

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 13, 2025

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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:
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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

"...I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me." (Luke 22:34)
 How many times have you heard someone make a disparaging comment about God or our Catholic faith? How did you react? Do you remain quiet so not to cause a disturbance? Or because you don't want people to think negatively about you? Or, because you don't think you know enough about the Catholic faith? Pray for the courage to speak up and enter into a respectful conversation when the opportunity to talk about our faith arises. Joyfully share your faith with others.

Collection for April 6, 2025

Sunday Offering	\$19,818.91
Building Fund	\$895.50
School Donations	\$181.50
Religious Education	\$573.21
MTMM	\$25.00
Holy Day	\$55.00
St. Vincent DePaul	\$340.00
Diocese	\$55.00

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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, Daniel Arokiam.

For our sick: Johanna Stephens, 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, Father John Vogl, Sara Melgarejo, John Lyczkowski.

For our recently deceased: 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 EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Openings: Wednesday 7 am, Saturday Noon

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

Adoring His presence exposed on the altar or in the tabernacle, we bask in His warmth. Meditating on the Rosary, we recall Jesus' s life, death and resurrection and the union of His Mother in the work of our salvation. Through the Eucharist and the Rosary, two hearts are joined in love, and we, in love, are joined to those two hearts." (From the article "Mirroring Divine Love", by Michael Six)



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



Scan QR code to request online!

- Monday, April 14**
6:30 am
8:30 am
- Tuesday, April 15**
6:30 am
8:30 am
- Wednesday, April 16**
6:30 am
8:30 am
- Thursday, April 17**
6:00 pm
8:00 pm
- Friday, April 18**
6:00 pm
8:00 pm
9:00 pm - The March of Silence
- Saturday, April 19**
1:00 pm - Basket Blessing
8:00 pm - Easter Vigil
- Sunday, April 20th**
English
9:00 am, 11:00 am, 5:30 pm
Spanish
1:00 pm, 7:00 pm

The canonization of Carlo Acutis is on Sunday, April 27. The statue blessing will occur at 9:00 am, with refreshments at Dillon Hall after the 9:00 am, 11:00 am, and 1:00 pm Masses.

Olive wood art from the Holy Land is for sale this weekend!

Olive wood carvings are available to purchase after all Masses. The proceeds support Catholic families in the Holy Land since those proceeds are the major source of income for them. More than 75 families in Bethlehem hand carved these items. They are very beautiful and unique items: nativities, crucifixes, rosaries, statues. The Christian population in Israel has dropped from 22% to less than 2% in the past two decades. Purchasing these works of art is a way to encourage the artists to remain in the Holy Land. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



**Saturday, April 12
 at 9:15 AM**
 We need your help
 to switch out the new
 missalettes. Thank you in advance!

PRE EASTER YOUTH RETREAT

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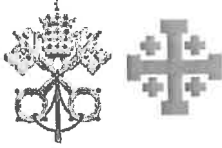


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THIS RETREAT IS REQUIRED FOR ALL CONFIRMATION STUDENTS.

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PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

Bishop Joseph Tyson's Letter

May be read from the pulpit or inserted into the parish bulletins.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon, our diocese will take up a collection for the **Pontifical Good Friday Collection** on **April 18**. For **800** years, the Holy Land Franciscans have served in the land made holy by the life, suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus. With your support, the Holy Land Franciscans will continue to nourish Christians in the Holy Land with presence, care, and service.

Fully **100 %** of donations will go towards this collection. A portion of your contributions are allocated to educational and ecclesial projects in the Middle East. The rest of the funds collected in the United States and other countries around the world support ministries and programs in the Holy Land.

Through the Good Friday Collection, we support:

- 250 friars 11 countries
- 65 sanctuaries and 23 parishes
- 6 guest houses for pilgrims
- 30 youth served by Bethlehem Boys' Home
- 63 apartments restored for families in need
- 1,020 employees in Israel and Palestine
- 17 schools with more than 10,000 students
- 509 university scholarships
- 56 Friars preparing for the priesthood
- 700 refugees aided on the island of Rhodes
- 8,000+ Syrian families aided
- 650+ families in Lebanon assisted
- Construction of a Catholic school in Cana

With your help, the Franciscans can continue to be a light of hope to our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land who are counting on you for help.

With every best wish and blessing,

Most Reverend Joseph J. Tyson
Bishop of Yakima

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Scan the code to donate online.
Thank you!



