

December 8, 2019

Stewardship Message

“Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.” (Matthew 3:10) Do you bear good fruit for Christ? Or, do you spend your time, talent, and treasure constantly acquiring more toys, clutter, and junk. Our time, our talent, and our treasure are gifts that God has given us. What we do with them is our gift back to God. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

Every day-Every way Stewards

That we realize that what we do with the gifts God has given us is our gift back to God.

Collection for December 1, 2019

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| Sunday Offerings | \$15,654.01 |
| Building Fund Weekly Collection | \$2,332.50 |
| Children’s Offerings | \$712.34 |
| School Donation | \$323.00 |



Prayers: For our Armed Forces at home and overseas including **Christian Fraga, Steven Hahn, Ramon Vargas, Ian Dimmick, John Hylden, Christy Hylden, Andrew Jacobsen, Alexander Araujo, Tyson Kaas, Lt. Col. Lowell Howard, Jr., Christian Shink, Juan Borrego, Estrella Gomez, and Erick Miller.**



For our sick including **Drew Schreiber, Rob Jasso, Sr. Robert Joseph, Elaine Himes, Vivian Whitman, Shirley Foster, Lois and Rick Rutherford, Fr. Lawrence Reilly, Gil Gloria, Silvia Rodriguez, Jan Billings, Kathleen Barone, Pat Ray, Monica Moore, Lourdes Nelson, John Walker, Jessica Floeter, Billy Sickles, Christina Dimmick, Nestor Barba, Elizabeth Torres, Rory Valdes, Rosa Nicacio, Eva Bratton, Kim Davis, Francisco Alvarado, Kathy Ramirez, Donna Whitehead, Jan McCallister, Alberto Carranza, Danika Whitsett, Bill Roe, John Curran, Emily Larson, Fr. Tom Long, Bob and Mary Ross, Jerry Mikkelsen, Kelly Freeman, Arlene Callahan, Mary Houston, Mrs. Ralph Smith, June Bullert** and all parishioners experiencing health problems and for those from our community who have passed away recently especially **Sylvia Garcia Hinojos**, mother of Mona Martinez. Be sure to call when your ill family member gets better, so we can make room for someone else on the list of prayers for the sick.

Eucharistic Adoration:

Jesus is waiting. Could you please help with Adoration during the times listed below?

Monday: 1am, 9am; Thursday: 12 midnight; Friday: 1am; Saturday: 1am, 12 noon, 2pm; Sunday: 7pm, 11pm Underlined hours= no adorers

Call Carol, 582-5011, to volunteer for an hour or hable a Leticia Martinez, 396-4033 si desea ayudar con una hora.

For 2,000 years, the Church has been the cradle in which Mary places Jesus and entrusts Him to the adoration and contemplation of all peoples. May the humility of the Bride cause to shine forth still more brightly the glory and power of the Eucharist, which she celebrates and treasures in her heart. In the sign of the consecrated Bread and Wine, Christ Jesus, risen and glorified, the light of the nations, reveals the enduring reality of His Incarnation. He remains living and real in our midst in order to nourish the faithful with His Body and Blood. Pope St. John Paul II



The Adoration Chapel is open to all 24/7. Please visit Our Lord any time you would like.

Second Sunday of Advent

Welcome to our Parish Community!

If you are new to St. Joseph, we welcome you – whether you have come here from another part of the country, from across the world, or simply from another parish. You have helped us celebrate the liturgy in a beautiful way. If you would like to become part of our Catholic community, fill out a registration form available in the foyer of the Big Church or call the Parish Office, 586-3820, or just stop by the Office. Welcome!

REGULAR EVENTS AT OUR PARISH

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| Morning Prayer | Liturgy of the Hours, Monday-Friday, SC | 6:00 am |
| Morning Rosary | Monday—Saturday, SC | 8:00 am |
| Middle School Youth Grp. | Monday ANX #811 | 6:00 pm |
| K of C business meeting | Second Tuesdays, Annex #805 | 7:00 pm |
| Pro-Life Rosary Tuesdays Planned Parenthood Building | | 9:20 am |
| PREPARES Play & Learn Tuesdays, 10am (Sp.) ANX #807 (Eng.) | | 1:30 pm |
| Marian Devotion | Rosary/Confession/Mass Tuesday, BC | 6:30 pm |
| PREPARES Support Grp. | Wednesday, Annex #807 | 3:30 pm |
| Small Church Community | Wednesdays, Conf. Rm | 9:30 am |
| First Fridays | Mass and Benediction, SC | 7:00 pm |
| Catholic Daughters | Second Saturday, Meeting room B | 9:00 am |
| Discalced Carmelite Seculars- | Third Saturdays, ANX 803 | 9:00 am |
| Jr. Catholic Daughters | Fourth Saturdays, Mothers’ Room, SC | 9:20 am |

