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Discovering God's Grace... in all things....

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

These are the words with which St. Paul ended his letter to the Corinthian community, and they were the very first words I uttered to you as we celebrated our first Mass on the first week of July

2021. These are the words Mother Church has gifted us, a greeting of hope and statement of faith that unites us in the Holy Trinity.

This grace, love, and communion compels us as a body of believers to always look forward to the future, for though there are uncertainties in the present age, the certainty of glory awaits. This makes everything full of grace, for we are being moved towards that end, we just need to be curious enough, vulnerable enough, willing enough, to see.

It is with this spirit, as a community that looks towards the future, that we present to you our annual parish report. I pray that we may see grace in all that has happened, in the constant change, in the newness, even in the struggles, challenges and limitations that COVID-19 has brought upon us, because yes - there is grace there too. If in God's grace we have accomplished so much with so little, imagine the possibilities!

In Christ,
Fr. Carlos Orozco

Gracias por darme la bienvenida a esta comunidad de fe. Favor de ver pagina 11 para el reporte en español.

Asanteni kwa kunikaribisha kwenye jumuiya ya waumini. Tafadhali angalia ukurasa wa 13 (kumi na moja) kwa ripoti yetu ya Kiswahili.

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"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

-MARGARET MEAD
(AMERICAN CULTURAL
ANTHROPOLOGIST)



A Year in a Nutshell

BY BRENDA FINCHER

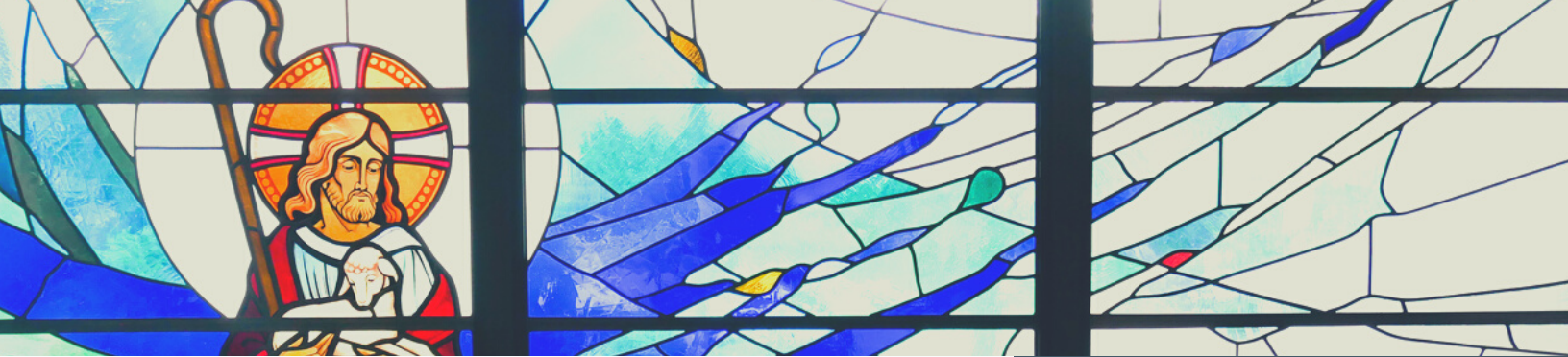
2021 is quickly approaching the end and plenty of good things have happened at Holy Spirit Parish. As with many others, we too had to make adjustments. With COVID-19 guidance from the Chancery, we were able to keep going. Thanks be to God, we're still moving forward and He is still working amongst us.

Bishop Elizondo wrapped up his time with us and is now the lone Auxiliary Bishop in the Archdiocese. Our sincere gratitude and prayers are with him.

In July, we welcomed our new priest to the parish, Fr. Carlos Orozco. Along with Fr. Carlos came his menagerie of pets, or kids as he refers to them. He has already updated our parish website and given us a stronger presence on social media. You may catch glimpses of his kids in some of the videos or in his monthly parish update.

