

# SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

THE ASCENSION OF THE  
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520 South Garfield St. Kennewick, WA 99336

MAY 12, 2024

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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  
Parochial Vicar  
Parochial Vicar  
In Residence  
Deacons

School Principal

Pastoral Assistant for Administration Mr. William Mich  
Receptionist

Office Assistant  
Rel. Education Coordinators

Bookkeeper  
Music Director

## Parish Staff

Fr. Jose Herrera  
Fr. Ricardo A. Villarreal  
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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.

## 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

May 12, 2024

Ascension of Our Lord

"Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God."

- 1 John 4:15

How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to either defend or clarify a question about our Catholic faith, do you do it? Or, do you remain silent so that others don't think you are weird? Pray for the courage to be strong in all circumstances and to joyfully share your witness with others.

### Collection for May 5, 2024

Sunday Offerings	\$20,716.72
Building Fund	\$861.00
School Donations	\$2,192.00
Rel Ed.	\$35.00
MTMM	\$500.00
Cath. Home	\$614.30

The Parish Office closes early on fourth **Wednesdays of each month**. The Office will be open from 9 am to noon on fourth Wednesdays.

**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, Wyatt Beaton.**

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, 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, Zara Husan, Raquel Cardoza, Samuel Quintanilla, Pat McKie Szacik, Carmen Nava, Mike Draper, Peter Braun, Yolanda Quintero, Hazel Meister, Kendra Skwierczynski, Kolton Hansford, Jeannine Soehnlein, Joanne, Marie Smith, 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.**

## 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

May 13-19

### Monday, May 13th

6:30 am  
† Elaine Loftus  
8:30 am  
Richard Fischer & Family

### Tuesday, May 14th

6:30 am  
† Samuel Villanueva Gonzalez  
8:30 am  
Bernadette Hargrove

### Wednesday, May 15th

6:30 am  
† Gabino Valdivia  
8:30 am  
Holly, Shawn & Children

### Thursday, May 16th

6:30 am  
† Arnulfo D. Tirol  
8:30 am  
† Mary & Joseph Lysiak

### Friday, May 17th

6:30 am  
† Gabino Valdivia  
8:30 am  
† Fay Clemmons

### Saturday, May 18th

8:30 am  
† Sal & Laurie Pennella  
5:30 pm  
James Kennedy (B-day)  
† Debbie Lord  
† Dwight Langer  
7:00 pm  
† Agustin Martinez Mojica  
Daniel Manzanarez  
† Ester Martinez Mancillas

### Sunday, May 19th

9:00 am  
† Debbie Lord  
† Casualties of War  
† Catherine Finley  
11:00 am  
Olivia Clapper (B-day)  
† Walter Coleman  
† Sergio Simon Tijerina  
1:00 pm  
† Rafael Alvarez Avalos  
† Esperanza Meraz  
† Giraldo Gilberto Betancourt  
5:30 pm  
† Debbie Lord  
† Kathryn Flynn  
† Mary Houston  
7:00 pm  
† Eudoro Moreno Aguilar  
† Ester Martinez Mancillas  
† Almas del purgatorio



**Request for Mass intentions for the remainder of 2024**  
July-December 2024 may be requested beginning on Monday, June 25. Intentions can be for the repose of a soul or in honor of someone's birthday, feast day, anniversary, or in memory of the day someone died. The suggested donation is \$10.00. Please visit the Mass Intention website by scanning the QR code or you can come into the office to make your request.

ADORATION CHAPEL

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**



### Openings:

**No current openings please check again next week.**

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 and sign up for a regular weekly hour of adoration.

Our goal must be infinite, not the finite. The infinite is our homeland. Heaven has been waiting for us forever." (Blessed Carlo Acutis, named a patron for the National Eucharistic Revival 2024)



The Women of St. Joseph would like to thank you for all your all your support and donated treasures. The amount collected was 35,655.00 we couldn't have done it without you.

**The Parish office will be  
CLOSED FOR  
MEMORIAL DAY**



**Monday, May 27, 2024**

# JESUS THIRSTS

THE MIRACLE OF THE EUCHARIST



**Come and join the Eucharistic Missionaries from  
St. Joseph Parish for a private viewing:**

***Ven y únase a los Misioneros de la Eucaristía de la  
Parroquia San José para una película privada:  
(Película en Inglés con subtítulos en Español)***

**Date/Fecha: Tuesday, June 4 / *Martes, Junio 4, 2024***

**Time/Hora: 6:00 pm (Theater access/acceso al teatro - 5:30 pm)**

**Place/Lugar: AMC Theatre – 1380 North Louisiana Street  
Kennewick 99336 (near/cerca de Costco)**

**Ticket Price/Precio – \$15.00 per person/*por persona***

**You may sign up and pay with cash only to reserve your seat  
after Mass or in the parish office by Friday, May 31, 2024.**

