

XXXI SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

November 5, 2023

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WEEKEND MASSES

MISA EL FIN DE SEMANA

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 pm (English)
7:00 pm (Español)
Sunday: 9:00 am, 11:00 am and 5:30 pm
(English)
1:00 pm and 7:00 pm (Español)

WEEKLY MASSES

MISAS ENTRE SEMANA

Monday-Friday: 6:30am & 8:30am, Small Church (English)
Thursday 7:00 pm, Small Church Español)
Saturday 8:30 am, Small Church (English)
First Friday Mass 7:00 pm, Small Church (English)

CONFESSIONS/CONFESIONES

Notice: Saturdays time has been updated.
Saturdays | 3:30 -5: 30 pm | Big Church
Thursdays | 6:00 - 7:00 pm | Small Church
First Friday | 6:30 -7:00 pm | Small Church

BAPTISMS

“As a rule an adult is to be baptized in his or her parish and an infant in the parish of the parents unless a just cause suggests otherwise.” (Canon Law 587 and 2) If you are a parishioner who attends St. Joseph and would like to baptize your child in another parish, you will need a letter from the pastor of St. Joseph giving you permission to do so. If you are not a St. Joseph parishioner and want to baptize your child in this parish, you need to get permission from your pastor to baptize your child here. The parents and sponsors must attend a class before the Baptism of the child.

PRAYER CHAIN

To put someone on the Prayer Chain:
Email parish.office@stjoseph-kennewick.org
or call the Parish Office at 509-586-3820

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While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. LUKE 24:51

MISSION & CORE VALUES

Our mission and sacred purpose as the parish of St. Joseph is to fully live our Catholic faith, which is rooted in Jesus Christ and the teachings of His Church, to nurture and build our parish so that every parishioner can know love, and serve God in this world and encourage others to do the same.

Our core values include:

Hope—rooting our ministries and actions in prayer; joyfully carrying them out with competence, care and confidence in God's promise of salvation.

Liturgy—maintaining the highest of ministry standards to bring glory to God through the rites, ceremonies, prayers, and sacraments of the Church.

Community—caring about and addressing the needs of others.

Evangelism—telling others the good news about Jesus.

Giving—practicing stewardship as a way of life by sharing of our time, talents, and treasure to support the mission and ministries.

INQUIRING ADULTS-OCIA

Order of Christian Initiation Of Adults
OCIA is for all adults older than 18 years of age in need of the sacraments of Baptism, Holy Communion, and/or Confirmation. We welcome your interest in exploring the Catholic faith and invite your participation in our year-round OCIA process. Call the Parish Office for more information.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of the Anointing is the proper Sacrament for those Christians whose health is seriously impaired by sickness, before surgeries, or anyone over the age of 59. Through the Sacrament of Anointing, the Church supports the sick in their struggle against illness and continues Christ's messianic work of healing. If you need the Sacrament of Anointing, please call the Parish Office.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the priest of the parish where you want to celebrate your wedding ceremony to discuss your situation and set the date in the parish calendar. Do this at least six months prior to the day you are planning to marry.

FUNERALS

Death is something that awaits all of us and our loved ones. Yet we often avoid thinking about it. Please let the Parish Office know how we can help with the farewell to your beloved family member.

Stewardship Message

"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted." - Matthew 23:12

The world celebrates people in the spotlight and those who have the most of everything. We think celebrity, money and possessions are the keys to happiness. Yet, our world is filled with more loneliness, anxiety, and depression than ever before. The key to a happy life is relationships: relationship with God and each other. Trust is the foundation of any good relationship and humility is the seed of trust.

Collection for October 29, 2023

Sunday Offerings	\$13,716.98
Building Fund	\$472.00
School Donations	\$1,214.41
All Souls' Day	\$2,360.00
World Mission	\$15.00
St. Vincent	\$1,857.08

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, Silvia Rodriguez, Kathleen Barone, Monica Moore, Lourdes Nelson, Jessica Floeter, Billy Sickles, Nestor Barba, Elizabeth Torres, Kim Davis, Kathy Ramirez, Bill Roe, Donna Whitehead, John Curran, Bob and Mary Ross, Alberto Carranza, Danika Whitsett, Father 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, Yolanda Quintero, Hazel Meister, Ernie Skwierczynski, Kendra Skwierczynski, Kolton Hansford, Jeannine Soehnlein, Debbie Lord, Joanne, Judy Kirk, and all parishioners with health problems and for those from our community who have passed away recently. Please call when your ill family member gets better, so we can make room for others on the list of prayers for the sick.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

