

# SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

THE EXALTATION OF  
THE HOLY CROSS

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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)  
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**Pastor**  
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Juan Garcia  
Herman Farias  
Gustavo Valdivia  
Mike Palmieri

**Pastoral Assistant  
for Administration**  
Deacon William Mich



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.

## Parish Staff

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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

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son." John 3:16  
 God created us to be in relationship with Him. Sin broke that relationship. Jesus came to earth so that we may reconcile our relationship with God. Following Jesus's example, we can be blessed with joy-filled life on earth and eternal life in Heaven. These four points are known as the "kerygma" – the first proclamation of the Gospel. This core message is the basis of our Catholic faith. How do you live this out in your daily lives?

### Collection for September 7, 2025

Sunday Offering	\$17,896.77
Building Fund	\$641.50
School Donations	\$354.50
First Friday	\$190.00
MTMM	\$25.00
PREPARES	\$25.00
CHMA	\$500.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$100.00
Educación Religiosa	\$540.80
Online Giving	\$1,543.17

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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.



### 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, Jill Gloria, Elaine Himes, Lois and Rick Rutherford, Jan Billings, Cory 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, Janika Whitsett, Jerry Mikkelsen, Kelly Freeman, Gus Perez, Jim Picacio, Arlene Callahan, Dominic Nicacio, Luca Nicacio, Phyllis Belletier, Nancy Park, Marlene Madrigal, Sherri McKie, Hugo Garcia, Vanessa Nicacio, Carol Smith, 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, Armandino Gamino, Ana Espinoza, Sara and Johnny Toward, Father Kurt Hadley, Sara Melgarejo, John Lyczkowski, Lexie Day, Maria Barrientes, Randy Walker.

**For our recently deceased** *Patricia Ann Leskovar*. 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**



"We cannot live on the glories of our past Christian history. Our union with Christ in the Eucharist must be expressed in the truth of our lives today--in our actions, in our behavior, in our lifestyle, and in our relationships with others. For each one of us, the Eucharist is a call to ever greater effort, so that we may live as true followers of Jesus." Pope John Paul II, Oct. 1979

### 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 15

6:30 am  
 † Elaine Loftus  
 8:30 am  
 † Pat Leskovar

#### Tuesday, September 16

6:30 am  
 † James Loftus  
 8:30 am  
 † Pat Leskovar

#### Wednesday, September 17

6:30 am  
 † Johnnie Tobin  
 8:30 am  
 Elvia Mendoza (Healing)

#### Thursday, September 18

6:30 am  
 † Purificacion De Leon  
 8:30 am  
 † Frank and Sanda Naccarato

#### Friday, September 19

6:30 am  
 Maximilian Sommers  
 8:30 am  
 † Pat Leskovar

#### Saturday, September 20

8:30 am  
 No Intentions for this Mass  
 5:30 pm  
 † Maria Dolores Hernandez

7:00 pm  
 † Agustin Mojica  
 † Familia Pineda Arias  
 † Fidelina Olivera

#### Sunday, September 21

9:00 am  
 † Joseph Ginter  
 † Joseph Ginter  
 † Lou and Gil Muliero  
 Bill Lewis (Birthday)

11:00 am  
 Ernhel S. Tatanay (Birthday)  
 † Pat Leskovar  
 Bryan Roberts (Healing)  
 Lot Deray (Healing)

† Pat Leskovar  
 1:00 pm  
 Jhoser Vega Sanchez (Birthday)

† Jose Farias Hernandez  
 † Saul Torres Vargas  
 † Teodoro Olivera  
 5:30 pm  
 † Raymundo Ablaza  
 7:00 pm  
 † Amalia Larios Bautista



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September 19-20, 2025

Friday, 5 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.  
 Saturday, 11 a.m. – 10:30 p.m.

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You are invited to Christ the King's 49th annual Sausage Fest. Bring your family and friends to enjoy a weekend of great local foods, outdoor beer garden, games for all ages, handmade arts and crafts, bingo, live music and entertainment.

