, with gratitude. What we offer back to God was never truly ours to begin with; it has been entrusted to us for a time.

Saint Thérèse of Lisieux understood this truth well. She taught that even the smallest actions, when offered with love, become pleasing to God. During Lent, we are reminded that our sacrifices do not need to be dramatic to be meaningful.

“Placed on the altar with bread and wine is the gift of our lives.”

A patient response, a hidden act of kindness, a moment of self-denial offered quietly, all can be placed on the altar with the bread and wine. The Preparation of the Gifts also reminds us that offering involves trust. As the priest prepares the chalice, mixing wine with a drop of water, the Church recalls our union with Christ. Just as the water becomes inseparable from the wine, we are invited to unite our lives with Christ’s sacrifice. Lent invites us to deepen that union, letting go of what distracts us from God and renewing our dependence on Him.

This moment of the Mass teaches stewardship of self. God does not ask only for what we give financially or materially; He asks for our hearts. The sacrifices we embrace during Lent, whether fasting, extra prayer, or generosity toward others, are ways of saying, “Lord, I give myself to you.” When these sacrifices are united to the Eucharist, they take on eternal significance.

Families, too, can live this offering together. Parents and children can choose simple Lenten practices that reflect the spirit of the altar: sharing more intentionally, praying together, or setting aside time to serve someone in need. In this way, the lessons of the Mass shape daily life.

The Catechism teaches that in the Eucharist, the Church is united to Christ’s offering and learns to offer herself with Him (cf. CCC 1368). Lent helps us rediscover this truth. Each Mass becomes an opportunity to renew our self-gift and to allow Christ to transform it.

As we enter this holy season, the Preparation of the Gifts invites us to reflect honestly. What am I placing on the altar this Lent? What parts of my life is God asking me to surrender, trust, or renew? Stewardship during Lent is not about doing more for its own sake, but about offering ourselves more completely to the God who has already given us everything.

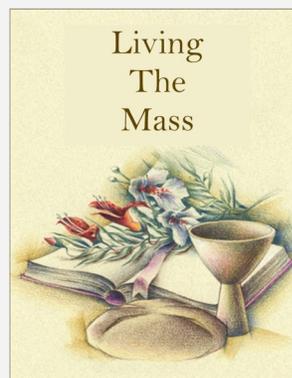
***Gracious God, you have given us every good gift.
During this season of Lent, teach us to offer
ourselves more fully to you. Receive our sacrifices,
small and great, and unite them to the perfect
offering of your Son, that our lives may bring glory
to your name.***

Amen.

Catechism References:
1350–1351, 1368, 1434, 2043

CCC

***“The Mass does not
end when we leave
the church;
it continues in the
lives we live.”***





**PARTNERS
IN THE GOSPEL**

UPDATE

February 2025

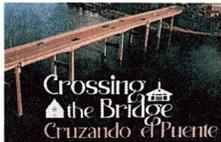


"Strengthening the faith of our people and redoubling our efforts **to advance the mission of the Church** must always be our top priorities."

- Archbishop Paul D. Etienne
in his Pastoral Letter

We are now celebrating Ordinary Time after beautiful Advent and Christmas seasons when many parish families joined together to celebrate in new ways. Parish families hosted special events like parish family Advent wreath making, prayer groups, meals and more. Here are just a few examples:

Parishioners from **St. Teresa of Calcutta, Woodinville** and **St. Brendan, Bothell** hosted a "Parent's Great Escape" event in December, which provided childcare while giving parents a break or time for last-minute shopping.



Fr. Lappe with **Our Lady Star of the Sea, Bremerton** and **Holy Trinity, Bremerton** encouraged his parishioners to "Cross the Bridge" and not only attend Mass at a different parish in the parish family but to stay for coffee and donuts to meet other parishioners.