November 6-12

Monday November 6th

6:30 am
† Elaine Loftus

8:30 am
† Lance Holman

Tuesday November 7th

6:30 am
† Fr. Reilly

8:30 am
† Lance Holman

Wednesday November 8th

6:30 am
Chris Vanderbough (Healing)

8:30 am
† Kasey & Noah Junt

Thursday November 9th

6:30 am
James & Theresa Curran (Healing)

8:30 am
† Bob DeLorenzo

7:00 pm
Homer Medina (Healing)

Friday November 10th

6:30 am
† Helen Kelley McCue

8:30 am
† Lance Holman



Saturday November 11th

8:30 am
No intentions for this Mass

5:30 pm
† Lane Family

Eddie Mendoza
Rodolfo Villasenor

7:00 pm
† Agustin Martinez Mojica

† Asunción Cervantes
† Salvador Tiscareno

Gonzalez
Sunday November 12th

9:00 am
† John Fox

Dawn Johnson (B-day)
† John and Jesse Keel

11:00 am
Marcie Palmieri (B-day)

Angel Machado (B-day)
Menchie Cayetano (B-day)

1:00 pm
† Jose Lino Menjibar

† Jorge Santos Valle Garcia
† Pedro Alcantar

5:30 pm
† Ann Morgen

† The Tirol Family
† The De Leon Family

7:00 pm
† Ricardo Espinoza Chavez

† Raymundo Medina
† Socorro Campos

In observance of
Veterans Day
Honoring All Who Served
we will be closed Friday, November 10th.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Sharing Group

Couples, priests and religious who have attended a WWME Weekend experience are invited to attend a sharing group gathering on November 12th. Sharing groups are designed to provide ongoing support to assist every couple, priest and religious to live the life-style proclaimed on the WWME Weekend experience.

When: November 12th 3pm – 4:30pm

Where: Holy Spirit Parish Community Center (Room 5)

Who: Any married couple, priest or religious who has attended a WWME Weekend

Questions: Please contact Cameron and Becca Allen at allencb12@gmail.com or 509.398.2398



worldwide marriage encounter

ADORATION CHAPEL



**EUCCHARISTIC
ADORATION**

Openings:

MON. midnight. 2 am

THUR. 4 am

FRI. 8 am,

The Adoration Chapel is open to visitors. Please call: Carol, 509-582-5011, or, en español, Delmi, 509-528-8896, to obtain a personal code for entry.

Please consider accepting the invitation to sign up for a regular weekly hour of Adoration.

"The faith I have when I am in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament is so strong that I find it impossible to express what I feel....When the time comes to leave, I must force myself to overcome the inclination to prolong my stay with Jesus." St. Anthony Mary Claret (1807 - 1870) Founder of Claretians and Archbishop of Santiago, Cuba.

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November 2023

St. Joseph Parish
Fr. Jose Herrera, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

St. Margaret of Scotland

A Hungarian princess, St. Margaret grew up in luxury and privilege, but she never lost sight of those in need and her duty to serve them. After the Battle of Hastings, her family fled to Scotland where King Malcom III sheltered them and eventually married Margaret. Although a queen, her private life was austere, dedicated to prayer and serving the poor—even washing beggars' feet. She is remembered for her life of piety, kindness, and generosity.



Christ the King

What does it mean to say Christ is King? Do we give Him our Sundays only, or the whole week? Set aside ten minutes for God. Offer Him the events of your day and say, "Your will be done."

"No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and [the world]" (Luke 16:13).



Thanksgiving can inspire gratitude in action

St. Mother Teresa said, "It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving." At Thanksgiving, we bask in the glow of our blessings but it's also a chance to share them with others. This is "gratitude in action:"

Be generous with your time. God can't be outdone in generosity. He gives life in His image and likeness. He gave the gift of Himself in Christ's offering on the Cross. In that spirit, how can you give of yourself? Prayerfully consider where and to whom you can give your time and attention.