Colecta del Viernes Santo – Una Colecta Pontificia

Carta del Obispo Joseph Tyson

Puede ser leída desde el púlpito o insertada en los boletines de la parroquia.

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

Muy pronto, nuestra diócesis hará una petición para la **Colecta Pontificia del Viernes Santo el 18 de abril**. Durante **800 años**, los franciscanos de Tierra Santa han servido en la tierra santificada a través de la vida, sufrimiento, muerte y resurrección de Jesús. Con su apoyo, los franciscanos de Tierra Santa continuarán sirviendo a los cristianos en Tierra Santa con presencia, cuidado y servicio.

El **100%** de las donaciones se destinarán a esta colecta. Una parte de sus donaciones se destina a proyectos educativos y eclesiales en el Medio Oriente. El resto de los fondos recaudados en los Estados Unidos y otros países del mundo apoyan a ministerios y programas en Tierra Santa.

A través de la Colecta Pontificia del Viernes Santo, apoyamos:

- 250 frailes 11 países
- 65 santuarios y 23 parroquias
- 6 casas de acogida para peregrinos
- 30 jóvenes atendidos por la Casa de Niños de Belén
- 63 apartamentos restaurados para familias necesitadas
- 1.020 empleados en Israel y Palestina
- 17 escuelas con más de 10.000 alumnos
- 509 becas universitarias
- 56 hermanos se preparan para el sacerdocio
- 700 refugiados en la isla de Rodas
- Más de 8.000 familias sirias
- Más de 650 familias ayudadas en Líbano
- Construcción de una escuela católica en Canadá

Con su ayuda, los franciscanos pueden seguir siendo una luz de esperanza para nuestros hermanos y hermanas en Tierra Santa que cuentan con su ayuda.

Con cada mejor deseo y bendición,

Rvdmo. Joseph J. Tyson
Obispo de Yakima

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Escanear el código para donar a esta colecta.
¡Gracias!



St. Joseph Parish
Fr. Jose Herrera, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

St. Catherine of Siena

Born in 1347, St. Catherine began having divine visions as a young girl, and after much resistance from her family, she became a member of the Third Order of St. Dominic. She lived a life of solitude, prayer, poverty, mortification, and acts of charity. Her reputation for holiness spread and people began seeking her advice, especially to resolve political feuds peacefully. She is a Doctor of the Church for her works of doctrine and spiritual inspiration.

"Silent Saturday"

On Holy Saturday, also called "Silent Saturday," we recall Mary's silent waiting for Jesus' Resurrection. Waiting is part of God's plan, and He uses that time to heal and prepare our hearts for the next stage. Thank God for the seasons of waiting, as you prepare your heart and home to celebrate the joy of Easter Sunday.

Celebrate Mercy

Divine Mercy Sunday, established by Pope St. John Paul II in 2000, fulfills Jesus' request to St. Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, calling the world to trust in His infinite mercy. It is celebrated on April 27 this year.

"If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also" (John 14:3).

Anointed for a Mission

Living as Priest, Prophet, and King

In ancient Israel, priests and kings were anointed with oil as a sign that they were set apart for a sacred mission. In baptism, we too were anointed, marking us as belonging to Christ and sharing in His threefold office as priest, prophet, and king. As we approach our new life at Easter, we can take our proper place in His kingdom:

Priest

A priest serves as a bridge between God and humanity, offering sacrifices and interceding for others. We embrace our baptismal priesthood when we pray for others, make sacrifices on their behalf, and fully participate in the Mass with devotion and joy.

Prophet

A prophet is God's messenger, speaking the truth and calling people to conversion. A prophet's words have power because they flow from a holy life. We share in Christ's prophetic mission by living out our faith, teaching

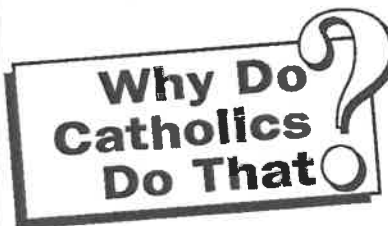
others about God's love, and spreading the Gospel.

"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, that you may declare the wonderful deeds of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light" (1 Peter 2:9).

King

A true king protects, leads, and serves as a model of virtue. We fulfill our royal calling when we guide and educate others in the faith, resist sin, and strive to lead others to Christ. We are servant leaders when we build up the Church, defend what is right, and help others on their path to salvation.

