

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

FIFTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

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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

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

Pastor
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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.

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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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Who will go for us? 'Here I am,' I said, 'send me!'" - Isaiah 6:8
Every day, in little ways and in big ways, God asks, "Whom shall I send?" Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry, to give a friendly smile to a stranger or to say a word of encouragement to a friend, God constantly provides opportunities to help someone in need. God is always talking to us; we just need to pay more attention. When you hear God calling have the courage to walk through the door and say, "Here I am, Lord."

Collection for January 26, 2024

Sunday Offering	\$18,869.18
Building Fund	\$824.00
School Donations	\$322.00
Religious Education	\$738.87
Holy Days	\$10.00
Carlo Acutis Statue	\$2,275.74
St. Vincent	\$150.00
Diocese	\$68.50



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We sincerely appreciate your continued financial support of our parish as you are able. If you prefer to send your offering by mail, please address it to Saint Joseph Parish, 520 South Garfield Street, Kennewick, WA 99336. If you currently use offering envelopes and wish to transition to online-giving or bank bill pay, please contact the Parish Office so we can ask the envelope publishers to quit sending envelopes. Thank you for your generosity.

Prayers

For our Armed Forces: 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, Justin Dennis Byerly, Wyatt Beaton.

For our sick: Bill Murray, 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, Patty Brown, Armando Rodriguez, Zara Husan, Raquel Cardoza, Samuel Quintanilla, Pat McKie Szacik, Carmen Nava, Mike Draper, Peter Braun, Yolanda Quintero, Hazel Meister, Sandra Sckieryczinski, Kolton Hansford, Jeannine Soehnlein, Joanne, Marie Smith, Armandino Gamino, Ana Espinoza, Sara and Johnny Howard, Father Kurt Hadley, Sara Melgarejo, John Lyczkowski.

For our recently deceased: Clara Wright, Morris W. Wrapsir, Robert J. Titus.

Kindly ring us when your ailing loved one finds healing, so we may open space for others on our list of prayers for the sick.

ADORATION CHAPEL EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Openings: Thursday: 8 am, 7 pm Friday: 8 am

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

"For our sake He was presented to the Lord that we may learn to offer ourselves to God." (Thomas Aquinas)
Kneeling at Adoration, let us pray, "in the sight of the angels I will sing Your praise, O Lord." (Responsorial Psalm)

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

Monday, February 10

6:30 am
No Intentions for this Mass
8:30 am
† Lee Goeres

Tuesday, February 11

6:30 am
No Intentions for this Mass
8:30 am
† Lee Goeres

Wednesday, February 12

6:30 am
† Elaine Loftus
8:30 am
† Timm Bettendorf

Thursday, February 13

6:30 am
No Intentions for this Mass
8:30 am
No Intentions for this Mass

Friday, February 14

6:30 am
No Intentions for this Mass
8:30 am
No Intentions for this Mass

Saturday, February 15

6:30 am
No Intentions for this Mass
8:30 am
No Intentions for this Mass

Saturday, February 15

8:30 am
† Alex and Clarine Lysiak
5:30 pm
No Intentions for this Mass

Sunday, February 16

7:00 pm
Grupo Juvenil
† Teresa Arias
† Fidelina Segura

Sunday, February 16

9:00 am
† Larry Gross
11:00 am
No Intentions for this Mass

Sunday, February 16

1:00 pm
† Francisco Elizondo Quintero
† Abigail Rodriguez Sahgun
† Javier Cervantes Garcia

Sunday, February 16

5:30 pm
No Intentions for this Mass
7:00 pm
† Rosa Pedraza Sanchez
† Agustin Tlaxcala Citlahua
Juan Carlos Benítez Meza



Scan QR code to
request online!

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



Jubilee pilgrimage to Rome and Italy

With Fr. Tian

If you are interested in joining Fr. Tian for a pilgrimage during the Jubilee Year, please attend an informative meeting. Fr. Tian is looking forward to seeing you!

