

# SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME

520 South Garfield St. Kennewick, WA 99336

AUGUST 31, 2025

Parish Office hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 am to Noon, 1:00 pm-4:00 pm

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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](mailto:parish.office@stjoseph-kennewick.org)  
or call the Parish Office at 509-586-3820

**Pastor**  
Fr. Jose Herrera

**Parochial Vicar**  
Fr. Ricardo A. Villarreal  
Fr. Christian Melendez

**In Residence**  
Fr. Riccardo Keolker

**Deacons**  
William Mich  
Juan Garcia  
Herman Farias  
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**Pastoral Assistant  
for Administration**  
Deacon William Mich

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**Bookkeepers**  
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Vacant

**Music Directors**  
Bonnie L.  
Luis A.



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

*"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you." LUKE 14:13-14*

One of the main principles of living a stewardship lifestyle is to give without expecting anything in return. This is difficult for some to comprehend in our "consumerist" culture. This is even difficult for many parish communities that have become heavily -dependent on parish fundraising events to support the mission and ministry of their local parishes. Generally speaking, at a parish fundraiser, you pay money and receive something in return. It's a financial transaction. This is opposed to our parish offertory at Holy Mass, where you unite your sacrifice with Jesus's, renewing our covenant relationship with Him.

### Collection for August 24, 2025

Sunday Offering	\$13,488.39
Building Fund	\$334.50
School Donations	\$1,213.50
Holy Day	\$483.00
MTMM	\$25.00
PREPARES	\$25.00
Priest Retirement	\$330.00
Religious Education	\$10.00
St Vincent	\$1,200.00
Online Giving	\$1,682.74



For online giving scan the QR code or visit:

<https://pushpay.com/g/stjosephkennewick>

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.



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

**For our recently deceased:** Ernesto Valadez, Lucio Moreno, Raymonod Salcedo Ablaza. 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.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

#### Openings: Tuesday: 5 pm

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



Please call to obtain personal codes for entry.

**Carol at 509-582-5011**

For love of us, He remains in the Blessed Sacrament exposed in the monstrance for adoration and to continue to shower us with the tender mercies flowing from His Eucharistic Heart.

## Welcome to our Parish Community!

If you're new to St. Joseph, we extend a warm welcome to you—whether you've traveled from another part of the country, from around the globe or simply from a different parish. Your presence enriches our liturgical celebrations in a wonderful way. If you wish to join our Catholic community, please complete a registration form available on our website.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### FOR THE WEEK

#### Monday, September 1

6:30 am  
† Elaine Loftus  
8:30 am  
† Carl LeCompte

#### Tuesday, September 2

6:30 am  
Maria Enmore (Birthday)  
8:30 am  
Gustavo Uriel Aguilar (Birthday)

#### Wednesday, September 3

6:30 am  
No Intentions for this Mass  
8:30 am  
Helen Tatumay (Healing)

#### Thursday, September 4

6:30 am  
No Intentions for this Mass  
8:30 am  
† Pedro Nicacio

7:00 pm  
† Eduardo Servin

#### Friday, September 5

6:30 am  
† Lizanne Hammond  
8:30 am  
† John Monico Gamino

7:00 pm  
Helen Tatumay (Healing)



Scan QR code to request online!

#### Saturday, September 6

8:30 am  
† Sal and Laurie Pennella  
David O. Williams (Healing)  
5:30 pm  
St. Joseph Youth Group (Intention)

Ted and Pat Leskovar (Anniversary)  
7:00 pm  
† Agustin Mojica

† Oliverio Maravillo  
† Familia Pineda Arias  
† Maria Isabel Mendoza Tapia

#### Sunday, September 7

9:00 am  
† Casimir and Jadwiga Mosio  
† Richard Jones  
Theodore and James Barr

11:00 am  
St. Joseph Youth Group  
† Joseph Ginter  
† Raymundo Ablaza

1:00 pm  
† Jhoser Vega Sanchez  
† Jose Farias Hernandez  
† Saul Torres Vargas

† Teodoro Olivera  
5:30 pm  
Pat Leskovar (Healing)

7:00 pm  
† Luis Jaime Tijerina  
† Amalia Larios Bautista

## Marriage Preparation

Are you thinking about getting married in 2026? Please take time to call the Parish Office to register for the next introductory class which will be Thursday, September 11, at 6:00 pm on the second floor of the Parish Office.

