

# SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

January 14, 2024

SECOND SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

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  
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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](mailto:parish.office@stjoseph-kennewick.org)  
or call the Parish Office at 509-586-3820

Pastor  
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Parochial Vicar  
In Residence  
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Pastoral Assistant for Administration Mr. William Mich  
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Bookkeeper  
Music Director Jessie T./Melissa N.  
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.

## Parish Staff

Fr. Jose Herrera  
Fr. Ricardo A. Villarreal  
Fr. Christian Melendez  
Fr. Riccardo Keolker  
Mr. William Mich  
Mr. Juan Garcia  
Mr. Herman Farias  
Mr. Gustavo Valdivia  
Mr. Edilberto Sanchez  
Mr. Mike Palmieri

## 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

Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" - John 1:38

When we recognize who we are, it's easier to find what we are looking for. Once we see ourselves, and others, as children of God, we spend less time looking for the material comforts of the world. Instead, our hearts long for something deeper that can only be filled by God. Ask God daily how He wants you to live the life He intended for you.

### Collection for January 7, 2024

Sunday Offerings	\$21,755.51
Building Fund	\$543.00
School Donations	\$1,283.78
Solemnity of Mary	\$901.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$100.00
Diocese	\$30.00
Hope Medical	\$250.00

## 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



January 15-21

Monday, January 15th	Saturday, January 20th
6:30 am † Enrique Valdivia	8:30 am † Sal & Laurie Pennella
8:30 am † Esther M. Gamino (B-day)	5:30 pm † Jessie Chavollo
Tuesday, January 16th	Sunday, January 21st
6:30 am † Enrique Valdivia	9:00 am † Mauricio Delgado
8:30 am † Jesus Ramirez	11:00 am † Joe Fizele
Wednesday, January 17th	† Larry Runyon
6:30 am † Elaine Loftus	1:00 pm Mayra Miramontes (Healing)
8:30 am † Alice Rieckman	† Rogelio Robles
Thursday, January 18th	† Guadalupe & Manuela Robles
6:30 am † Edward J. Wild	5:30 pm † Ann Morgen
8:30 am † Shioh-Ming Ma	† Robert Cullen
7:00 pm Alicia Cornejo (B-day)	7:00 pm No intentions for this Mass
Friday, January 19th	
6:30 am † Silverio Martinez	
8:30 am † Shioh-Ming Ma	

## Monday, January 15 The Parish office will be closed

*In observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day*

## Bible Study

Hebrews

"The New & Eternal Covenant"

Being Catholic takes more than simply believing in God or doing what He asks of us. Jesus wants us to be more than just believers. He wants us to be His disciples and friends. To help us answer this call to deeper friendship with Christ, St. Joseph Parish will begin *Hebrews; The New & Eternal Covenant* each

Wednesday, February 21st-April 10th .

Time: 9:30 –11:00 am

Location: Parish Office—Second Floor

Cost: \$28 for material

For more information or to register, contact Laura Sieler at 509-585-7630. You will not only benefit personally from being part of this study; you will also help us to grow in fellowship as a parish when we grow closer to Christ together.

ADORATION CHAPEL

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Openings:

MON. 2 am  
THUR. 4 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.

"O Jesus! on this day, You have fulfilled all my desires. From now on, near the Eucharist, I shall be able to sacrifice myself in silence, to wait for Heaven in peace. Keeping myself open to the rays of the Divine Host, in this furnace of love, I shall be consumed. And like a seraphim, Lord, I shall love You."

# FOOD SALE

ALL PROCEEDS WILL HELP SEND OUR CATECHISTS AND YOUTH TO THE RELIGIOUS CONFERENCE IN LOS ANGELES, CA.



SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024



AFTER THE 11:00 AM & 1:00 PM MASSES



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**LIVE MUSIC!**

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**Snack Donations and volunteers are needed** to help in the kitchen for the Confirmation retreat next week.

All volunteers need to have completed their Safe Environment Virtus training and background check.

