

Stewardship Message

“As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they pressed into service to carry His cross.” Matthew 27:32

The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbor. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbor and help him “carry his cross.” These opportunities aren’t usually big events. They may be ordinary occurrences such as helping people carry their groceries or holding doors open for them. The key is putting another person’s needs before our own and not expecting anything in return.

Collection for March 26, 2023

Sunday Offerings	\$20,743.53
Building Fund	\$817.00
School Donations	\$1,150.40



Prayers: For our Armed Forces at home and overseas including **Christian Fraga, Steven Hahn, Ramon Vargas, Ian Dimmick, Christy Hylden, Andrew Jacobsen, Alexander Araujo, Tyson Kaas, Christian Shink, Juan Borrego, Estrella Gomez, Erick Miller, Eric Sheldon, and Justin Dennis Byerly.**

For our sick including **Drew Schreiber, Gil Gloria, Elaine Himes, Lois and Rick Rutherford, Jan Billings, Rory Valdes, Father Lawrence Reilly, Silvia Rodriguez, Kathleen Barone, Monica Moore, Lourdes Nelson, Jessica Floeter, Billy Sickles, Nestor Barba, Elizabeth Torres, Eva Bratton, Kim Davis, Kathy Ramirez, Bill Roe, Donna Whitehead, John Curran, Bob and Mary Ross, Alberto Carranza, Danika Whitsett, Fr. Tom Long, Jerry Mikkelsen, Kelly Freeman, Gus Perez, Jim Nicacio, Arlene Callahan, Dominic Nicacio, Luca Nicacio, Phyllis Pelletier, Nancy Park, Marlene Madrigal, Sherri McKie, Hugo Garcia, Vanessa Nicacio, Carol Smith, Pat Leskovar, Tony Wise, Patty Brown, Armando Rodriguez, Jose Del Angel, Zara Husan, Raquel Cardoza, Samuel Quintanilla, Pat McKie Szacik, Christy Leskovar, Carmen Nava, Mike Draper, Peter Braun, Tracy Slater, Yolanda Quintero, Kimberly Hansen, Hazel Meister, Ernie Skwierczynski, Kendra Skwierczynski, Koltan Hansford, Jeannine Soehnlein, Debbie Lord, Joanne,** and all parishioners with health problems and for those from our community who have passed away recently especially **Maria Escobar and Geraldine Gegen.** Please call when your ill family member gets better, so we can make room for others on the list of prayers for the sick.

Sacrament Reception Dates 2023

OCIA (Adults) and RCIC (Children)
Easter Vigil the elect for baptism, Saturday, April 8 • 8:00 pm

OCIA (Adult) candidates for full Communion, Divine Mercy
Sunday, April 16 9:00 am (Eng)

Confirmation Year Two (MS/HS): Saturday, April 15 • 5:30 pm (Eng)

Confirmation Year Two (MS/ HS): Saturday, April 15 • 7:00 pm (Sp)

First Communion for MS-HS students :Saturday, April 15• 10 am (Sp)

First Communion for Children: Saturday, April 29 • 10:00 am (Sp)

First Communion for Children: Sunday, April 30 • 11:00am (Eng)

Lord, we pray for those who journey to You. Strengthen their faith. Open their hearts to the fullness of Your Love. Deepen their understanding. Set their hearts afire for the Kingdom. We ask this through Jesus, Who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life for all. Amen.

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, please fill out a registration form available on our website. Welcome!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



April

Monday April 3rd

6:30 am
Katie & Dave Haggard (Healing)
8:30 am
Anne Flynn (B-day)

Saturday April 8th

8:00 pm - Easter Vigil
No intentions for this Mass

Sunday April 9th

9:00 am
No intentions for this Mass
11:00 am
No intentions for this Mass
1:00 pm
No intentions for this Mass

Tuesday April 4th

6:30 am
Suzie Murphy (Intention)
8:30 am
† Dick Boucher

Wednesday April 5th

6:30 am
Jane Wild (Intention)
8:30 am
† Ruth Tucker

Thursday April 6th

6:00 pm - Holy Mass
No intentions for this Mass
8:00 pm
No intentions for this Mass

ADORATION CHAPEL

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Openings:

MON. midnight (after 11 pm hour Sunday)
MON: 2 am, Tue. 2 am,
Wed. 2 pm, Thu. 3 pm
FRI: 10 am
SAT: 1 am

The Adoration Chapel is open to visitors.