Please register before Tuesday, September 9, 2025 Thank you!

## Substitutes Needed at St. Joseph Catholic School

St. Joseph Catholic School is looking to expand our pool of substitutes for both classroom teachers and paraprofessionals. If you are interested, please contact the school office for more details. Thank you!

**Location:** 901 W. 4th Ave., Kennewick, WA 99336  
**Phone:** 509-586-0481

### Office Hours:

#### Monday through Thursday:

\* 8:00 am- 12:30 pm

\* 1:30 pm- 3:30 pm

(Closed for Lunch: 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm)

#### Friday:

\* 8:00 am- 1:00 pm



## RECONCILIATION TIMES

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



THE DIOCESE OF YAKIMA  
LA DIÓCESIS DE YAKIMA

PASTORAL CENTER  
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July 29, 2025


Rev. Jose Herrera  
St. Joseph Parish  
520 S Garfield St  
Kennewick, WA 99336

Dear Rev. Jose Herrera,

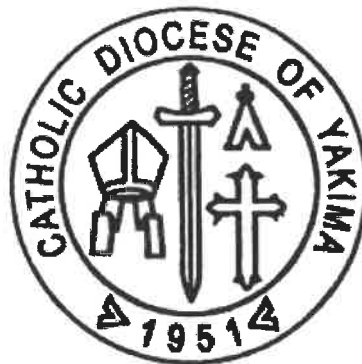
I would like to inform you that **Mark Plummer** from your parish has been accepted to be candidate for the Program of Diaconal Formation of the Diocese of Yakima.

Thank you for the encouragement and support you offer to our aspirant who wishes to be an Ordained Deacon.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Rev. Joseph J. Tyson  
Bishop of Yakima



Mark Plummer



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29 de julio de 2025

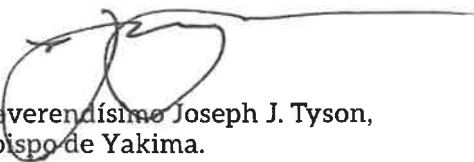
Reverendo José Herrera  
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520 S Garfield St  
Kennewick, WA 99336

Estimado Reverendo José Herrera,

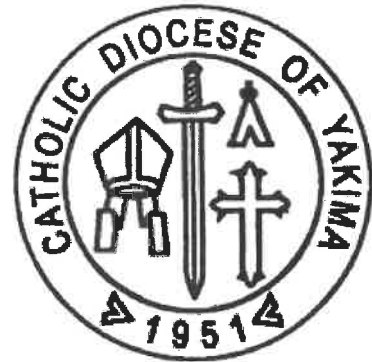
Me complace informarle que **Mark Plummer**, de su parroquia, ha sido aceptado como candidato para el Programa de Formación Diaconal de la Diócesis de Yakima.

Agradecemos el estímulo y el apoyo que brindan a nuestro candidato que aspira a ser diácono ordenado.

Sinceramente suyo en Cristo,



Reverendísimo Joseph J. Tyson,  
obispo de Yakima.



Mark Plummer

DON'T MISS OUT ON IMPORTANT UPDATES!

# UPDATE YOUR REGISTRATIONS TODAY!



ENSURE YOUR INFORMATION IS CURRENT

**EASY PROCESS**

**QUICK REMINDERS**

**STAY INFORMED**

520 S Garfield St. Kennewick, WA 99336



## UPDATE YOUR REGISTRATIONS

Staying current with your registrations is essential. Follow these simple steps to ensure your information remains accurate and up-to-date. It only takes a few minutes to complete this important task and avoid potential issues.



### STEP ONE: ACCESS THE PORTAL

Visit our official website at [stjoseph-kennewick.org/register/](http://stjoseph-kennewick.org/register/) to access the registration portal, or simply scan the QR code. Be sure to have your sacramental certificate ready for upload (such as Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation). Just follow the prompts provided.



### STEP TWO: SCAN THE QR CODE

Please provide the names of all members residing in your household, including your spouse and any children under 18 years old. Ensure you include their full names and pertinent information, such as dates of birth. Completing this step helps maintain accurate records and ensures smooth communication in case any updates or notifications are needed.

