

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

NINETEENTH 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

August 11, 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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Vacant



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

August 11, 2024

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time


"Get up and eat or the journey will be too much for you!"
1 Kings 19:7

God knows that committing to a stewardship lifestyle is difficult. However, we were not designed to do it on our own! We need God's help. Fortunately, God gave us the greatest gift of all, His Son, Jesus. Through the gift of the Eucharist, we unite our sacrifice with Jesus's sacrifice to do the will of God, Our Father. We receive the strength and courage to be His missionary disciples.

Collection for August 4, 2024

Sunday Offerings	\$19,762.22
Building Fund	\$842.00
School Donations	\$205.00
Rel. Ed.	\$4.00
Diocese	\$100.00
ACA	\$1,212.55
First Friday	\$208.00

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, Sandra Skierczyński, Kolton Hansford, Jeannine Soehnlein, Joanne, Marie Smith, and all parishioners with health problems and for those from our community who have passed away recently: **Gib Shipley**. 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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Openings:
Tuesday, 5 am, 3 pm

The Adoration Chapel is open to visitors. Please consider accepting the invitation to sign up for regular weekly hours of Adoration.

Please call to obtain personal codes for entry:
Carol at 509-582-5011, or, en español,
Delmi at 509-528-8896

"Jesus, You give Your very all, true Bread from Heaven above,
You are the giver and the gift, the sign, the source, of love." (Hymn in Magnificat)

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

August 12-18

Monday, August 12

6:30 am
† Elaine Loftus
8:30 am
Erica Buckett

Tuesday, August 13

6:30 am
† Mary Ann Blubaugh
8:30 am
† Jere Lysiak

Wednesday, August 14

6:30 am
† Timothy Dwight Kelly
8:30 am
† Linda Albertson

Thursday, August 15

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
6:30 am, 8:30 am
12:05 pm
5:30 pm
7:00 pm

Friday, August 16

6:30 am
Maritoni and Matt Ogden (Anniversary)
8:30 am
† Martinez family members

Saturday, August 17

8:30 am
† Purification De Leon
5:30 pm
Tim Bettendorf (Healing)

7:00 pm

† Agustin Mojica
† Maria Dolores Hernandez
† Almas del Purgatorio (Poor Souls)

Sunday, August 18

9:00 am
† Poor Souls
† Gib Shipley
11:00 am
† Virginia Reed
† Stacey Schiernbeck
† Hipolito & Lilia Mayugba
1:00 pm
† Esperanza Meraz Lopez
† Fieles Difuntos
† Margarita Zamarripa
5:30 pm
† Terry Ogden
7:00 pm
No intentions for this Mass



Scan QR code to request online!

8/15/2024

The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass | Big Church

6:30 AM, 8:30 AM, 12:05 PM, 5:30 PM (English)
7:00 PM (Spanish)



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September 27 & 28

Friday 8am-6pm
Saturday 8am-3pm

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FALL YARD SALE - SEPTEMBER 27 AND 28
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 AND NEEDED TO HELP WITH THE HEAVY STUFF!

QUESTIONS ABOUT VOLUNTEERING?
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Please circle the task and time in which you would like to help.
 Return this completed for to the school or Parish Office

Set-up Sunday	Unpacking week	Cashier #1	Cashier #2	Floor Management	tear Down
Sunday 09/22/23 10:00 am	09/23/23 - 09/24/23 am or pm	09/27/23 09/28/23 am or pm	09/27/23 09/28/23 am or pm	09/27/23 09/28/23 am or pm	09/28/23 2:00 pm-until finished

Volunteer Name (s) :

Phone #:

A member of the Women of St. Joseph will be calling to schedule and confirm your assignment

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August 2024

St. Joseph Parish
Fr. Jose Herrera, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

St. John Vianney

Difficulties with his studies almost cost St. John Vianney the priesthood.

Ordained because of his goodness, he had a gift for reading souls. As the Curé (pastor) of Ars, France, he was confronted with people who were indifferent to Christ and comfortable in their lifestyles. To remedy this, he spent many hours fasting and praying. He spent as many as sixteen hours a day hearing confessions. His spiritual insight and good example reclaimed thousands of lapsed Catholics.