Please call: Carol, 582-5011, or, en español, Delmi, 509-528-8896, to obtain a personal code for entry.

“We see many injustices in the world, but the first injustice – the primary injustice – is that God is no longer adored. God is no longer first.” (Fr. Marie-Dominique Philippe, OP)

Yard Sale

Donations are now welcomed for the next Yard Sale that is scheduled for **April 28-29.** We will have set up on Sunday, April 23. ****Remember, all volunteer hours can be filled by working the yard sale****



A NOTE FROM SERRA CLUB OF TRI CITIES
 "Blessed are they who come in the Name of the Lord!" Are you being called to proclaim Jesus as a **priest, deacon, religious brother or sister?**

Today is Palm Sunday, the start of Holy Week. Please pray intentionally for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life during this week.



SUNDAY LITURGY REFLECTION
 BY FR. RICCARDO KEOLKER

Wednesday in-person or live on Facebook at 2 pm during Lent in the Parish Office, second floor rooms A and B.

Traveling Vocations Crucifixes

Courtesy of the Serra Club of the Tri Cities, St Joseph Parish has two Traveling Vocations Crucifixes—one at the 9:00 am Mass and one at the 1:00 pm Mass. Sign up to take a crucifix (box includes the crucifix, rosary, and prayer cards) home for one week and pray for vocations—all vocations, but especially vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate, and Vowed Religious Life. We pray that more young men and women will hear God's call and say yes. Remember, without priests, we would not have the Holy Eucharist or other sacraments!

4/02 Debbie Rucker
 4/09 Itzel Pavlin
 4/16 Debonoure & Stephanie Valdez

With questions or to sign up, contact Celine Petersen, 509-582-8738, or Irma Valdivia, 509-366-4422

Schedule of Masses for Holy Week

Monday 6:30am and 8:30am
 Tuesday 6:30am and 8:30am
 Wednesday 6:30am and 8:30am

Holy Thursday
 April 6, 2023 ---Big Church -No morning Masses
 Mass of the Lord's Supper
 English 6:00 pm
 Spanish 8:00 pm

Good Friday
 April 7, 2023—Big Church -No morning Masses
 Stations of the Cross— Bilingual —3:00 pm
 We will meet outside the PAC.
 Good Friday Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
 English 6:00 pm
 Spanish 8:00 pm

Holy Saturday
 April 8, 2023—Big Church- No Morning Masses
 Easter Basket Blessing at 1:00 pm in the Big Church
 No confessions
 Easter Vigil (Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord)
 Bilingual 8:00 pm

Sunday (Easter)
 April 9, 2023— Big Church
 English 9:00 and 11:00 am
 Spanish 1:00 pm
 No evening Masses

Sunday of Divine Mercy
 April 16, 2023— Big Church
 English 9:00 am, 11:00 am and 5:30 pm Masses
 Spanish 3:00 pm— Big Church —Devoción a la Divina Misericordia
 English 3:00 pm—Small Church —Divine Mercy Devotion
 Spanish 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm Masses

Lenten Soup Nights 2023

Our soup nights have come to an end for this year. We are very grateful to all the ministries and individuals who provided soups this year. Special thanks to all the Confirmation students & youth group team who helped with setting up, serving, and cleaning for the six soup nights.

All the proceeds will be divided up between the following charities:
 Prepares, St. Vincent De Paul, Giving Tree Fund, and the Mother Theresa Meal Ministry.

