

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

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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.

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 am a minister in accordance with God's stewardship, given to me to bring to completion for you the word of God."

Colossians 1:25

We are all called to evangelize – to convert individuals and society by the divine power of the Gospel. Our faith is more attractive to others by our actions than by our words alone. We may not be called to evangelize like St. Paul, but we should look for opportunities to share our faith through our actions and words, especially with those closest to us: our family, friends, and neighbors. Pray for the courage to joyfully express your faith the next time the opportunity arises.

Collection for July 13, 2025

Sunday Offering	\$14,991.37
Building Fund	\$369.50
School Donations	\$194.00
Religious Education	\$23.00
CCHD	\$120.00
St Vincent de Paul	\$100.00
Miscellaneous	\$50.00
Online Giving	\$2,682.33

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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 you envelopes. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

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 Skierczyński, Kolton Hansford, Joanne, Marie Smith, Armandino Gamino, Ana Espinoza, Sara and Johnny Howard, Father Kurt Hadley, Father John Vogl, Sara Melgarejo, John Lyczkowski, Lexie Day, Maria Barrientes, Randy Walker.

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.

Pilgrimage to France and Italy with Fr. Tian

When: October 21 through
November 3, 2025
Cost: \$5,583

For more information, please contact:
Juan Ignacio Zurita 786-656-0594
Scan QR code to register



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, July 21

6:30 am
† Elaine Loftus
8:30 am
† Marie Howell
Our Lady of Knock feast day
Poor Souls

Tuesday, July 22

St. Mary Magdalene

6:30 am
† James Tobin
8:30 am

Ana Cruz (Healing)

Wednesday, July 23

6:30 am
No Intentions for this Mass
8:30 am
† Gib Shipley

Thursday, July 24

6:30 am
The Long Family (Healing)
8:30 am
† San Juanita Altamirano
7:00 pm
† San Juanita Altamirano

Friday, July 25

6:30 am
No Intentions for this Mass
8:30 am
† Katherine Evans

Saturday, July 26

8:30 am
No Intentions for this Mass
5:30 pm
No Intentions for this Mass

7:00 pm
† Modesta Tapia and Ismael Mendoza

† Agustin Mojica
† Poor Souls (fieles difuntos)

Sunday, July 27

9:00 am
Anna Mosio
Pat Hall (Healing)
† William F. Buckley
11:00 am
No Intentions for this Mass
1:00 pm
Danna Paola Nava (Birthday)
5:30 pm
No Intentions for this Mass
7:00 pm
No Intentions for this Mass



Scan QR code to request online!

Now accepting Mass Intentions only for the remainder of 2025

Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, over 11% of the population lives in poverty. Through this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and those working on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd.



SUNDAY LITURGY REFLECTION

9:15 am on Wednesdays
on FaceBook Live

Presented by Father Riccardo Keolker



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Openings: Tues 1 am, 5 pm, Thurs 8 am, Fri 6 am
The Adoration Chapel is open to visitors. Please consider accepting the invitation to sign up for regular weekly hours.



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Carol at 509-582-5011, or, en español,
Delmi at 509-528-8896

"Your time in adoration will never be wasted, and you'll never give up more than you get. You go in, you give Him an hour - and He takes care of your life. "Love is sitting there, waiting for you." He is absolute love, and that's what you can become. By sitting in the presence of love, you will want to become love. And you will receive the graces to actually allow that to happen to you." (Excerpted from: No Wonder They Call It the Real Presence: Lives Changed by Christ in Eucharistic Adoration-by David Pearson)



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Our Lady of the Assumption Church Prepares To Welcome Parishioners

By Christine Corbett Conklin

In the Peshastin Valley, between Cashmere and Leavenworth, the newest church of the Diocese of Yakima is quickly taking shape. Final preparations are underway for Our Lady of the Assumption Church which will be dedicated on August 14.