ACT NOW!







Discovering **hope** and **joy** in the Catholic faith.

September 2025

**St. Joseph Parish**  
Fr. Jose Herrera, Pastor

## One Minute Meditations

### St. Lawrence Justinian

Born into a noble Venetian family, St. Lawrence Justinian desired sanctity from an early age. He entered the Order of the Augustinian Canons Regular of St. George, where he became known for his zeal, penitential lifestyle, and deep charity—especially toward the poor. He eventually became the general of the order. Recognized for his holiness, he was appointed Bishop, and later Patriarch, of Venice by the pope. He served faithfully until his death at the age of seventy-five.

### Jesus turns sorrow into joy

Each September, the Church celebrates the Exaltation of the Holy Cross—not because we glorify suffering, but because the Cross reveals a Love that is total, faithful, and fearless. Christ embraced suffering, rejection, and death—and triumphed over them. His Cross is the ultimate sign that love is stronger than pain. When we bring our trials and sorrows to Jesus, He transforms them—through a kind of divine alchemy—into strength, healing, joy, and even glory. In Him, suffering is never the end of the story.

*"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Matthew 11:28-30).*

## Holiness in everyday life

Pier Giorgio Frassati — to be canonized on September 7 — was known for blending intense spirituality with fun—he loved mountain climbing, practical jokes, and friendship. He taught that holiness can be simple, joyful, and practical, woven into daily life. In a 1923 address to young people, he summed up the Christian life: "Our religion is based on charity, which is nothing other than the most perfect Love." He proposed three ways to live that love: by example, through compassion, and by joyful invitation.

**By example:** Blessed Pier believed that our lives should reflect our faith without needing words. "We Catholics must strive to have our whole life guided by Christian moral law," he said. That includes building our schedules around the Eucharist, practicing reverence, treating others with dignity, and living generously. These everyday choices silently proclaim who we are—and whose we are.

**With compassion:** Blessed Pier encouraged personal, thoughtful acts of

love: visiting the lonely, offering a kind word, or putting others first. He reminded us that holiness begins with small, intentional acts of compassion.

**By joyful invitation:** Blessed Pier's faith was magnetic, marked by laughter,

*"Jesus is with me. I have nothing to fear."*

Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati

adventure, and prayer. He urged others to draw people to Christ with warmth and sincerity: "Persuade [those who are far from the Church] to follow the ways of God." A quiet chapel visit or simple prayer can be a powerful invitation to grace.

He urged Catholics to stay rooted in the Eucharist: "Approach the Eucharistic Table as often as possible... from which you will draw strength." His life reminds us that sainthood is not about perfection, but about choosing love—daily, faithfully, and joyfully.

## Why Do Catholics Do That?

## Why do Catholics believe in angels?

In the Nicene Creed, professed at every Sunday Mass and solemnity, we affirm belief in "all things visible and invisible"—a direct reference to spiritual beings, including angels. Throughout Scripture, angels appear as messengers, protectors, and servants of God's will. Jesus' words in Matthew 18:10,

referencing angels who "behold the face of [His] Father"—form the basis for the Church's belief in guardian angels. These faithful spirits, who remained loyal to God, continue to watch over and guide us. Belief in angels is not optional but a vital part of Catholic teaching and tradition.

# Hearing God's voice in the everyday

Discernment isn't limited to religious vocations—it's a way of seeking God's will in all areas of life. Whether you're considering a marriage, a job change, or a move to a new city, discernment helps you respond to God's loving plan with clarity and peace. Here are three tips to avoid common pitfalls:

**Learn to recognize His voice:** It's difficult to discern God's will if we don't know His character. A healthy relationship with God—nurtured through prayer and Scripture, especially the Gospels—helps us become familiar with His voice. The more time we spend with Him, the easier it becomes to distinguish His promptings from fear, pressure, or personal bias.

**Take a practical step:** Discernment requires action. You can't always think your way to clarity. Take the interview, visit the new city, introduce your intended to your family. These steps don't commit you for life—they give you real-world experience that sharpens your perspective and brings peace to your decision-making.

**Narrow your focus:** Too many options can paralyze progress. At some point, discernment involves commitment and trust. Begin by eliminating options that clearly don't fit. The path may shift as you go, but each step—taken prayerfully—leads you closer to the right destination. God's guidance is often gradual but unmistakable.

