

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

TENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 9, 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
or call the Parish Office at 509-586-3820

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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

June 9, 2024

10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand." - Mark 3:24

Within your parish community, do your ministries collaborate with each other or do they compete against each other? Do your parish ministries work for the greater glory of God or do they work for the glory of the people running them? The primary goal of parish ministry is not to increase Mass attendance, increase the number of volunteers or increase offertory. The primary goal is to be one Body of Christ that helps people take one step closer to Jesus. If it's not doing that, it's not worth doing.

Collection for June 2, 2024

Sunday Offerings	\$16,817.37
Building Fund	\$884.00
School Donations	\$718.00
Religious Education	\$30.00
Diocese	\$30.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$100.00
Repairs	\$550.00

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.**

ADORATION CHAPEL

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



Openings:
Tuesday, 1 am
Thursday, 10 am

The Adoration Chapel is open to visitors. Please call: Carol, 509-582-5011, or, en español, Delmi, 509-528-8896, to obtain personal codes for entry. Please consider accepting the invitation and sign up for a regular weekly hour of Adoration.

"It is love for souls that keeps Me a prisoner in the Blessed Sacrament. I stay there that all may come and find the comfort they need in the tenderness of Hearts, the best of Fathers, the most faithful of friends who will never abandon them." (Fatima and the Way of Divine Love)

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

June 10-16

Monday, June 10

6:30 am
† Elaine Loftus
8:30 am
Alicia Maddison (B-day)

Tuesday, June 11

6:30 am
† Juan C. Sanchez Valladares
8:30 am
† Bill Ziegler

Wednesday, June 12

6:30 am
† Juan C. Sanchez Valladares
8:30 am
† Debbie Lord

Thursday, June 13

6:30 am
† Juan C. Sanchez Valladares
8:30 am
Donna Kennedy (Healing)
7:00 pm
† Guadalupe Sereno

Friday, June 14

6:30 am
† Juan C. Sanchez Valladares
8:30 am
† Mary & Joseph Lysiak

Saturday, June 15

8:30 am
Willie Tobin (B-day)
5:30 pm
† Eric McLaughlin
† De Leon & Tirol Family
Familia Barajas/Sanchez
7:00 pm
† Agustin Martinez Mojica
† Amalia Del Pozo
† Catalina Lemos

Sunday, June 16

9:00 am
† Mike Alto
† Nancy Ekiert
† William Francis Barr
11:00 am
† Betty Schwartz
Don Klippstein (Healing)
1:00 pm
† Esperanza Meraz
† Giraldo G. Betancourt
† Francisco Elizondo
5:30 pm
† John Joseph Kennedy
† Michael Costello
7:00 pm
† Catalina Lemos



Beginning June 25, dates may be requested for Mass Intentions for the remainder of 2024.

June 14 | Parish Office second Fl.
June 21 | BBQ—Permission forms available by scanning the QR code.

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Thank you to the following parishioners for donating the flowers for this weekend, June 9. Thank you for enhancing the Liturgy with live flowers.

Flowers for the Tabernacle: Memory of Juan Mendoza . By Alvia Mendoza.

Flowers for OLOG: By The Mendoza Family.

Flowers for the Ambo: No donor this weekend.



WOMEN OF ST. JOSEPH

There will be a Women of St. Joseph meeting on June 11 at 6:30 pm. We will be meeting in the Holy Grounds Coffee Shop.



Society of St. Vincent de Paul
St. Joseph Kennewick Conference

May 31, 2024

St. Joseph Parish
520 S. Garfield St.
Kennewick, WA 99336

Attn: Fr. Jose Herrera

Dear Fr. Jose

Our fiscal year goes from September 1 to October 31. So, this report is from September 1, 2022, to October 31, 2023.

During that time, we helped 694 households with \$17,490 worth of gas gift cards, food gift cards, utility payments and more. The need was great because of the aftereffects of Covid such as inflation and rent increases. This amount was above our average of \$13,500. We benefited from some extraordinary donations from parishioners and from some other programs that were in place.

As a policy, St. Vincent de Paul does not save money; what we take in must be used as soon as reasonably possible. This can make helping folks difficult when donations are low as we must scale back or, in the worst case, stop helping until we get more funding.