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Don't avoid the fight

The ongoing battle for holiness can wear us down. The truth is that even if we fall a thousand times, we fight with Christ by our side. The effort pleases Him more than an easy and comfortable victory. He reminds us: Everyone who wants to be His disciple must take up their cross and follow Him.

"God dwells in our midst, in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar."

St. Maximilian Kolbe



Savor the fullness of Scripture

"To get the full flavor of an herb, it must be pressed between the fingers; so it is the same with the Scriptures. If you want to get the full flavor of the Scriptures, crush them by reading and meditation."

St. John Chrysostom.

Immerse yourself in God's Word to grow in holiness in this life and be happy in the next. Here's how:

Get a Catholic Bible: Ensure you have a Catholic Bible, which contains all the inspired books. The Revised Standard Version, Catholic Edition (RSVce) is an excellent choice, offering clear translations and helpful footnotes. It's also available online.

Read and listen: The Holy Spirit is

the ultimate guide to understanding Scripture. Pray for His guidance (John 16:13) and pay attention when a verse or word stands out to you. Reflect on these moments as they often serve as conversation starters with God in prayer.

Savor slowly: Praying with Scripture is like enjoying a fine meal. Take it slowly, savoring small portions to fully appreciate its richness. Choose a random or favorite verse and meditate on it deeply.

Keep a record: It's not necessary to journal daily, but keeping a regular prayer journal helps document lessons, thoughts, and Bible verses that strike you from your time in prayer. This "oasis" can be a source of encouragement during tough times.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics have seven Sacraments?

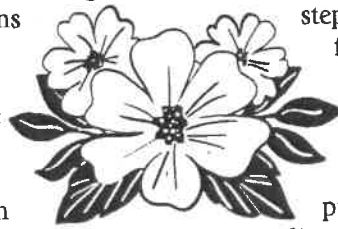
Sacraments are "efficacious signs, instituted by Christ and entrusted to the Church" to convey grace (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*). Grace is a share in God's divine life. Just as food, rest, and medicine maintain our bodies, the Sacraments maintain our



souls. The number of Sacraments was fixed at seven by the Council of Trent on March 3, 1547. These are Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Confession, Holy Orders, Matrimony, and Anointing of the Sick. Each has its roots in the New Testament Scriptures.

Use distractions to reconnect with God

The strain of a busy life can distract us from making holiness our focus. Yet, we have no hope of achieving holiness or true happiness unless God remains our focus. Pope Francis reminds us, "If the events of our life... risk suffocating the gift of prayer within us, it is enough to contemplate a starry sky, a sunset, a flower, to reignite the spark of thanksgiving." Use moments of distraction as opportunities to reconnect with God.



problem, it's okay to pause and troubleshoot. If discouragement dominates your thoughts and prayers, step outside yourself. Go for a walk, chat with a friend, read a psalm, or pray for the souls in Purgatory. These actions can help shift your focus and renew your perspective.

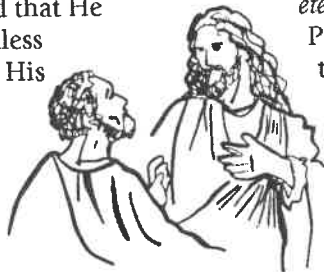
Cultivate holy wonder: Appreciating the beauty of creation can be a natural gateway to prayer. Stroll through a park, admire the flowers, or listen to the birds and the wind. Such beauty often reconnects us to God when words fail.

Combat tunnel vision: When confronted with a

from Scripture

John 6:60-69, Live-giving truth

The sixth chapter of St. John's Gospel is foundational for Catholic understanding of the Eucharist. In this reading, Jesus declared that He is the Bread of Life and unless we eat His flesh and drink His blood, we will not have eternal life.



Jewish dietary laws strictly prohibited the consumption of blood, making Jesus' offer of His own shocking and offensive. His listeners failed to see beyond the graphic interpretation of His words and many abandoned Him.

Even the Apostles were troubled by this teaching. Yet, when Jesus asked if

they too would leave, Peter spoke for the group, saying, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (John 6:68).

Peter recognized the divine truth and life-giving power in Jesus' teachings, despite their challenging nature.