By fully living our faith, actively participating in the Church, and embracing the Sacraments, we do more than follow Christ—we become His hands and voice in the world. This is our calling and our mission.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics venerate the Cross on Good Friday?

Veneration of the Cross is a devotion, traditionally observed during the Good Friday liturgy. The Church invites the faithful to bow, kneel, or in some other way venerate the image of the crucified Christ.

While physically kissing a statue may seem unusual, the act is not about the

object itself but about honoring the One it represents. Much like observing a moment of silence before a war memorial, we pause to remember and revere the greatest act of love. In this gesture, we express sorrow for sin, love for Christ, and gratitude for His saving victory.

Keep watch with Jesus

A Holy Thursday invitation

On Holy Thursday night, Jesus went to the Mount of Olives to pray. In His anguish, He turned to His disciples and asked, "And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, 'So, could you not watch with me one hour?'" (Matthew 26:40). Yet, they slept.

That same night, Jesus instituted the Eucharist, ensuring His presence would remain with us always. This Holy Thursday, set aside an hour to stay with Him.

Enter the Garden: Meditate on Matthew 26:36-46 or Luke 22:39-46. Listen to Jesus' prayer of surrender: "Thy will be

done" (Matthew 26:42). Make it your own, trusting that God will bring all things to fulfillment in His perfect way.

Make a spiritual Communion: St. Thomas Aquinas described this as a prayer of longing for the Eucharist when receiving it physically isn't possible. Though it cannot replace the Mass, it is deeply pleasing to God and nourishes the soul.

Simply be present: Prayer is not about many words or devotions but about being with Him. This Holy Thursday, offer Jesus your silent presence—attentive, open, and watchful—for He is always present to you.

from Scripture

John 20:19-31, "Doubting" Thomas believes

The two Resurrection appearances of Jesus to His disciples in this passage highlight God's merciful love. The first appearance was on Easter Sunday. He could have abandoned them, just as they had abandoned Him in the Garden of Gethsemane, but He didn't. Instead, Jesus appeared to them and gave them His peace, His Spirit, and the power to forgive sins in His name.

The second visit was for St. "Doubting" Thomas, who wasn't there the first time. He refused to believe that Jesus was really risen, despite the evidence of several eyewitnesses.

He demanded physical proof. Jesus appeared in the Upper Room and invited him to touch Him. St. Thomas, moved to faith, cried out, "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28).

This passage reminds us we can always bring our doubts, fears, and need for forgiveness to God, especially on this Sunday — Divine Mercy Sunday. To the disciples who abandoned Him, Jesus extended His peace and forgiveness. For St. Thomas who had been struggling with doubt, Jesus came in person to strengthen his faith. "Jesus, I trust in You!"

Feasts & Celebrations

April 13 – Palm Sunday. On Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, we recall Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, when He was greeted by crowds waving palms and cheering, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" (Matthew 21:9). This Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week.

April 16 – St. Joseph Benedict Labré (1783). Nicknamed "the poor man of the Forty Hours (Eucharistic devotion)," St. Benedict lived most of his life as a poor pilgrim. When he wasn't in church, he lived on the streets, in poverty and absorbed in prayer.

April 25 – St. Mark the Evangelist

(First Century). St. Mark wrote the second Gospel based on St. Peter's perspective and accompanied Saints Paul and Barnabas on their missionary journey in Cyprus. He is credited with founding the Church of Alexandria.

April 27 – Divine Mercy Sunday. Jesus promised St. Faustina that those who receive the Sacrament of Confession and the Eucharist on this day will receive complete forgiveness of sins and punishment—a grace akin to baptism. This extraordinary gift highlights God's desire to wipe away our past and renew us in His love.

April 28 – St. Louis de Montfort (1716). A French priest with a passion for preaching the Gospel, St. Louis had a special devotion to the Blessed Mother, and his True Devotion to Mary is widely popular today.

Q & A

How can I be sure that I am discerning God's will in prayer?

God calls all of us to greater holiness, deeper intimacy with Him and greater charity for others. If you feel God is calling you, consider the "roots and fruits" more carefully before responding.

While the Holy Spirit often works through our "holy imagination," not everything that pops into our heads is from Him. God will never tell us to sin or contradict Church teachings, and His voice is always gentle (if firm) and brings a deep peace that remains, even when our emotions and situations change.

Assuming the "roots" are good, you can take the first steps in answering the call. Examples of "good fruits" would be an increase in virtue, greater attraction to the Sacraments, a concrete change in how we treat others, and even a change of heart in others.