***Puede registrarse y pagar el boleto para reservar su asiento después de Misa o en la  
oficina parroquial antes del viernes, 31 de mayo de 2024.***

***Método de pago: efectivo solamente.***

**Jesus Thirsts: Miracle of the Eucharist**  
*Jesús Tiene Sed: El Milagro de la Eucaristía*



**Synopsis:** “Deep within each human soul, there exists an intense craving for connection, purpose, and love — a thirst that only God can satisfy. Yet, the question remains: How does one fulfill this yearning? The Catholic Church teaches that the Eucharist is the most profound means by which God shares Himself with humanity. However, a 2019 Pew Research Study unveiled a concerning reality: only one-third of practicing U.S. Catholics believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. In *Jesus Thirsts: The Miracle of the Eucharist*, we embark on a global journey to rediscover and revive the transformative power of the Eucharist. Engaging in dialogue with notable Catholic figures, the film explores the biblical origins of the Eucharist and shares personal stories of individuals whose lives have been transformed by the Blessed Sacrament. This exploration makes it unmistakably clear that the Eucharist is not merely a symbol, but is indeed Jesus Christ Himself — fervently desiring to quench our spiritual thirst with His boundless love.”<sup>1</sup>

**Sinopsis:** “*En lo más profundo de cada alma humana existe un intenso anhelo de conexión, propósito y amor, una sed que sólo Dios puede satisfacer. Sin embargo, la pregunta sigue siendo: ¿Cómo se satisface este anhelo? La Iglesia católica enseña que la Eucaristía es el medio más profundo por el cual Dios se comparte con la humanidad. Sin embargo, un estudio de Pew Research de 2019 reveló una realidad preocupante: solo un tercio de los católicos estadounidenses practicantes creen en la Presencia Real de Cristo en la Eucaristía. En Jesús Tiene Sed: El Milagro de la Eucaristía nos embarcamos en un viaje global para redescubrir y revivir el poder transformador de la Eucaristía. En diálogo con notables figuras católicas, la película explora los orígenes bíblicos de la Eucaristía y comparte historias personales de individuos cuyas vidas han sido transformadas por el Santísimo Sacramento. Esta exploración deja inequívocamente claro que la Eucaristía no es un mero símbolo, sino que es Jesucristo mismo, que desea fervientemente saciar nuestra sed espiritual con su amor sin límites.*”<sup>2</sup>

**Reserve your seat today / Reserve su asiento hoy**  
**Limited seating / Asientos limitados**

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.fathomevents.com/events/jesus-thirsts-the-miracle-of-the-eucharist/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://jesusthirstsfilm.com/es/synopsis/>

**ST. JOSEPH  
YOUTH GROUP**  
GRUPO JUVENIL SAN JOSÉ



KENNEWICK, WA



**What is a Steubenville Youth Conference?**

The Steubenville N.W. Conference is a 3-day event (July 12, 13, 14, 2024) that takes place in Spokane, WA (outreach of Franciscan University of Steubenville) where thousands of Catholic teens gather together to grow in their faith and personal relationships with Christ. The weekend is full of fellowship, prayer, music, engaging speakers, praise and worship, Eucharistic adoration, Mass, and reconciliation.

The theme for the conference is *"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."* – John 1:5

This year we have a total of 41 participants, please keep us in your prayers as we prepare for the Conference. *The participants and chaperones would like to express their gratitude for all your support until now.*

**Scan QR code to obtain information on Youth Nights, Donate Link, Website, Online Auction, and more information.**

**Dinner Auction amount raised \$10,400.00**

The participants would like to thank all who attended the Dinner Auction.

Thank you to the following Business, Individuales, & Families as well as all our St. Joseph Parish community.

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Machado Creations

Alejandro Medina-Parra, E. Quiroz,

Ángel Machado, Cristina García Machado,

St. Theresa Youth Group, Kihei, Maui, Hawaii, Ignacia, Gabriella, Isabella Thepvongsa, Ruby Chávez, Eddy Mendoza,

Sofia Rico, Yahaira Rodríguez, Liliana Torres, Christine Villanueva, Ada C. Muñoz, Lucy Ryther, Judith Hernández,

Abraham Roldan, Alexandra Campa, Sara Cesar, Víctor Mendoza & Laura Cesar, Alexander Villanueva, Jesús Tobón,

Moisés Flores, Charlene & Lizette Flores, Angelica Rodriguez, NT, Rodolfo Villaseñor, Karin Grable.