Our Youth Group spent their time well. They performed service in and around the parish. Remember our Catholic Social Teachings? The Youth Group does! They learned about the dignity and respect for human life and creation and the responsibilities that accompany that. One way they did this was by learning about the needs and services available in our community. They put their two feet of social action to work by helping out at the food bank, making winter hats and scarves for our homeless brothers and sisters, serving at our Community Suppers, performing landscape maintenance and cleaning classrooms at the parish as well as other mission work.

Marriages, Baptisms, First Communions, Confirmations, Bible Study, community suppers, rosaries, funerals, and service to the parish are some of the events that have happened. We had a drive-thru distribution of palms for Palm Sunday. Speaking of drive-thru, Confessions were done by drive through for a while. Social distancing didn't stop us. We adapted as needed and moved forward. God always makes a way!



Gratitude

BY MOST REVEREND
EUSEBIO ELIZONDO, M.SP.S

Despite difficulty brought by COVID-19, I was truly grateful and inspired by the community's faith. It was a joy to see your welcoming response to the reinstitution of in-person Mass. I was grateful for the way the staff and families came together to beautifully celebrated the sacraments while keeping each other safe. I would also like to thank the staff for their efficiency, commitment, and support to the Holy Spirit community. Know of my prayers and please keep me in yours.

+ Eusebio Elizondo M.Sp.S.



*Thank you
Bishop,
for leading us
during
uncertainty.*

-HOLY SPIRIT COMMUNITY





A look back at our sacramental life during the heart of COVID-19

BY HOLY SPIRIT STAFF

Early in the year, masses were celebrated both online and in-person via limited registration. Facemasks were worn and people were socially distanced. In February, we added Mass in Swahili on Sundays, resumed the Spanish 6:30pm Saturday Mass. Beginning August, we stopped requiring registration, opened half the church for self-seating, returned to our normal daily mass schedule, and added a 7:00pm Mass in Spanish every Wednesday.

Baptism preparation in English went virtual—parents and godparents watched videos from FORMED at home, then met up on Zoom to discuss the videos and talk about the gift and graces of baptism.



Bible Study continued to meet Sunday afternoons on Zoom. Throughout the year we took a detour from reflecting on the Sunday readings and did studies on the Book of Revelation, the Book of Job, and the Book of Esther. In September, we returned to the Sunday readings.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) was on hold through most of the pandemic; we returned in May 2021 with Inquiry classes. Catechumens and Candidates watched episodes of The Search on FORMED at home, and we met in person on the last Wednesday of the month. We are nearing the end of the Inquiry period and getting ready to move into the Catechumenate.





Youth at Service

BY LISA POZZI

60 young people from Holy Spirit (Kent), Holy Family (Auburn) and St. Stephen the Martyr (Renton) gathered for a week of service and retreat. They learned about Catholic Social Teaching and had opportunities to serve their parishes and the larger community throughout the week. Here at Holy Spirit our team cleaned and freshened all the classrooms in the Parish Activity Center for the upcoming year of Faith Formation. It was a great week of fellowship, learning and community building!

Along with prayer and cleaning projects in the three parishes, they also learned and/or served at:

- DAWN (Domestic Abuse Women's Network)
- PICC (Pediatric Interim Care Center)
- City of Kent Human Services
- KYFS (Kent Youth and Family Services)
- Auburn Food Bank
- City of Kent Police Dept.
- Norm Maleng Regional Justice Center

Here is what some of our young people had to say about their week:

"I met new people, made friends and learned to help those around me."

-Crystal

"I saw Christ in the people working in the food bank."

-Grace



"I gained new knowledge and grew in my faith."