Wednesday, February 12 | Parish Office | 7:00 pm



The Parish Office will be closed for
Presidents' Day
Monday, February 17, 2025



SEDER



RE-ENACTMENT

*"I have eagerly desired to eat this
Passover with you before I suffer. "*

Jesus transforms the commemoration of Israelite liberation from Egyptian slavery.

Do you really know what happened at the Last Supper?

You've heard the story, now experience an event that changed your life.

Tickets will be limited to ensure proper seating and cover costs. Sales will begin on the weekend of February 15th and 16th.

SATURDAY

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MARCH 2025

DILLON HALL

DOORS OPEN 5:30 PM

DINNER 6:00 PM

TICKET PER PERSON: \$15

This event requires audience participation in the Seder to enhance individual understanding of the events preceding the Passion of Christ.


Wine, grape juice, and water will be the beverages served.

Legal guardian permission is required before minors can receive any wine, if desired.



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 Bob K. 509-528-5702



RECREACIÓN CENA JUDIA



«He deseado ardientemente comer esta Pascua con ustedes antes de mi Pasión».

Jesus transforma la conmemoración de la liberación de Israel de la esclavitud egipcia.

¿Sabes qué sucedió en la Última Cena?

Usted ha oído la historia, ahora viva un acontecimiento que cambió su vida.

Los boletos serán limitados para asegurar asientos suficientes y cubrir los costos. La venta de boletos comenzará el fin de semana del 15 al 16 de febrero.

SÁBADO

29

MARZO
2025

DILLON HALL

PUERTAS SE ABREN 5:30 PM

CENA 6:00 PM

ENTRADA POR PERSONA: \$15

Este evento requiere la participación de todos los participantes en la Cena Judía para mejorar la comprensión individual de los eventos anteriores a la Pasión de Cristo.

Las bebidas que se servirán serán vino, jugo de uva y agua. Se necesita la autorización del padre, la madre y el tutor antes de que los menores puedan recibir vino, si así lo desean.



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Parishioner Of St. Joseph, Wenatchee, To Be Ordained Deacon in Rome

By Christine Corbett Conklin

February 23 will be a special day for the Diocese of Yakima as Juan Cruz Gonzalez, a parishioner of St. Joseph Church in Wenatchee, is ordained a permanent deacon by Pope Francis in Rome. The culmination of five years of preparation, Cruz, 51, will join other men from around the world to be ordained as part of the Jubilee of Deacons.

For this pilgrimage, Cruz will be joined by his wife, Veronica, and children, Yareli and Liliana. Altogether, a contingent of 46 pilgrims from the Diocese of Yakima will be joining in the meaningful journey to Rome.

The Holy Father will confer the Sacrament of Holy Orders upon Cruz, making him a “permanent” deacon, a rank of Church hierarchy reserved for single or married men. Other men who wish to become priests receive Holy Orders to become “transitional” deacons, as a final step before becoming priests.

Although he’s been in “training” for years, Cruz said he was still taken by surprise when Father Osmar Aguirre, pastor of St. Joseph Church in Wenatchee and director of the diaconate ministry for the Diocese, informed him that not only was he going to become a deacon soon – but that Pope Francis was going to do the honors!

“I get nervous serving with the Bishop. What will it be like with the Holy Father?”, Cruz wondered, in a conversation with the *Central Washington Catholic*. In his characteristically humble manner, he also marveled at how he was chosen for this honor: “I don’t consider myself as someone who has a PhD,” he observed. “I barely finished high

school.”

However, Juan Cruz has performed years of admirable work in St. Joseph Parish, says Father Aguirre.

“Juan radiates enthusiasm and joy, exemplifying perseverance and commitment in his service,” he noted.

In his December 2024 nomination letter for Cruz to Bishop Joseph Tyson, Father Aguirre also observed, “What makes Mr. Cruz unique is his bilingual and bicultural background, which allows him to minister effectively to both English- and Spanish-speaking communities. His dedication to serving others and spending time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament with his wife is a profound witness to his faith. ... His life is a testimony of faith in action, and he exemplifies the qualities of a deacon who will serve the Church with humility, compassion and zeal.”