St. Mary's, Marysville hosted a nine-day Simbang Gabi novena with a 6am Mass followed by breakfast each day. It was widely publicized across the parish family, and parishioners from **Immaculate Conception, Arlington, St. Cecilia, Stanwood** and **St. John Vianney, Darrington** came to experience this Filipino tradition while meeting new friends.



Holy Spirit, Kent and **St. John the Baptist, Covington** celebrated the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe as a parish family, which started at St. John the Baptist with a novena and a presentation about Our Lady of Guadalupe, followed dance performances and a pilgrimage between the two parishes.

These shared moments illuminate the beauty of parish families coming together as a shared community of faith.

Q: How do all the parish families know what to do?

A: The Partners in the Gospel planning team provided guidance on key areas of parish life like Mission and Evangelization, Liturgy, Administration, Community and more in a Handbook for parishes. The Handbook is broken into several phases that align with activities earmarked for action over the next 3 years as parishes begin to join. We are currently in the first phases (0-1), which are specifically focused on welcoming and getting to know each other, assessing the current parishes and starting to develop an understanding of each parish's gifts, needs and hopes for the future.

Q: What should parishioners be doing right now?

A: Parishioners are invited to engage in the process in several ways:

- Pray! Pray for your priests, your parish family and your community. Go to archseattle.org/Partners for the Partners in the Gospel prayer.
- Get to know the other parishes in your parish family by attending Mass at each parish.
- Join in parish-family events and offerings.

Think about ways you may be able to share your gifts with the parish family.

February Intercession

For the local Church of Western Washington, that we may open our hearts to the Holy Spirit as we journey together in proclaiming the Gospel.

Stay Informed

Scan the QR code or go to archseattle.org/Partners to sign up for the Partner UPDATE newsletter.



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LENT

Lent 2026 Hope and Renewal

February 18 – April 4



Lenten Fasting & Abstinence

Fasting

One full meal and two small meals
(The two small meals do not equal a full meal)

Ash Wednesday & Good Friday
Ages 18–59

Abstinence

No meat
Every Friday during Lent
Ages 14+

CRS Rice Bowl

Lent: A Time of Preparation CRS Rice Bowl brings Catholics across the United States together each Lent to respond to global hunger and poverty through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. During this holy season, let us recommit to sharing bread for life with our global family so that all people can reach their God-given potential. Visit csrcebowl.org/week-1 to read this week's Story of Hope.

Stations of the Cross followed by Soup Supper



The Stations of the Cross bring us closer to Christ as we meditate on the great love He showed for us in His most sorrowful Passion! Only in Christ crucified and risen can we find salvation and redemption.

Fridays in Lent at 6:00 pm

February 20 ~ March 27

Sacred Heart (English)

St. Joseph (English)

St. Mary (English)

St. Philip (Spanish) (English -5:00 pm)

St. John (Bilingual)

Soup Supper donations Support Operation Rice Bowl.

Lenten Retreat

St. Mary of Guadalupe Mission, Ridgefield, WA

All are invited to a Lenten Retreat *With Fr. Vu Tran*

Theme: "Five Loaves and the Two Fish"
Saturday, March 21st, 2026

beginning with 9am Mass

9am – 2pm Retreat in the church

12pm Lunch in the Hall

A Lenten retreat is a wonderful opportunity to prepare for Holy Week and Easter. Mark your calendar! Don't miss out!

Hope you have a blessed Lenten Season.

Happy Easter! God bless!

(Please RSVP for lunch count. A free will donation accepted)



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

School subsidy applications for St. John the Evangelist, St. Philip, St. Mary, Sacred Heart and St. Joseph will be distributed in early March. Remember, in order to be considered for a subsidy, the family must be a registered member, a Stewardship Pledge must be filled out and a parent must be actively participating as a volunteer in a parish ministry. NO exceptions.