As followers of Christ, we are reminded to echo Peter's words:

"Master, you have the words of eternal life." This chapter not only emphasizes the importance of the Eucharist in Catholic faith but also highlights the need for trust and faith in Jesus' teachings, even when they are hard to understand.

Feasts & Celebrations

August 12 - St. Jane Frances de Chantal (1641). Born wealthy in Dijon, France, Jane married the Baron de Chantal and had four children. Widowed after only seven years, she founded the Order of the Visitation with St. Francis de Sales, for those unable to enter a convent.

August 15 - Solemnity of the Assumption. Declared a dogma of faith in 1950 by Pope Pius XII, this celebrates Mary's being taken up into Heaven body and soul at the end of her life. Today is a holy

day of obligation.

August 19 - St. John Eudes (1680). Born on a farm in Normandy, France, John became a priest and parish missionary. He founded the Congregation of Jesus and Mary (Eudists) in 1643 to promote devotion to the Sacred and Immaculate Hearts.

Aug. 24 - St. Bartholomew the Apostle (1st Century). Bartholomew is thought by some scholars to be the Apostle, Nathanael (John 1:46). After Jesus's Ascension, Nathanael spread Christianity to India and Armenia, where he was martyred.



Q & A How do saints pray?

What do "holy people's" prayers sound like? We imagine sublime and poetic musings on God's perfection. In fact, the saints, while very holy, are also human and intimate with God. Here's a brief glimpse into some saintly prayers to inspire your own:



"If this is how you treat your friends, no wonder you have so few!" St. Teresa of Avila uttered this humorous phrase after being thrown from her cart into the mud. It reflects her candid and down-to-earth relationship with God.

"Beware of Philip, Lord. He may yet betray you." St. Philip Neri, known for his wisdom, humor, and impulsive nature, knew his own weaknesses.

Rather than make excuses for himself, he confessed his errors and asked for increased graces to remain faithful to God.

"Jesus, may I put on a good face!" This prayer was recommended by St. Josemaría Escrivá to someone tasked with an "unpleasant and repulsive" chore. St. Josemaría said that sometimes the hardest cross can be fulfilling our toughest responsibilities with "a good face."

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A NOTE FROM SERRA CLUB OF THE TRI CITIES



"Do not grieve the Holy Spirit." (Ephesians 4:30) Your faithful response to your vocation gives joy to the heart of God!

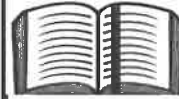
Serra Club of the Tri Cities, representing St. Joseph, Holy Spirit, Christ the King, St. Patrick, and St. Paul Parishes, is part of an international organization that promotes vocations to the ordained priesthood, permanent diaconate, and consecrated religious life. We educate others about God's universal call to holiness; we support the ministerial priesthood and the diaconate that are essential to the sacraments; we communicate support to seminarians and appreciation to priests, deacons, religious sisters, and brothers; we contribute financially to seminarians' education and aspirants' religious order formation; and, most of all, we pray. If you have questions or would like to join us, please contact one of our members.

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SUNDAY LITURGY REFLECTION

Wednesdays,
at 9:15 am

On Facebook and YouTube.

By Father Riccardo



Traveling Vocations Crucifixes

Courtesy of 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 Vow of 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. 8/11 Tyson and Amy Hintz 8/18 Francis and Loren Dean With questions or to sign up, contact Celine Petersen, 509-582-8738, or Irma Valdivia, 509-366-4422.

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8:00 am to noon
Dillon Hall

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Save the Date

Feast Day Celebration of
St. Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila
Saturday, September 28
Mass | 11:00 am | Big Church
Celebrant: Bishop Joseph Tyson.

A potluck will follow the Mass at Dillon Hall, featuring traditional folk dances and the Rondalla Filipino string ensemble.



Church in Latin America collection

On August 10-11, our special collection supports the Church in Latin America. For many living in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers make it difficult for people to practice the faith. Your donations fund catechesis, marriage and family life programs, and seminarian formation, so that people can grow closer to Christ. Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection to share your faith with our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean. Thank you! To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit www.usccb.org/

**The Parish Office will be closed on
LABOR DAY
Monday, September 2, 2024**

Religious Education 2024-2025

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AUGUST 2012

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Celebrated In A Spirit of Missionary Outreach =

By Christine Corbett Conklin

On July 14, a crowd gathered at the historic St. Joseph Mission at Ahtanum, to celebrate both the feast day of St. Kateri Tekakwitha and a tradition of missionary outreach that is encouraged to the present day.