In Rome, the Jubilee of Deacons will open on February 21 with a welcome, midday prayer and sharing of experiences. On Saturday, there will be a pilgrimage to the Holy Door of the Vatican and a vigil at the Basilica of St. John Lateran. Ordination is scheduled during a 10 a.m. Mass in St.

Peter’s Square Sunday.

Cruz observed that this journey to the diaconate “wasn’t really a choice,” but a leading by Blessed Mot and perhaps Osmar. “I opened my heart to God and said ‘I’m yours,’” he noted, adding that he received parish inspiration on a trip to Jerusalem a number of ago.



Juan Cruz Gonzalez and his wife, Veronica, soon will be on a pilgrimage to Rome.

Among those making the pilgrimage to Rome with Cruz his family will be additional representatives: Bishop Joseph Tyson, Father Aguirre and Father Alejandro Trejo. Nine deacons and their wives also will travel along, including: Carlos Maria Luna, and Eugene and T Ockinga, also of St. Joseph We Paco and Diane Martinez, Arn and Diana Escamilla, and Mar Ethel Krcma, all of Our Lady of Parish, Moses Lake; Bob Schrock Michael Archangel Parish, Roy Ross and Therese Ronish, and and Rosaline Collado, of Christ King Parish, Richland; and Jim Barbara Johnson of St. Andrew Ellensburg, plus St. John the Baptist and Immaculate Conception parishes in Cle Elum and Roslyn.

Please keep Juan Cruz and all of our clergy and religious in your prayers as they continue to serve the Diocese!

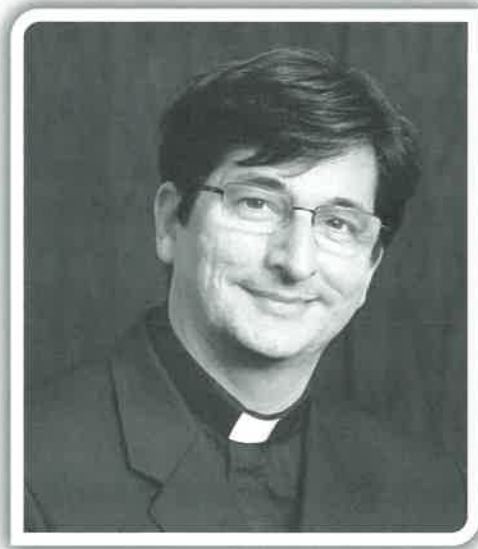
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follow up to our last issue regarding the launch of the 2025 year, this month we feature one of Deacon candidate Juan Gonzalez from Saint Joseph Church in Wenatchee and his recent ordination by Pope

part of the Holy Year, the Diocese is holding a series of encounters.” Like the term “Encounter” and “Engaged Encounter,” the word encounter is not about people but about a personal encounter with Christ.

of Christ, the Holy Father will continue to hold “encounters” with representatives of the people. In February, he hosts a global encounter with the world’s deacons. Fr. Osmar Aguirre, Father Jo and Sandra Barros began their pilgrimage to Rome for a special deacon “encounter” over the weekend. I have the privilege of participating in this.

At the beginning of December, I received an e-mail from the president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Archbishop Carlo Maria Martini, Cardinal Broglio. He let all the bishops know that at the February “encounter” with deacons, the Holy Father wanted to ordain three from around the world, including three from the U.S. If you have candidates ready for ordination, please nominate them. We had the ordination on December 10th – a little more than a week – while we were all deep



Bishop Joseph Tyson

in preparation for the festivities in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

I am very grateful to Monsignor Robert Siler and the pastoral center team, Fr. Michael Ibach and our canonical services team, as well as Father Osmar and his staff in pulling together so many documents and protocols in such a short time to nominate Juan Cruz. I told them all that if anyone from Yakima got ordained by the Holy Father it would be like winning the lottery! So, it was quite a pleasant surprise to learn that our nomination of Juan Cruz was accepted.