■ SJE St. John the Evangelist ● SH Sacred Heart ◆ SJW St. Joseph the Worker

▲ SP St. Philip ◆ SMG St. Mary of Guadalupe

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

● SH Sacred Heart

Wed. (2/25) 9:00 am: Maurice Fischer+
Friday (2/27) 9:00 am: Thelma Hankinson+
Sat. (2/28) 5:00 pm: Catalina Wells+
Sunday (3/1) 8:30 am: Pro Populo
10:30 am: Pat Fischer

◆ SJW St. Joseph the Worker

Sunday (3/1) 12:30 pm: Santiago Salunat+

▲ SP St. Philip

Wed. (2/25) 9:00 am: Randy Burkey
Friday (2/27) 9:00 am: Maria Antonieta Guerra +
Sunday (3/1) 8:30 am: Arianna Botsford
1:00 pm (Spanish): Pro Populo
1st Friday (3/6) 9:00 am: Irina Palacios
1st Sat.(3/7) 9:00 am: Pro Populo

◆ SM St. Mary of Guadalupe

Wed. (2/25) 6:00 pm: Baby Boy Hiss
Thurs. (2/26) 9:00 am: Miranda Chromey
Sunday (3/1) 10:30 am: Miranda Chromey

■ SJE St. John the Evangelist

Monday (2/23) 9:00 am: (RIP) Darlene Watkins
7:00 pm: (Spanish) Souls in Purgatory
Tues. (2/24) 9:00 am: (Spanish) (SPI) Jaime y Antonia
Blas; (RIP) Enrique Lopez
Wed. (2/25) 9:00 am: (RIP) Joan Therese Edel
7:00 pm: (Spanish)
Friday (2/27) 9:00 am: (SPI) Theo McLeod
7:00 pm: Pro Populo
Sat. (2/28) 5:00 pm: (RIP) Annette Hogan
Sunday (3/1) 9:00 am: (RIP) Thomas Spielman
11:00 am: (Spanish) (SPI) Luis, Bianca,
Camila, Ky Blas; Maria
Herrera; (RIP) Adolfo Magana
5:00 pm: (Spanish) (SPI) Jaime y Brenda
Blas; (RIP) Raul Garcia;
Gustavo Morales

PRAYER AND DEVOTIONS

● SH Sacred Heart

Wednesday (2/25) 8:30 am: Rosary
9:30 am-11:00 am: Adoration
Friday (2/27) 6:00 pm: Stations of the Cross

◆ SJW St. Joseph the Worker

Thursday (2/26) 11:00 am: Rosary
Friday (2/27) 6:00 pm: Stations of the Cross

▲ SP St. Philip

Wednesday (2/25) 8:45 am: Liturgy of the Hours
9:30 am: Rosary & Divine Mercy
5:00 pm: Men's Prayer Group,
Thursday (2/26) 6:00 pm: (Spanish) Divine Mercy,
Friday (2/27) 5:00 pm: (English) Stations of the Cross
6:00 pm: (Spanish) Stations of the Cross
1st Friday (3/6) 8:45 am: Liturgy of the Hours
9:30 am-11:00 am, Anointing of the
Sick, followed by Adoration
5:00 pm-6:00 pm (Spanish) Divine Mercy

◆ SM St. Mary of Guadalupe

Sunday (2/22) 7:00 pm: Charismatic Prayer Group
Friday (2/27) 6:00 pm: Stations of the Cross
1st Thursday (3/5) 9:30 am-12:00 pm: Anointing of the Sick,
Rosary and Adoration
6:00 pm Ridgefield ADORE (Adoration)

■ SJE St. John the Evangelist

Monday (2/23) 8:00 pm: to 9:00 pm: Adoration
Wednesday (2/25) 6:00 pm: Chaplet of Divine Mercy in the
O'Shea House
Thursday (2/26) 9:00 am: Morning Prayer (Lauds) English
7:00 pm: Works of Mercy - (Spanish)
Divine Mercy Group, Room K
Friday (2/27) 6:00 pm: (Bilingual) Stations of the Cross