For more information and to volunteer, please contact us via email at [youth06.stjoseph@gmail.com](mailto:youth06.stjoseph@gmail.com).



**Snack donations:**  
Prepackaged and sealed foods only.  
No homemade items.

Donations accepted at the parish office during office hours.  
Thank you for your generosity.

Please pray for all the Confirmation students, Catechists, & Core Team who will be on retreat next weekend.



*Veni Sancte Spiritus*

Ash Wednesday will be  
February 14, 2024!

**Masses on Thursday Evening**  
Begins on February 15, 2024  
6:15 pm | Bilingual | Small Church

*Note: No reconciliation on Thursdays during Lent.*

**Lenten Soup Nights**

This year, the soup nights will be coordinated by SJ Youth Group. If you want to volunteer, please contact Nancy at the parish office 509-586-3820 Ext. 101.

Confirmation students can receive service hours by bringing a soup and helping to set up, serve, and clean each evening.  
Sign up link will be available next week.

ALL ministries are invited to participate for a soup night.  
**More information will follow next week.**

TICKETS AVAILABLE AFTER MASSES

**\$5  
EACH**

**RAFFLE~RIFA**

ALL PROCEEDS HELP SEND OUR CATECHIST & YOUTH TO THE LA RELIGIOUS CONFERENCE IN LOS ANGELES, CA.

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1ST PRIZE  
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ANUNCIADO EL:  
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2ND PRIZE  
SEGUNDO PREMIO

**\$500**

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3RD PRIZE  
TERCER PREMIO

**\$250**



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SAVE THE DATE

SECOND ANNUAL

**DINNER AUCTION  
FUNDRAISER**

SATURDAY, APRIL 13 • DILLON HALL

PROCEEDS WILL HELP OUR YOUTH GROUP PROGRAM TO SEND PARTICIPANTS TO THE STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE THIS SUMMER.



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**Bible Study**

8 WEEK SESSION

Wednesdays  
February 21—April 10

More information to follow next week.

Laura Steler 509-585-7630



Interested in re-igniting your faith? Want to develop a better relationship with Christ?

Cursillo is an encounter with self, Christ, and others. It is a short course in our Catholic Faith. Cursillo offers a simple method to form, or deepen, the Christian life in four areas: Spirituality, Mentality, Activity and Community.

An English-language weekend in 2024 for men will be April 4–7 and for women, April 11-14. Both will be at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church's Fatima Center in Moses Lake.

If you are interested in attending or if you have any questions about Cursillo, call Luann Anderson at 509-731-6975 (for the women's weekend) or Dan Sisk at 509-942-4085 (for the men's weekend).



Thank you for supporting the mission of Catholic Charities with your donations to the Christmas Collection. Your

generosity helps us live out our mission of "bringing hope to life" throughout Central Washington. For more information about the work we do in our communities please visit [www.hopetolife.org](http://www.hopetolife.org).

St. Paul's Catholic Church  
48th Annual Dinner and Auction  
14181 North Glade Rd. Eltopia, Washington

Saturday, February 3, 2024  
Dinner and silent auction from 5-7 pm  
Live auction 7:00 pm

Dinner menu

Tri Tip, Shrimp, Mashed potatoes/gravy, veggie mix, Caesar salad, dinner rolls and all kinds of delicious desserts.

Adults: \$35  
Children 6 to 12 years old: \$10  
Children under 5 years old enter free  
Please come and enjoy!

Dr. David Anders, the host of EWTN's "Called to Communion" and author of "The Catholic Church Saved My Marriage" will be speaking on Sunday, February 11, 2024 at 3 PM at the Tri-Cities Prep multipurpose room, 9612 St Thomas Drive in Pasco. This is a free event and everyone is invited.



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

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 January 21st. Sharing groups are designed to provide ongoing support to assist every couple, priest and religious to live the lifestyle proclaimed on the WWME Weekend experience.