I talked with Juan on the phone and, of course, he’s very excited. So are parishioners in both our Spanish- and English-speaking communities in the Wenatchee Valley. Juan is fully bilingual, so he looks forward to serving both communities. In a world polarized by political debate on immigration, it’s wise for us to

December Holy Year Masses Planned Each Month

In observance of the Jubilee Holy Year, special Masses will be offered at St. Paul Cathedral in Yakima at 5:30 p.m. (English) and 7 p.m. (Spanish) on the first day of each month in 2025. All are welcome to concelebrate. These are special Masses, with the Jubilee indulgence, followed by a reception in the

Cathedral Assembly Place.

Each month, a specific group of diocesan individuals will be recognized and remembered in prayer. The February Masses, on February 4, will honor all those involved in the medical professions: doctors, dentists, nurses, para-pros, medical students, aides and other medical office/hospital personnel.

focus on the many uplifting ways the Church is able to bring together newer immigrant families with families here for longer periods of time – often from more established immigrant communities.

Watch the *Central Washington Catholic* in the next couple of months for pictures from the many Yakima pilgrims in Rome. And you will be able to follow the many opportunities for spiritual growth here in the Diocese of Yakima during this Holy Year 2025.

Should you need resources and want to know the Church’s response to the wider questions of immigration and the pastoral support we give to all our parishioners regardless of their legal status, be sure to check out our website at www.yakimadiocese.org, and the special Justice for Immigrants page: <https://tinyurl.com/29cdaskv>.

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.

Take the Quiz and Test Your Knowledge of The Catholic Faith

The Catholic Faith is rich in tradition and doctrine. See how many of the following 10 questions you can answer correctly. Answers follow at the end.

1. Who can receive Confirmation?

- a. Those who are at least seven years old
- b. Those who are at least 18 years old
- c. Anyone baptized
- d. Those who've received Penance, Eucharist

2. What is not a "precept" of the Catholic Church?

- a. Receive Eucharist during the Easter season
- b. Receive Penance at least once each year
- c. Go to Mass on Sunday and Holy Days
- d. Say the Rosary at least once each month

3. Who created the Rosary's Luminous Mysteries?

- a. John the Baptist, in teaching the people
- b. Pope John Paul II
- c. Pope Francis
- d. Pope Benedict XVI

4. To whom did Mary appear and give the Rosary?

- a. St. Dominic
- b. The three children of Fatima

- c. St. Bernadette
- d. St. Juan Diego

5. What Sacrament can be given by a non-ordained Catholic?

- a. The Sacrament of the Sick, if there is danger of death
- b. Baptism, if there is danger of death
- c. Penance, if there is danger of death
- d. Confirmation, if there is danger of death

6. Who can become Pope of the Catholic Church?

- a. Any Catholic priest
- b. Any Catholic bishop
- c. Any Catholic cardinal
- d. Any baptized Catholic man

7. What can a Catholic deacon do?

- a. Baptize and preach
- b. Say Mass
- c. Consecrate the Host, if needed
- d. All of the above

8. How many Popes have led the Catholic Church?

- a. 192
- b. 252
- c. 265
- d. 307

9. What are three Bible books named after women?

- a. Ruth, Judith, Esther
- b. Ruth, Miriam, Esther
- c. Miriam, Elizabeth, Esther
- d. Mary, Miriam, Ruth



10. Which of these is NOT a "gift of the Holy Spirit"?

- a. Wisdom
- b. Patience
- c. Fortitude
- d. Knowledge

Answers: (1) c. Anyone baptized; (2) d. St. Dominic; (3) b. Pope John Paul II; (4) a. St. Dominic; (5) b. Baptism, if there is danger of death; (6) d. Any baptized man; (7) a. Baptize and preach; (8) b. 252; (9) a. Ruth, Judith, Esther; (10) d. Knowledge.