Thank you to the Knights of Columbus council #3397, Ramiro Panduro for their volunteer work during the dinner auction.  
**All the Priests of the parish for their support.**



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**Next Fundraisers**

Sunday, May 12  
Chocolate covered strawberries

Sunday, May 19  
Popcorn Sale after 11:00 am & 1:00 pm Masses

Sunday, May 26  
Lunch Fundraiser after the 11:00 am & 1:00 pm Masses  
Burgers & Carne Asada

Saturday, June 1  
Car Wash by the PAC (Gym)

**Mother's Day Fundraiser  
CHOCOLATE COVERED STRAWBERRIES**

Sunday, May 12 • After all Masses

Chocolate Covered Strawberries:  
Half dozen— \$10  
One dozen—\$15

Pre orders due by Friday before 4 pm.  
Pick up your order on Mother's Day in the foyer of the Big Church.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

6 count: \_\_\_\_\_ Qty. @ \$10

12 count: \_\_\_\_\_ Qty. @ \$15

Choose your chocolate:  
\_\_\_ Milk Chocolate \_\_\_ White Chocolate \_\_\_ Mixed



Total amount due ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Payments accepted by:

Cash

Check—Payable to St. Joseph Parish. Memo: Youth Group # 51000

Credit / Debit—scan QR Code for payment link and add qty.

You may return this order form in an enclosed envelope with your payment to the Parish Office or drop it in the mailbox outside the office.  
Mark the Envelope: Attn: SJ Youth Group

# ST. JOSEPH YOUTH GROUP

GRUPO JUVENIL SAN JOSÉ



KENNEWICK, WA



## ¿Qué es una conferencia juvenil de Steubenville?

La conferencia es un evento de 3 días que se lleva a cabo en Spokane, WA (alcance de la Universidad Franciscana de Steubenville) donde miles de adolescentes católicos se reúnen para crecer en su fe y sus relaciones personales con Cristo. El fin de semana está lleno de compañerismo, oración, música, oradores atractivos, alabanza y adoración, adoración eucarística, misa y reconciliación. *El tema de la conferencia es La luz brilla en las tinieblas, y las tinieblas no la vencieron. Jn 1: 5*

*Este año tenemos un total de 41 participantes, por favor manténganos en sus oraciones mientras nos preparamos para la Conferencia.*

*Los participantes y acompañantes desean expresar su gratitud por todo su apoyo hasta ahora. Escanee el código QR para obtener información sobre Noches Juveniles, Enlace de Donación, Sitio Web, Subasta en Línea y más información.*

## Total recaudado en la Cena Subasta:

**\$10,400.00**

Gracias a todos que pudieron asistir.

Gracias a las siguientes negocios, individuos y familias, así como a toda nuestra comunidad de la parroquia de San José.

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Gracias al consejo #3397 de Caballeros de Colon, Ramiro Panduro, por su trabajo voluntario durante la cena de subasta. todos los Sacerdotes de la parroquia por su apoyo.



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### Ventas proximas

domingo 12 de mayo

Venta de Fresas cubiertas de chocolate

domingo 19 de mayo

Venta de palomitas de maíz después de las misas de 11:00 am y 1:00 pm.

domingo 26 de mayo

Almuerzo (hamburguesas y carne asada) para recaudar fondos después de las misas de 11:00 am y 1:00 pm.

sábado 1 de junio

Lavado de Coches en el PAC (Gimnasio)

Venta para el Día de las Madres  
**FRESAS CUBIERTAS DE CHOCOLATE**  
domingo 12 de mayo • Después de todas las Misas

Fresas cubiertas de chocolate:  
**Media docena: 10 dólares**  
**Una docena: 15 dólares**

Las pre-ordines deben hacerse antes de las 4 p.m.

Los pedidos seran entregados en el vestibulo de la iglesia grande despues de las Misas.

Nombre \_\_\_\_\_

# Tel. \_\_\_\_\_

6 fresas: \_\_\_\_\_ Qty. @ \$10

12 fresas: \_\_\_\_\_ Qty. @ \$15

Elija el chocolate

\_\_\_ Chocolate con leche \_\_\_ Chocolate blanco \_\_\_ Mezclado



Total ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Formas de pago aceptadas:

Efectivo

Cheque—A nombre de San Jose: Memo: Grupo Juvenil # 51000

Crédito/Débito: escanee el código QR para ver el enlace de pago y agregue la cantidad.