Bishop Joseph Tyson and Father Michael Ibach co-officiated a Mass which was followed by a picnic hosted by the Knights of Columbus. The gathering had been preceded by a Mass on July 13, also honoring St. Kateri, at St. Mary Church in White Swan.

In his homily, Bishop Tyson recalled the inspiring story of Kateri, “The Lily of the Mohawks,” who was born in 1656 on the East Coast. She is the first Native American to be canonized. Kateri helped a missionary priest to tend to wounded and bury the dead as a young teenager

and, at age 18, she asked to be baptized. She led an exemplary life of devotion and holiness. When she died at the age of 24, the smallpox scars she had borne since childhood miraculously disappeared.

The final miracle Kateri needed for sainthood, with the Catholic Church investigation led by Bishop Tyson, was the astounding cure of Jake Finkbonner, a five-year-old from Ferndale, Washington. Jake, who is of Native-American descent of the Lummi Nation, was on the brink

of death in 2006 from a very serious bacterial, flesh-eating disease. Even more striking for the miracle is the suggestion that the bacteria which attacked Jake may be related to smallpox.

Looking out over the grounds of the St. Joseph Mission, founded in 1861, Bishop Tyson noted “we have a long history of missionary activity.

The Mission itself was founded by priests who were originally from France, one of whom went “on a begging trip to Mexico” to raise needed funds for the Pacific Northwest outpost, to enable work with Native Americans of the Yakama tribe. *Continued on*



Bishop Joseph Tyson spoke about Saint Kateri Tekakwitha at the St. Joseph Mission.

Bishop Confirms 172 Christ the King Parishioners

By Maura Zimmerscheid

Editor's note: The experience of Confirmation at Christ the King this spring has been mirrored in parishes across the Diocese of Yakima. Bishop Joseph Tyson finished the annual cycle July 20.

With the Sacrament of Confirmation extended now to youth as early as eighth grade, parishes across the Diocese that had been offering Confirmation to high school students had candidates in grades eight through 12 this year – five times the usual number. At Christ the King Parish in Richland, 172 middle school and high school students were confirmed April 19-21, in three Masses to accommodate the number of candidates as well as their sponsors and families. Bishop Tyson confirmed many siblings together.

With the help of their sponsors, each person prepared for the sacrament for two years. Along with classroom



Confirmation candidates enjoyed a lighter moment with Bishop Tyson.

work, they joined in five Super Sunday meetings, which included presentations, discussions and activities more specifically focused on Confirmation than the regular religious education for their grade.

Candidates also gave service hours helping with various parish tasks. Middle school and high school students participated in retreat weekends tailored to their age groups. The retreats offered presentations, small group conversations, separate discussions for

men and women, Mass, and Eucharist adoration, as well as games and camaraderie.

Confirmation completes the Sacrament of Baptism. In the Eastern Catholic Church, the sacrament is administered at the same time as Baptism. Because in the Western Church normally the administration of Confirmation is reserved to bishops, it isn't practical to confirm everyone at Baptism, so the administration of the two sacraments has become separated in time. Priests are delegated at Easter to baptize and confirm adults who have been properly prepared for the sacraments.

As the Catechism of the Catholic Church notes, a candidate for Confirmation who has attained the age of reason must be prepared to witness to Christ, both within the church community and elsewhere. The support of this, Confirmation promises an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. *Continued*

Message from Bishop Tyson...

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in synodal process here in the
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Bishop Joseph Tyson

Our upcoming Church Mission
Congress this year will focus on Youth
and Vocations. Key to this year's
Congress is a focus on young men from
central Washington studying for the
priesthood.

We are all aware of the National
Eucharistic Revival taking place across
our country. Last month, we featured
eucharistic processions around our
Diocese. Next month, you'll see a report
on the recent Eucharistic Congress in
Indianapolis, which drew priests and
laity from our area. But how do we
sustain a Eucharistic Revival without
priests? Parishioners will have the
opportunity to take part in local parish

committees that will help promote
vocations.