Our greatest need currently is to get new members. Most of our current members are retired and are getting to the point that the ability to take an active part is challenging. We need people to make home visits and/or to answer and direct calls from our help line and/or to help with administration. And it is always good when new members are bi-lingual.

We are very appreciative of the cooperation and help we get from the parish staff.

And we thank you, Fr. Jose, for your support for our ministry.

We would appreciate you forwarding a copy of this letter to our bishop.

Yours in Christ,

Rafael Del Pozo
President

Tom Curran
Treasurer

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 2025).
- 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 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.

FUNERAL RECEPTIONS

Helping to serve luncheons, to family and friends of the deceased, after a funeral is part of the Corporal Work of Mercy. This ministry could use more volunteers to help set up, serve food, and clean up after the luncheon.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THIS MINISTRY?

If you need additional information, please contact Sarah Wright at 509-430-3544 email: mysarahj@gmail.com or call the Parish Office.



You can also sign up by clicking on the link or scan QR code: <https://sjk.flocknote.com/FuneralCommittee>

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.
Nancy.stjoseph@gmail.com



St. Joseph Parish will honor our 2024 high school and college graduates on Sunday, June 16, with a blessing.

Please wear your cap and gown to the 11:00 am (English) & 1:00 pm (Spanish) Mass.

In order to save enough pews, please RSVP to nancy.stjoseph@gmail.com.

Graduation Prayer

Heavenly Father, Surround those who are graduating with your grace. Bless them with hope so that they move into the future with eager and open hearts.

Help them to put the knowledge, skills, and insights gained through their education for the good of all mankind. Inspire them to believe in the goodness of life even when faced with challenges and difficulties.

As they commence with their lives, may they grow even more grateful and wise.

Amen.



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JUNE 2022

Father Jacob Davis: Twenty-Five Years of Priestly Service and 'Miracle'

By Christine Corbett Conklin

After 25 years as a priest, Father Jacob Davis certainly believes in miracles. However, a few weeks ago, as he looked out the window and saw the parish garbage can moving by itself across the courtyard of Resurrection Church in Zillah, he didn't know quite what to think. There was no one visible near the can. Just a receptacle moving merrily along on its wheeled cart across the lot. Turns out, there was a toddler behind the can, obscured from view, having great fun pushing it around!

As he prepares to celebrate his 25th anniversary of ordination on June 28, however, Father Davis says he is focusing his attention on the true miracles of the Catholic Faith.

"Lately, I've been meditating a lot on the Sacred Heart and the priesthood, administering the Sacred Heart to the people," he said. Noting that he's "always enjoyed teaching," he spoke of the power of "consecrating (parishioners) in the truth" through Gospel messages. "The truth, as they say, will set you free and deepen your Faith."

Father Davis was ordained in 1999 at Holy Family Cathedral in Orange County, California. Born in 1970 in Richland, Washington, one of six children, the son of William and Margaret Davis graduated from Christ the King elementary school.

He went on to graduate from Richland High School and receive an Associate of Arts degree from Columbia Basin College (CBC).

"I had started thinking about the priesthood in high school, my sophomore or junior year," he recalled. "I made the decision to go to CBC and discern the vocation."

With his decision made, he entered St. Michael's Abbey seminary in Orange County in 1990, through encouragement from a friend of his family who was a priest at the Abbey. After nine years of study, which included four years in Rome, he was ordained. Before coming to the Yakima Diocese, Father taught at Mary Star of the Sea High School in San Pedro, California and studied for a time in Puebla, Mexico. He then served as associate pastor of Holy Innocents Parish in Long Beach, California, and St. Peter and St. Paul Parish in Wilmington, California.

Since coming to the Yakima Diocese in 2010, Father Davis has served as



Father Jacob Davis preached on Pentecost Sunday.

associate of Holy A Parish in Wenatche a U.S. Ar chaplain years; ass pastor of Sacrame in Grand associate and admi

of St. Joseph Parish in Kennewick has been pastor of Resurrection F Zillah since 2020.

Looking back, "I'm very than Bishop Sevilla for accepting me in Diocese and then for the assignm Bishop Tyson has given me," he sa noting that he's "really enjoying" l Zillah parish assignment. The 25 of priesthood have gone quickly, l observed. "It feels like it's been ab years."