Puede devolver esta forma de pedido en un sobre cerrado con su pago a la Oficina Parroquial o dejarlo en el buzón fuera de la oficina. Marque el sobre: A la atención de: Grupo Juvenil Sn Jose

# PARISH DAY TRIPS

*Our trips offer opportunities for parishioners and non-parishioners to make friends and meet new people.*

## **Join Fr. Jose Herrera for a trip to The Grotto, the National Sanctuary of Our Sorrowful Mother Portland, OR**

**Saturday, June 15**

RESERVE your seats by making the full payment and completing waiver forms. No seats are reserved without payment.

Transportation: Charter Bus limited to 50—First come, first served.

Price includes transportation & entrance to Grotto. Meals are not included.

Price	
Adults & Teens (age 13+)	\$90
Seniors (age 65+)	\$80
Kids (ages 3-11 yrs)	\$70
Infants under 2 free	

All minors must be accompanied by a parent.

### Itinerary

Departure: 7 am in front of the Big church  
Approximate return: 10:30 pm

### Lunch Stop at Multnomah Falls

We will be stopping to have lunch (all encouraged to pack a lunch).

The Multnomah Falls Lodge, which is run by a concessionaire, is well maintained with restrooms, a Visitor Center, a snack bar, a gift shop and a restaurant that is fully ADA accessible.

Next Stop: The Grotto, the National Sanctuary of Our Sorrowful Mother, is Roman Catholic ministry of the Order of Friar Servants of Mary. The 62-acre shrine is located in the city of Portland, Oregon.

The Grotto offers a sanctuary of peace, prayer and natural beauty for all people. The walking path in The Upper Level Gardens in less than a mile, but there are many places to stop and visit.

We will do a final stop at the Woodburn Premium Outlets where there are several locations to have dinner and shopping.

For more information please call the parish office 509-586-3820 Ext 101.

## **Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium Tacoma, WA**

**Saturday, July 27**

RESERVE your seats by making the full payment and completing waiver forms. No seats are reserved without payment.

Transportation: Charter Bus limited to 50—First come, first served.

Price includes transportation & entrance to Zoo. Meals are not included.

Price	
Adults & Teens (age 13+)	\$110
Seniors (age 65+)	\$90
Kids (ages 3-11 yrs)	\$80
Infants under 2 free	

All minors must be accompanied by a parent.

### Itinerary

Departure: 6:15 am in front of the Big church  
Approximate return: midnight

### Rest stop in Yakima / Cle Elum

You are welcome to pack a lunch (storage for coolers (under bus).

### Zoo

Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium is the only combined zoo and aquarium in the Pacific Northwest, located in Tacoma, Washington, US, owned by Metro Parks Tacoma. Situated on 29 acres in Tacoma's Point Defiance Park, the zoo and aquarium are home to over 9,000 specimens representing 367 animal species.



After our visit at the Zoo, we will find a location to have dinner and then head back home.

For more information please call the parish office 509-586-3820 Ext 101.

## 2025 Quinceañera Program

A Quinceañera is a joyous celebration of a young woman — a Quinceañera— reaching the age of 15.

The celebration is a way of acknowledging that the young woman has reached maturity and is ready to take on additional responsibilities. Most importantly, the celebration reaffirms her religious faith and the traditional virtues of the Catholic family.



In order to celebrate a Quinceañera at St. Joseph Church, the following requirements must be met:

- The Quinceañera's parents must be **previously registered** (provide your envelope # at moment of making registration) in the parish and be actively attending Sunday Mass.
- The Quinceañera must have **previously received** the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist). Please present a copy of the Quinceañera's First Communion certificate at the moment of registration.
- Please register her for the Confirmation program at the Parish Office with Doris or Maria if she has not received Confirmation.
- As part of the formation process, the Quinceañera will need to attend **youth group** on a weekly basis (Aug. 2024– June 2025) and six supplementary classes.
- The Quinceañera is required to attend a weekend youth retreat (Pre Easter Youth Retreat).
- Parent and Quinceañera service hours: The Quinceañera must complete 20 service hours and the parents must complete 10.

Registration and reservations will only take place on August 1-30, 2024 at the Parish Office. Reservations for 2025 will not be accepted after this date. Reservations will be on a first-come, first-served basis. All Masses for Quinceañeras are all held on the fourth Saturday.

Please note we do not schedule blessings at a different time.

For more information, contact Nancy at the Parish Office at 509-586-3820 Ext. 101.

youth06.stjoseph@gmail.com

### Renewal of Wedding Vows

Many parishioners ask to renew their wedding vows from time to time as a reminder of the importance of the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony. They realize the significance of a God-centered marriage. These celebrations usually take place on an important wedding anniversary such as the 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, or 50<sup>th</sup>, but vows may be renewed at any time.