When: January 21st | 3pm – 4:15pm

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](mailto:allencb12@gmail.com) or 509.398.2398



PRAY TO PROTECT HUMAN LIFE!

JANUARY 16-24, 2024

Pray to Protect Human Life!



9 Days for Life starts next week on Tuesday, January 16! 9 Days for Life is the U.S. Catholic bishops' annual novena surrounding the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.

Please invite your friends and family to join you and THOUSANDS of Catholics in prayer for the protection of human life.

### MOTHER TERESA MEAL MINISTRY

Delivering lunches twice a month for the Union Gospel Mission!

**First Sunday**  
February 4,  
10:15 am

**Third Tuesday**  
February 20  
9:15 am

To see a list of donations needed or to volunteer to help, please contact Cindy Meyer through the parish links by visiting: <https://stjoseph-kennewick.org>

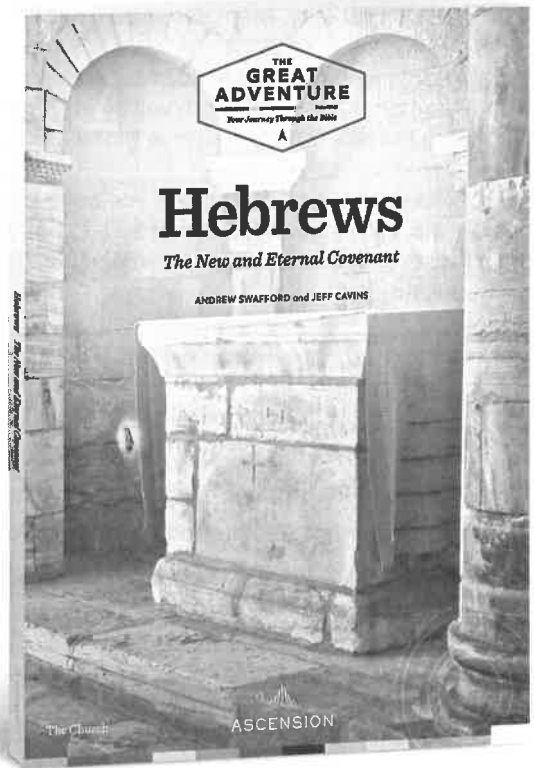
We encourage you to take advantage of this resource that St. Joseph Parish has been offering for many years: FORMED! It's easy and free to start enjoying. Go to [formed.org](http://formed.org) and click on sign up; then select "I belong to a Parish" and type in our zip code and select St. Joseph Parish. Type your name and e-mail address. Once logged in, scroll down until you find "liturgical calendar"



# Bible Study

Please join fellow parishioners for a Bible Study, reading "Hebrews: The New & Eternal Covenant". We will begin each Wednesday starting February 21-April 10. This opportunity will be offered at 9:30 am to 11:00 am facilitated by Laura Sieler at the Parish Office 2nd Floor.

Please register early so books can be purchased before January 22 (\$28.00 per copy) .



**Participant Information - 1** First & Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parish, City \_\_\_\_\_ Ministry: \_\_\_\_\_

**Participant Information - 2** First & Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Ministry: \_\_\_\_\_

**Participant Information - 3** First & Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Ministry \_\_\_\_\_

Total of Participants: \_ 1 \_ (\$28) \_ 2 \_ (\$56) \_ 3 \_ (\$84)

Method of Payment: Cash or check made payable to St. Joseph Parish. Return your completed form and insert in an envelope with your payment: You can bring it to the Parish Office OR Place it in the collection basket at Mass on Sunday. Questions, please call Laura Sieler at 509-585-7630.