## from Scripture

### Luke 16:19-31, Doing the good we ought to do

In this Gospel passage, Jesus tells a parable aimed at those who are indifferent to the suffering around them. A rich man enjoys daily luxury while Lazarus, a poor and sick man, lies just outside his gate, starving and ignored. Though the rich man likely passed by Lazarus often—and even knew his name—he offered no help.

After death, their roles are reversed. Lazarus is carried to the side of Abraham, a place of comfort and honor. The rich man finds himself in torment and pleads for relief. He asks Abraham to send Lazarus with water,

and later to warn his brothers. Both requests are denied.

Jesus' parable does not condemn wealth but the failure to love. The rich man's sin was not what he did, but what he refused to do. He saw suffering and remained unmoved.

This passage challenges us to examine our own hearts. Do we see those in need and look away?

True Christian living means turning prayer into mercy, and faith into action. When we love as Christ commands, the reward is eternal joy.

## Q & A Why do Catholics display crucifixes instead of crosses?

Jesus is risen in glory, having conquered sin and death. Yet we, though united to Him in Baptism, remain on our earthly journey, still vulnerable to temptation and suffering. The Crucifix stands as a powerful reminder of the cost of sin and the price of our redemption.

More than a symbol of pain, the Crucifix reveals the depth of God's mercy and love: "*God so loved the world that He gave His only Son*" (John 3:16). It reminds us that Jesus is "*a compassionate high priest*" (Hebrews 4:15) who knows human suffering firsthand—rejection, sorrow, and even death (cf. Psalm 22:14; 69:20).

In every Catholic church, the Crucifix also points to the reality of the Eucharist. The sacrifice of the Mass is not separate from Calvary—it is the same sacrifice, made present to us (*Catechism*, 1545). Christ offers Himself to the Father, and we receive the fruits of that offering: grace, healing, and strength.

The Crucifix is not just a symbol—it is the visual proclamation of love that saves, heals, and invites us into deeper communion with Christ.

## Feasts & Celebrations

**September 12 – The Holy Name of Mary.** Mary has many titles. Begun in Spain in 1513, this feast celebrates her as the Blessed Virgin and is the counterpart to the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus. Pope Innocent XI extended this feast to the entire Church after the King of Poland, with Mary's protection, defeated an advancing Muslim army in Vienna in 1683.

**September 14 – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (c. 326).** St. Helena (mother of Emperor Constantine) discovered what is believed to be the True Cross while on pilgrimage in Jerusalem. On that site, Constantine built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher.

**September 16 – Saints Cornelius and Cyprian (c. 253).** A renowned theologian and orator, he was ordained a priest and served as the bishop of Carthage. He helped Pope St. Cornelius defend the Church against the Novatian heretics. Pope Cornelius was exiled and died from harsh treatment in 253. Cyprian was arrested for refusing to worship idols. He was exiled and subsequently beheaded.

**September 19 – St. Januarius (c. 305).** Not much is known about this saint, except that he was the Bishop of Benevento, Italy, and that he was martyred with six companions under the Diocletian persecutions. For reasons unknown, a vial of his blood has miraculously liquified annually, several times a year, since at least 1389.

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## A NOTE FROM SERRA CLUB OF THE TRI CITIES

"Take My yoke upon you, says the Lord, and learn from Me, for I am meek and humble of heart." (Matthew 11:29) Jesus tells us that His yoke is easy and His burden is light. Will you carry them, for the sake of His Church, as a priest, permanent deacon, sister, or brother?



### The Parish Office will be closed on LABOR DAY

**Monday, September 1, 2025**  
Regular hours will resume Tuesday, September 2, 2025

### Tri-Cities Prep News



Tri-Cities Prep is the only Catholic high school in the greater Tri-Cities area. For more information about our school, please visit [tcprep.org](http://tcprep.org), and follow us on Facebook and Instagram. We are located at 9612 St. Thomas Drive, Pasco. We can be reached at 509-546-2465 or [info@tcprep.org](mailto:info@tcprep.org).

**September 1-** Join us for Mass of the Holy Spirit at 7:00 pm in the St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel.

**September 29 -** The greater Tri-Cities community is invited to celebrate the dedication of the St. Michael Plaza. Bishop Thomas A. Daly will be blessing this beautiful new meditation/prayer space at 8:30 am.