Within a Private Mass (1 year to 6 months prior)

For 2025 we will begin to take reservations on August 1.

## CELEBRATING MARRIAGE AT ST. JOSEPH PARISH

*"And the two shall become one"*

For Catholics, the Sacrament of Marriage, or Holy Matrimony, is a public sign that one gives oneself totally to this other person. It is also a public statement about God: the loving union of husband and wife speaks of family values and also God's values.

### MARRIAGE PREPARATION FOR 2025

After you initially contact the Parish Office expressing interest in celebrating your wedding at St. Joseph, you will be contacted in June by Fr. Ricardo Villarreal to arrange to meet at the Parish Office at a mutually convenient time. Our calendar for Weddings will open on July 1st, only after having attended the first meeting will you be able to reserve a date for 2025. Keep in mind that the preparation length is approximately six months. No weddings are scheduled during Lent or Advent.

For more information, please contact Nancy at the Parish Office, 509-586-3820 Ext #101.

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## INFANT BAPTISMS

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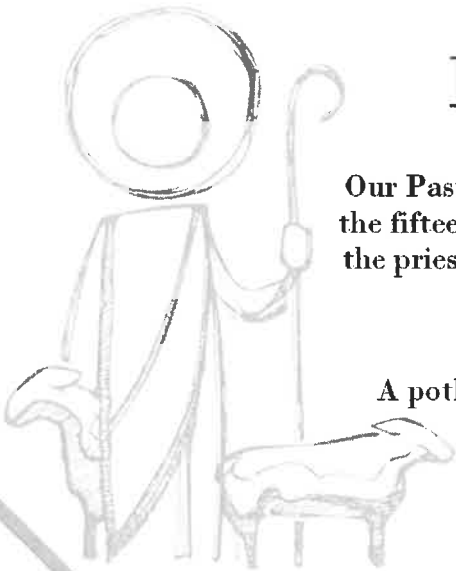
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**May 22, 2024**

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Join us for a sung Mass on May 26th at 9am directed by the composer. This event is open to all who wish to experience the beauty and reverence of sacred music.



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



"Jesus said to His disciples, 'Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature'...So then, the Lord Jesus, after He spoke to them, ascended into heaven and took His seat at the right hand of God. But they went forth and preached everywhere..." (from Mark 16:15-20) Jesus needs you to spread the Good News of salvation everywhere to everyone. That's what priests, deacons, brothers and sisters do every day. Join them and save the world! A good way to start is by honoring Jesus's Mother and yours. Happy Mothers' Day!

**Join Fr. Jose Herrera for a trip to The Grotto  
The National Sanctuary of Our Sorrowful Mother  
Portland, OR**

**Saturday, June 15**

RESERVE your seats by making the full payment and completing waiver forms. No seats are reserved without payment.

Transportation: Charter Bus limited to 50-First come, first served.

Price includes transportation & entrance to Grotto. Meals are not included.

Price	
Adults & Teens (age 13+)	\$90
Seniors (age 65+)	\$80
Kids (ages 3-12 yrs)	\$70
Infants 2 and under are free	

All minors must be accompanied by a parent.

Itinerary  
Departure: 7 am in front of the Big church  
Approximate return: 10:30 pm

Lunch Stop at Multnomah Falls We will be stopping to have lunch (all encouraged to pack a lunch).

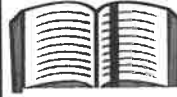
The Multnomah Falls Lodge, which is run by a concessionaire, is well maintained with restrooms, a Visitor Center, a snack bar, a gift shop and a restaurant that is fully ADA accessible.

Next Stop: The Grotto, the National Sanctuary of Our Sorrowful Mother, is Roman Catholic ministry of the Order of Friar Servants of Mary. The 62-acre shrine is located in the city of Portland, Oregon.

The Grotto offers a sanctuary of peace, prayer and natural beauty for all people. The walking path in The Upper Level Gardens in less than a mile, but there are many places to stop and visit.

We will do a final stop at the Woodburn Premium Outlets where there are several locations to have dinner and shopping

For more information please call the Parish Office 509-586-3820 ext. 101.



**SUNDAY LITURGY REFLECTION**

By Fr. Riccardo Keolker

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**Traveling Vocations Crucifixes**

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**The Fire of Your Love**

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**We need your help to switch out the new missalette.**

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## The Diocese of Yakima Prepares To Welcome Two New Priests

By Christine Corbett Conklin

Two transitional deacons of the Diocese of Yakima are eagerly awaiting their May 24 ordination to the priesthood. Deacons John Washington and Antonio Garcia will be ordained in a 6 p.m. rite at St. Joseph Church in Wenatchee.