CONFESSION

● SH Sacred Heart

Saturday (2/28) 3:30 pm-4:40 pm

▲ SP St. Philip

Wednesday (2/25) 8:30 am
Friday (2/27) 8:30 am
1st Saturday (3/7) 8:30 am & 9:30 am

◆ SM St. Mary of Guadalupe

Wednesday (2/25) 5:30 pm
Thursday (2/26) 8:30 am

■ SJE St. the Evangelist

Monday (2/23) 8:00 pm
Saturday (2/28) 3:30 pm-4:45 pm

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Maria Antoineta Guerra, Carolyn Carpio, Galen Byrd, Mary Proulx, Kari Logue, Heather, Paul Gerhardt, Antonia Taitano, Epi, Ben Klein, LaVonne Millard, Dick Derby, LuAnn Hutchins, Laurie Thompson, Bob Clark, Scott Clark, Lynn Hainley, Faye Lister, Jeff Rice, Mike Speilman, Al Strickfaden, Anne Flynn, George & Carmen Brandreth, Ron Marquez, Shirley Keller, Don Mass, Tony Giovingo, JoAnn Heichel, Patrick McIntire, Butch and Margaret Martin, Olivia Branch, Jack Otokichy, Flor Carrillero Baltazar, Mary Jo Piazza, Ron Hertz

Those who are sick and unable to join us today, the men and women in our Armed Forces, and all the faithful departed, especially Al Strickfaden.

Names will be kept on the list for two months. To add or remove a name to our prayer list, please contact Garri Linardos in the Sacred Heart office. (360) 687-4515, or email g.linardos@sacredheartbg.org

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SH Sacred Heart

Monday (2/23)	5:00 pm
	6:00 pm
Tuesday (2/24)	10:30 am
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Wednesday (2/25)	10:00 am
	5:30 pm
Friday (2/27)	9:45 am
	11:00 am
	6:30 pm
Saturday (2/28)	3:30 pm

SJW St. Joseph the Worker

Friday (2/27)	6:30 pm
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SP St. Philip

Sunday (2/22)	11:00 am
	2:30 pm
Monday (2/23)	6:30 pm
Tuesday (2/24)	6-8:00 pm
Wednesday (2/25)	6:00 pm
Thursday (2/26)	5:30 am
Friday (2/27)	6:30 pm
Sunday (3/1)	9:30 am
	11:00 am

SM St. Mary of Guadalupe

Sunday (2/22)	9:00 am
	12:30 pm
Tuesday (2/24)	9:30 am
Friday (2/27)	11:00 am
	6:30 pm
Sunday (3/1)	9:00 am

SJE St. John the Evangelist

Monday (2/23)	5:30 pm
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	6:30 pm
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	7:00 pm
Tuesday (2/24)	9:45 am
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Wed (2/25)	6:00 pm
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Thursday (2/26)	9:30 am
	1:00 pm
	5:30 pm
	7:00 pm
Friday (2/27)	10:15 am
	10:30 am
	6:00 pm
	6:30 pm
	7:00 pm
	7:30 pm
Saturday (2/28)	8:00 am
Sunday (3/1)	11:00 am
	12:30 pm
	6:00 pm