Be generous with your patience. Ours is the God of second chances,

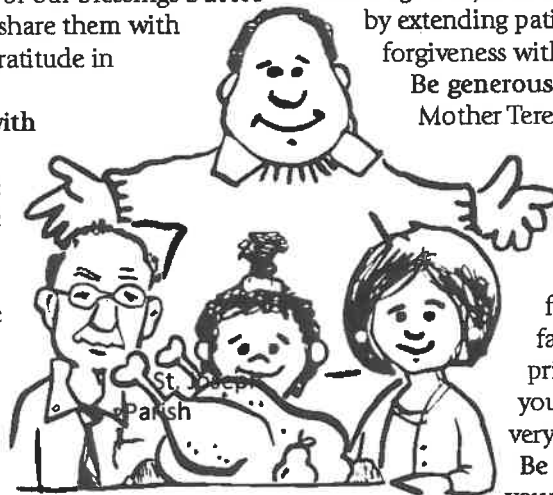
generous with His mercy. Decide to generously give others the benefit of the doubt, allow room for good intentions, and forgive injuries. Love as God loves by extending patience and forgiveness without limit.

Be generous with your family.

Mother Teresa said, "If you want to bring happiness to the whole world, go home and love your family." Make your family your top priority and give your loved ones the very best of yourself.

Be generous with your joy. Holidays can

be difficult for people without connections. Look for someone at church, at work, or in the neighborhood who might need a place to celebrate the holiday. Share holiday love and joy.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics pray for the dead?

The practice of praying for the dead is an Act of Mercy and has Scriptural roots: "Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be absolved from their sin" (2 Maccabees 12:45-46). Someone who dies in God's



friendship with sin on his soul must be purified before entering heaven. We can literally help souls get to heaven. Rest assured: if the person we've prayed for reaches heaven, the graces of those prayers are used to help other souls.

Dealing with loss and those left behind

Christians know that death leads to marvelous new life, but it is still difficult to lose someone we love. We take comfort knowing that we remain connected in the Communion of Saints, the spiritual solidarity binding the faithful on Earth, the souls in Purgatory, and the saints in Heaven. Still, finding or offering comfort after a death can be challenging:

Pray. Pray that the souls who have died may find their place in Heaven. Perhaps arrange to have that prayer included in the intentions during Mass in your parish. Including them in your daily prayers also helps to



keep their intentions alive.

Be present. Attend the visitation or funeral. Such customs are part of honoring and praying for the deceased person and showing compassion to the living.

Offer material support. Bring a meal to the family. Mass cards, notes and phone calls can also offer comfort.

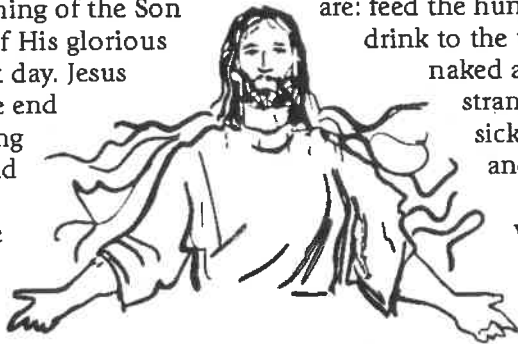
Contribute. Consider making a donation of time or money to organizations such as a local Hospice that provide grace and dignity to those dying.

from Scripture

Matthew 25:31-46, Showing mercy to the "least"

In this Gospel reading, Jesus describes the coming of the Son of Man, that is, of His glorious return on the last day. Jesus will appear at the end of time as the King of the nations and the Judge of history. Everyone who has ever lived, from the first to the last, from the greatest to the least, will stand before Christ. All of us will be judged on how we loved, especially how we treated "the least" who are suffering among us.

The specific criterion for judgment is the basis for the



Corporal Works of Mercy, which are: feed the hungry and give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked and welcome the stranger, care for the sick and imprisoned, and bury the dead.

In the end, we will be judged on our response to the suffering of others. Do we, like the

"blessed," respond with compassion and mercy, or do we, like the others, turn a blind eye and do nothing? The goal is to see Christ in others and to minister to their needs accordingly.

Q & A How does the Church decide who is a saint?

There are many people in Heaven who are saints but whose names we may never know. They are uncanonized saints. Canonization is the formal process by which the Church identifies and determines whether someone has become a saint.



In its simplest form, official Church procedures detail three steps to recognizing a saint. First, the bishop of the diocese where the person died begins an extensive investigation. The results are passed to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. If the Congregation approves, the prefect presents the cause to the pope. With the pope's approval, the petitioner becomes "venerable" and is called "Servant of God."