It's always good to find a good spiritual director when discerning "big" decisions, e.g., a vocation. Be at peace: if you are seeking God's will in good faith, He will direct you where you need to be.

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It's Time to Bring Home The True Meaning of The Easter Season

By Christine Corbett Conklin

To fully appreciate the beauty of the Easter season, it helps to make it more personal! Just stopping by church a couple of times, or even occasional fasting or abstinence, may not be enough to get us in the spirit of the greatest event in human history.

There are many simple steps which individuals and families can take to bring home the meaning of the season, suggests Very Rev. Michael Ibach, judicial vicar of the Diocese of Yakima and parochial vicar of Holy Family Parish.

In December, we often go all out in decorating “big things,” Father Ibach pointed out. There are Christmas trees, outdoor light displays, manger scenes and many displays throughout our homes. Yet, at Easter, a much more significant day of celebration in the Catholic Church, we don't usually do nearly as much.

“Make Easter more personal and family-oriented,” Father recommends. During Lent, we can cover crucifixes and religious statues around the home with purple cloth, for example, signifying the solemnity of this time. Ask the children in the family to make pictures of what they think the Passion and Resurrection of Our Lord looked

like. Make a centerpiece for the dining room table featuring a crucifix during Lent, and then decorate the cross with flowers or change it out for a lamb decoration at Easter, he said.

Other small reminders around the home can keep the Easter spirit alive. Place a verse from the Gospel or Acts of the Apostles, regarding the Resurrection, on the bathroom mirror, to see each day, Father suggests. Research your family nationality and experiment with Easter recipes that represent your heritage – whether that's hot cross buns or chili relleno. If there's a carpenter in the family, you might even place three symbolic crosses in your yard.

In addition, bring together your family or friends in shared activities, to deepen the experience of Lent and Easter, Father Ibach advised. “As a family, read the Passion at home. Break it down into parts and have people take the parts.” Before the evening meal, read about the Resurrection. Together, say the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary. On Good Friday, put the



phones and other electronic devices away and pray together. Have music playing in the background in your home.

And finally, don't forget to reach out to others in the community during this special season, Father Ibach suggested. “Act for the good of others, imitating Christ.” Make a small sacrifice remembering how Christ sacrificed everything for us. That could be calling Grandma and Grandpa, visiting a sick friend or helping out a neighbor.

Following this more personal approach to Easter can offer benefits for years to come, Father Ibach suggested. “You can give kids something to hold onto – family traditions,” he said.

Rite of Election Welcomes Large Number of Catechumens, Candidates

Bishop Joseph Tyson welcomed more than 500 catechumens and candidates for full Christian initiation from nearly 30 parishes March 9 at Holy Family Church in Yakima through the annual Rite of Election.



Photo courtesy of St. Aloysius Parish

More than 20 catechumens and candidates from St. Aloysius Parish in Toppenish were among those welcomed in the Rite of Election.

The “catechumens” are persons preparing to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation at Easter, while the “candidates” are persons who have already been baptized in a Christian faith (including

the Catholic Church) and will receive the Eucharist and Confirmation at Easter. About half of the catechumens are children above the age of seven and the other half are in age-appropriate formation programs.

The ceremony was co-chaired by Deacon Gene Ockinga of St. John Church, Wenatchee, and Deacon Johnny Reyes of St. Rose of Lima Church in Ephrata, assisted by Dan Dufner and Father Michael from Holy Family Parish, along with other clergy.

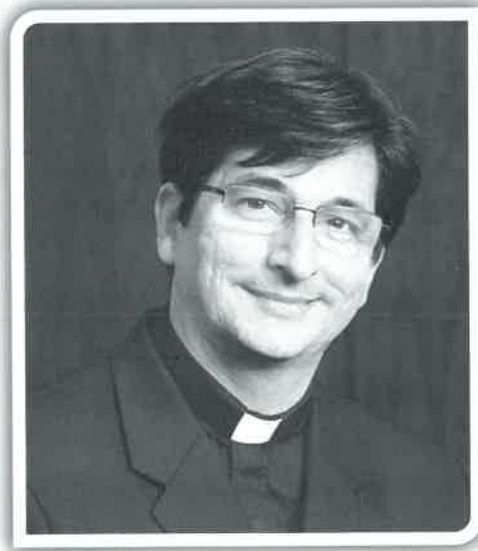
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sage from Bishop Tyson

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g is in the air and as Lent to Easter, I want to focus on our promotion of our parish's Catholic Family Reunion Conference. It takes place the weekend of the second week of Easter, from Friday, April 18 to Sunday, April 26 at the SunDome. Admission is free but we encourage you to patronize the vendors of food and goods whose sales help offset the costs of renting the SunDome and hiring the speakers.