Deacon Antonio Garcia

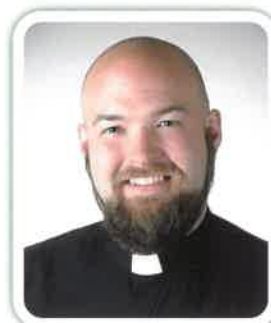
first Mass on May 26 in Wenatchee, followed by a June 2 Mass at St. Luke the Evangelist Church in Dahlenega, Georgia, where he became a Catholic.

After finishing his theology studies at the Seminario Hispano in Mexico City, Deacon

Garcia has been assisting at St. Andrew's Church in Ellensburg and attending English-language classes at Central Washington University.

Deacon Garcia's family will not be able to attend the ordination, but he will return to his hometown in Colima, Mexico, to say his first Mass on May 29, so that they can be with him then.

Each deacon will bring some special items to the May 24 ordination. Deacon Garcia will have a chalice given to him by Father Jesus Alatorre, who, along with Father Cesar Vega, will serve as "god-father" for him that day. Father Edgar Quiroga will provide a chasuble (the outer vestment worn by a priest at Mass). Deacon Washington will have a special chalice made in Colombia and given to him by friends, which will feature images of the four Evangelists -- with Saint Luke



Deacon John Washington

facing front and center! I has been gifted with a training Mass kit by the parish Luke the Evangelist and stole (the long, narrow worn around the neck) by Nicholas Baker, a priest of Deacon Washington that, as a priest, he is particularly looking forward to singing, citing his upbringing Baptist.

"I want to share what I've learned in the past seven years and what I learned from the people, too," he said. He's also looking forward to singing. "I'm intimate a little bit by Confessions," he admitted, "but it will be intriguing to be on the other side of the confessional."

Deacon Garcia said that he is looking forward to "helping people in their spiritual life, with Confessions and giving them spiritual advice." He also wants to "continue praying always... I want to be a bridge between God and people..."

Parish assignments have not yet been announced for the two new priests.

All are welcome to attend the ordination, with a reception to follow at St. Joseph Parish. Please keep our new priests and all of our clergy and religious in your prayers.

"I'm excited, but at the same time, I'm kind of nervous," observed Garcia, who grew up in Queseria, Colima, Mexico. "There will be more responsibilities," he noted, "but I'm so happy to be ordained."

"I can't believe it," added Washington, a native of the state of Georgia, in discussing how soon ordination day was coming. "I'm grateful. I'm excited. I'm a little anxious to get out there and get started -- and not mess anything up!"

Deacon Washington, who has been studying at Mundelein Seminary in Illinois for the past seven years, is a convert from the Baptist faith.

"What I'm really excited about is my parents and my siblings are going to be at the ordination," he noted. "They'll be able to see what I've been doing for the past seven years." He then will say his

## Blessed Mother Endured Much, Is There for Us Through Prayer

By Christine Corbett Conklin

When we think of Blessed Mother, it's easy to picture someone with unattainable perfection and a serene smile, floating on a billowing white cloud. However, just like us, Mary was a human being who faced incredible trials in her life and experienced sadness, worry and the responsibilities of day-to-day life.

"Mary didn't live in a bubble," observed Very Rev. Michael Ibach, judicial vicar of the Diocese of Yakima and parochial vicar of Holy Family Parish. "She would have had all of the anxieties, the fears, the apprehensions that all of us have."

Yet, in this month of May, as we specially honor Blessed Mother, we can be inspired by her beautiful spirit of acceptance and trust in God, Father said.

Beginning with the Annunciation, when the Angel Gabriel appeared to tell Mary she was to become the Mother of God, the Bible takes us through some of her extraordinary life experiences.

"After the Annunciation, I'm sure she had a real fear of how the community was going to react, how Joseph (would) react," Father explained. "She must have wondered, 'Will I be ostracized from the community?'" She so willingly said

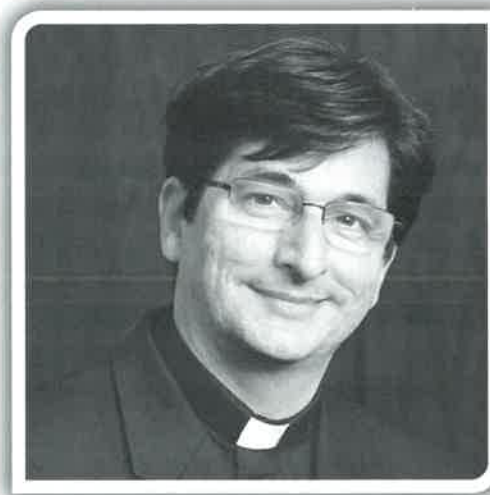
"yes" to the angel's message, and then, "after thinking about it, the reality of life came to be."