OCIA Family Night, Hall
Cemetery Committee Meeting, Hall
Book Club, Hall
SVdP Friends of Poor Planning Meeting, Hall
CGS Level 2, Hall
CGS Level 1 & 2, Hall
CGS Level 1, 2 & 3, Hall
Sunday Scripture Group, Hall
Funeral Mass for Shawn McPhearson, Hall
Soup Supper, Hall
Grief Support Group, Hall
Soup Supper, Hall
Elementary Faith Formation, Hall
Synodal Listening Session, (Spanish) Hall
OCIA Adult (Spanish)
Choir Practice, Church (Spanish)
Jr./Sr. High Youth Group, Hall
OCIA Youth/Children Class is Cancelled
Soup Supper, Hall
OCIA Adult (English), Vestibule
Elementary Faith Formation, Hall
Elementary Faith Formation, Hall
Synodal Listening Session / St. Philip
Bible Study with Joanne Oberreuter, Hall
Funeral Mass for Charlie Burkey, in the church
Soup Supper, Hall
Elementary Faith Formation/Touching Safety Class
OCIA, (English) Vogel Hall
Children's Choir Practice, Room K
Rehearsal for Via Cruxis & Pentecost, Room E
OCIA, (English) Vogel Hall
Bible Study (Spanish), in the Library
Faith Sharing & Bible Study (English), Fireside Room
Class/Session Nights (First Comm Prep), Room K
Class/Sessions Nights Family Faith Formation, Rm K
Prayer Group Renewed in the Holy Spirit, Fireside Room
St John Quilting Group, Room E
Bible Study (English), Fireside Room
OCIA (Spanish), Vogel Hall
OCIA (Spanish), Vogel Hall
Bible Study (Spanish), Fireside Room
Legion of Mary, Library
Children's Choir Practice, Room F & K
Soup Supper, Vogel Hall
Sharing Talks with Married Couples (By Marriage Encounter Group), Room D
Young Adult Q&A, Fireside Room
"You are not Alone" Immigration Solidarity Gathering, Vogel Hall / Church
Knights of Columbus Breakfast, Vogel Hall
Via Cruxis Rehearsal, Salón de la Chimenea & E
Confirmation Class, Fireside Room

Bulletin Articles

Following are submittal timelines for any news or announcement your group or ministry wants published in an upcoming bulletin. You can submit your articles to your parish office, or to Garri Linardos at g.linardos@sacredheartbg.org

March 8 bulletin: submittals due to parish office by February 23

March 15 bulletin: submittals due to parish office by March 2

UPCOMING EVENTS



Join us for
You Are Not Alone:

Catholic Immigration
Solidarity Gatherings

February 21
St. Leo, Tacoma

February 28
St. John the Evangelist,
Vancouver

All Dates: 9:30am-Noon



All Catholics concerned with the wellbeing of our immigrant brothers and sisters are invited to join “You Are Not Alone.” These regional events will explore Catholic solidarity with immigrants through Scripture, social teaching and current issues. Hear inspiring stories, the latest news, and leave with concrete steps to act.

Learn more and register at: <https://archseattle.org/events/you-are-not-alone/>



■ St. John the Evangelist Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

The Legion of Mary invites you to welcome the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima into your home. The Pilgrim Virgin is a beautiful, visible reminder of Our Blessed Mother who constantly intercedes for us. The Pilgrim Virgin Statue is a Blessed replica of our Lady of Fatima. It is a traveling sacramental for your home to create a prayerful, sanctifying space where family and friends are encouraged to pray the Rosary and meditate on its mysteries. The Legion of Mary will transport the statue to your residence and pray welcoming prayers with you. The statue will remain in your home for one week Friday to Friday. At the end of visitation, Legion of Mary members will retrieve the statue, and pray farewell prayers with you. Contact the St. John Parish Office for more information on how to sign up.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

■ St. John the Evangelist VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – KITCHEN LEAD

St. John’s Funeral Reception Ministry is seeking two caring and organized volunteers to serve as Kitchen Lead Persons, helping our parish offer hospitality and comfort to families during times of loss.

This ministry role includes:

- Connecting with the person coordinating funeral arrangements to explain what the Funeral Reception Ministry provides
- Confirming details such as the expected number of guests and any special requests from the family
- Prior to the reception: ordering sandwich trays and purchasing punch ingredients and ice
- On the day of the reception: delivering items to the parish and overseeing setup
- Assisting with the preparation of punch and coffee and ensuring food is ready for serving

This is a meaningful opportunity to serve others through a ministry of presence, care, and hospitality. Training and support are provided.

If you are interested or would like more information, please see contact information below:

Yarely Duran ~ (360) 573-3325 durany@stjohnvancouver.org

Laura Fernandez ~ (360) 314-2090 crabycat@aol.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

▲ St. Philip

"In memory of the loved ones who have died. A candle is lit.