This marks this year as unique with three evening events — our Mass of Healing, our Saturday Vigil of the Blessed Sacrament and Sunday Eucharist are all on a Saturday night generally between 3,000 and 5,000 people. In years past, the event was primarily in Spanish. But this year we want to reach out to the English-speaking community too. In this shop, I am designating the



Bishop Joseph Tyson

SunDome as a temporary pilgrimage site for this 2025 Jubilee Holy Year. Guided by the theme "Pilgrims of Hope" set by Pope Francis, this year's outreach is meant to build up the unity of our Church, especially given the centrifugal forces of polarization pulling our world apart. Diversity for the sake of diversity divides.

But acknowledging the diverse

gifts of the Holy Spirit and the manner in which the Pentecost experience remains alive, where both the Spanish-speaking and English-speaking hear the gospel proclaimed, builds up our unity as a Church. It takes all of us, with all of our languages and all of our cultures, to form the mosaic that is the Body of Christ.

As you read this month's issue of the *Central Washington Catholic* with the many diverse and interesting stories, I hope you see the many gifts we share in common as a single Body of Christ.

May God richly bless you as we move from Lent to Easter following Christ in His life, His death, His resurrection and His ascension.

Peace be with you!
With every best wish and blessing!

Yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Joseph J. Tyson
Bishop of Yakima

Rite of Election Welcomes Large Number of Catechumens, Candidates *Continued from page 1*

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Photo courtesy of St. Aloysius Parish

St. Peter Claver Parish in Wapato sent more than 20 catechumens and candidates to the March 9 Rite.

the more he followed Christ, the more he became his very best self. He saw that the farther away he was from Christ, the more distant he was from his deepest and most authentic version of

himself. Might this be what we need, too? Might this be the Lenten journey of conversion that we need to make every day of our lives?"

Besides the Rite of Election, those preparing for the Easter sacraments are benefiting from the Scrutinies – special petitions and prayers to overcome sin – at Masses the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent. Let's keep these men, women and children in our prayers as we all seek to deepen our knowledge and practice of the Faith.

that beneath the surface of our lives, we need God. We come to Christ as Pope Benedict XVI noted in his encyclical Deus Caritas Est, that Christianity is not the result of a rational choice or a lofty idea, but rather enters with an event, a person, and gives life a new horizon and a new direction."
Bishop Tyson uplifted the example of Augustine, whose fifth-century "Confessions" is a spiritual autobiography that Augustine "came to know that

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How Many of The 'Saints of Spring' Can You Name?

As we move through the season of Spring, it's good to reflect upon the saints whose feast days occur during this time. How many of the following saints can you identify? Some may be quickly recognizable while others may be new to you. Answers follow at the end.

1. April 16. This saint was born in Lourdes, France in 1844. At the age of 14, she was gathering firewood when a lovely lady appeared to her in a grotto. After that, she had repeated visions. The lady told her to drink and bathe in the clear water that began flowing and to build a chapel at the site. The lady told her that she was the "Immaculate Conception."

2. April 21. Born to noble parents about 1033, this saint began life with saintly teaching from his mother, but when he was refused entry into an abbey, his life drifted. When his harsh father died, he traveled to Normandy where he was able to enter a monastery. He showed a rare gift for reading people's hearts, studied hard and wrote numerous religious works, becoming an abbot, then later Archbishop of Canterbury and defending church teachings.

3. April 23. Legendary for perhaps fighting dragons, this saint died about 303. He served in the army and as an imperial guard for an emperor. Refusing to worship Roman gods, he was martyred. One version of the "dragon" story claims that this saint in fact protected himself with the sign of the cross and slew a crocodile. The creature had prevented people in what is today Libya from getting water from a spring.

4. April 25. Author of the Second Gospel, this saint died in 68 A.D. He traveled with St. Paul and St. Barnabas on missionary work. He also was close to St. Peter who referred to him in one letter as "my son." It is believed he translated for Peter. He was perhaps the first bishop of Alexandria, where he died as a martyr. His symbol is a winged lion.