-Allan

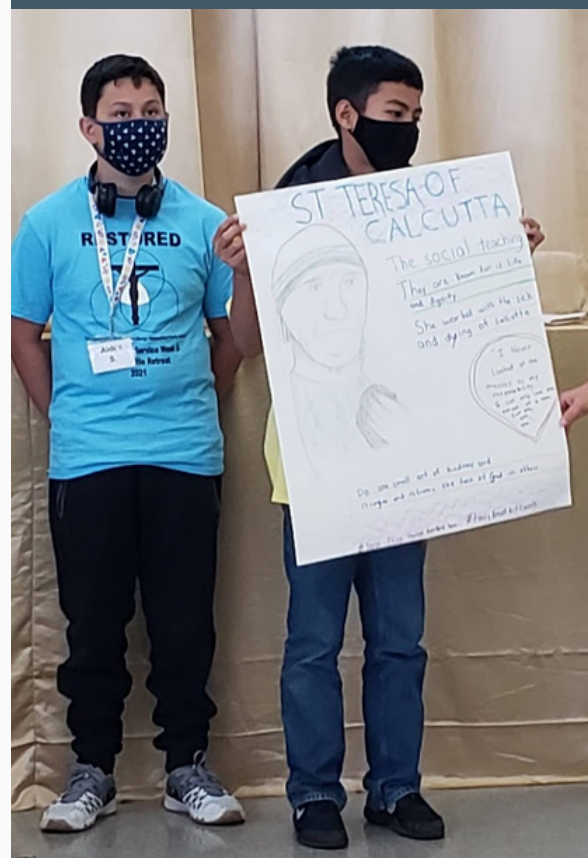
"This experience was good, but tiring."

-James



"If I can help at least one person to have a better life, that already justifies the offering of my life. It is a wonderful thing to be God's faithful people. We achieve fulfillment when we break down walls and our heart is filled with faces and names!"

-POPE FRANCIS, EG 274



Financial Report

Stewardship - Part 1

BY KRISTI VASQUEZ

"We must give as long as we have, for we too have a generous Giver!"

-BRIDGET OF SWEDEN

	Fiscal Year Ending June 30				Diff 20-21 to 19-20
	2020-2021			2019-2020	
	Actual	Budget	Difference	Actual	
REVENUES:					
Stewardship/Collection Revenues	471,036	547,100	(76,064)	738,132	(267,096)
Rebates (ACA/CTSAC)	18,216	20,000	(1,784)	26,852	(8,636)
Educational Receipts	8,520	25,850	(17,330)	27,938	(19,418)
Gifts/Donations	9,810	13,830	(4,020)	28,617	(18,807)
Restricted Revenue*	8,640	-	8,640	18,160	(9,520)
Business Revenue	51,145	63,700	(12,555)	55,461	(4,316)
PPP Loan Forgiveness	79,731	69,000	10,731	10,000	69,731
Other Revenues	-	4,800	(4,800)	11,397	(11,397)
Total Income	647,099	744,280	(97,182)	916,557	(269,459)
EXPENSES:					
Salaries	334,963	380,959	(45,996)	394,590	(59,627)
Benefits	99,020	135,616	(36,596)	130,416	(31,396)
Supplies	53,426	74,899	(21,473)	52,858	568
Program Expenses	8,987	33,465	(24,478)	23,024	(14,037)
Operations and Maintenance	10,786	18,400	(7,614)	71,290	(60,504)
Special Projects*	7,625	-	7,625	1,894	5,731
Contracted Services	50,985	47,300	3,685	47,533	3,452
Business Expenses	3,161	4,800	(1,639)	5,559	(2,398)
Utilities	73,296	75,450	(2,154)	69,770	3,526
Apprec/Socials/Ornaments	776	8,500	(7,724)	9,827	(9,051)
Assessments/Contributions	62,840	61,900	940	62,087	753
Total Expenses	705,864	841,289	(135,425)	868,848	(162,984)
Net Income (Loss)	(58,765)	(97,009)	38,244	47,709	(106,474)
*Funds from 2018 Collection for Parish Projects.					

2019-2020: Stewardship/Donations were slowly increasing July-March when we were unable to celebrate Mass in person due to COVID-19.

We know that COVID has impacted everyone. Unfortunately, our Revenue, and specifically our Stewardship Donations, have been impacted as well. For the fiscal year ending June 2021, our Income was down more than \$250,000 from the prior year.

While we were able to decrease our Expenses, at our fiscal year end June 30, 2021, we still ended up with a Net Loss of \$58,765 compared to Net Income of \$47,709 the prior year.