Surrounded by sweeping views of the Cascade Mountains, the new 420-seat church will serve the congregations from the former Our Lady of the Snows Church in Leavenworth and the St. Francis Xavier Church in Cashmere, which had total seating for about 390 people. The two parishes were combined in 2017, with congregations coming together to form Our Lady of the Assumption Parish. The Leavenworth property was sold and Masses have been held in the interim in the former St. Francis building.

The newly constructed, neoclassical-style church is in a cruciform (cross) shape with four white columns in front, supporting a façade with the message “Domus Dei Et Porta Coeli” (House of God and Gate of Heaven),



An architect's rendering showed the completed church.

explained Very Rev. Miguel Gonzalez, pastor. Two “rose” (or circular) stained glass windows portray Our Lady of the Assumption and the Crown of Mary,

while two rectangular windows picture the Nativity and Resurrection of Christ. As a former student of industrial design, at the Autonomous University of Nuevo Leon in Mexico, Father has had

a particular interest in helping to shape this new church building.

The process of construction and combining two parishes has been “...sometimes hard, but also it has been a blessing,” said Father Gonzalez. “People have been very supportive. I think we have grown in harmony and in unity as a community.” Before, the small parishes of Leavenworth and Cashmere were not able to “sustain themselves financially,” he said. It also could take “up to two hours” for him, as pastor of both parishes, to travel to Leavenworth at times with very heavy tourist traffic.

Fundraising for the new church complex began in 2020, and then Covid

slowed everything down. A group of people from the parish toured other church buildings, in cities including Spokane, to firm up design ideas. In 2022, a new rectory was completed. Our Lady of the Assumption Parish is adjacent to the site of the new church building. Construction began on the church last year.

Plans for the future include remodeling about 1,200 people in the new church.

Each week with two parish Masses: two Spanish Masses.

“Her people are in gratitude and awe, preparing for the dedication of our new church,” Father Gonzalez observed. “This is going to be a church erected through faith, prayer, sacrifice and grace...”

All are invited to attend the Dedication Mass for the new church at 5 p.m., Thursday, August 14, the feast of the Assumption of Our Lady. Joseph Tyson will be the principal celebrant.



Father Miguel observed progress on the church in late June.

Remember Christ's Compassion, Show It to Others, Pope Says

By Carol Glatz

VATICAN CITY (CNS) –When facing despair, exclusion and disappointment, do not be afraid to turn to Jesus and pray for the healing power of his love, Pope Leo XIV said.

“A very widespread ailment of our time is the fatigue of living: reality seems to us to be too complex, burdensome, difficult to face,” he told thousands of pilgrims gathered in St. Peter's Square for his general audience, June 25.

People may be tempted to “switch off, we fall asleep, in the delusion that, upon waking, things will be different,” Pope Leo said. “But reality has to be faced, and together with Jesus, we can do it well.”

The Pope centered his catechesis on two accounts of miracles in St. Mark's Gospel: Jairus' daughter who awakens from death and the woman who is healed of a hemorrhage. These two miracles “reveal the healing power born

of faith in Jesus,” he said. “These Gospel accounts teach us to be able to turn to Jesus in prayer and to ourselves to the healing power of love, which can transform apparently hopeless situations and even bring us out of death... For God, who is eternal life, death of the body is like sleep. Death is that of the soul: of this we must not be afraid!” Pope Leo said.

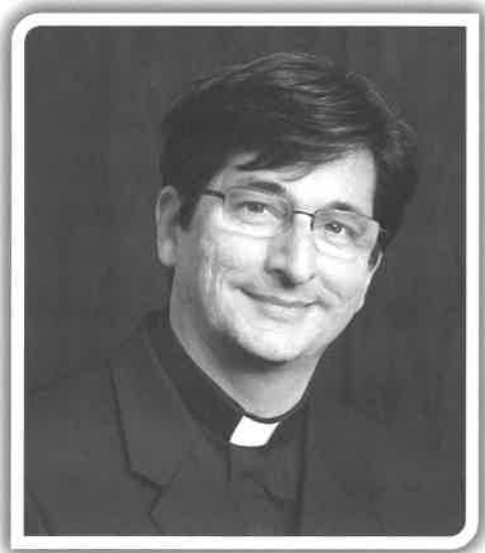
When Jesus revives Jairus' daughter,

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tends:

feature this month the dedication of our newest Church, Our Lady of Imposition Catholic Church in Peon on August 14, the Vigil of the Assumption. The last new church we dedicated in our Diocese was in 2004 at St. Joseph Catholic in Wenatchee. I was pastor in the south end, but our Washington Catholic Conference met in Peon and toured the building. I met late Father Tom Kuykendall, who was pastor at the time.

In 2025, more than 20 years later, we have this historical, momentous occasion of a new church building. The dream of a single church for the Wenatchee Valley goes back to the time of Fr. Richard Keolker, who served as pastor of Our Lady of Imposition in Leavenworth and St. Xavier in Cashmere many years ago. The parishes were combined in 1980 and the Leavenworth building was sold to help finance a new church midway between the cities. The construction, building and blessing of a new church can be quite an ordeal. It takes a lot of planning, fundraising, permit processes, interaction with county officials as well as collabora-



Bishop Joseph Tyson

tion with contractors, subcontractors and architects. It's quite the journey and quite a pilgrimage of faith that brings forth a new church. In this context it's good to remember my family's German and the actual word for Assumption: "Himmelfahrt." "Himmel" means heaven and "Fahrt" in this context translates as "pilgrimage" or "journey."

The physical construction of a church by necessity embodies a pilgrimage of faith by flesh-and-blood people. Without the time, treasure and talent of so many parishioners, there

would be no church building. Without the dedication of Father Miguel González, the pastor, there would be no "dedication" of a building.

"Himmelfahrt." This German word for the Feast of the Assumption also describes our own pilgrimage and our own journey of faith. Indeed, where the Blessed Virgin Mary has gone, we hope to follow! Mary shows us the way to her Son. She shows us how to be the first and foremost disciple of Jesus following His every step in daily life.

My thanks to all of you for the pilgrimage of faith you are making. I hope our coverage of the Assumption as well as the other stories and features in this edition of the *Central Washington Catholic* inspire you to deepen your own pilgrimage of faith too! With every best wish and blessing!

Yours in Christ,
Most Rev. Joseph J. Tyson
Bishop of Yakima

Cool About Clothing Choices for Summer Mass

Summer is officially here. We welcome visitors to our churches, and we are welcomed in other churches for vacation, or special celebrations. As temperatures tend to rise, we tend to wear lighter clothing. So we stop and reflect on what is appropriate to wear to Mass. Individual parishes may have guidelines for proper attire, and we are respectful and prudent by following the parish bulletin, website, or calling the parish if we are in doubt. Visitors on pilgrimage to Rome or Jubilee Year of Hope should keep in mind what is required at the Vatican. The website at St. Peter's Basilica simply

states: "Appropriate attire is required for a place of worship: shoulders and knees must be covered for both men and women."

Clothes do not need to be fancy, just clean, neat and modest, to show respect in the house of God. Paragraphs 2520-2527 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church speak to us of the moral and spiritual basis for the virtues of purity and modesty. "Modesty is decency. It inspires one's choice of clothing. It keeps silence or reserve where there is evident risk of unhealthy curiosity. It is discreet," paragraph 2522 reminds us.

You've heard of "dress for success"? Think of this as "dress to be blessed"!

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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 Yakima Diocese 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.

How Many of The Inspiring 'Saints of Summer' Can You Name?

For added inspiration these summer days, consider the lives of some of the great saints of the Catholic Church. See how many of the following saints, listed by their feast days, you can recognize. Answers follow at the end:

July 11. The patron of students, this saint's name was chosen by a recent Pope. Born around 480, he became a hermit for a time, repelled by the vice he saw among people. He helped establish monasteries, including a monastery in Monte Cassino that was the model for the Church's monastic system. A "Rule" for religious life is named after him.