5. May 10. Born in Belgium in 1840, this saint would come to be known for his work among the lepers of Molokai, Hawaii. He helped his family on their farm until he entered religious life and became a priest. From 1873, he worked among the lepers, organizing the building of houses, schools and a church, and caring for the people. He contracted leprosy and died in 1889.

6. May 15. Related to nobility of Lorraine and owning property, this saint married a pagan but later raised her son as a Christian. Her good works included founding hospices for the poor. She gave away all of her possessions and, with her son, became a hermit. She outlived her son by more than 20 years, continuing her holy ways.

7. May 22. Known as a "patron of impossible causes," this saint was born in 1381 in Italy. Wanting to enter a convent at an early age, she was instead married to a cruel man. She helped her husband become a better man,

forgave his murderers, but worried that two sons were following on the same path, she prayed that God would take them before they committed serious sin. She entered a monastery, was known to levitate, and a wound appear on her forehead like a piercing from a thorn, Christ's crown.

8. June 3. Born in Leinster, Ireland, this saint was ordained a priest and then assumed a hermitic life living in a cave to which he was allegedly directed by an angel. After seven years of this life, he returned to civilization and founded a monastery. He presided over the monastery, living a life of prayer and teaching, until his death, around 618. Some reports say he was the age of 120.

9. June 6. This saint was born in Rhineland, about 1080. He was known for living a very worldly life, until he was struck by a horseback in a thunder storm and was thrown to the ground. As he came to consciousness, he asked "Lord, what do you want from me as Saul had done. Inspired to turn to God, he adopted a life of prayer and penance, became a priest and later a bishop. He presided over a religious order throughout Europe, preaching, and founding a religious order with which lay people could affiliate, perhaps for the first time.

Based upon information from Catholic Encyclopedia:
1. St. Bernadette; 2. St. Anselm; 3. St. Damien of Molokai; 4. St. Marks; 5. St. Kevin; 6. St. Berntha; 7. St. Rita; 8. St. Kevin.



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Around the Diocese

Judeen Laid To Rest

Sister Judeen Seeberger, OSB, who worked in the Yakima Diocese for 30 years, died February 21 in Watertown, South Dakota at the age of 98. Sister had been living at Esteline

center there. Her funeral was held

between about 1970 and 1990, Sister served at Holy Family Parish in as a religious educator. From 2000, she was a pastoral minister at Holy Redeemer Parish, also in

Baptized Claudia Maria Seeberger, was the daughter of Nick and Duratschek Seeberger. Following World War II, her family moved to where Sister graduated from St. Joseph Academy. She then entered St. Heart Convent and made her profession of vows as a Benedictine in 1950.

She was a founding member of St. of God Monastery in Watertown. Prior to coming back to Yakima, she worked as a teacher in North Dakota, Minnesota, Colorado and Nebraska. She earned a Master's degree from Holy Family College in Spokane. We will miss Sister Judeen and all the departed clergy and religious in our prayers.

Mass Planned for SunDome

A 26th "Congreso Catolico de Educacion Familiar" is scheduled to take place Friday to Sunday, April 25-27 at the SunDome, 1301 South Fair

Special guests and speakers will include Bishop Joseph Tyson, Father Antonio Marco Hudson Reeves, Fr. Ambia, Winston Castro of the Dominican Republic and Guillermo Garcia of Colombia.

There will be a concert featuring Sister Judeen at 5 p.m., April 25, followed by Mass at 7 p.m. The April 26 schedule includes a Holy Hour at 7 p.m., with Mass at 4 p.m., April 27.

For more information, call (509) 221-1291 or (509) 307-1299.

Sister Josie Leaves Yakima, To Share Talents With Other Communities

By Christine Corbett Conklin

At age 81, Sister Josefina (Josie) Ramac jokes that she is ready to be "recycled" again, leaving her duties as a parish volunteer at Holy Redeemer Parish in Yakima. Her new permanent residence will be in Seattle, as she prepares to help with everything from assisting a leadership team there to mentoring a new novice director in Edmonton, Canada.

"I've been recycled so many times," she said with a laugh, talking to staff of the *Central Washington Catholic*.

Sister Josie came to the United States from the Philippines at age 13 when her father, who had served with the U.S. Army, decided that he wanted the best possible education for his eight children.