BC– Big Church SC– Small Church

St. Joseph Catholic Church, Kennewick
Also check out our updated website
www.stjoseph-kennewick.org



Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

December 9-15

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| Monday | 6:30 am (RIP) Elaine Loftus 8:30 am (RIP) Marcelino & Elvira 6:30 pm (RIP) Angelina Madrigal |
| Tuesday | 6:30 am (RIP) Esther McClendon 8:30 am (Health) Paul Martinez 6:30 pm (RIP) Angelina Madrigal |
| Wednesday | 6:30 am (Birthday) Alice Marie Chuang 8:30 am Poor Widows & Orphans 11:00pm (RIP) Angelina Madrigal |
| Thursday | 6:30 am (Birthday) Marisela Valencia 8:30 am (RIP) Lysiak Souls in Purgatory 7:00 pm (RIP) Raul Beltran |
| Friday | 6:30 am (RIP) Cathy Kastholm 8:30 am (RIP) Lysiak Souls in Purgatory |
| Saturday | 8:30 am Stephanie Packwood Family 5:30 pm (RIP) Julie Turner 7:30 pm St Joseph Parish |
| Sunday | 7:00 am St Joseph Parish 9:00 am 11:00am 1:00 pm 7:00 pm (RIP) Gregory Burrell |

Contact the Parish Office to request a Mass for a special intention or the repose of a soul or in honor of someone’s birthday, feast day, anniversary, or in memory of the day someone died.

The suggested donation is \$10.00.

All Masses are available for intentions.

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Save the Date

April 18, 2020

Alumni, Friends and Family

Enjoy a School Tour, Social Hour
Barbecue Beef Dinner,
Program Celebrating Catholic Education,
Honored Guests, and Music.
To Benefit St. Joseph's Endowment Fund

Visit us at www.sjske.org and like us on Facebook!

GIVING TREE UPDATE

Thank you to all who came up to participate in this year's Giving Tree.



There are still STARS and GIVING TREE FUND envelopes available for your gifts to help all year.

We also have many ANGEL tags still on the tree. Without your kind-hearted generosity these young people may not have a Christmas. Please consider coming up and picking one of the remaining ANGEL tags.



Several ANGEL tags were taken last week but NOT signed for. If you have one of these tags PLEASE come and sign it out at the table.

Remember the dates to bring your gifts to us are Thursday, Dec. 12th and Friday, Dec. 13th between 4:00 and 6:30pm.

Thank you



Parish Food/Personal Hygiene Drive

It's that time of the year when we are reminded to thank the Lord for the blessings we have received and given an opportunity to share what we have with our community. Please help us help others by donating non-perishable foods and personal hygiene items. Drop them off at the entrance of the Big Church now through December 15.

Christmas Eve Mass

Schedule

Tuesday, December 24
(no morning Masses)
4:00 pm Children's Mass
6:00 pm (*no 7 pm Mass*) and 12:00 midnight
Mass in Spanish 8:00 pm



Christmas Day Mass

Wednesday, December 25
(no morning Masses)
9:00 am English
11:00 am Spanish
All Masses in the Big Church



Advent Penance Service

Christ the King

Tuesday, December 10 7:00 pm

Holy Spirit

Monday, December 16 7:00 pm

St. Frances Cabrini - Benton City -

Thursday, December 19 7:00 pm

Be reconciled! Come to Confession!

Advent Reflections

Christ comes in History, Mystery and Majesty. Join Fr. Riccardo for reflection on the Advent Sunday Scriptures, Wednesday – Friday, December 11, 12 and 13 from 9:30 am -10:30 am in Meeting Room A of the Parish Office. Bring your Bibles, notebooks and pens.



Women of St Joseph



WSJ final meeting of the year is Wednesday, December 11, at 6:30 pm in the meeting room (second floor) of the Parish Office. There will be a very short business meeting and election of officers.

The Immaculate Conception

Monday, December 9 we celebrate:

The Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary.

Originating in the 7th c. feast of the "Conception of Mary by St. Anne," Pope Clement XI, in his Bull, Commissi Nobis, established this Solemnity for the entire Church in 1708; patroness of the United States of America, Spain, Tanzania, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.



Mass at 6:30, 8:30am English

6:00 pm bilingual all Masses in big Church



Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena

Join us for the festivities in Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe! **Rosary in the Big Church:** December 3-5 at 6:30 pm; December 6 at 5:30 pm, 7 at 5:00 pm, 8 at 8:30 am, 9 at 5:30 pm, 10 at 6:30 pm, 11 at 7:30 pm followed by an all night Vigil in Dillon Hall.

Come enjoy delicious food at a reasonable price during the **Guadalupe Banquet Sunday, December 8 at 3:00 pm** in Dillon Hall. Delicious pozole, tacos, tamales, hot dogs, fresh fruit water, soda, desserts and entertainment. See you there!!

Christmas Concert

Come and enjoy the talent of our St Joseph Parish Choirs at the Christmas Concert. On Friday, December 20 at 6:00 pm in the small Church.