All are welcome to attend the anniversary celebrations for Fath There will be a Mass at 6:30 p.m., at Resurrection Church in Zillah, by a reception. On July 2, there w 7 p.m. Mass at Christ the King Ch Richland, also followed by a recep

Please keep Father Davis and clergy and religious in your praye

Changes in Clergy Assignments Announced

Bishop Joseph Tyson today announces the following changes of assignments for clergy in the Yakima Diocese. The effective dates are noted as below:

Father Lalo Barragán, pastor of Our Lady of the Desert Catholic Church in Mattawa, is also appointed pastor of Queen of All Saints Catholic Church in Warden, effective July 1, 2024. He was ordained a priest May 23, 2014.

Father Antonio Garcia, ordained May 24, 2024, is appointed parochial vicar of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Wenatchee, effective July 1, 2024.

Father Edwin Lozada, parochial vicar of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Wenatchee, is appointed parochial vicar of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Yakima, effective July 1, 2024. He was ordained a priest March 3, 2013.

Father Edgar Quiroga, parochial vicar of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Yakima, is appointed parochial vicar of Holy Apostles Catholic Church in East Wenatchee, effective July 1, 2024. He was ordained a priest May 22, 2020.

Deacon Robert Schrom, parochial administrator of Queen of All Saints

Catholic Church in Warden, will c his diaconal ministry at St. Micha Archangel Catholic Church in Roy He was ordained a deacon Septem 1997.

Father John Washington, ord May 24, 2024, is appointed paroch vicar of Our Lady of the Desert C Church in Mattawa and Queen of Catholic Church in Warden, effect 1, 2024.

Please keep these men in your as they serve the Faithful of the D Yakima.

Message from Bishop Tyson...

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e time you read this column,
e ordained two new priests:
Antonio Garcia and Father John
on.
priests come as missionaries.
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a bit! He proudly drives a truck
ama license plates since the title
is parent's name. But he's taken to
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enish and of course Ellensburg.
r Washington has been attending
n Seminary outside of Chicago
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: summers. His first assignment
th Father Lalo Barragán in
nd Warden. He already spent a
nternship with Father Barragan
l-time assignment will help in
on what he previously learned
. Mattawa, as well as put the
touches on his already fine
l of Spanish.

r Antonio Garcia is our second
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state of Colima, joining Father
onzález. He finished his studies
ninario Hispano in Mexico City,
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. The Seminario Hispano is
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ase of Mexico City. It focuses its
on missionaries for the United
l Canada. Liturgies rotate between
nd English. English is part of the
m of formation there as well.
r Garcia spent a deacon year
er Alex Trejo at St. Andrew
Ellensburg while having another
n year in English at Central
on University. His first assignment
Saint Joseph Parish in Wenatchee
er Osmar Aguirre. Our parish
hee is highly bilingual but has
organizational structure that
e North American reality of the
Church. So, he will have a chance
his English and continue to build
nowledge of parish life that he
hile in Ellensburg.
shop, I am keenly aware that
to the priesthood for the Diocese
depend on you. That is why I am



Bishop Joseph Tyson

hoping you will mark your calendars for this coming October 12, 2024 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Holy Family Parish in Yakima. The focus for our annual Church Mission Congress will be vocations. We have been blessed to have missionaries from other parts of the country and other parts of the world who have become priests for the Diocese of Yakima. But we also need to be very intentional about how we cultivate and encourage local vocations to the priesthood.

Father Edgar Quiroga will be leading our effort at the Church Mission Congress. We will be teaming up with Rhonda Gruenewald, who heads the national "Vocation Ministry: Creating a Culture of Vocations." Key to this is creating a local vocations committee in each of our parishes across the Diocese of Yakima. That will be the work our priests will be doing at the end of September during our Priests Convocation, as well as all those able to participate during the October 12 Church Mission Congress. Father Lalo Chávez and Father Michael Kelly, who head our outreach to young men discerning priesthood, need to "dock onto" local parish committees in order to foster vocations to the priesthood in your parishes. Father Edgar Quiroga will be helping the parishes build that committee dock. He will be working with our clergy as well.

There will be a specific "Called by Name" Sunday where you – the parishioners – will be asked to nominate young men whom you think would be good priests. Bishop Joseph Vázquez from the Diocese of Austin has already worked with Rhonda Gruenewald and her team. He now has 40 men in formation. We are a

smaller diocese, but I do want us to be very intentional in developing vocations to the priesthood from our parishes here in the Diocese of Yakima as well as welcoming missionaries, especially from Mexico, who already have family ties here. It takes all of us together to foster a culture of vocation in our parishes and among our families.