Today, we also have worries about how our positive decisions will be received by those around us, he said. If I am pro-life, will others accept me? Will people think if I become a priest?



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**Bishop Joseph Tyson**

Pope Francis may be inviting us to now meditate on the third image of the Church: The Temple of the Holy Spirit. Who most personifies this temple? The Blessed Virgin Mary! She is the "temple" that bears Jesus. She ponders the mystery of God-in-the-flesh and invites us to do the same. The very mysteries of the Rosary invite us to meditate on the life of Jesus through the eyes of his mother, Mary.

While still Cardinal Archbishop of Buenos Aires, the future Pope Francis played a key role in writing the "Aparecida" document with its rich references to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The most visited religious pilgrimage site in the world is the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico. It is even more visited than Saint Peter's in Rome! This Marian spirituality might be the interpretive key for understanding the current synod process. "Ven con nosotros a caminar, Santa Maria ven." "Come walk with us. Holy Mary, come."

This famous Marian hymn refrain suggests that even as we note the Blessed Virgin Mary as she accompanies us, so too, do we accompany each other. Pope Francis' synod process is one of accompaniment. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, alongside the "temple" that bears Jesus, we, like Mary, ponder the Word of God made flesh. If we are to become a people that accompanies and listens, it is because we first have conversed with the Word of God and we have listened to how God's Word

resonates with our journey of faith.

Here across the Diocese of Yakima, visitation teams came to nearly half the parishes in my first years as bishop. With the advent of the synod process of Pope Francis, many parishes conducted listening sessions both in English and Spanish. People also responded via surveys. The diocesan pastoral council headed by Deacon Michael Gaulke sifted through some 1,600 data points. Listening and discerning, they suggested six priority areas that emerged from the parish conversations, listening sessions and surveys: (1) Engaging our Youth (2) Speaking out and Being Heard (3) Creating Community (4) Decision Making and Governance (5) Priests are Unified but Tired (6) Mission and Community Outreach.

Deacon Gaulke led the Yakima priests in a process of weighing out the six areas so we could develop strategic goals. He and Gabi Hernandez, also from our pastoral council, did the same with around 350 Spanish-language catechists and around 100 English language catechists from across the Diocese of Yakima during the Church Mission Congress.

A mixed group from the diocesan pastoral council and the diocesan finance council helped me formulate strategic goals that could be shared across the parishes and schools and among the major language and cultural groups:

- Build up the Young Church in Christ

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# A Message from Bishop Tyson... *Continued from page 3*

- Build up the Mission Church in Christ
- Build the One Body of Christ across Central Washington
- Tend the daily and ongoing wounds of the Body of Christ

I hope to write more on these key strategic goals in the future. But circling back to Mary, I am grateful that so many ponder the mystery of Jesus as did Mary. I am grateful for the shift that, just as we reflect on the Church as “The People of God” and the “Body of Christ,” we can also reflect on the Church as the

“Temple of the Holy Spirit,” especially in this month of May with Mary who IS the temple bearing Jesus for us.

Thank you for reading such a robust column and thank you for your pondering heart, your openness to pray and discern as did Mary!

With every best wish and blessing!

Yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Joseph J. Tyson  
Bishop of Yakima

# Wenatchee Right to Life Plans June Rally and March for Life

Wenatchee Right to Life has scheduled its annual gathering stand up for respect for human life from conception to natural death.

All are welcome to gather at 9 a.m., Saturday, June 22 by the steps of the Chelan County Courthouse, 100 Orondo Avenue in Wenatchee.

There will be a rally with speakers and an ensuing march for life.

# Blessed Mother Endured Much, Is There for Us Through Prayer *Continued from page 3*

freely express my love for Christ and His Church?

In addition, Mary lived in poverty, Father pointed out. “She had to clean the floor, do dishes, do the laundry, change diapers – all the daily tasks.” Joseph’s work as a carpenter would not have made him wealthy, perhaps having to wait sometimes between jobs, and facing uncertainty as to when money would be coming in.

When Mary and Joseph took the Baby Jesus to the Temple, to present Him in accordance with the regulations of the Torah, Mary was told that “a


sword will pierce your heart.” Then, they had to flee into Egypt, no doubt a long and difficult journey. When they returned to the Temple with the 12-year-old Jesus, and started back home, they temporarily lost Him, no doubt causing Mary great worry. When at last He was found, Mary must have been tempted to offer a very human observation or two!