~Debbie & Nancy

February 23
 English: Women of St. Joseph (Mujeres de San José)
 Spanish: Lectors & Catechists (Catequistas y Lectores)
 Total Collected: \$101



March 2
 English: Knights of Columbus (Caballeros de Colon)
 Spanish: Guadalupanas y Cursillo
 Total Collected: \$136

March 9
 English: School (Escuela San José)
 Spanish: Altar Servers (Monaguillos)
 Total Collected: \$179.88

March 16
 English: RCIA
 Spanish: EMHC & Ushers (Ministros Extraordinarios de la comunión / Ujieres)
 Total Collected: \$193.72

March 23
 English: Filipino-American Association (Grupo de Filipinos), Youth Group Core Team
 Total Collected: \$209.18

March 30
 English: Boy Scouts / Serra Club
 Spanish: RICA & Arcoiris

The Fil-Am Community is planning an all-parish Easter Potluck on: Sunday, April 9 following the 11:00 am Mass in the PAC (Gym)



Fellowship | Delicious Food | Entertainment | Games | Egg Hunt

We will be taking donations for eggs and candy. Please consider donating a bag or two of individually-wrapped candy and/or eggs for the Egg Hunt. You can drop off your donations at the Parish Office during office hours. Thank you for your generosity.



MOTHER TERESA MEAL MINISTRY

Delivering lunches twice a month for the Union Gospel Mission



3rd Tues— April 18, 2023 at 9:15 am
1st Sun— May 7, 2023 at 10:15 am (or right after the 9 am Sunday Mass)

To see a list of donations needed or to volunteer to help, please contact Angele St. Hilaire through the parish links by visiting: www.stjoseph-kennewick.org/

Religious Education 2023– 2024
Ongoing Formation and Sacrament Prep
Registrations will be
May 1 through June 30
at the Parish Office with the
Religious Ed Coordinators.

**Steubenville NW
Youth Conference**
July 14-16, 2023
Spokane, WA



Initial deposit payment \$50 (before April 8) | More information will be available soon.

Incoming freshmen, the Class of 2027, through outgoing seniors, the Class of 2023, are invited to join St. Joseph Youth Ministry for the annual Steubenville Conference! Steubenville is a conference held annually in Spokane, WA.

Thousands of teens come together to be renewed through prayer, praise and worship, speakers, and entertainment.

This is a popular event in Youth Ministry and spaces fill up quickly. Scan the QR code to sign up.



St. Joseph Youth Group

Date: March 31 (Friday)
Grade: 8-12
Time: 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Place: PAC (Gym)

Contact us:

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nancy.stjoseph@gmail.com
☎ 509-586-3820 Ext 101
📱 509-302-3244 (text/call)
Find us on Facebook & Instagram



**The Parish Office will be closed
the day after Easter – on
Monday, April 10th**

RAFFLE FOR THE CARMELITE SISTERS

We would like to thank everyone who participated in this raffle one way or another. We raised over \$10,000.00 from the sale of the raffle tickets. Thank you again for your generosity. The winning tickets were drawn on January 14, 2023, at St. Patrick conference room. Below are the winners. *Winners!**

First Prize: One week stay at Stoneridge Resort in ID
Winner: JAIME LOPEZ

Second Prize: Four day stay at a vacation house at Metaline Falls plus \$200.00 cash
Winner: KENT PORTER

Third Prize: One year entertainment subscription (HBO, Netflix, etc.)
Winner: TYLER HOLLOWAY

Cor Christi Camp Church

Registration is OPEN for our Fourth Annual Catholic Youth Camp! The camp will be June 18 – 23 at Lazy F Camp in Ellensburg for students entering grade 5 through 2023 high school grads. Register NOW or sponsor a camper at corchristi.net/camp "Like" CorChristiCamp on FB! Faith-filled, engaging counselors and arts/crafts directors, please apply on our website. This is a quality weeklong summer camp for your kids or grandkids, including daily Mass and Rosary, Adoration, Reconciliation, priests and sisters, daily faith talks PLUS all the goofy songs and games, gaga ball, water fun, wall climbing, zip line, campfire every night! We will fill up fast, so get your campers registered ASAP. This year's theme: As It Is In Heaven! Questions? Contact camp@corchristi.net. See you at camp!