As I write this, I am on retreat with
our Yakima seminarians for whom I am
very grateful and who are the future as
a Eucharistic community. This year's
Church Mission Congress on vocation
to priesthood will lead naturally to our
work in 2025 where we will focus on
building youth ministry in our local
parishes. It will pick up the youth work
we intended to do last October when
our speaker suddenly needed to cancel.
Leaders from the National Federation
for Catholic Youth Ministry will be
joining us in 2025.

We just celebrated the feast of Saint
Kateri Tekakwitha. She's noted as the
first woman indigenous saint from the
Mohawk nation. But it's easy to forget
that she was a young woman, only 24
years old at the time of her death. In our
desire to reach youth now and sustain
them into the future, perhaps we could
pray for her intercession as we find ways
to build the young church in Christ.

With every best wish and blessing!

Yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Joseph J. Tyson
Bishop of Yakima

Fr Richard Keolker Offers 'Prayer And Pondering Points'

Following are excerpts from "Prayer
Pondering Points," a series of
provoking writings from Father
(Richard) Keolker, a senior priest
Diocese of Yakima with ministry
St. Joseph Church, Kennewick. The
are designed to help us meditate
"Word of Life" Gospel narratives
continue through the month of
but are relevant at any time:
I called the Twelve and sent them
repentance, cast out demons and
the sick. Every Sunday gathering is
be an experience of vocation and
We come to Mass in response
of God through Baptism and
oration. Every Sunday gathering
is a dismissal. A sending forth,
to live out our Baptismal call.
It is given particular shape by the
s proclaimed.

In a certain sense, every Sunday
gathering is a challenge to change. We
start with the Penitential Rite and penance
is all about conversion. The rest of our
time together is clothed in Scriptural
language that reminds us of fundamental
changes that Christian life entails. What
then (is) the call to conversion, the call
to change...? Maybe it (is) so simple as
an extra prayer for that niece who is sick.
Maybe it (is) something so profound as to
attend to the call and mission that God is
making known to me right now.

"The Lord is my shepherd; there is
nothing I shall want." Psalm 23 describes
the complete sustenance that God
provides: water, pasture, safety, courage,
repose, guidance, companionship, even
a banquet table, oil of gladness, dwelling
place. Our very being is a kind of skin
stretched over emptiness. But not the

emptiness of a box, but the emptiness of
hunger. All those elemental hungers our
Good Shepherd knows and, ultimately,
provides Himself to feed us, to fill us, to
sustain us, to make us whole.

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How Much Do You Really Know About Your Catholic Faith?

There is a rich history of tradition which forms the Catholic Faith. How much do you really know about your Faith?

1. What are the "Sacraments of Initiation"?
 - a. Reconciliation and Eucharist
 - b. Baptism and Anointing of the Sick
 - c. Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist
 - d. Confirmation and Matrimony
2. What does the Catholic Church consider as the "age of reason"?
 - a. 3
 - b. 5
 - c. 6
 - d. 7
3. Who is the patron saint of the United States?
 - a. St. Michael the Archangel
 - b. St. Catherine Anne Seton
 - c. St. Joseph
 - d. Blessed Mother, The Immaculate Conception
4. How many sacraments can a Catholic receive only once?
 - a. 2
 - b. 4

- c. 3
 - d. 7
5. In about what year was the Catholic Church founded?
 - a. 21 B.C.
 - b. 33 A.D.
 - c. 100 A.D.
 - d. 1216 A.D.
 6. What is the ornate gold object with a clear window displaying a consecrated Host, on the altar during Eucharistic Adoration or Benediction?
 - a. Tabernacle
 - b. Paten
 - c. Exhibitor
 - d. Monstrance
 7. How many apostles were there during Jesus' ministry (and how many can you name)?
 - a. 8
 - b. 12
 - c. 20
 - d. 11
 8. What is the most important reason to have a baby baptized?
 - a. It washes away original sin.
 - b. It is a reminder to a child, later on, that he or she is a Catholic.
 - c. It brings a family together to