Thank you to everyone who has continued or increased their Stewardship Donations! If you are in a position to help out, we would appreciate your generosity. Please be on the lookout for the 2022 Stewardship Pledge info coming in late October.



Financial Report

Stewardship - Part2

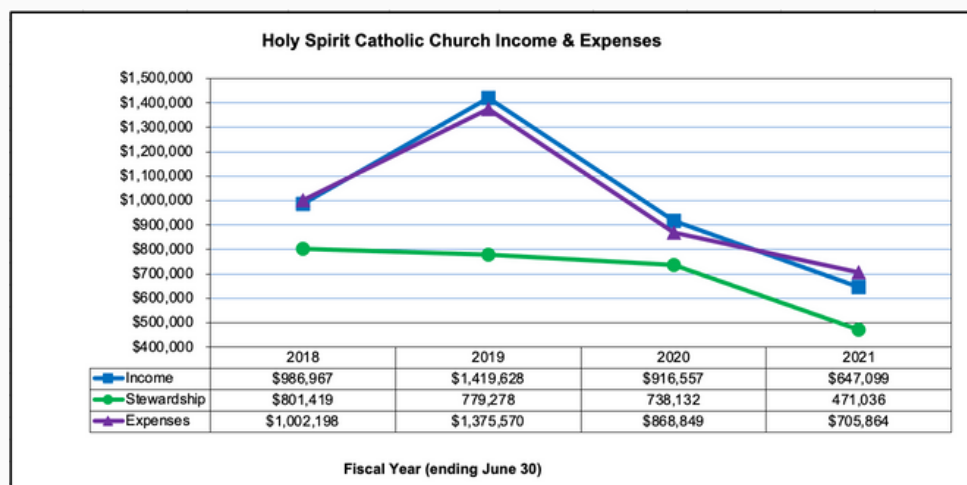
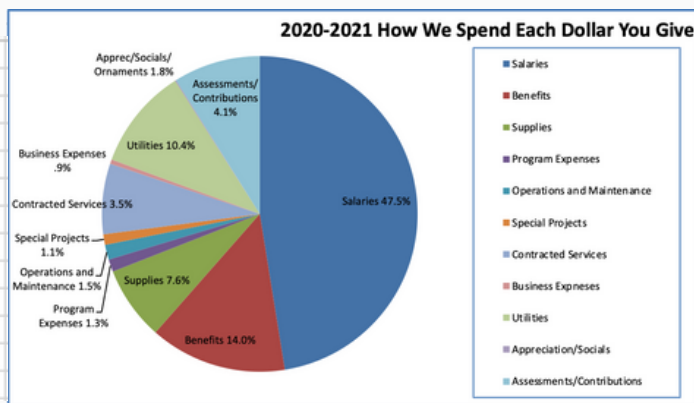
BY FR CARLOS

When I was in seminary, whenever we asked parish priests what the biggest challenge in their ministry was, a common response was: finances and administration! Understandably so since we go into seminary to be pastors, not business managers. Before seminary, I was a senior project manager at a language service agency for six years which gave me some corporate business experience, so I am not coming into this role completely cold-turkey, which is helpful.

Needless to say, as I prepared for my transition from being a parroquial vicar to priest administrator for the first time, I crossed my fingers and prayed "please please let the parish NOT BE IN THE RED!!!"

Well, I am incredibly grateful to how, overall, Holy Sprit Parish is a financially stable community! Part of our Christian duty is being good stewards of our time, talents, and treasure, and we are dedicated to the responsible allocation and transparency of your contributions. Though COVID-19 did have significant effects in our fiscal year, I am confident that we can recover if we all continue our commitment to stewardship. It is a sacrifice worth taking for the sake of our faith family. Thank you!

Salaries	47.5%	334,963
Benefits	14.0%	99,020
Supplies	7.6%	53,426
Program Expenses	1.3%	8,987
Operations and Maintenance	1.5%	10,786
Special Projects	1.1%	7,625
Contracted Services	7.2%	50,985
Business Expenses	0.4%	3,161
Utilities	10.4%	73,296
Appreciation/Socials	0.1%	776
Assessments/Contributions	8.9%	62,840
		705,864



"Charity is at the heart of the Church's social doctrine. Every responsibility and every commitment spelled out by that doctrine is derived from charity."