Scan the QR code for Mass intentions, request online, or visit the parish website to access the page.



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Website ♦ Bulletin ♦ Donation Page
Formed.org ♦ YouTube ♦ Flocknote
♦ Register ♦
♦ Fr. Riccardo's PPPs & Outline

Help needed on
Saturday,
April 1 @



9:15 am to
replace the
Missalettes in the Big
and Small Churches.

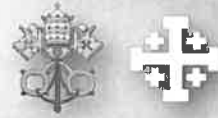
The new Missalettes
will take us from Holy
Week until Pentecost
Sunday.

Taking care of our Parish

Please remember, if you are the last one to leave, turn off the lights and make sure the doors are locked before you go. We need your help to keep our parish facilities safe and secure.

Coordinators, please remember to call the Parish Office to check availability and to reserve a room prior to meeting with your groups. Thank you in advance for your help.





PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Como escanear el código
para donar a la Colecta
del Viernes Santo

How to scan the QR Code to
donate to a special collection

- PASO 1
Tome su teléfono celular y abra la cámara
- PASO 2
Ponga su cámara enfrente del código que aparece a la derecha para que lo escanee
- PASO 3
Haga clic en el enlace que aparece en su pantalla—va a ser dirigido a la página de donación para las colectas especiales
- PASO 4
Complete su donación en la pagina

- Step 1: Take your cell phone device and open the camera
- Step 2: Point your camera at the QR Code below
- Step 3: Once your camera scans the QR Code, click on the pop-up notification to be instantly directed to the Special Collections donation page.
- Step 4: Complete your online donation



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Growing in FAITH™

Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

April 2023

St. Joseph Parish
Fr. Felipe Pulido

One Minute Meditations

The God-shaped hole

St. Augustine wrote, "You have made us for yourself and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in Thee," (*Confessions*, Saint Augustine). Humans are created with a longing for something good, true, and beautiful. We long for God. We can try filling that void with things of the world. Unless we fill that longing with God, however, we can never be satisfied.



Grow in love

Having received the gift of divine life, we must give it to others. "Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another" (1 John 4:11). When we share God's life and love, we grow in that very life and love.

"But the angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay'" (Matthew 28:5-6).



Powerful gifts of Eucharistic devotion

As the "the source and summit of our faith," the Eucharist is the greatest of God's gifts. During the Easter season, resolve to look at the Eucharist with new eyes of gratitude and strengthened devotion:

Return love for Love: The Eucharist is not a symbol; it is Jesus Christ. He loves us beyond imagining — personally, closely, sacrificially, and tenderly. In adoring, receiving, and loving the Blessed Sacrament, we're returning love for Love.

Fuel for the fight: The Eucharist nourishes and strengthens our souls. "How can we last...without hearing Jesus say, 'I love you' — impossible..." (Mother Teresa). The Eucharist strengthens against temptation and

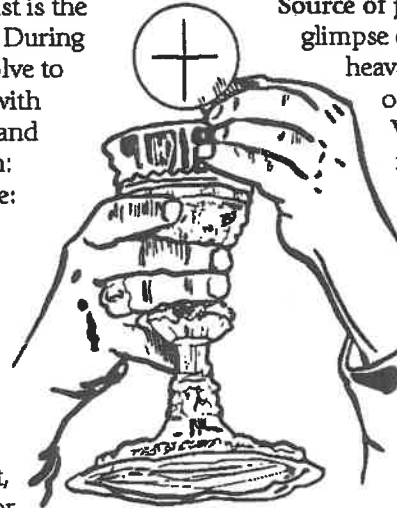
protects from mortal sins.

Source of joy: The Eucharist is a glimpse of Heaven, a foretaste of the heavenly banquet, and a pledge of future glory. St. John Vianney commented, "If we really understood the Mass, we would die of joy."

Wisdom and guidance: As Chancellor of England, St. Thomas More received Communion daily for "light and wisdom" in his administrative decisions. We can turn to the Blessed Sacrament for guidance whenever we have

weighty decisions, questions, or doubts.