She was 32 years old before she became a postulant with the Sisters of Providence. As a postulant, she began work with migrant children in Spokane, then came to Yakima in the mid-70s to work with Sister Rebecca Berghoff at St. Joseph School. After a time, she moved on to do religious formation work in Edmonton, then back to St. Joseph's,

then to assist a religious leadership team in Seattle. She has worked as a volunteer at Holy Redeemer Parish since 2020, assisting with everything from religious education to the church choir, counting collection donations and making sandwiches.

Sister Josie says that she particularly likes "the closeness of the community here." She enjoys "working with the Hispanic people. They're very friendly and open and their Faith sustains my own Faith," she said. She has seen her mission at Holy Redeemer as "helping to unite the two cultures."

Join us in praying for blessings for Sister Josie and thanking her for all she has done for our community!



Sister Josefina (Josie) Ramac

Pope Francis Returns to Vatican After Long Hospitalization

By Cindy Wooden

ROME (CNS) — Immediately before leaving Rome's Gemelli hospital after more than five weeks of treatment for breathing difficulties, double pneumonia and infections, Pope Francis greeted hundreds of people who gathered outside the hospital March 23. With a very weak voice, Pope Francis thanked the crowd,

waving his hands and giving a thumbs up.

An aide had pushed Pope Francis in his wheelchair onto the balcony overlooking the square outside the hospital. Some 600 people had gathered at the hospital, including Rome's Mayor Roberto Gualtieri. Hundreds of people also gathered in front of video screens in St. Peter's Square.

Pope Francis was driven through the center of Rome to the Basilica of St. Mary Major where he has prayed before and after every foreign trip and after his two previous hospitalizations for abdominal surgery. He did not go into the church but left flowers to be placed on the altar.

Television footage of the Pope, seated in the front seat of a white Fiat, showed he was using oxygen through a nasal tube.



Pope Francis gives a thumbs up as he greets a crowd of well-wishers at Rome's Gemelli Hospital before returning to the Vatican March 23. (CNS photo/Pablo Esparza)

The Pope's message of the day focused on the Gospel reading of the parable of the fig tree from Luke 13:1-9, in which a gardener asks a landowner to allow him to spare a fig tree that had not borne fruit for three years; the gardener asks to be given a year to fertilize and care for the tree.

"The patient gardener is the Lord, who thoughtfully works the soil of our lives

and waits confidently for our return to him," the Pope wrote. "In this long period of hospitalization, I have experienced the Lord's patience, which I also see reflected in the tireless solicitude of the doctors and health care workers, as well as in the attention and hopes of the family members of the sick," who also are in the Gemelli, he wrote.

The Pope also urged prayers for peace and commented on current events.

"I was saddened by the resumption of heavy Israeli shelling on the Gaza Strip, with so many dead and wounded," he said. Israel, citing an impasse in negotiations with Hamas militias, began launching aerial attacks on Gaza March 18, ending a ceasefire that had begun in January.

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



"He opens my ear that I may hear, and I have not rebelled." (from Isaiah 50: 4-7) Prayer and reflection are essential to discovering a vocation. Are you open to a vocation as a priest, permanent deacon, brother, or sister?

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
April 12 and 13 | All Masses in the Big Church

Saturday Vigil
English 5:30 p.m.
Spanish 7:00 p.m.

Sunday
English | 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 5:30 pm
Spanish | 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm
Bilingual | 3:30 pm - Closing Youth Retreat Mass

(Procession to the sound of the Small Church bell only for 9:00 am and 1:00 pm Mass)

TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY – April 17
English | Big Church | 6:00 pm
Spanish | Big Church | 8:00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY – April 18
Big Church
English 3:00 pm
Spanish Living Stations 4:00 pm

English | 6:00 pm Veneration of the Cross
Spanish | 8:00 pm Veneration of the Cross

9:00 pm | The March of Silence - beginning in the Big Church

EASTER VIGIL - April 19
Big Church
1:00 pm | Easter Basket Blessing
8:00 pm | Bilingual
There will be no confessions.

EASTER SUNDAY - April 20
Big Church
English | 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 5:30 pm
Spanish | 1:00 pm, 7:00 pm

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY - April 27
2:30 pm
English | Small Church
Spanish | Big Church

Blessed Carlos Acutis's Canonization | 9:00 am

English | 11:00 am, 5:30 pm
Spanish | 1:00 pm, 7:00 pm

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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.

4/13 Melissa Slater
4/20 David and Alexandria Barr
4/27 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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