## **Become a Volunteer Child Advocate!**

**You can make a lifelong difference for a vulnerable child in Benton and Franklin Counties. Become a Guardian ad Litem (GAL) for abused and neglected children ages 0-8 years involved in the Dependency Court System. You will advocate by gathering information, writing reports to the court, visiting the child's relative or foster placement and meeting with social workers, teachers, and parents.**

**There are three 2024 Core training sessions via Zoom offered to become a GAL volunteer advocate: April 8, June 10, and September 9. Sessions are Monday thru Thursdays for 4 weeks. Volunteer trainees may register to attend morning or evening sessions from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm or 5:30 pm to 7:30 p.m. The training will provide GAL advocates the tools and ongoing support to be successful in their role representing a child.**

**To register for one of these training sessions, please contact:  
Erin Callies, Benton-Franklin Counties GAL Program  
(509) 727-5048 or [erin.callies@co.benton.wa.us](mailto:erin.callies@co.benton.wa.us)**

**PLEASE MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY VOLUNTEERING... A FOSTER CHILD IS WAITING! EVERY CHILD DESERVES A SAFE, LOVING, PERMANENT HOME.**





**A NOTE FROM SERRA CLUB OF TRI CITIES**



The Lord called Samuel three times and Samuel ran to Eli. Finally Eli told him to respond, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." (1 Samuel 3:9) Samuel obeyed. Is the Lord calling you to serve Him as a priest, permanent deacon, brother or sister?



Our grief support groups are available free of charge to anybody who is grieving the death of a loved one. Grief support groups are facilitated by professional bereavement staff and trained volunteers. Our primary goal is to provide you with a safe space to heal and equip you with the tools, resources and information you need to process your grief and live a productive life. View our full list of grief support groups. You can request more information by calling (509) 783-7416 or emailing [griefsupport@chaplaincyhealthcare.org](mailto:griefsupport@chaplaincyhealthcare.org).



**Baby Bottle Campaign**  
Fill a bottle. Change a life.



Remember the baby bottle you picked up last week? Keep filling it with coins, cash or checks payable to Hope Medical. If you didn't get a bottle, there are some available to pick up in the church vestibule.

You are invited  
Jaguar Alumni Social  
Saturday, January 27  
9612 St. Thomas Dr.  
Pasco, WA 99301



Start the evening with some Jaguar basketball in the gym with FREE admission for alumni. Girls Varsity tips off at 4:30PM and boys at 6PM. Support the boosters and purchase your dinner at the game. After basketball, there will be a social gathering for alumni in the multi-purpose room where you can enjoy a beverage, reconnect with fellow alumni, and learn about the newly-formed Alumni Association and upcoming Tri-Cities Prep events. Questions? Email [alumni@tcprep.org](mailto:alumni@tcprep.org).

**Sacrament Reception Dates**

**OCIA( Adults) and RCIC (Children)**  
Easter Vigil the elect for  
Baptism & Full Communion  
March 30 • 8:00 pm

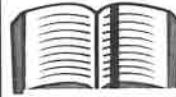
Confirmation Year Two (MS/HS): Saturday, April 20  
7:00 pm (Spanish)

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

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

First Communion for Children:  
Sunday, April 28  
11:00am (English)

*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 this through Jesus, Who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life for all. Amen.*



**SUNDAY  
LITURGY  
REFLECTION**

By Fr. Riccardo Keolker

Wednesdays at 9:15 am  
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 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.

1/14 Elizabeth Robles  
1/21 Bob & Tina Daily

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

The Knights of Columbus will be organizing a cross walk/March for Life on Saturday, January 20. We will meet after the 8:30 Mass in the Lampson parking lot and pass out crosses for the walk to the soccer field where the crosses will be placed as a memorial to the unborn, There will be refreshments in PAC following the event. For more information contact Andy Kopriva @ 509.438.4003



Be the strong right arm of the Catholic Church by joining the Knights of Columbus. Council 8179 will hold an exemplification on Monday, January 22 in the Small Church for practicing male Catholics 18 or older. Register on-line at [kofc.org/join](http://kofc.org/join) and put down Council 8179. Also, take advantage of this day to bring down your applications.