### Celebrating the YEAR OF HOPE

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

- 5:30 pm (English)
- 7:00 pm (Spanish)

**Location:** St. Paul's Cathedral, 15 S. 12th Ave, Yakima, WA  
Jubilee MASS

We will honor educators, civic and religious leaders, administrators, and support staff.

Reconciliation will be available 30 minutes prior to each Mass.



Are you interested in serving children and parents in your community?

Consider volunteering a couple hours a month with PREPARES through weekly group activities.

PREPARES focuses on serving mothers, fathers, caregivers, and their children up to the age of 5. Through a collaborative network of volunteers, we address essential needs and develop supportive, nurturing relationships by walking the journey with families within the community.

We are looking for bilingual and friendly volunteers to facilitate PREPARES Play and Learn groups in Pasco! You'll support families by promoting healthy childhood development, offer community resources, and encouraging stronger relationships between the caregiver and child.

If you are interested in volunteering or learning more about PREPARES, please contact Syndee Saucedo Cavazos at 509-946-4645 or [saucedo@catholiccharitiescw.org](mailto:sauceda@catholiccharitiescw.org) and visit us at [facebook.com/PREPARESCW](http://facebook.com/PREPARESCW).



### Canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis

Blessed Carlo Acutis will be canonized as a Saint on September 7, 2025 in Rome. We will hold a statue blessing for Carlo Acutis on Sunday, August 31, during the 9:00 am Mass in the Big Church. We warmly invite everyone to join us for this special occasion!

### Sunday Liturgy Reflection | 9:15 am on Wednesdays on FaceBook Live

Presented by Father Riccardo Keolker

## 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.

8/31 Tom and Pat St. Hilaire

9/7 David and Delma Stephenson

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

## NOW HIRING

APPLY TODAY

### Job Opportunity at St. Joseph Parish

St. Joseph Parish is currently seeking a full-time Pastoral Assistant for Administration. Preference will be given to applicants who are bilingual in Spanish and English. If you have any questions, please reach out to Fr. Jose or Deacon Bill at 509-586-3820.

### OCIA Invitation

You are warmly invited to inquire about:  
**The Catholic Faith**

- **When:** Monday evenings starting September 8, 2025
- **Time:** 6:30 pm—8:00 pm
- **Where:** Parish Office - Second Floor
- 520 South Garfield Street., Kennewick, WA

Inquiry serves as the initial step for adults interested in learning more about the Catholic Church. There is no obligation beyond the invitation to "Come and See" - John 1:39.

### Collection for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Today, we will be taking up a collection after Mass for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. We are currently assisting a record number of individuals, so your generosity is greatly appreciated. The need is significant, as we have spent more in the last quarter than we did in the last six months of the previous year.

Key areas of need include:

- Assistance with utilities
- Support for gasoline

You can also write a check to St. Vincent de Paul at any time and drop it off at the Parish Office. Thank you for your kindness.



### Wednesday Religious Education classes begin soon!

Contact Information:

Nancy Murray, Wednesday RE Coordinator

Phone: (509) 586-3820 Ext. 107

Email: [rel.ed.wed@stjoseph-kennewick.org](mailto:rel.ed.wed@stjoseph-kennewick.org) or [rel.ed.eng@gmail.com](mailto:rel.ed.eng@gmail.com)

### Important Dates to Remember in September:

#### Parents Information Meeting

#### For All Parents of Students in Grades K-6

This includes Kindergarten, First Communion Prep, First Communion, and Post-Communion.

- **When:** Wednesday, September 3, 6:00 - 7:15 pm

- **Where:** Big Church

At least one parent must attend from each family.

#### Parent Informational Meeting

#### For All Parents of Students in First Year and Second Year Confirmation and OCIC, All Grades

- **When:** Wednesday, September 10, 6:00 - 7:15 pm

- **Where:** Big Church

At least one parent must attend from each family.

#### First Day of Classes

**When:** Wednesday, September 17 6:00 - 7:15 pm

#### No Classes

**When:** Wednesday, September 24

Classes will resume and continue each Wednesday in October. Please pick up a schedule at the Parish Office or during the Parent Meetings for classes and events for the 2025-2026 school year.

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