“Mary pondered all of these things in her life,” Father Ibach said. She must have wondered, “What is this Child really going to do?”

Through it all, including Jesus’

excruciating Passion and death on the Cross, “Mary was trying to see the face of God,” Father said. “No matter what her Son did, Mary stood by Him. She had an enduring spirit of acceptance and perseverance, in some very difficult times. She clearly knew the pain of heartbreak.


So, in this month of May, and throughout the year, remember Mary and her very human trials and tribulations. Know that she is there for us, to listen to our prayers and to intercede to God on our behalf through a mother’s loving heart.



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## Priests Will Lead Native American Ministry

rs Isidro Lépez, S.J. and Vogel, S.J., parochial vicars ysius Parish in Toppenish ary Parish in White Swan, appointed spiritual for the Yakima Diocese's merican ministry. wo Jesuits will build on the of work done by Fathers John am Shaw, two of the most iests of the Diocese, who in Yakima after decades of the Lower Yakima Valley. stry of Fathers Vogel and ll include providing advice

and direction to the Yakama Reservation Kateri Tekakwitha Circle, whose members continue to foster devotion to Saint Kateri Tekakwitha through the annual Mass in her honor each July at the St. Joseph Ahtanum Mission.



*St. Peter Claver Church in Wapato decorated its altar for a celebration of St. Kateri Tekakwitha.*

In making the appointment, Bishop Joseph Tyson noted the Jesuit Order's long commitment to serving the poor and communities on the margins of the church, including migrants and natives. "We are grateful for the work of the Shaw brothers, and confident that Father Bill and Father Isidro will serve our native community well," he said. Let's keep them in our prayers.

## Celebrates The Importance of Stewardship

month of May, parishes focus ng our awareness of trying to towards of our time, talent and The concept of Stewardship recognizing that everything nd everything we are is a gift . Then, being grateful for our evelop them, and generously others. It is about developing e of gratitude. Gifts are ategorized as time in prayer, haritable works, and treasure y shared. How do we practice ryday life?

n invest our TIME in our . Pray to God frequently ut the day, every day. Talk to God. This is best done in

NT can translate into a ss to help others. We can e in parish ministries and

other charitable good works. Also, we can accept responsibility for helping others.

With our TREASURE, we can be generous with our financial gifts. This could mean returning a portion of the money we have been given by God and giving cheerfully without expecting anything in return. No gift is too small or insignificant.

Remember, Stewardship isn't some exclusive club. We all are stewards! Living a stewardship lifestyle is a series of conversions: changes that soften our hearts and make room for the Holy Spirit to enter and work through us. As the Body of Christ, we are called to help each other strengthen our relationship with the Holy Trinity and with each other.

The whole point of Stewardship is to help each other get to Heaven! Living a

stewardship lifestyle:

- Takes time – time to pray.
- Is difficult – demands placing God first and not putting other "gods" before Him.
- Means taking risks – detaching ourselves from our time, comfort, possessions, and money.
- Involves placing our complete trust in God and being generous with all of our gifts, especially the one that means the most to us.

Stewardship requires action. The actions of past generations built the Church. It is our responsibility to develop and nurture our gifts for future generations. Stewardship isn't easy, but it has tremendous rewards. Stop and think: when you stand before God and He asks what you have done with the gifts He has given you, how will you respond?

## ristic Procession Will Pass Through Baker Diocese

eparation continues for nal Eucharistic Congress opolis this July, the Baker s inviting the Faithful from n to take part in special anned for May 26–27, when Eucharist will be carried Eastern Oregon, from o Idaho, on the St. Junípero the National Eucharistic ge. al Masses are planned on May 27, at 7:15 a.m. PDT amily Parish in Burns, Ore., nd 2:30 p.m. MDT at Blessed t Parish in Ontario, Ore.

(in conjunction with the Diocese of Boise). For a full listing of events and registration information, visit the Diocese of Baker website: [DioceseofBaker.org/nep](http://DioceseofBaker.org/nep).

In addition to four national pilgrimage routes, many dioceses, including Yakima, are preparing for the national congress with local processions and special Masses, particularly around the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) on Sunday, June 2. Clergy of the Diocese also will be studying the "Bread of Life" Sunday gospel readings, primarily

from Saint John, to preach about the Eucharist through late July and August.

This national effort is meant to deepen our understanding and appreciation of the Eucharist, which is "... the efficacious sign and sublime cause of that communion in the divine life and that unity of the People of God by which the Church is kept in being. It is the culmination both of God's action sanctifying the world in Christ and of the worship (we) offer to Christ and through Him to the Father in the Holy Spirit" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1325).