Next, "beatification," may come after further investigation and a miracle has proven to be attributed to the Servant of God's intercession after his or her death. Then the person can be called "Blessed."

Finally, canonization may follow additional investigation and a second miracle also proven to have occurred after the beatification and as a result of the candidate's intercession. After canonization, the "Blessed" is called "Saint."

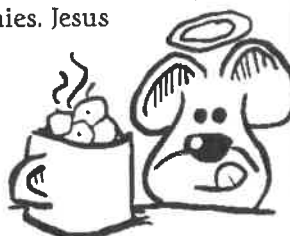
Feasts & Celebrations

November 1 – All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation). In the early Church, there was a great desire to celebrate each of the martyrs. Because there were more martyrs than days of the year, Pope Gregory IV designated November 1 as All Saints Day. Celebrate the Saints by attending Mass.

November 10 – Pope St. Leo the Great (461). A native of Rome, St. Leo was elected pope while on a mission in Gaul. As pope, he defended the faith from heresy and promoted ecclesiastical unity.

November 18 – St. Rose Philippine Duchesne (1852). Born in Grenoble, France, she joined the Society of the Sacred Heart and came to America as a missionary. She opened the first free school for girls west of the Mississippi river, and the first Catholic school for Native Americans.

November 26 – Solemnity of Christ the King. God promised His people a king who would triumph over their enemies. Jesus is our King. In Baptism and Confirmation, we are brought under His kingship.



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Annual Catholic Appeal Prayer Oración de la Cooperación Diocesana

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Annual Catholic Appeal Prayer

God, the Father of all gifts, we praise You, the source of all we are.
Teach us to acknowledge the many good things Your infinite love has given us.
Help us respond with generous gratitude through our support of the
Catholic Church across Central Washington.

Open our hearts to follow Your call.
Make us messengers of the Gospel in love and
service, so that all may come to know You and
become Your disciples.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever.

Amen.

Oración de la Cooperación Diocesana

Dios, Padre de todos los dones, te alabamos, Tú que eres fuente de todo lo que somos.
Enséñanos a reconocer las cosas buenas que Tu amor infinito nos ha dado.

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un generoso agradecimiento a través de nuestro
apoyo a la Iglesia Católica en Washington Central.

Abre nuestros corazones para seguir Tu llamado.
Haznos mensajeros del Evangelio
en amor y servicio para que todos
puedan llegar a conocerte y convertirse
en tus discípulos.

Te lo pedimos por nuestro Señor Jesucristo,
Tu Hijo, que vive y reina contigo,
y el Espíritu Santo, un solo Dios para siempre.

Amen.

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- **PASO 3**
Haga clic en el recuadro que aparece en su pantalla—*lo va a dirigir directamente a la página de donación para la Cooperación Diocesana*
- **PASO 4**
Complete su donación en la página

A NOTE FROM SERRA CLUB OF TRI CITIES

"In You, Lord, I have found my peace." (Response for Psalm 131.) In the vocation planted in you by the Holy Spirit, you will find your peace. Please pray that more people will respond to God's call to be priests, permanent deacons, sisters or brothers in consecrated life.



The first full week of November is National Vocations Awareness Week. In your families, please pray for those who have chosen to follow vocations as priests, permanent deacons, sisters and brothers. Without them we would not have access to the sacraments or the benefits of many charities and religious institutions.

A thanks to all members of the Parish Community who donated bags of candy for the Trunk or Treat. It was a huge success, and we thank the Parish Youth Group for their participation. We had over 60 trunks decorated, which helped to keep our children safe.
THANK YOU!

The Christmas Bazaar is around the corner!! Please remember that we need ALL your delicious baked goods for the Bake Sale. We also need your donations for the raffle.



Friday, November 10 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Saturday, November 11 9:00 am—5:00 pm

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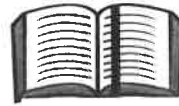
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This is pledge weekend for the Diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal. Our parish goal, as always, is 100% participation. Can you imagine the additional good works that could be



accomplished with just a 10% increase in donors? To achieve this goal, each of us is asked to prayerfully open our hearts to the needs of our diocese and make a gift as our individual circumstances allow. If you want to donate online, please visit www.yakimadiocese.org or scan the QR code.



SUNDAY LITURGY REFLECTION

By Fr. Riccardo Keolker

Wednesday at 9:00 am in the Parish Office, second floor, rooms A and B or on Facebook.