-POPE BENEDICT XVI





Welcoming Fr. Carlos, and his kids!

A welcome was given after all the Masses, each community showing father their appreciation.



Parishioners learn more about Father's exotic reptile keeping hobby as they receive little plastic reptile souvenirs.

The mariachi choir entertained people after Mass. One of the songs Father requested was "Deja que Salga la Luna" (Let the moon rise).



The woman from the Swahili community greeted Father with a traditional song and dance. Fr. Carlos posted the video on his social media, to which his mom responded: "you need to move your hips more!"

"One thing Jesus asks of me: that I lean on him and only in him I put complete trust. I must not attempt to control God's action."

-ST THERESA OF CALCUTTA

Fr. Juan Carlos Orozco

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH, JULY 2021



"Someday, after mastering the winds, the waves, the tides and gravity, we shall harness for God the energies of love, and then, for the second time in the history of the world, man will have discovered fire."

-PIERRE TEILHARD DE CHARDIN, SJ



Where are we today?

BY FR CARLOS OROZCO

Lots has happened since my arrival. We have added more opportunities for Mass and confession. We successfully completed our Annual Catholic Appeal and have begun work on our online presence.

By now I hope you have all had an opportunity to browse through our new website, seen our new logo, and checked out our new social media pages.

We are still limited in what we can do in terms of in-person activities, but community life is returning in what we can do!

It helps being somewhat "younger" and full of energy, I hope you can all keep up 😊!

There are lots of things I would love to do together, and I am eager, wanting to do it all now... but... I am being patient... well at least trying...

We have now returned to our pre-COVID Mass schedule with Masses in English on Saturdays at 5pm and Sundays at 8:30am and 10:30am, Masses in Spanish on Saturdays at 6:30pm and Sundays at 12:30pm, and in Swahili on Sundays at 2:30pm. The 10.30am and 12.30pm Masses are being live-streamed.

Sacramental prep season is among us, and we are working to provide the best experience possible given the current limitations. Some small groups will be able to meet in person, while others will be meeting in a hybrid model of in-person and online.



Scene from our Knights of Columbus grab-to-go Burger and Corn Feed. Great community turnout!

"The Church serves those in need not because they are Catholic but because we are."

-BISHOP FULTON J. SHEEN





Our parish online presence has gotten a facelift! New:

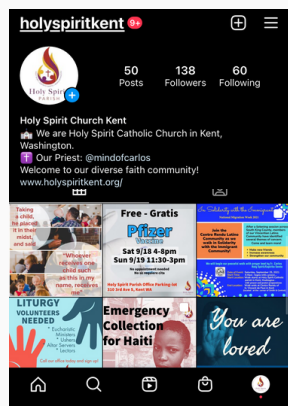
- Logos (see next page)
- Webpage
- Instagram
- YouTube Channel

New Online Presence!

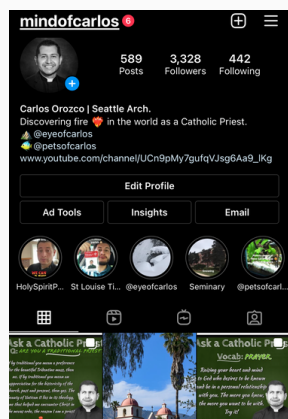
Being a millennial, Fr. Carlos likes to utilize social media for both parish communication and his own evangelization projects. More to come in the future. Check out the parish media pages, as well as his own to learn more and stay up to date.

"Do not be afraid to become citizens of the digital world around us."