July 12. This saint from the first century is best known for offering Jesus a cloth to wipe His face, as He was carrying His cross. An image of Jesus' face was imprinted on the cloth, which is believed to still exist in the Vatican today.

July 14. The first indigenous American to become a saint, this young woman is known as the Lily of the Mohawks. Orphaned after smallpox killed her parents, she became a Christian and lived a life of prayer and penitence. After her death, the smallpox scars she bore miraculously disappeared.

July 25. A son of Zebedee and brother to John, this saint was a fisherman. An apostle of Jesus, he witnessed the Lord's miracles including the Trans-

formation and was with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane. He was the first apostle to be martyred, beheaded in 44 A.D.

August 4. This saint, the patron of parish priests, was born in 1786 in France. He left the army to enter the seminary. He had a special gift of discernment of spirits and was able to help thousands of lapsed Catholics come back to the Church. Late in his life, he spent 16 hours or more per day hearing confessions. He also built a shrine honoring St. Philomena.

August 9. Born to a Jewish family in 1891 in Poland, this saint became a Catholic and entered religious life. She lived a holy life of prayer, fasting and penance. Residing in Holland, she was arrested by the Nazis during World War II and sent to the Auschwitz concentration camp. She died in a gas chamber at the age of 51.

August 11. Born in 291, this young woman was believed to be the daughter of a Greek king. She became a Christian. When in Rome, the Emperor reportedly fell in love with her but she refused to



then subjected to torture attempts were made to but angels came to help. Finally, she died a martyr. The Emperor had her decapitated.

August 14. The patron of families and the promoter of the Brown Scapular movement, this saint was born in 1894 in Poland. He was a Franciscan friar and a promoter of Consecration to Blessed Mother. He fought the Militia Immaculata during World War II, he hid

to hide Jewish people from persecution. He was arrested and taken to Auschwitz where he met his death after taking the place of another prisoner.

August 23. Born in Lima, Peru, in 1586, this young woman was known for her beauty. She wanted to become a nun and performed secret penances. To encourage men who wanted to marry, she rubbed her face to make it bleed and cut her hair short. She finally joined the Third Order of St. Dominic and continued her life of prayer and severe fasting. She died in 1617.

July 11, St. Benedict; July 12, St. Rose of Lima; August 23, St. Rose of Lima; August 14, St. Philomena; August 14, St. Philomena; August 9, St. Edith; August 4, St. Edith; August 4, St. Edith; July 14, St. Kateri Tekakwitha; July 11, St. Benedict; July 12, St. Benedict; July 12, St. Benedict.

Information on the saints has been from nationalshrine.org and catholic.org



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Free Retreat Focuses on Vocation

Men between the ages of 18 and 45 are invited to a retreat on July 18, to discern what God may be calling to, whether that be marriage, single or religious life, or priesthood.

"Come and See" is the theme of this free event, which will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Paul Cathedral, 1515 12th Avenue in Yakima.

For more information, call Ana Contreras at (509) 711-7117 or email anacontreras@yakimadiocese.net.

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News

Around the Diocese

to St. Kateri Mass, Picnic

The annual Saint Kateri Mass and picnic is scheduled to begin at 10 a.m., on Friday, July 19 at the Ahtanum Mission, 17740 Ahtanum Road in Ahtanum, WA. All are welcome to attend. The historic mission was founded in 1822, with the restored chapel dedicated in 1871. There is a special Mass for our Diocese to St. Kateri, since Father Joseph Tyson led the review of the documents pertaining to Kateri's miracle, the cure of Western Washington resident, Jake Finkbonner. For more information on the event, contact the pastoral office at 509-655-7117 or email info@yakimadiocese.org.

St 15 Is A Holy Day

August 15, the feast day of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is a Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics. It's a wonderful occasion to pray and give thanks to our Mother in Heaven who watches over us.

Check your parish bulletin and other announcements regarding Masses.