- honor God.
 - d. It sets an example for other
9. What is the largest religious order of the Catholic Church?
 - a. The Dominicans
 - b. The Franciscans
 - c. The Jesuits
 - d. The Benedictines
 10. Which country has the highest Catholic population?
 - a. Brazil
 - b. Mexico
 - c. United States
 - d. France

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for the Apostles on the first Pentecost; it confers strength to spread the Gospel and faith in Christ. The candidate is anointed with the chrism that was consecrated by the bishop at the Chrism Mass, held in our parish on the Tuesday before Holy Trinity. This oil, also used in Baptism and the Orders, signifies abundance, life, healing, strengthening, healing, and purifying. The indelible "brand" of the Holy Spirit in this anointing seals a candidate for Christ. It is scented to remind the candidate of the "fragrance" of Christ. The Pentecost of the Holy Spirit marks our ongoing journey to Christ, as well as the promise of help at the final judgment. St. Thomas Aquinas listed seven gifts of the Holy Spirit in his *Summa Theologiae*. Confirmation bestows these gifts to help the recipients through the challenges of their lives: wisdom (about divine things); knowledge (right judgment); understanding (insight into truth about God); counsel (guidance in following God's will); fortitude (strength to do good and resist evil); piety (filial affection for God and fear of the Lord (reverence and respect for God)). These seven gifts are manifested in

the nine fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Gal. 5:22-23).

Each candidate may choose a patron saint, asking for his or her help and prayers.

At the Mass, candidates renewed their baptismal promises. Each candidate came before Bishop Tyson and stated his or her confirmation name (the patron saint chosen); Bishop Tyson then placed his hands on the candidate's head, asking the Holy Spirit to infuse him or her with His seven gifts. Using chrism, he traced the sign of the cross on the candidate's forehead, saying, "Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Bishop Tyson asked several candidates about the saints they chose as patrons for Confirmation. Some lesser-known saints chosen as patrons this year include:

- Bernard of Menthon, who

cared for travelers high in the French Alps with the help of a breed of dogs now called the Saint Bernard.

- Moses the Ethiopian, who as a thief sought refuge from his pursuers with some Orthodox monks and was so impressed by their lives that he joined them.

- Giuseppe Moscati, a pious and dedicated physician of the 20th century.

Enriched by infusion of gifts of the Holy Spirit, the ones confirmed will be better prepared to give love and service and to deal with challenges and temptations that confront them. Let's keep all the newly confirmed in our prayers!

Note: Maura Zimmerscheid is a parishioner at Christ the King Parish.



Bishop Tyson confirmed 172 Christ the King parishioners in three separate Masses.

Each Mission Congress Nears

There is still time to register for the 2024 Church Mission Congress, scheduled for October 12-13 at La Salle High School. The Congress is designed to provide vision and leadership to those involved in many aspects of evangelization and faith formation

in our parishes. Volunteers also are sought to make the event successful.

The gathering will be held from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the La Salle location, 3000 Lightning Way, Union Gap (just outside of Yakima).

For more information, please call (509) 965-7117 or email info@yakimadiocese.org.



Father Christian Meléndez, parochial vicar at St. Joseph Parish in Kennewick, left, and Father Lalo Chávez, parochial vicar at Christ the King Parish in Richland, joined in the 2024 National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis, Indiana, in July. Stay tuned next month for more news on the Congress.

Kateri Tekakwitha Celebrated In A Spirit of Missionary Outreach *Continued from page 1*



Communicants filed forward during the St. Kateri Tekakwitha feast day Mass.

shirt." In Jesus' time, there was a custom of "leaving everything at the door" as one "entered the Holy of Holies," Bishop Tyson explained.

The symbolism of "leaving your baggage behind," when entering each others' lives, is still very relevant today, Bishop Tyson said. We tend to carry so much "baggage" in terms of political and cultural

ideology. And those we approach have "baggage" of their own. In a polarized culture... "can we drop our baggage at the sanctuary door of our neighbor?" he asked.

"Curiosity is the key word," he concluded. Without letting our own biases overwhelm us, "...can we be curious about what the other person sees, thinks?" Such an approach can lead to more open conversation and understanding between people, he suggested.

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