I am grateful to Catholic Extension for their support of our seminarians. I am grateful to YLI as well as the Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters of America for their support of our men in formation. I am grateful to all of you for your support of the Annual Catholic Appeal. The single biggest program budget item is support of our seminarians in formation. Your financial support is key. But as you will learn this October, your prayer and your participation in our vocation efforts are even more important.

So as we welcome Father John Washington and Father Antonio Garcia into the body of Catholic priests for the Diocese of Yakima, let us also keep a second eye on who could be coming in behind them as the next generation of seminarians who will become priests for us.

With every best wish and blessing!

Yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Joseph J. Tyson
Bishop of Yakima

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

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

Ricardo Garcia of Wapato Dies

Ricardo Romano Garcia, 85, of St. Peter Claver Parish in Wapato died March 30 after a hospitalization with Covid. In addition to his devoted parish service, he was a board member for the Washington State Catholic Conference; served on the Diocesan Finance Council along with his wife, Monica; and was co-founder and long-time executive director of Radio KDNA, the Spanish-language station in Granger known as "la voz del campesino" – the "voice of the farmworker."

Garcia was born in 1938 in San Diego, Texas, to Moises Garcia and Antonia Romano. After graduating from San Diego

High School, he joined the U.S. Army and was stationed at Fort Ord, California; Lewis-McChord Air Force Base; and then the Yakima Training Center. He met his wife at a dance in Toppenish and the couple were married in 1962, enjoying 60 years of married life before her death.

After receiving a degree in Sociology from Central Washington University, Garcia advocated for farmworker civil rights and benefits in the Yakima Valley. In 1979, he helped co-found Radio KDNA. He also served on the board of Yakima Valley College and El Centro de la Raza in Seattle. He received the William O.

Douglas lifetime achievement award in 1993 from the ACLU of Washington.

Garcia is survived by his three children, Rene (Peter) Garcia of St. Maria (Robbin) Erickson of Wapato, Eliza (David) Sanchez of Grandview, plus five grandchildren and two granddaughters. His funeral Mass will be held on May 17 at St. Peter Claver Church with a reception following at Radio KDNA.

Please remember Garcia and his family in your prayers as we continue to pray for all our family, friends, and parishioners who have died. May he rest in peace.

Pope Francis Urges Cares for the Elderly Continued from page 4

flee for safety, leaving elderly people alone in areas "where abandonment and death seem to reign supreme."

In a statement released with the pope's message, Cardinal Kevin J. Farrell, prefect of the Dicastery for Laity, the Family and Life, which organizes the world day, lamented the "bitter companion" that is loneliness in the lives of elderly people.

"Attending to our grandparents and the elderly," he said, "is not only a sign of gratitude and affection, but a necessity in the construction of a more human and

fraternal society." The cardinal's message was also accompanied by pastoral guidelines and liturgical resources for parishes and dioceses. The guidelines suggest that Catholics visit the elderly people within their own community, share with them the Pope's message and pray together.

The document said that to involve the elderly in the day, "older people can be asked to offer special prayers for young people and for peace."

"The ministry of intercession is a real vocation of the elderly," it said.

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 10 a.m., Saturday, June 22 by the south side of the Chelan County Courthouse on Orondo Avenue in Wenatchee.

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

Edward Jones > edwardjones.com | Member SIPC

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We're excited to hear from you.



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ral Mass Held for Deacon Berney Alvarado of Toppenish

ral Mass was held May 23 at St. Catholic Church in Toppenish for Deacon Berney Alvarado (Berney), 89, a senior deacon of the parish. The funeral followed at St. Joseph's Cemetery in Toppenish. Deacon Alvarado died May 14 at the age of 89. He had been living in recent years with health issues. He was born in Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico and migrated with his family to the fields of Texas and



Deacon Alvarado

California, before settling in Washington State. He worked with S.P. Farms until his retirement. With a particular interest in the wellbeing of agricultural laborers, he helped to establish the Toppenish Farmworkers Clinic.

His responsibilities at church began at age 13, as he helped the priest at Golding Farms set up for Mass. He later became a Knight of Columbus and worked tirelessly with church prayer groups, religious education, the Cursillo movement and fiesta organization. He was ordained a Deacon on September 14, 1996, most

recently serving at St. Aloysius, while helping when needed in several mid-Yakima Valley parishes. With a particular love of music, Deacon Alvarado also helped neighboring churches form choirs.