**The Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

In 4th quarter of 2023, our Conference was able to help 82 families with \$7,717 worth of food or gas cards, utility payments, and other various payments, all made possible by St. Joseph Parishioners like you. We are very grateful to be able to help our neighbors in need, especially during the winter and Christmas time. We thank all those individuals who donated through the year and organizations such as the Women of St. Joseph and the Knights of Columbus. Happy New Year to all!



Grade: 8 -12  
Time: 7:00 pm - 8:30pm

January 12, 26 -Parish Office  
January 19- No Youth Group

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## All Are Welcome for Pro-Life Events Across the Diocese of Yakima

By Christine Corbett Conklin

A variety of events to celebrate human life have been scheduled around the Diocese of Yakima. Most set in January, they recall the January 22, 1973 passage of *Roe v. Wade*, which legalized abortion. A June event will mark the 2022 *Dobbs v. Jackson* legal victory which overturned that life-threatening, earlier decision.

The schedule of local events led off with two January 7 Masses for Life at St. Paul Cathedral in Yakima. Celebrated by Bishop Joseph Tyson, the English and Spanish Masses acclaimed the dignity of human life from conception to natural death. In addition, the challenge of rebuilding and strengthening a culture of life in Washington State was addressed. Informal receptions followed the Masses.

The Edward and Catherine Carroll Chapter of Students for Life in the Tri-Cities will hold their annual Stand for Life from 1-3 p.m., Monday, January 15. Participants will gather in John Dam Plaza in Richland. Students for Life, founded

by the Pro-Life Coalition of Central Washington, also welcomes young people between 13 and college age to join in other activities planned for coming weeks.

For more information, contact [anneke\\_vd@studentsforlifetc.com](mailto:anneke_vd@studentsforlifetc.com).

Nine Days for Life, the U.S. bishops' annual novena surrounding the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children, will take place January 16-24. Participants can sign up for daily emails or text messages in English or Spanish at [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com).

On Saturday, January 20, the annual Central Washington Walk for Life is planned for Yakima. Participants will

gather at 1 p.m. at Grace of Christ Church, 9 South Eighth Avenue. It is sponsored by Image Point Medical Services, which will be along Yakima Avenue at Millennium Plaza. All ages are welcome. Bring a pro-life sign if you wish.

Finally, **Washington Right to Life** will be sponsoring a March for Life and a life rally in June, marking the legal victory of *Dobbs v. Jackson*. Planning still is underway, with details to follow in future editions of the *Washington Catholic*.

Despite last year's *Dobbs v. Jackson* decision by the U.S. Supreme Court outlawing abortion in most states, it will continue in Washington State due to state law. Make your voice heard by attending in area pro-life events and contacting legislators!



## Pope Francis Encourages 'Gratitude and Hope' in New Year

By Justin McLellan - Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) – On New Year's Eve, believers and non-believers alike give thanks for all they have received in the last 12 months and express their hopes for the coming year, but Christians are called to cultivate their gratitude and hope following the example of Mary, Pope Francis said.

"Faith enables us to live this hour in a way different than that of a worldly mindset," the Pope said during an evening prayer service in St. Peter's Basilica Dec. 31. "Faith in Jesus Christ, the incarnated God, born of the Virgin Mary, gives a new way of feeling time and life."

Pope Francis said that while many people express thanks and hope on New Year's Eve, in reality, they often "lack the essential dimension which is that

of relationship with the Other and with others, with God and with brothers and sisters."

With a worldly mentality, gratitude and hope are "flattened onto the self, onto one's interests," he said. "They don't go beyond satisfaction and optimism."

Pope Francis encouraged

Christians to look to the example of Mary who, after giving birth to Jesus, had a mother's gratitude in her heart for bearing the child of God.

"Mystery makes room for gratitude, which surfaces in the contemplation of gift, in gratefulness, while it suffocates in the anxiety of having and appearing," the Pope said. "The church learns gratitude from the Virgin Mary."



Pope Francis visits the Nativity scene in St. Peter's Square after leading an evening prayer service on New Year's Eve at the Vatican Dec. 31, 2023.

The Pope also said that the holy Mary and the church "is not optimizing something else: it is faith in a God to his promises."