Ideas for trivia quiz questions can be found from: trivia.stanneaz.org; funtrivia.com; catholic.com; proprofs.com and lifeline.com.

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PREPARES (Pregnancy & Parenting Support) – is our Church's promise to care for mothers and fathers from pregnancy to their child's fifth birthday – no matter their beliefs. This Ministry is a way we can "walk our talk" about celebrating the gift of life and making sure that no child – born or unborn – is ever abandoned or alone. Learn more and support vulnerable families: www.preparesforlife.org.

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of God Sunday Calls Catholics to Witness the Faith, Pope Says

ICAN CITY (CNS) – The s a word of compassion, mercy, edom and joy, Pope Francis

Gospel "calls us to become te witnesses of peace, solidarity nciation," and "to bear o our faith and to be consistent ctice," the Pope said at Mass on lay of the Word of God in St. asilica Jan. 26.

s days are numbered because e belongs to God," he said. e power of the Spirit, Jesus us from all guilt and liberates ts from all that holds them ge, for he brings the Father's ss into the world."

Messiah opens the eyes of t, all too often dazzled by the power and vain things: the of the soul that prevent us from edging God's presence and n our gaze the weak and the s," he said.

ng the Mass, Pope Francis 40 lay men and women to stry of lector, a ministry he opened to women in 2021. The l women came from Albania,

Argentina, Austria, Bolivia, Brazil, Philippines, Iceland, Italy, Mexico, Poland and Slovenia.

The Pope encouraged everyone to take time out each day to read one or two verses of the Gospel, whether it was during their commute or other brief moments of their day.

"When we read the Scriptures, when we pray and study them, we do not simply receive information about God; we receive his Spirit, who reminds us of all that Jesus said and did," he said in his homily.

In the day's Gospel reading (Lk 4:14-21), Jesus reveals himself as the Messiah, the Pope said. And the reading also reveals "five actions that characterize the unique and universal mission of the Messiah..." Those five



Pope Francis gives a Bible to a layperson installed to the ministry of lector during Mass on Sunday of the Word of God and the final day of the Jubilee of the World of Communications in St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican Jan. 26, 2025. (CNS photo/Vatican Media)

actions are "to bring glad tidings to the poor, ... to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord."

"By releasing us from our captivity, he tells us that

God draws close to us in our poverty, redeems us from evil, enlightens our eyes, breaks the yoke of oppression, and brings us into the joy of a time and greater history in which he makes himself constantly present, to walk beside us and to guide us to eternal life," he said.

"Let us commit ourselves to bringing the good news to the poor, proclaiming release to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, letting the oppressed go free and announcing the year of the Lord's favor," he said.

ary Events From Around the Diocese

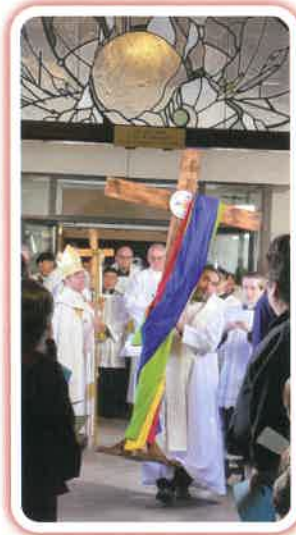


Participants in the Yakima Walk for Life gathered for prayer in Millennial Plaza.

The main doors of St. Paul Cathedral are decorated with symbols of the Jubilee Year.



Father Jesus Mariscal carried the Jubilee Cross down the aisle of the Cathedral for the opening of the Jubilee Year.



The Jubilee Cross stands in St. Paul Cathedral.



Catholic Students for Life from Moxee, Selah and Yakima carried the Pro-Life Coalition banner, alongside Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters of America signs in the January 25 Yakima Walk for Life.

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

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom will I send? Who will go for Us?' 'Here I am,' I said. 'Send me.'" (Isaiah 6:8) Do you think the Lord wants to send you as a priest, permanent deacon, brother, or sister?