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 men and women will hear God's call and say yes. Remember, without priests, we would not have the Holy Eucharist and other sacraments.

- 11/5 Reeny Olsen
- 11/12 Jane Wild
- 11/19 Marty & Hilary Ahmann

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

Hope Medical is seeking a new Executive Director (paid position) and additional Board of Director members (volunteer.) Position descriptions and applications are posted at www.hopemedicalwa.com/careers. Questions? Contact Jerry Johnson at president@hopemedicalwa.com.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is most grateful for the 1,000 very generous donation from the Women of St. Joseph. This is indeed timely as we are getting into fall and winter which is historically a time of great need for our neighbors. Thank you for this and for all you do for our parish.



Grade: 8 -12
Time: 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Registration forms available at all youth nights.

- Nov. 10— Liturgy Training Big Church
- Nov. 17—Potluck Parish Office
- Nov. 24 —Community Service Project Streets (morning)

Youth Mass—November 12 at the 9:00 am Mass. If you would like to serve, sign up by scanning QR code.

Upcoming Service Project: November—collecting hats, gloves, socks, blankets, toiletries, snacks to make care packages. More information to come.

Fundraiser Thanksgiving Flower Arrangement Sale—place orders before November 13.

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OCTOBER 2023

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Catechists Invited to Reunion

All catechists of the Diocese of Yakima are invited to join in a Virtual Reunion to be presented on Zoom from 7 to 8:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 8.

Maria Elena Ponce and Emma Mendoza will present information on the Ministry of Catechists (lesson planning) at this time.

The Zoom access code is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82656274445>. For more information, contact Valeria Flores at (509) 965-7117 or valeria.flores@yakimadiocese.org.

Annual Mass for Deceased Clergy Is Scheduled

The annual Mass to remember, raise up, celebrate and pray for our deceased clergy who have served the Diocese of Yakima since its foundation in 1951 will be offered on Tuesday, November 21. Bishop Joseph Tyson and attending priests will concelebrate the Mass, assisted by our Diaconate Community, at 5:30 p.m. at St. Paul Cathedral, at 15 S. 12th Avenue, Yakima.

Check the Cathedral website and Facebook pages for livestream options. All are welcome to join in this Eucharistic celebration. For more information, contact parish@stpaulyakima.org or (509) 575-3713.

Give Thanks on November 23

With all of the tragedy we hear of in the world today, let us pause and give thanks for the many blessings we have in the United States of America. On November 23, Thanksgiving Day, why not plan to take the whole family to Mass? Later in the day, amidst the TV parades and football, let's find another minute for a prayer of gratitude to God.

In addition, Thanksgiving is a perfect time to reach out to others who may be less fortunate. Invite one or two people to join you for dinner. Make a donation to a favorite charity which helps those who are hungry or sick or caught in the midst of a war zone. Phone a relative or friend with whom you haven't spoken in a while.

Life is not perfect. Everyone has trials. However, *"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."* (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

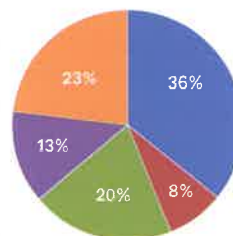
Annual Appeal Focuses On Building 'Young Church'

By Alma Benitez

Once a year, Bishop Tyson asks us to make a prayerful and sacrificial gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA), which funds the programs and ministries offered by the Diocese of Yakima.

Keep an eye on your mailboxes for your pledge envelope for the 2024 ACA (cycle Nov. 1, 2023, to Oct. 31, 2024). ACA pledge weekend begins November 4 and 5. Envelopes can be picked up at your local parish.

Another quick way to donate is to scan the QR code that instantly redirects the user to the ACA donation page.



- Support for Vocations
- Catechesis, Lay Formation, and Evangelization
- Ministry to Families, Youth, and Young Adults
- Catholic School Support
- Parish Needs

This year, Bishop Tyson has chosen the theme for our appeal because of our youth and bringing them into active leadership with their Church communities is crucial. In the Mass of World Youth Day on August 6, 2023, Pope Francis said, *"Do not be afraid, Jesus knows the hearts of you, the successes and failures;"*

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Father Keolker Celebrates 60 Years of Priesthood



Clergy gathered to honor Father Riccardo (Richard) Keolker at an anniversary Mass at St. Joseph Church, Kennewick, followed by a reception.