"This faith takes the form of hope, a dimension of time," he said. "Christ like Mary, are pilgrims of hope."

Near the basilica's main altar is an icon of the "Madonna Lactans," or Nursing Madonna, from the Benedictine Abbey of Montevergine in Mercogliano, Italy. The icon, in late Byzantine style, shows the Madonna nursing the infant Jesus. The Pope stood silently before the image before leading the service.

The service culminated with the singing of the "Te Deum" ("We praise God") in thanksgiving for the blessings of the past year.

In his homily, Pope Francis noted that the coming year would involve intense preparation for the Holy Year 2025.

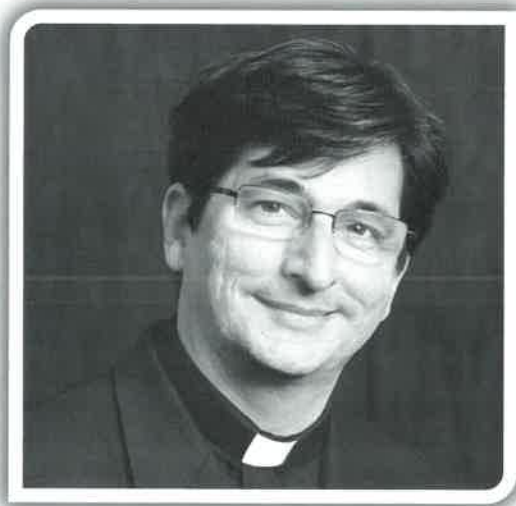
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# Message from Bishop Tyson...

ends:

by New Year! Needless to say, I the custom of a Mass for Life Mary. This year, we align our Mass with the Feast of the Epiphany – “Jesus as a baby.” That is how our Father, Pope Benedict XVI, summarized Epiphany. And a powerful manifestation of God! Jesus as a baby because as we all babies pull us out of ourselves. to hold the baby. We want to be baby. This is how God first come to us. He wants to compel bond to His arrival as if we were ng to the arrival of a newborn



**Bishop Joseph Tyson**

month, we featured a story of sus Mariscal suddenly finding compelled to help a homeless the side garden of the rectory Paul Cathedral to give birth One of the high points for me stmas was being able to bless the d have them at the 10:30 p.m. d Mass on Christmas Eve! write this, our Catholic Charities EPRES team is working with the . Out of respect for privacy I y much more, but this is where ll of you for your generous to our annual Christmas a for Catholic Charities here in ese of Yakima as well as your response to our PREPARES a coming up in February. easy to believe that now that Wade has been overturned, the of abortion is resolved. It is ed, as I warned previously, ton State has become a on for out of state abortions. re, the overall number of s has INCREASED nationally in

the aftermath of Roe vs. Wade. Yes, there were drops in abortion in certain states that reduced abortion access. But those drops were more than offset by increases in abortion. The reasons for this are not immediately clear.

I would also add that up to 40 percent of abortions before Roe vs. Wade were chemically induced and did not generally involve a clinical procedure. Those abortions are not counted in any of the national figures.

So while I am grateful that legal protection has been increased for the unborn, the increase in legal protection has not led to a decrease in abortion. Nor has it resolved the deeply polarizing conflict around abortion as a public policy issue.

PREPARES is very key. Ultimately ending abortion will not occur with a change of law. It requires a change of heart. PREPARES volunteers and PREPARES coordinators at Catholic Charities provide our parish communities with opportunities to support moms, to support dads, to support families to keep their children.

## Communications Collection Set

Throughout the Diocese of Yakima on the end of January 13-14, parishes will have a second collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign, which seeks to reach people with Christ through the television, radio and print media. 50 percent of the funds collected stay in the diocese to support local projects. 50 percent of donations received go to national communications

efforts as well as worldwide projects.

With the establishment of its Rome bureau in 1950, Catholic News Service (CNS) has been a premier source of news about the Pope and the Vatican for Catholic newspapers, magazines and websites.