25th Mission Congress Focuses on Youth

Learn more about "Building the Church" at the 2025 Church Mission Congress, scheduled for Friday, October 11, at La Salle High School in Union Gap.

Interested youth, parents, priests, lectors, ministers of Holy Communion and youth ministers are invited to attend this event which focuses on providing vision and leadership in evangelization and faith formation.

The Congress will run from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. More information is available from Valeria Flores at 509-655-7117 or valeria.flores@yakimadiocese.org.

Father Michael Brzezowski Celebrates 25th Anniversary

By Christine Corbett Conklin

Father Michael Brzezowski had been a priest for just over a year when the tragedy of September 11, 2001 struck. As parochial vicar at St. Paul Cathedral, he was the only priest present since Monsignor John Ecker was out of town at a conference for

vocations directors. The phone kept ringing, people were in shock and many wanted to know if there would be a Mass where they could come for solace and prayer.

"It was an opportunity to step up to the plate and do what I could," recalls the current pastor of Holy Spirit Parish in Kennewick. "At critical times, people want to come together to pray and to be close to the Lord in the Eucharist."

Now, as he celebrates his 25th anniversary as a priest, Father Brzezowski looks back over his many opportunities for service within the Diocese of Yakima "in diverse communities." He has come to realize that "this truly is what the Lord is continuing to call me to."

A native of Springfield, Massachusetts, Father attended Mount Angel Seminary in St. Benedict, Oregon, and Mundelein Seminary near Chicago, Illinois, to prepare for the priesthood. After his first parish assignment at St. Paul Cathedral, he went on to become pastor of Sacred



Father Michael Brzezowski

Heart Parish, Prosser, and St. Andrew Parish, Ellensburg, before pursuing studies in canon law in Salamanca, Spain. He also served as parochial vicar at Holy Family Parish in Yakima; as pastor of St. John Parish, Naches; and parochial vicar of St. Juan Diego Parish, Cowiche;

before coming to Holy Spirit Parish in 2019.

"As the adage goes, 'time flies,'" he observed with a smile, in an interview with the *Central Washington Catholic*.

"I'm a pretty introverted person," Father Brzezowski said. Yet, through the years "God has made preaching something that I enjoy and look forward to." He noted that he also likes teaching, and has been a speaker for the Magnificat program, given talks in his own parish and assisted with Confirmation preparation, for example.

"It's taken me this long, but I think I'm certainly more comfortable in my own skin than I was when I first started out," he said. It's been very meaningful for him to serve the people of God.

"I really can't imagine not being a priest," he concluded.

Please join in congratulating Father Brzezowski on his 25th anniversary, which he marked on May 26. Keep him and all of our clergy and religious in your prayers, grateful for their years of dedication to the Diocese of Yakima.

Remember Christ's Compassion, Show It to Others, *Continued from page 1*

"tells the parents to give her something to eat," which conveys an important message for parents today, Pope Leo said.

"When our children are in crisis and need spiritual nourishment, do we know how to give it to them? And how can we, if we ourselves are not nourished by the Gospel?" he asked.

The woman who is healed is brave, has faith and emerges from the crowd to touch Jesus' cloak, resulting in her healing. Others in the crowd who touched Jesus experienced no similar transformation because they lacked faith.

"Perhaps today, too, many people approach Jesus in a superficial way, without truly believing in His power. We walk

the surfaces of our churches, but maybe our heart is elsewhere," the Pope said. "This woman, silent and anonymous, conquers her fears, touches the (cloak) of Jesus with her hands... And she is immediately healed," he said... Dear brothers and sisters, in life there are moments of disappointment and discouragement, and there is also the experience of death. Let us learn from that woman, from that father: let us go to Jesus," he said. "He can heal us, He can revive us. Jesus is our hope."

To read the entire text of Pope Leo's address, go to English:

<https://tinyurl.com/26jwttxd> ; or

Spanish: <https://tinyurl.com/2hmw7ckf>.