Communion empowers us to love: "Even as I have loved you...you also love one another" (John 13:34). Jesus specifically told his followers to love others as we've been loved. Receiving the Eucharist worthily empowers us to love like Him.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics celebrate Holy Week?

Holy Week is a sacred time, specially devoted to celebrating the work of our redemption — the suffering and Death of Jesus on the Cross. The events honored during Holy Week, especially on Holy Thursday and Good Friday, remind us of



an amazing truth: God loved us first, even when that love cost Him everything. On Easter, He rose gloriously from the dead, offering redemption. This event is so tremendous we need a week to prepare our hearts to receive it.

Choose new life at Easter

"... I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse; therefore choose life, that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying his voice, and cleaving to him; for that means life to you and length of days ..." (Deuteronomy 30:19-20).

When the Israelites were poised to enter the land God had promised them, Moses wanted all to understand what was at stake. He didn't want them to just enter the Promised Land, Moses wanted them to remain there with God's



blessing. So Moses put the choice facing all of God's people in the clearest possible terms. When we choose to follow God, we choose life over death.

The choice is still ours. We can say "yes" or "no" to God's love. While our choices lead to consequences, it is still up to us.

When we live within God's laws, we choose life. Honesty over lies and deceit, self-control over sinful pleasure, generosity over selfishness. This is how we choose new life with God.

from Scripture

John 10:1-10; Trusting the Good Shepherd

In this Scripture passage, Jesus used the image of a shepherd to reveal who He is, how He cares for us, and more importantly, how He wants us to relate to Him. The image of a shepherd was a powerful choice.

A good shepherd knew each sheep in his care individually. He never left his flock. Many sheep-pens didn't have doors, so the shepherd would sleep in the entry way to prevent enemies from getting to his flock. Predators would have to go through him first. If a sheep got lost, hurt, or was attacked, the shepherd took care of it, even risking his



life for the sheep.

Jesus' illustration is clear. Without the constant care, guidance, and protecting presence of the shepherd (God), the sheep (us) wouldn't survive. That's uncomfortable because it means we're dependent and vulnerable. But the deeper truth is that Jesus, our Shepherd, knows us each personally,

individually. Our Shepherd heals us, provides for us, and protects us, even to offering up His own life. He asks us to trust Him and ultimately, lead us Home.

Feasts & Celebrations

April 2 - Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (1st Century). On Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, we recall Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, when He was greeted by crowds waving palms and cheering. This Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week.

April 9 - The Resurrection of the Lord (1st Century). Easter, the celebration of Jesus' Resurrection of the dead, is the holiest day of the year. The Season of Easter lasts for 50 days from Easter Sunday until Pentecost.

April 13 - Pope St. Martin I (665).

St. Martin was elected to succeed Theodore I as pope. He was arrested and dragged to Constantinople after censuring the Byzantine Emperor Constans II for heresy. He died in exile.

April 16 - Divine Mercy Sunday (1931). Jesus asked St. Faustina to ensure that the Sunday after Easter become the "Feast of Mercy." He promised that

anyone who honors Him as the King of Mercy and prays The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will receive special graces and great mercy.



Q & A Am I wrong to have doubts?

There is good doubt and bad doubt. Bad doubt that says, "I won't believe this unless you prove it," can become sinful and should be avoided. Good doubt ("I'm struggling to understand this") is a sign you're ready to go deeper into the faith.



Sometimes doubts arise from genuine or incomplete understanding of Church teaching.

Archbishop Fulton Sheen famously said, "There are not one hundred people in the United States who hate The Catholic Church, but there are millions who hate what they wrongly perceive the Catholic Church to be." With questions, turn to the Catechism, reference the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (usccb.org), ask your priest.

If, after all that, something still doesn't make sense, then it really is a mystery and that's the point at which we humbly allow Christ to conform our ways of thinking to His (not the other way around). Entrust everything to God, and He will resolve it, in His own way, in His own time. "Lord, I believe, help my unbelief!" (Mark 9:24).

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