Married to Mary Ellen Ramos, the couple had four children: Connie Hernandez (Fermin), both now deceased; Berney Alvarado, Jr.; Pat Garcia (Andres); and Vicki Alvarado. Following Mary's death in 1993, he married Bertha Rodriguez with whom he continued dedicated church work. He also is survived by numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Please keep Deacon Alvarado and his family in your prayers.

Francis Urges Cares for the Elderly in Grandparents Day Message

McClellan, Catholic News Service

VICAN CITY (CNS) – The world must not be accused of saddling younger generations with their medical costs and pensions – a notion which fuels intergenerational conflict and drives people into isolation, Pope Francis said.

In an accusation that the elderly 'rob the young of their future' is nowadays everywhere," the Pope wrote in his message for World Day of the Parents and the Elderly, a church celebration that will take place July 28. He said in the most advanced and modern societies "there is now a widespread conviction that the elderly are draining the young with the high cost of social services that they demand and in this way are diverting resources from the development of the country and thus from the young," he said in the message released May 15.

The Pope said a mentality "assumes that the value of the elderly puts that of the young at risk, that to favor the young it is necessary to neglect or even suppress the elderly," he wrote. Yet the Pope said that "intergenerational conflict is a poison and the poisoned fruit of a mentality that sets the young against the old is an acceptable form of manipulation," he said.

The Pope's message expanded on a theme chosen for this year's celebration which was taken from the Psalms: "Do not cast me off in my old age."

The 2024 celebration marks the 10th edition of World Day for the Parents and the elderly. In 2021, Pope Francis instituted the world day

to be observed each year on the fourth Sunday of July, close to the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.

In his message for this year's celebration, the pope emphasized that "God never abandons his children," even as they grow weak and "can risk appearing useless." But today, a "conspiracy surrounding the life of the elderly" often results in their abandonment by those close to them.

"The loneliness and abandonment of the elderly is not by chance or inevitable, but the fruit of decisions – political, economic, social and personal decisions – that fail to acknowledge the infinite dignity of each person," he wrote.

The Pope explained that such a phenomenon occurs "once we lose sight of the value of each individual and people are then judged in terms of their cost, which is in some cases considered too high to pay." Unfortunately, he said, the elderly themselves can succumb to this cost-benefit mindset; "they are made to consider themselves a burden and to feel that they should be the first to step aside."

Pope Francis identified the decline of communal structures in society and the widespread celebration of individualism as other factors behind the isolation of



Pope Francis spoke to the crowd, flanked by a grandmother and her grandson.

the elderly, "yet once we grow old and our powers begin to decline, the illusion of individualism, that we need no one and can live without social bonds, is revealed for what it is."

The Pope then recounted the

Bible story in which the elderly Naomi encourages her two daughters-in-law to return to their hometowns after the death of her husband and children since she sees herself as a burden to them. "Her words reflect the rigid social and religious conventions of her day, which apparently seal her own fate," the pope wrote.

While Orpah returns home, grateful for the encouragement, Ruth "is not afraid to challenge customs and inbred patterns of thought" and "courageously remains at her side," he wrote.

The Pope encouraged all people to "express our gratitude to all those people who, often at great sacrifice, follow in practice the example of Ruth, as they care for an older person or simply demonstrate daily closeness to relatives or acquaintances who no longer have anyone else."

Pope Francis also pointed out how in poorer countries elderly people are often left alone because their children are forced to emigrate, and in regions ravaged by conflict young men are called into conflict while women and children

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A NOTE FROM SERRA CLUB OF TRI CITIES



"Jesus said to (the crowd), 'Who are My mother and My brothers?' And looking around at those seated in the circle, He said, 'Here are My mother and My brothers. For whoever does the will of God is My brother and sister and mother.'" (from Mark 3: 20-25) Be a member of Jesus's family! And do His will as a priest, deacon, brother, or sister.



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By Father Riccardo



Traveling Vocations Crucifixes

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6/9 Miriam Byerly
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With questions or to sign up, contact Celine Petersen, 509-582-8738, or Irma Valdivia, 509-366-4422.

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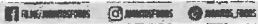
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