The beloved survivors gather to talk and share their memories, happy and sad they may be; there is amongst each other loving support." (Barbara Dunlap)

"The Seasons of Hope" Saturday six week program begins February 7th, 10:00 - 11:30 A.M in St. Philip Hall.

Anyone with questions &/or would like to attend, please call Barbara Dunlap 503-964-0057



Red Cross Blood Drives:

Go to RedCrossBlood.Org to make your appointment today. It only takes an hour to give blood, and each blood donation can help save up to 3 lives. Please remember to fill out your Rapid Pass before arriving. Give blood, save a life.

● Sacred Heart

Monday March 2nd from 10:00 am until 3:45 pm.

■ St John's the Evangelist

Monday, March 16th, noon- 5:30pm. Please contact Rhondi to reserve a spot. 503-758-3893

● Sacred Heart Grief Ministry

Saturday, February 28, 3:30 pm

The Grief Support Group meets on the 4th Saturday of each month. The agenda is open-ended questions prepared by our guide in a very informal setting with ample opportunity for your thoughts and memories. All are welcome.



■ St. John the Evangelist Faith Sharing Group

Tuesdays at 9:45am in the Fireside Room.

● Sacred Heart

Sunday Scripture Prayer Group:

Breaking Open the Word ~ Journey of Faith
9:45 am to 11am ~ Fridays at Sacred Heart

We meet for faith sharing and contemplating what meaning the readings have for you and what actions you might take in your daily life, what action God is calling you to do. All are welcome.

● Sacred Heart Book Club

Tuesdays at 10:30 am We are currently reading "A Song for Nagasaki" by Paul Glynn.

■ St. John's Quilt Group

Thursday, Feb. 26, 9:30am-12:30pm in Room E.

All parishioners are welcome. Bring your stitchery skills (great or small), your ideas and enthusiasm as we begin a new year.

◆ St. Mary of Guadalupe

Outpost Volunteer schedule:

Outpost Dinner Sunday 2-22.

Outpost lunches on Tuesday 2-24, Wednesday 2-25, Thursday 2-26 Friday 2-27 Saturday 2-28

For March 15th

Outpost Dinner Sunday 3-22

Outpost lunches on Tuesday 3-24 Wednesday 3-25, Thursday 3-26, Friday 3-27, Saturday 2-28

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

◆ St. Mary SAVE THE DATE!

The second annual Spring Into Hope Gala Dinner to benefit St. Vincent de Paul will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2026, at St. Mary's.

◆▲ St. Philip and St. Mary Parish Council

The Parish Council meets on the fourth Thursday of each month in the parish hall at St. Philip. Parishioners interested in attending should contact the parish office on the day of the meeting to assure the meeting is occurring.

■ Ozanam House ~ St Vincent de Paul February Food Pantry Needs

- Canned Chili
- Canned Mixed Fruit
- Refried Beans
- Canned Peaches
- Diced Tomatoes

FAITH FORMATION

● Sacred Heart ~ Youth Group Middle School and High School Second Sunday, 6-8 pm March 8, April 12...

This newly formed youth group is now open to middle school students as well. Please call the office to register your middle school Child.



◆ St. Mary of Guadalupe Elementary Faith Formation ~ K – 5th Grade

Classes are on Sundays from 9 am to 10:15 am in the Hall. (No Class Feb. 15th President's Day) (Feb. 22, Touching Safety Class) March 1, 8, (15th Service Sunday— St. Patrick Celebration.

◆ St. Mary of Guadalupe Youth Group ~ 6th–12th Grade

Classes are on Sundays from 9 am to 10:15 am in the Hall. Feb. 22, Touching Safety Class) March 1, 8, (15th Service Sunday— St. Patrick Celebration.



