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SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

December 17, 2023

Third Sunday of Advent

520 South Garfield St. Kennewick, WA 99336

Parish Office hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 am to Noon, 1:00 pm-4:00 pm

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St. Joseph School Office 509-586-0481

Children's Center 509-586-1428

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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Deacons

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Nina P.



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

"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus." – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

This Scripture reading sums up stewardship. "Rejoice always" means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. "Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.

Collection for December 10, 2023

Sunday Offerings	\$13,014.80
Building Fund	\$523.00
School Donations	\$1,291.59
Giving Tree	\$50.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$200.00
Immaculate Conception	\$719.00



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, Carmen Nava, Mike Draper, Peter Braun, Yolanda Quintero, Hazel Meister, Ernie Skwierczynski, Kendra Skwierczynski, Koltan 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.**

Openings:

ADORATION CHAPEL

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



MON. 2 am
TUES. 1 pm
THUR. 4 am
FRI. 5 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.

"Not only are we to receive and adore the Eucharist, we must live the Eucharist. We are to let the rays of mercy from the monstrance pass through us and go out through all the world." (St. Faustina)

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

December 18-24

Monday, December 18

6:30 am
† Elaine Loftus
8:30 am
Alexandria Barr (B-day)

Tuesday, December 19

6:30 am
† Pedro Alcantar
8:30 am
† Joe Gallegos Sr.
Wednesday, December 20

6:30 am
† Pedro Alcantar
8:30 am
† Pedro Alcantar
Thursday, December 21

6:30 am
† Alice McMahon Kernan
8:30 am
Mateo Ledesma
7:00 pm
No intentions for this Mass

Friday, December 22

6:30 am
† Pedro Alcantar
8:30 am
Mateo Ledesma

Saturday, December 23

8:30 am
† Sam V. McCue
† Kate Finley
5:30 pm
† Mary Houston
† John Joseph Kennedy
7:00 pm
† Agustin Martinez Mojica
† Antonio Mendez
† Manzanares Family
Sunday, December 24
9:00 am, 11:00 am, 1:00 pm, 5:30 pm, 7:00 pm
No intentions for these Masses



Mass Intention scheduling is open six months in advance. For example, on December 29, 2023, the 2024 Intentions will open for January – June 2024. Don't forget to schedule your mass intentions online by scanning the QR code.

The Office will be closed

December 27, 2023

FROM 12-4PM

Every fourth Wednesday of each month

Advent Penance Services

Mon, Dec. 18

6:30 pm

Christ the King
1111 Stevens Dr.
Richland, WA

Tues, Dec. 19

6:30 pm

Saint Joseph
520 S. Garfield St.
Kennewick, WA

Wed, Dec. 20

6:30 pm

St. Frances Cabrini
1000 Home Dr.
Benton City, WA

A NOTE FROM SERRA CLUB OF TRI CITIES



Third Sunday of Advent: "The One Who calls you is faithful..." (First Thessalonians 5:24) Will you be faithful to His call? Listen! God may be inviting you to be a priest, permanent deacon, brother, or sister.



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12/24/23

Big Church

English Masses
9:00 am, 11:00 am
5:30pm & Midnight

Spanish Masses
1:00 pm & 7pm

12/25/23

Big Church

English Masses
9:00 am

Spanish Masses
11:00 am

No TWOFERS – AKA 2 for 1!

Can I fulfill my Sunday AND Christmas Holy Day of obligation by going to Mass just once on Christmas Eve? No. The Sunday obligation can be satisfied by attending the vigil Mass at 5:30 PM or 7:00 PM December 23 or the 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM or 1:00 PM Mass on December 24. **The holy day of obligation of The Nativity of the Lord** can be met by attending Mass either Christmas Eve at 5:30 or Midnight (English), 7:00 PM (Spanish) or on Monday – Christmas Day

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

12/31/23

New Year's Eve
Big Church

English Masses
9:00 am, 11:00 am & 5:30pm

Spanish Masses
1:00 pm & 7pm



1/1/24

New Year's Day
Big Church

English Mass
9:00 am

Spanish Mass
11:00 am

Grade: 8 -12
Day: Fridays
(For more information, check our social media post)



Time: 7:00 pm - 8:30pm

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SUNDAY LITURGY REFLECTION

By Fr. Riccardo Keolker

Wednesday at 9:15 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 access to the Holy Eucharist and other sacraments.

12/17 Ben & Kyle Garrison

12/24 Dick & Celine Petersen

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

Sacrament Reception Dates 2024

OCIA(Adults) and RCIC (Children)

Easter Vigil the elect for Baptism & Full Communion, March 30 • 8:00 pm

Confirmation Year Two (MS/HS): Saturday, April 20 • 5:30 pm (Eng)

Confirmation Year Two (MS/ HS): Saturday, April 20 • 7:00 pm (Sp)

First Communion: Saturday, April 27 • 10 am (SP)

First Communion for Children: Sunday, April 28 • 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.

Special Dates this Month

- December 18 is the 60th anniversary of Father Riccardo Keolker's ordination to the priesthood. Please congratulate and thank him for his many years of service to the Church.
- December 31 is Father Jose Herrera's birthday. Wish the New Year's Eve baby a "Happy 50th!" You may send or deliver cards to the Parish Office.

Posadas

December 17	2:30 pm	Dillon Hall
December 18	6:00 pm	Dillon Hall
December 19	6:00 pm	PAC
December 20	6:00 pm	PAC
December 21	6:00 pm	Dillon Hall
December 22	6:00 pm	Dillon Hall
December 23	6:00 pm	Dillon Hall

The Posadas are celebrated each evening. The posadas re-enact Mary and Joseph's difficult journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem in search of shelter: in Spanish the Word means "Alojamiento". Each evening begins with prayers followed by traditional posada caroling.