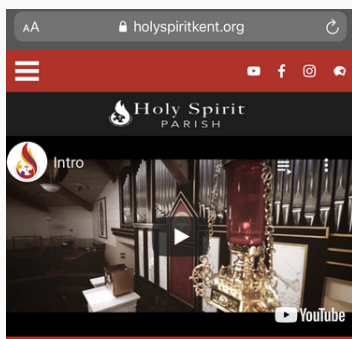
-POPE FRANCIS



Parish Instagram
@holyspiritkent



Fr. Carlos' Instagram
@mindofcarlos



• **WORSHIP WITH US** •

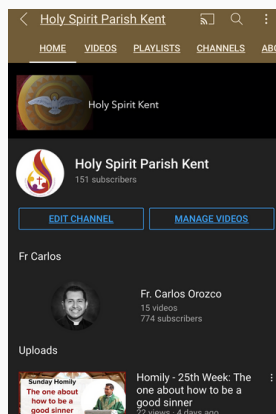
• **RECONCILIATION** •

WED: 6:00 PM to 6:45 PM (St. Anthony's Chapel)

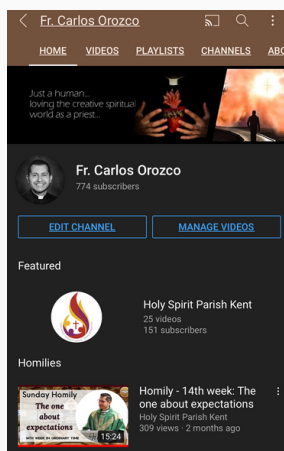
SAT: 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM (Main Church)

During this time of covid, please wear your face masks inside the confessional.

Parish Website
holyspiritkent.org



Parish YouTube



Fr. Carlos' YouTube





New Parish Logos



Holy Spirit Parish Logo

How the new logo came about:

Parish Name: The Holy Spirit is God's unifying love, often depicted in a dove or flame.

Parish Community: Asking parishioners what two words came to their mind when thinking about the parish, two words were common: diversity and community.

Taking these two things, the image that emerged was a flame of different shades where somehow people made part of that flame. A professional illustrator took this concept and put it in graphic form, and there emerged our new Parish logo!

- The three people represent our diversity.
- The flame represents the Holy Spirit.
- The Cross in the middle represents our faith which keeps us together.
- Written in the three languages we celebrate mass in: English, Spanish and Swahili, is our parish name: Holy Spirit.



St. Anthony's Chapel Logo

How the logo came about:

We have such a beautiful chapel and local historical site, yet few people know about it. When thinking about this logo, we wanted it to communicate locality, history, and tradition. Out of that emerged this logo.

Bell Tower: Denotes the traditional architecture of the chapel.

Mount Rainier: Iconic image of the Kent Valley where the chapel is located.

Text: Identifies the chapel as part of Holy Spirit Parish.



As you can see, we have different versions of the new logos. As we slowly transition from the previous logo to the new, you will start seeing a version of the new illustration through the various forms of communication. We are very excited for this new update.



Comunidad Hispana

POR LUPITA MADRID

Comenzamos el 2019 con mucha alegría de haber podido hacer uno de los proyectos más bonitos de nuestra comunidad, celebrar el 12 de diciembre con el nuevo grupo de danza (matachines) formado por los niños de 5-6 años que están en clases en el programa de Catequesis Familiar.

En programa de catequesis familiar tenemos a 160 padres de familia en clases cada semana al mismo tiempo que sus hijos están en preparación para Primera Comunión. En enero 2020 comenzamos con 26 bautismos de niños pequeños de 0-4 años, tenemos 18 quinceañeras listas para celebrar la Misa por sus 15 años.

Nuestro grupo de catequistas termino el curso de certificación catequética impartido por Carlos Carrillo de la Arquidiócesis de Seattle y recibieron su certificación. Un mes después comenzó la pandemia y cerraron las Iglesias se cancelaron todos los programas, solo teníamos la Misa transmitida por las redes sociales los domingos, pero nadie podía entrar a la Parroquia.