Father Riccardo (Richard) Keolker, a senior priest of the Diocese of Yakima, celebrated the 60th anniversary of his priestly ordination, October 11. Parishioners and friends gathered for a Mass at his home parish, St. Joseph in Kennewick, followed by a reception.

Over the years, Father Keolker has served parishes in Yakima, Wapato, Cashmere and Leavenworth. He has taught English, Latin and Religion to high school students. He also taught and provided spiritual direction in

seminaries, especially Mount St. Mary's in Oregon. Upon his return to Yakima, he assisted the Office of Religious Education in creation of the Diocesan Formation Program and the Diocesan Pastoral Council. Currently, he is senior priest in residence at St. Joseph in Kennewick.

We appreciate Father Keolker's pastoral zeal, lengthy service and his devotion to the color yellow. We hope to keep him and all of our clergy and religious in your prayers.

Message from Bishop Tyson...

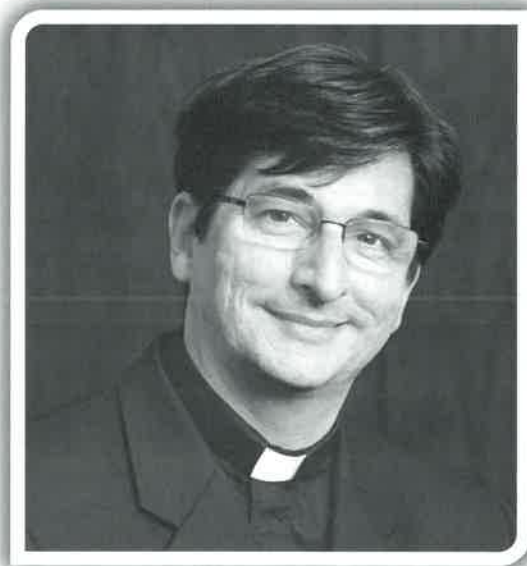
ends:

is in the air with the first hints in the Cascades. With the fall season around us, so too through our seasons of faith to the graced presence of Jesus in our lives.

The current issue of the *Central Washington Catholic* captures peaks of this season. I was so glad to be a co-consecrating with Bishop Felipe Pulido as he begins his ministry as one of the auxiliary bishops in San Diego.

Robert McElroy invited me a few days early for the end of the San Diego Priests Retreat. During the Prayer, we had a blessing of mitres and croziers that would be presented to the two new bishops. This was a kind of "rite of passage" where all the priests of the diocese exchanged peace with them. It was fortifying for me to see the warmth of new brothers for Bishop

I would see a similar embrace as Richard Keolker celebrates the 50th anniversary of ordination. I received a gracious message October 1st and received recognition at our celebration of Faith dinner hosted by the Central Washington Catholic Foundation. The Second Vatican Council was a deep spiritual and moral point of reference for me as a seminarian and a young priest. I recalled being able to sneak into the council and see some of the workings. His enthusiasm for a



Bishop Joseph Tyson

The Church in mission to the surrounding world is still as fresh and vibrant today as it was when he witnessed a slice of the Second Vatican Council.

Renewal might be the best way to see our own ongoing efforts for the protection of minors and vulnerable adults tied to the Dallas Charter and its Essential Norms. The blessing of our new memorial to victims of sexual abuse at Calvary Cemetery in Yakima on All Souls Day also aligns to our special prayers for the dead in the month of November.

We want to find ways to remember the harm done to victims of sexual abuse and the way faith was so mortally compromised, especially by trusted clergy and laity who used their positions of authority to hurt the young and the vulnerable. We need to renew and redouble our efforts ensuring that as we pass on the Faith

Support for Initiative 2081 Approved

The Bishops of Washington State have approved support for Initiative 2081, which would establish a "bill of rights" for parents of children in public schools. This would include the right to review medical and health records, to receive notification when medical services are offered, to receive reassurance that there will not be discrimination against a child based on sincerely held religious beliefs, to be notified if a child is taken or removed from a school campus and to opt out of participation on the topic of sexual activity.

To obtain petitions for Initiative 2081, email info@fpiw.org or call (425) 608-4490. Petitions should then be returned to: Family Policy Institute of Washington, 1000 9th Ave, Suite 975, Lynnwood, WA 98046, by December 15, 2023.

in our parishes and schools, we also remain vigilant to prevent abuse of the young and the vulnerable, and to bring healing to those who have been hurt.