Today, CNS Rome’s staff continue this legacy of service by providing articles,

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We provide an uplifting, joyous and hopeful pathway even when a pregnancy is unexpected. I am always inspired by the parents of newborns who reached out and chose the gift of life. As bishop, those I serve often have very hard lives.

But our anchoring PREPARES ministry in the spiritual and corporal works of mercy will prove to be the most effective way of witnessing to and building up a culture of life.

The best way to reduce abortion here in Washington State is to generously donate and support with your time, your treasure and your talent our Catholic Charities, our PREPARES volunteers and our PREPARES coordinators.

So again, I thank you for your support of the gift of life and I again encourage you to support PREPARES. PREPARES is expanding the “epiphany” in our ministry, spotlighting the work of Christ even with the growing number of abortions in our state and across our country. And we do so, not only with the Christmas blessing of those twin boys, but with many, many other families all across the Diocese of Yakima. You, the readers of the *Central Washington Catholic*, are the blessings that make this happen!

With every best wish and blessing!

Yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Joseph J. Tyson  
Bishop of Yakima

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# Mother of Good Counsel, Protect the Vulnerable

By Paul Ashton, Psy.D., D.Min. - Consultant to the VIRTUS Programs

*Lord, you know that our thoughts on earth are full of fear and uncertainty; through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, from whom your Son took flesh and blood, send us the Spirit of counsel to teach us how to know your will, and to guide us in all we do.*

Each January 1, the Church celebrates the beginning of the New Year by commemorating the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Most especially for the VIRTUS family, there is no better way to begin the year than by honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary whose selfless life was devoted to her Son, Jesus.

For many years, the VIRTUS coordinators from around the country have gathered for a conference that draws us together in prayer. This conference is educational, spiritual, recreational and prayerful. We have learned that sharing each other's burdens certainly lightens them, and in the same way coordinators learn from one

another and carry this knowledge and experience back to their home arch/dioceses.

Prayer is certainly a major part of our gatherings and each year we remember victims, survivors, thrivers and all who are involved in the work of Protecting God's Children. We pray to our Mother of Good Counsel asking her to protect all children and vulnerable persons. We know from sharing the good news stories that, through her intercession, God responds in mighty ways. Consider the thousands and thousands of Catholic faithful who are represented by the coordinators who attend. Consider the thousands who fall under the care of our dear Blessed Mother every sec-



ond of the day. We rely to guide and counsel us.

Many of the arch/bishops and coordinators are mothers and fathers who have their children to watch and care for. They give tirelessly of themselves so others might have the opportunity to learn and live in safe environments. We remember them especially this New Year and ask God's blessing for their families.

As we start the New Year we remember that Mary was devoted to the good care and protection of her Son and to lead all to God the Father. In this spirit, we pray for her intercession to guide us throughout the year. May all of us join in union of prayer to bless all of the children and vulnerable people of the world. May we all have a blessed and Happy New Year!

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photographs and videos to approximately 100 Catholic newspapers and dioceses, as well as a daily highlight that appears on the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. CNS Rome's coverage of informative and inspiring stories from

the geographical heart of the Church also reaches a robust social media audience, including nearly one million followers on Facebook and hundreds of thousands on other platforms.

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# News

## Around the Diocese

### Keep Our Senior Priests in Prayers

Father John is the most beloved priest of the Diocese of Yakima. We like to thank him for the prayers he offers for us. We wish to see his recent future. As he continues to

he asks for continued prayers. Father and his two brothers, Father Bill and Bob Shaw, live in the Terraces at Summitview complex in Yakima. Before the recent, Father Bill served as pastor of Our Lady of Fatima Parish in White Swan with Father Bill's residence there.