A NOTE FROM SERRA CLUB OF THE TRI CITIES



"God chose to make known the riches of glory...among the Gentiles. It is Christ in you, the hope for glory. It is He Whom we proclaim..." (from Colossians 1:24-28) Are you being called to proclaim Christ, the Word of God, as a priest, permanent deacon, brother, or sister?

Encounter Christ in the Eucharist

The Eucharistic Missionaries warmly invite you to a bilingual monthly Holy Hour—a sacred time of prayer and reflection before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Join us on the last Thursday of each month at 6 pm in the Small Church. Adoration will be followed by a bilingual Mass at 7 pm. All other Thursdays, the 7 pm Masses will be in Spanish.

Let us deepen our love for Jesus in the Eucharist, lifting our hearts in adoration and intercession. Come and be renewed in His Presence. We look forward to praying with you!

"Year of Hope: Mass Honoring Youth"

Join Fr. Jose Herrera, Fr. Ricardo Villarreal and Fr. Tian Melendez

Date and Location: Tuesday, August 5, 2025, at St. Paul Cathedral, 15 South 12th Avenue, Yakima.

Target Audience: Youth aged 13-18.

Cost and Reservations: \$28.00 per youth. Seat reservations require signed parental permission slips and donations submitted to Nancy at the Parish Office. Forms are available at the Parish Office and during Life Nights. To reserve, parents/guardians should come to the Parish Office to fill out the permission slips and submit the donation.

Departure: The bus departs at 1:00 pm.

Additional Information: Participants should bring money for a dinner stop at Miner's Drive-In Restaurant. The event is part of the Jubilee Year 2025, themed "Pilgrims of Hope."

Memorial Flowers



Thank you **Sandra J. Pennella** for donating flowers for the week of **July 19-25**. Thank you for enhancing the Liturgy with live flowers.

Flowers for the Tabernacle: in loving memory of **Sal and Laurie Pennella**.

If you would like to provide flowers for the upcoming weeks, call the Parish Office at 509-586-3820, Ext 101 or Angel Machado at 509-438-4257.



You Can Help Your Marriage - Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you

just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. Retrouvaille is for any couple who would like to rediscover their marriage. Visit www.HelpOurMarriage.org for emotional testimonials. For confidential information or to register for the August 22-24, 2025, Spokane weekend, call 509-448-4287 or 800-470-2230 or visit the web site at

www.HelpOurMarriage.org Click on the "Find a Weekend" tab and scroll down to the Inland Northwest link. Retrouvaille also is being offered in Canby, Oregon that weekend in both English and Spanish. The deadline to register is August 4, 2025.

RECONCILIATION TIMES

Thursday: 6 pm-7 pm Small Church
Saturday: 3:30 pm—5:30 Big Church

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.

7/20 Reeny Olsen
7/27 Beth and Jose Arroyo
8/3 David and Alexandria Barr

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



2025-2026

Continuing Formation and
Sacramental Preparation

Registration is now open.

For more information, contact our
Religious Education Coordinators.

For English Classes: Nancy Murray at 509-586-3820 Ext. 107
rel.ed.wed@stjoseph-kennewick.org

For Spanish Classes: Maria Rodriguez 509-586-3820 Ext. 105
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Priest Retirement and Seminarian Education Collection 2025

The Diocesan Priest Retirement and Seminarian Education Collection is scheduled to take place the entire months of June and July. If you're able, please donate using the QR code. If mailing in your donation, please make checks payable to the "Diocese of Yakima," with a notation on the check that funds are to go to the Diocesan Priest Retirement and Seminarian Education Special Collection. Please mail your donation directly to the Diocese of Yakima at P.O. Box 2189, Yakima, WA 98907. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Ana Contreras, at 509-965-7117 ext 305.



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Quinceañera Registration for 2025-2026

Registration:

Opens: August 1, 2025

Closes: August 22, 2025

Location: Parish Office

Requirements:

Provide a copy of the First Communion/Confirmation Certificate.

An initial payment of \$250 is required at the time of booking.

The remaining balance is due two months prior to the celebration.



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