Se cancelaron bodas, quinceañeras y otros eventos que estaban en calendario, mas aun continuamos haciendo lo que podíamos dando catequesis por Zoom, y preparando comida para llevar a gente con necesidad. En septiembre 2020 se reabrió la Iglesia aunque con muchas restricciones ¡La mala noticia fue que el Padre Cleveland anuncio su salida de la parroquia una semana después de que abrió! Fue muy fuerte para toda la comunidad. El Obispo Elizondo vino a acompañarnos y ayudarnos a organizar todos los programas para comenzar otra vez con la preparación, y comenzamos por organizar nuevamente la danza el Rosario y apariciones para la celebración de la santísima Virgen de Guadalupe para diciembre.

En febrero comenzamos con las clases matrimoniales con 8 parejas con todas las restricciones y cumpliendo con el protocolo logramos dar clases presenciales con un grupo pequeño. Regularmente teníamos de 25 a 28 parejas esta vez solo 8. En mayo agrego la Misa en español a las 6:30pm. ya vamos adelanté con más fuerza y con mucha alegría pues ya teníamos cuatro Misas el fin de semana, también nos dio la noticia de que ya tenían un sacerdote designado para la parroquia el Padre Carlos Orozco y recuerdo que estaba muy feliz cuando nos dio la noticia y dijo van a estar muy bien con él.

En Junio comenzamos los preparativos para despedir al Obispo y recibir al Padre Carlos. Estamos todos muy emocionados a descubrir a donde no guía Dios.



"La oración es la cumbre del desarrollo humano. El hombre no vale por lo que tiene, sino por lo que es."

-MSGR. OSCAR ROMERO



Soñemos

POR PADRE CARLOS OROZCO

Estimada comunidad de Espíritu Santo,

Que alegría poder ya cumplir cuatro meses con ustedes. Desde el primer día que llegue me senti muy querido y acogido. Se que como comunidad, nos ayuda cecer en la fe cuando podemos orar en nuestro contexto catolico-hispano, y se que tener un sacerdote latino-americano es algo que muchos anhelan.

Hemos hecho mucho desde que llegue: agregar misas en español, un nuevo grupo de jóvenes adultos, ministerio de monaguillos, nuevo logotipo para la parroquia, nuevo sitio web y ahora estamos más activos en las redes sociales.

Como su parroco, mi prioridad es darles las oportunidades de que crezcan en su fe y sentido de iglesia, y por lo tanto, parte de mis prioridades es ayudar a que todas las tres comunidades de la parroquia (anglos, hispanos, y swahilis) podamos sentirnos como lo que somos, un solo cuerpo expresando una sola fe de distintas formas. Hay mucho que apreciar y aprender del uno al otro. Igual, anhelo convertirnos en una comunid misionera, que de muchos frutos en el mundo y tambien que de aquí salgan muchas vocaciones al matrimonio, vida religiosa, y sacerdocio.

Hay mucho por venir: movimientos eclesiales, eventos, celebraciones, oportunidades de servicio... Sé que COVID-19 a limitado las cosas, pero con el tiempo, esto solo nos moverá a ser mas fuertes. En las finanzas, como todos, fue un año difícl para la parroquia también. Cuento con ustedes para que todos pongamos de nuestra parte y nos podamos recuperar pronto.

Gracias por aceptarme, soñemos juntos en todas las cosas que son posibles poniendo a Dios primero en nuestras vidas, familias, y comunidad.



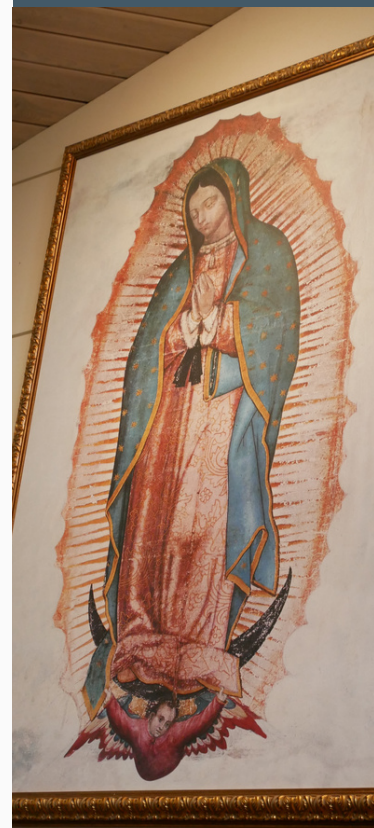
Aceptación y presentación de alba para nuevos monaguillos durante la misa