I want to close by thanking you for your support of the Annual Catholic Appeal. Your donations support our faith formation outreach on a diocesan level, our training of volunteers in vigilance with regard to sexual abuse of minors, much of our support for our clergy – active and retired – as well as the support and professional development of our many lay people who serve in our parishes and schools.

Your donations help make possible the seasons of service so central to the Church that Jesus Christ outlined for us and that we live out daily in this Diocese. May our gifts grow into an abundant fall harvest of faith with ever more people finding friendship with Jesus Christ and, we, His Church.

With every best wish and blessing!

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph J. Tyson
Bishop of Yakima

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If you have been abused or victimized by a member of the Catholic clergy, please believe in the power of God for hope and help and healing. We encourage you to come forward and speak out.

The Yakima Diocese has a sexual abuse hotline for those who wish to report some incident concerning a priest, deacon or diocesan employee or volunteer. (888) 276-4490.

He knows your hearts." We, too, are called to not be afraid and, together with the youth (our present and future) in Central Washington, build the young Church!

Our 2024 ACA diocesan goal is to raise \$1.8 million. By giving to the ACA, you engage in discipleship by bringing the love of Christ to thousands of our brothers and sisters across Central Washington.

Did you know? So far, for the 2023 ACA year (cycle Nov. 1, 2022, to Oct.

31, 2023), \$348,718 has been rebated to parishes. When you give to the Annual Catholic Appeal, you educate future priests and deacons; bring Christ to students at Central Washington University; nurture the literacy growth of migrant children through Literacy Wagon; reach people who could not otherwise



attend Mass and receive sacraments through Mi Ministry; help the Spanish English communities grow closer together through programs such as Magna and provide the opportunity for your parish to receive a grant to use locally.

Please make your gift using the pledge card, or visit www.yakimadiocese.org scanning the code.

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youth group coordinator at Holy Family Parish, who led a group of 18 adults and youth to Lisbon, Portugal, earlier this year. She believes that youth do not need to wait until they become adults to make a difference in the world and in the Church.

The St. Thomas Aquinas Community Award was presented to **John Riel**, owner of Burrows Tractor in Yakima. He has served on the St. Joseph Marquette School parent board, St. Martin's University Board of Trustees and as a founding member of La Salle

High School. Currently, he is a board member for the Sister Rebecca Berghoff Foundation, Mercy Foundation, La Salle Foundation and Holy Rosary Cemetery Foundation. He was past president and is a current advisor for the Central Washington Catholic Foundation.

St. John Baptist De La Salle Educator Awards were presented to **Catherine Valiant** and **Gregg Pleger**. Valiant been a teacher at St. Joseph in Kennewick for the past 12 years. She also has helped with Student Council, Science Olympiad, the Accreditation

team, Principal search committee and the school Leadership Team. Ple has served as Principal of St. Joseph Marquette for 23 years, the first lay principal of the school and longest consecutive lay principal of the school. He has been a leader in extensive remodeling, building of a new gymnasium, continuing to grow the school's reputation to build community.

Entertainment for the evening was provided by the St. Joseph Marquette Advanced Band and Honor Choir led by Sheila Wilson.

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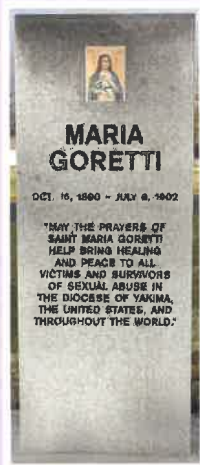
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Around the Diocese

Memorial Placed for Sexual Victims and Survivors

Pop Joseph Tyson will commend victims and survivors of sexual abuse to the attention of the Virgin Mary at a ceremony on September 2 during the 12:30 p.m. Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Cemetery, 24th Avenue, in Moses Lake.



born in Italy in 1890, Maria Goretti was a young girl when she was raped by a neighbor. She died at the age of 18 after forgiving her attacker and expressing her wish that he be forgiven. He underwent a profound conversion while serving a 30-year prison term, which included a vision of the Virgin Mary giving him a gift of lilies that burst forth from the ground. Serenelli was present at her funeral Mass in 1950.

