

Meet Your Parish



Holy Trinity's Parishioner in the Spotlight

With great enthusiasm we present Estela Lopez, Holy Trinity Parish's outreach coordinator for Hispanic Ministry.

Estela would love to hear from you if you could be a volunteer tutor for English or possible child care to support this ministry.

Get to know Estela—read on and learn all about her!

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We caught up with Estela on a Friday during her office hours in the Parish and learned a little about her role in personalizing the efforts of our Parish to reach out to our Hispanic faith community and to the broader Hispanic community.

In her very hectic office time, and between a steady stream of visitors, Estela described how she aids people seeking her help with everything from translations to filling out the never ending and often baffling forms, be they for driver's licenses, taxes, identification documents, community ser-



—everything a newbie to English rightfully would dread. A coup for Estela was locating a friendly and bi-lingual man at the Driver's License Office who can conduct the exam orally and make it less intimidating.

Estela also reaches out on behalf of people requesting her help with community resources, such as the YWCA, assisting people in getting help with life skills and living resources.

A key project is encouraging Olympic College to service the Guatemalan community with an English as a Second Language course. The Guatemalan language is a unique dialect which differs markedly from Spanish and is therefore underserved.

Estela would love to hear from you if you could be a volunteer tutor for English proficiencies. Or, perhaps you could volunteer to provide child care that enables a tutor or their student to participate in a lesson. hispano@holytrinitymail.org

Word-of-mouth is an important way that people become aware of Estela's many services to the Hispanic community at Holy Trinity. Someone you know might like to learn of her services.

Take a look at the Hispanic Ministry's page on the Holy Trinity Parish web-site:

<http://www.htcbremerton.org/ministries/el-ministerio-hispanico>

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