Reunion de nuevo grupo de jovnes adultos

*"¡No entierron los talentos!
¡No tengan miedo de soñar cosas grandes!"*

-PAPA FRANCISCO





Asante

Wapedwa wa Jumuiya ya Waswahili,

kabla ninje katika porokia ya Roho mtakatifu, waliniuliza, “ungependa kuhudumu kwenye Palokia yaaina gani?” Nami nikajibu, “Yenye ina jamii ya watu wa mataifa tofauti.

Na Kwa furaha yangu kubwa, nilitumwa hapa, kwa parokia ambapo tunasherehekea misa kwa lugha tatu.

Asante kwa kunikubali nyumbani kwenu.
Hii ni nyumba yenu, parokia yetu.



Jua kuwa niko hapa kuwahudumia, na ninataka kufanya kila niwezalo kuwasaidia kuomba na kumwabudu Mungu kwa njia ambayo ina maana kwa tamaduni zenu.

Mtakuwa mmeona kuwa nembo yetu sasa ina jina la parokia kwa Kiswahili ndani yake. Tunafanya kazi pia kuwa na sehemu ya wavuti iliyojitolea kwenu na shughuli zake pia.

Najua kuna mikusanyiko mingi na vitu tunatarajia kuwa na sherehekea mara COVID itakapodhibitiwa. Ninaomba tu uvumilivu wenu, lakini sisi tutafanya kile tuwezacho na kile tulicho nacho.

Natarajia kujifunsa jinsi ya kutoa masi kwa lugha ya Kiswahili, na pia kujifunza juu ya chakula chenu (napenda Samosa, japo kuwa, jisikieni huru kuacha kila mpitao!), Na jinsi unavyopata uzoefu wa Mungu.

Baraka,
Fr. Carlos



*"Kila jambo
na makati
wake"*





*"The future
belongs to those
who give the next
generations
reasons for
hope."*

-PIERRE TEILHARD DE
CHARDIN

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

In my first homily, I asked that you not hold any expectations, however, I did invite us all to DREAM!

To dream is to allow ourselves to be open to possibility and be willing to be a part of what is to come. I hope to over time put together a pastoral council and together discern the direction the Spirit is leading us.

I dream of a parish community that continues to see each other as one Church despite celebrating Mass in three different languages, where every language and cultural group feels a part of the whole community. There is so much richness in the various expressions of faith within our parish, and it offers us a unique opportunity to learn from each other that not all parishes have. I look forward to those big multilingual liturgies. I have already witnessed people venturing out to Masses not of their cultural or language tradition just to experience the universality of the Church, which speaks volumes to who we are - a place where anyone can feel welcomed.

I dream of a missionary parish, where the sacraments are not the goal of our coming to Church, rather, they are the means by which we are Church in the world. We are already reaching out through our community meals and seasonal opportunities, and there is so much more we can do. I dream of a community that gives the world people eager to love the world like Christ, where our young people can discover their call to a life of service, including vocations to the priesthood and religious life. I dream of being a place where we can have speakers, retreats, events to grow in faith, that is: knowledge and trust in God. I dream of a parish where all the masses are full, where people who might not yet see this parish as a home, or who have not returned to our parish for whatever the reason, might feel the call to come back and be part of a parish family. I dream of a parish where we don't have to beg for volunteers, and people feel motivated to participate, to take initiative on new projects and ministries (😊 wink).

I feel at liberty to dream big because of who we already are. I am slowly getting to know more about this community, both the good, and the areas for growth. Let's always pray for each other, encourage one another, support one another.

When it is time share our time, talent and treasure, let's all do our part to meet all our financial needs and goals in a timely manner so we can focus on what those gifts are meant to do: build the Kingdom of God on earth.

Thank you, gracias, asante,
and let's keep discovering fire.

Fr. Carlos
& Holy Spirit Staff





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