▲ St. Philip ~ Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Session Dates: The Rite of Election: February 24th, March 8 & 22. Easter Vigil on April 4. We meet immediately following the 8:30 AM Mass at St. Philip in Woodland, in the church. All are welcome! Inquirers into the Catholic Faith or Catholics who want a refresher.

OCIA -Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

(Spanish) Are you or someone you know considering becoming a Catholic? We will have classes in Spanish to explore the Catholic Faith on **Mondays**, 6:30-8:30 pm. Email us at: churchoffice@stphilipwoodland.com

OCIA - for Children / Youth

It's a special faith journey for children aged 7-17 who want to receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.) **March 5th @ 5:30pm in the Parish Hall.** if you know someone who is interested and have questions, please call the church office: (360) 225-8308. Email us at: churchoffice@stphilipwoodland.com

Elementary Faith Formation ~ 1st - 5th Grade

Classes are held Sundays at 11:00 am to 12:15 pm in the Parish Hall. March 1, 8, 15, & 22.

Jr./Sr. High School Faith Formation ~ 6th - 12th Grade

Classes are held on Wednesday evenings from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the parish hall.
Classes: February 25 & March 4, 11, 18 & 25.

OUTREACH

◆ St. Mary Feed My Lambs Collection

Feed My Lamb — This month, all donations will go directly to the Ridgefield School District to support students and families in need.

They are always in need of **non-perishable food items and basic toiletries**. They are **100% reliant on donations from our community** to continue providing essential support, and every contribution—big or small—makes a meaningful difference.

■ St. John the Evangelist Prepares Service Dates and Hours

- 2nd Sunday of the month– Diaper distribution from 12:30 pm
- 4th weekend of the month—Baby & Infant store open after all weekend Masses

We are currently in need of diapers sizes 5, 6, 7, and baby wipes. Donations can be dropped in the Narthex. We appreciate your support!

For more information on ways you can support this ministry, or to schedule an appointment to obtain diapers and other items at no cost, please contact Marina Diaz at 360-521-4981. Please remember, we only accept baby and infant clothing donations, NO adult clothing

● Sacred Heart Meal Train

If you are in need of meal delivery or would like to volunteer to provide meals please contact Shirley Howard howardkska@gmail.com

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Feb. 18–March 29

Deepen Your Lenten Journey, Join 40 Days for Life!

Are you seeking a meaningful way to enrich your Lenten journey this year? We invite you to join us in prayer and peaceful witness as we pray together to end abortion, the leading cause of death worldwide.

Since 2007, the 40 Days for Life movement has made a significant impact—saving over 26,100 lives and helping close abortion facilities in more than 1,000 cities across 64 countries.

Campaign Details:

- **Dates:** February 18 – March 29
 - **Location:** NE 116 Ave., one block north of Mill Plain, across from Planned Parenthood
To sign up or for more details, please contact your 40 Days for Life representative through your parish office:
 - **Saint John the Evangelist:** Ann Maker-360-573-3325
 - **Sacred Heart:** Anthony Kutch- 360-687-4515
 - **Saint Mary of Guadalupe:** Marie Holland-360-225-8308
 - **Vancouver Leader:** Gerry Parmantier (call/text: 360-831-7542, email: gerry1968@q.com)
- Please review instructions and additional details at:**
www.40daysforlife.com/en/vancouver

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For more information
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Fall Pilgrimage to Italy – November 3–13, 2026

Join St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church on an 11-day pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome! Experience daily Mass, attend a Papal Audience with Pope Leo XIV, explore St. Peter's Basilica and the Vatican Museums, venerate relics of Christ's Passion, and walk in the footsteps of Saints Francis and Clare. The trip includes roundtrip airfare from Portland, four-star hotels, a ProRome tour manager, professional guides, daily breakfast and one additional meal, and all tours and tickets. **Cost: \$4,972 per person.** For more information or to register, visit www.prorometours.com/vancouver, call (434) 953-1112, or email office



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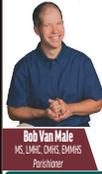
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