Father John has endured multiple health issues in recent months, but maintaining his faith and strong spirit through it all. Currently, he is in Room 500 of the nursing home section of Terraces at Summitview. Visits are encouraged, after consulting with nursing staff. Cards and letters may be sent c/o Father Bill Shaw, 100 Summitview, 211 North 40th Street, Apt. 102, Yakima, WA 98909. Other senior priests who are in need of continued prayers include Fr. Robert O'Shea who is at Highgate Senior Living in Kennewick; Msgr. Perron Auve, at Parkview in Kennewick; and Fr. John O'Shea, a new resident currently at the Rehabilitation Center recovering months after a recent illness.

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If you are interested in attending or have any questions about Cursillo, contact Ann Anderson at 509-731-6975 (for men's weekend) or Dan Sisk at 509-731-6985 (for the women's weekend).



Father John Shaw

# Pilgrimage to Italy Offers 'A Spiritual Refresh' for Priests

By Christine Corbett Conklin

When the big moment came, Father Lalo Barragan was nervous. Face to face with Pope Francis, in Clementine Hall of the Vatican, what can a person say?

"I said, 'Thank you for your ministry,' and he just smiled and nodded," recalled Father Barragan, pastor of Our Lady of the Desert Parish, Mattawa, in recounting the highlight of his recent trip to Italy. "We shook hands."

It was the "epic moment" of a pilgrimage which Father Barragan made in November, along with Father Christian Melendez of the Diocese of Yakima; a friend, Father Emmanuel Torres of Chicago; and more than 100 other Hispanic priests from across the United States, through ANSH (the Spanish initials for the National Association of Hispanic Priests).

"Attending this pilgrimage with brother priests gave me the opportunity to appreciate the bond that we have with other priests here in the Diocese of Yakima," he observed. "We know each other..." Priests from some other U.S. dioceses gave him the impression that they were lonely in their ministry, in their own

dioceses, he said.

While in Rome, Father Barragan had the chance to offer two Masses at a side altar of St. Peter's Basilica and to visit the three other major basilicas in the city: the Archbasilica of St. John Lateran, the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls and the Basilica of St. Mary Major.

"The news says that churches are closing in Europe, so we were kind of surprised

to see how many people were attending churches. It was really nice to see the Faith so alive there," he said.

The priests also were able to attend a general audience with Pope Francis, about a week before the private meeting. The Pope's frailty, from age and recent illness, was evident, Father Barragan said.

"He was in a wheelchair and walking with a cane. It's like he is very human..." Yet, when it came time for that later, face-to-face greeting, the Pope's handshake was still strong, he noted.

Other excursions Father Barragan recounted included Pompeii, with a visit to the beautiful Pontifical Shrine of the Blessed Virgin of the Rosary, and Florence to visit the Florence Cathedral with its famous red dome.

"In a spiritual way, there were very enriching moments," Father concluded. "It was like a spiritual refresh. It was so beautiful for me to see that the Church is universal."



Father Barragan greeted Pope Francis.



Father Barragan celebrated Mass in the Chapel of Our Lady of Czestochowa at St. Peter's Basilica.

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Yet more than worrying about organizing logistics and events, the pope asked people to be witnesses to "ethical and spiritual quality of coexistence."

As an example, he pointed out that people of every nationality, culture and religion come together in St. Peter's Square, so the basilica must be welcoming to all people and provide accessible information.

The Pope then praised the charm of Rome's historic center but said it must also be accessible to people with disabilities and the elderly.

Roberto Gualtieri, mayor of Rome, sat in the front row of the basilica during the prayer service and greeted the Pope at its conclusion.

Pope Francis noted that a pilgrimage "requires good preparation," and recalled that 2024 would be dedicated to prayer before the Holy Year.

"And what better teacher could we have than our Holy Mother?" the Pope asked. "Let us learn from her to live every day, every moment, every occupation with our inner gaze turned to Jesus."

After the prayer service, the Pope greeted people lined along the basilica's central nave. Then, riding in his wheelchair, he went outside to pray in front of the Nativity scene in St. Peter's Square, taking his time to wave to visitors, bless children and listen to the Swiss Guard band as it played Christmas carols.