During the month of January, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of St. Joseph Parish helped 36 families with \$4,164 worth of food or gas cards or utility payments. This is all possible because of the generosity of you, our parishioners. If you or anyone you know needs help, call 509-591-0149 and leave a message. (Please note this phone number is the correct one!) Thank you!

Saint Junipero Serra Club of Tri-Cities members invite you to join in their Annual Day of Lenten Reflection on March 1, 2025 at Saint Patrick Parish in Pasco. We'll begin with Mass at 8:00 am followed by a light breakfast. Father Tian Melendez will lead the Day of Lenten Reflection. Lunch will be provided. Bring a friend. The registration fee is \$10.00.

Please contact Peggy Schoubviller 509-581-7110, Celine Petersen 509-582-8738, Liz Johnston 509-308-1861 or Bill Davis 509-438-2584 for more information or to register. We look forward to seeing you there.

St. Vincent de Paul Foodbank, Pasco, is happy to report the election of a new President of the St. Patrick Conference. Lindy Styer grew up in St. Joseph Parish, graduated from Gonzaga University, and is now a parishioner of Saint Patrick Parish. Each Wednesday, SVDP Food Bank serves 1400 needy families. New volunteers are always welcome. Call 509-544-9315 for a tour or email opendoortohope@gmail.com



Tri-Cities Prep Catholic High School will be hosting an all region faith event called XLT on the evening of February 25. XLT stands for "Exalt" and is a night of Eucharistic Procession and Adoration that includes testimonials, praise and worship music, and snacks and fellowship with people from every parish in the Tri-Cities.

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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 Vowed Religious Life. We pray that more men and women will hear God's call and say "yes". Remember, without priests, we would not have access to the Holy Eucharist and other Sacraments.

2/9	Tina and Bob Daily
2/16	Beth & Jose Arroyo

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

What is a Jubilee Year?

The Jubilee Year is a profound time of renewal, mercy, and joy in the Catholic Church. Rooted in Scripture (Leviticus 25:10), the Jubilee tradition invites the faithful to grow closer to God through pilgrimage, reconciliation, and acts of love.

In 2025, the Church celebrates the Holy Year of Jubilee, marked by:

- A call to repentance and spiritual renewal
- Pilgrimages to designated Jubilee churches, including St. Peter's Basilica in Rome
- The gift of a plenary indulgence for those who fulfill the spiritual requirements
- Emphasis on acts of charity and unity to foster a world of peace and solidarity

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to deepen your faith and walk with millions around the globe on a journey of grace and transformation. Let's accept this gift with joy here at St. Joseph.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

Tuesday, March 25 @ 6:30 pm - Christ the King, 1111 Stevens Dr., Richland, WA 99354

Wednesday, March 26 @ 6:30 pm - St Joseph, 520 S Garfield St. Kennewick

Thursday, March 27 @ 6:30 pm - Holy Spirit, 7409 W Clearwater Ave, Kennewick

Friday, March 28 @ 6:30 pm - St. Francis Xavier Cabrini, 1000 Horne Dr., Benton City, WA 99320

Monday, March 31 @ 6:30 pm - Sacred Heart, 1905 Highland Dr., Prosser, WA 99350

Marking the beginning of Lent, Ash Wednesday will be observed on March 5 this year. As the Lenten season approaches, here's a reminder of the Church's practices of penance during this time:

1. It is recommended to self-impose a fast on all weekdays throughout Lent.
2. Catholics are required to fast and abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, March 5, and Good Friday, April 18.
3. All Fridays during Lent are mandatory days of abstinence.
4. The law of abstinence applies to Catholics aged 14 and older.
5. This law prohibits the consumption of meat.
6. Fasting is obligatory for Catholics from ages 18 to 59.
7. The fasting regulations stipulate that only one full meal should be consumed each day; any additional meals, if necessary, should be considerably smaller while considering one's health needs. Fasting also implies refraining from snacking between meals.

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