Christmas Parish Office Hours

Parish office closed
December 24, 25, 31 & January 1
Closing at 12:00 noon December 26, 27, 30



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



Christmas Trees

Get a beautiful Noble Fir for Christmas from the St. Joseph Knights of Columbus. We will sell fresh Christmas trees in the parking lot from Sunday, December 1, until we sell out.

The lot will be open Saturdays and Sundays from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm and on weekdays from 3:00-7:00 pm.

Free Throw Competition

The Knights Of Columbus invite all boys and girls ages 9-14 to join them for the Free Throw Competition Saturday, December 14, at 9:00 am in the PAC.



Christmas Posadas

Join us for the Novena of Posadas starting Monday, December 16, at 6:30 pm in Dillon Hall. Join Joseph and Mary as they ask for a place to spend the night and await the birth of baby Jesus.

Enjoy some sweet bread, hot chocolate, coffee, pinatas and fellowship.

Would you like to donate a pinata with candies or goodie bags for the children, please sign up at the Parish office or if you have any questions call us 586-3820.

Meditation

"Whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope." Romans 15:4

Long ago, the prophet Isaiah spoke of a time when the world would live in harmony, the whole earth filled with the knowledge of God. Reading that prophecy today, we may wonder when this time will come – or if it perhaps has come already, in a spiritual sense, with the coming of Christ. Sometimes, the meaning of prophecies can be hard to discern, but as St. Paul says, these words are written to encourage us and give us the endurance to await the coming of the Lord with faith and hope.

In the Gospel reading, the great prophet John the Baptist calls out: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" He also speaks of the coming of Christ, the One Who would baptize with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Soon after this prophecy was spoken, it came true, with the appearance of Jesus, the Lamb of God, in the desert. Yet still we wait, in this time that is sometimes called the "already and not yet," for the Second Coming of the Lord in glory and the fulfillment of all prophecy.

God sent John to proclaim the coming of the Lord, while He Himself prepared the way, creating a sinless Virgin to bear His Only Begotten Son. Our Lord, Who came to us by this obscure way, as a little child, still speaks to us through the most unlikely people. In recent times, He has sent His own Mother to speak to innocent shepherd children in Fatima; an asthmatic girl in France; an Aztec convert in Mexico – always bringing messages to encourage us to prepare for His return.

In this season of Advent, as we celebrate the gift of our Blessed Mother with the Feasts of the Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of Guadalupe, two titles that honor Our Lady's appearances to God's children, let us listen for His voice. Jesus calls to us, warning and encouraging us in the prophecies of Scripture and in the promises given to the Church even now. The time is near. Be ready!



Father-Daughter Ball

Fathers, you are cordially invited to St Joseph's Father-Daughter Ball

Winter Wonderland

Saturday, January 4, 2020, in Dillon Hall from 6:00-9:00 pm. Enjoy refreshments, snacks, DJ Music, crafts and prizes.

Memory photos available for purchase.

Tickets are on sale for \$20.00 after

Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses or at the Parish Office.

We are looking for volunteers and donations.

For more information or to sign up to volunteer or donate, please call Iracema Zamora at 509 551-1716.



Annual Leavenworth Trip

Join us on the Christmas Tree Lighting Bus for a full day trip to the Bavarian Village town of Leavenworth, Washington, for its annual Christmas Tree Lighting Festival.

Departure 7:30 am, approximate return time 10:00 pm

Price: \$37.00 ages 2-12 years

\$47.00 ages 13 years and up

All minors must be accompanied by a parent.

Last day to register is Monday, December 9, or until full.

Reserve your seat by paying in full at the Parish Office, 586-3820



Catholic Charities

Extend the love of Christ to your neighbors by contributing to the 2019 Christmas Collection for Catholic Charities. As the social service arm of the Church, Catholic Charities brings hope to life by embracing people, strengthening families, and empowering them to thrive. Please help us serve others by giving generously on Christmas Day and Christmas Eve. To learn more about Catholic Charities' network of services, visit www.catholiccharitiescw.org.

Prepares: Pregnancy & Parenting Support Services



Catholic Charities serving Central Washington provides Pregnancy and Parenting Support Services focused on serving families with children up to the age of five. Through our programs, we foster healthy caregiver-child relationships and potential for future family success.

KALEIDOSCOPE PLAY & LEARN– A weekly, 90-minute facilitated group for children up to the age of five and their parents and/or caregivers. For more information, contact Laura Dow, 509-946-4645.

Spanish sessions: 10:00-11:30 am Tuesday at the St Joseph Family Center, 807 W. Vineyard Drive, Kennewick and 10:00-11:30 am Wednesdays at the Bishop Topel Haven Apartments in Pasco.

English session: 1:30 –3:00 pm Tuesdays at St. Joseph Family Center, 807 W. Vineyard Drive, Kennewick