The new granite memorial includes an image of the saint, and a prayer for healing for victims of abuse in the Diocese of Yakima, the United States, and throughout the world. While not specifically addressing the scandal of clerical sexual abuse, its placement in the Priests' Memorial acknowledges the scandal of the Catholic Church and the loss of trust that has accompanied it.

"We join our prayers to those of St. Maria Goretti for victims and survivors of sexual abuse. May we redouble our efforts to make our homes and schools safe places for all, particularly the young and the vulnerable," said Bishop Joseph Tyson.

How Can We Re-Ignite Your Faith?

Interested in re-igniting your Faith? Want to develop a better relationship with God?

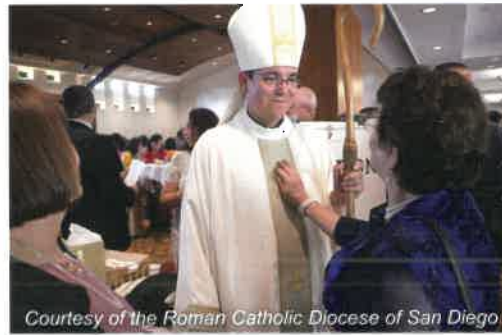
Cursillo is an encounter with self, God, and others. It is a short course in living the Catholic Faith. Cursillo offers a simple method to seek and develop a Christian: Faith, Mentality, Activity and Community.

The 2024 weekend for men will be April 13-14 and the women's weekend will be April 19-20 both at Our Lady of Fatima parish's Center in Moses Lake.

If you are interested in attending or if you have any questions about Cursillo, call Dan Anderson at (509) 731-6975 for the men's weekend or Dan Sisk at (509) 942-1111 for the women's weekend.

Bishop Felipe Pulido Consecrated in San Diego September 28

Completing a journey that began with his appointment by Pope Francis on June 6, the Yakima Diocese's Father Felipe Pulido was consecrated an auxiliary bishop of the Diocese of San Diego on September 28, along with San Diego's Father Michael Pham.



Courtesy of the Roman Catholic Diocese of San Diego

Family and friends greeted Bishop Felipe Pulido

The two new bishops join auxiliary Bishop Ramón Bejarano in assisting Cardinal Robert McElroy in his work of shepherding nearly 1.4 million Catholics, about 40 percent of the total population of the Diocese. Their ministry will include Confirmations, diocesan liturgies and pastoral administration.

The Mass, celebrated at St. Therese of Carmel Church, was attended by about 1,100 people, with thousands more participating via livestream. In remarks at the end of the Mass, Bishop Pulido said, "On this day of my episcopacy ordination, in this beautiful church, I present myself to you – poor and weak, but with so much joy in my heart."

"I'm most grateful for the presence of so many faithful Catholics from here in San Diego Diocese who are present today," added Bishop Pulido, who was ordained a priest in Yakima 21 years ago. "My thanks to God and to all of you, and God bless," he said.

Yakima Bishop Joseph Tyson was a co-consecrating bishop, as was Bishop John P. Dolan of Phoenix, a former San Diego auxiliary bishop. In total, there were more than 30 bishops and 150 concelebrating priests in attendance, including more than a dozen from the Yakima Diocese.

Catholic Foundation Holds Its Annual Celebration of Faith

About 300 people gathered on October 14 at the new gymnasium of St. Joseph Marquette School in Yakima for the annual Celebration of Faith fundraiser for the Central Washington Catholic Foundation.

Kristin Moore, director of marketing and enrollment for the Archdiocese of Seattle, was master of ceremonies.

A highlight of the evening was presentation of six Champions of Catholic Education Awards to individuals in various walks of life. The Outstanding Leadership Award went to **Father Richard Keolker**, who recently celebrated 60 years of priesthood (see related story). Father Keolker has served parishes in Yakima, Wapato, Cashmere and Leavenworth, in addition to teaching and providing spiritual direction at seminaries including Mount Angel. He has helped create the Deacon Formation Program and Diocesan Pastoral Council.

Two Religious Education Awards were presented, to **Kelly Sauer** and **Carlene Markfelder**. Sauer, who began teaching preschool CCD when she was in eighth grade, went on to teach second grade at St. Paul Cathedral School,



Father Richard Keolker



John Riel



Kelly Sauer



Catherine Valiant



Carlene Markfelder



Gregg Plegler

serve as religious education director at St. Mary Parish, and become a substitute teacher at St. Joseph Marquette and a volunteer for student retreats and teacher in-service. Markfelder is the

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