Admission is **FREE!**

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**Events and items to check  
out at Sausage Fest...**

- Famous Sausage Fest sausages, fresh-picked corn, homemade desserts and bier rocks!
- Local talent on the outdoor stage
- Games for the entire family
- Fresh produce and plant starts
- Outdoor beer garden with live music

**An affordable weekend of family fun!**

**See you there!**



# Retirement Fund for Religious

## Why We Ask

- In 1988, Catholic bishops of the United States launched the Retirement Fund for Religious to address the significant lack of retirement funding for Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests.
- For most of their lives, elder religious worked for little to no pay. There were no 401(k) plans or pensions.
- Religious communities are financially responsible for the support and care of all members. Income, earnings, and expenses are managed separately from the parish and diocesan structures of the Catholic Church.
- Only 4 percent of the religious communities providing data to the National Religious Retirement Office are adequately funded for retirement; 45 percent have 25 or fewer members. Many small communities struggle to care for elder members due to a lack of financial resources and personnel.
- Today, religious past age 70 outnumber religious younger than age 70 by nearly three to one.
- There are 21,296 religious past age 70 living in the United States. In 2024, the average annual cost for their care was roughly \$56,600 per person; skilled nursing care averaged \$96,000 per person.
- Since 2009, the annual total cost to support senior women and men religious has exceeded \$1.1 billion.
- In 2024, 70 percent of the religious communities providing data to the National Religious Retirement Office had a median age of 70 or higher.
- The average annual Social Security benefit for a religious is \$9,090, whereas the average lay US beneficiary receives \$23,704.

## How Donations Help

- Each year, hundreds of US religious communities receive financial assistance made possible by the Retirement Fund for Religious. Communities can use this funding for immediate retirement expenses or invest it for future needs. Since the first collection, US Catholics have donated more than \$1 billion.
- Since the collection began, \$900 million has been distributed to support the day-to-day care of elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. An additional \$103.7 million has been allocated toward self-help projects initiated by religious communities, including collaborative health-care facilities.
- In addition to direct financial assistance, proceeds from the annual collection underwrite educational programming, services, and resources that enable religious communities to evaluate and prepare for long-term retirement needs.
- Support from the Retirement Fund for Religious helps religious communities care for senior members while allowing them to continue important ministries to the People of God.



From left: Brother Jordan Caonen, OP, 84; Sister Maria Cigolini, MSCS, 86; Sister Sharon Glumb, SLW, 76.

Statistics on women and men religious were obtained from the NRRO database of participating religious institutes as of December 31, 2024. Visit [usccb.org/nrro](https://usccb.org/nrro) to access a full statistical report.



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## St. Joseph Marquette Celebrates 150 Years of Catholic Education

By Christine Corbett Conklin

All are welcome to attend the 150th anniversary celebration of St. Joseph Marquette Catholic School in Yakima on September 13. The event will



*What was once Marquette High School is now Marquette Middle School.*

begin with a 4:30 p.m. bilingual Mass at St. Joseph Church, with Bishop Joseph Tyson as principal celebrant. This will be followed by live music, food trucks, games for children and displays of pictures and artifacts from the school's history at various North Fourth Street sites.

St. Joseph traces its heritage to a one-room schoolhouse at the St. Joseph Mission at the Ahtanum, established by the Sisters of Providence in 1875, explained current school principal, Gregg Pleger. By 1903, the cornerstone was laid for Marquette High School, "The Rock," now used as a middle school. The current St. Joseph complex

also includes an elementary school, the Mother Joseph Center for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students, and a stand-alone gymnasium completed in 2023.

To increase safety for all students, the St.

Joseph community recently purchased North Fourth Street from Martin Luther King Boulevard to Lincoln Avenue, to close off the area to through traffic.

Today, St. Joseph Marquette Catholic School has 364 enrolled students, 19 classroom teachers, four "enrichment" teachers for such subjects as art and P.E., plus administrative staff.

"There's so much more to the school than the school (buildings)," observed Pleger, who has served for 25 years as the first lay principal of St. Joseph Marquette. "It's the sense of community - parents, kids, teachers, staff, traditions... We work very hard

at bringing the Catholic Faith to children and, in extension, to the families. The goal is to present ( before them."



*Students and staff of St. Joseph Marquette Catholic School stood in a cross formation earlier this year.*

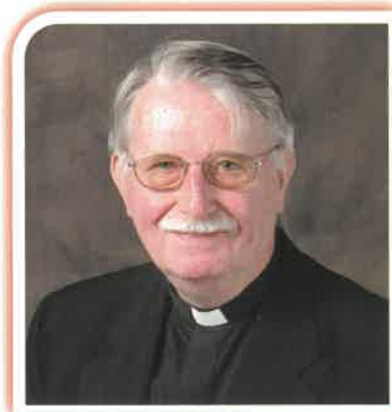
The contributions and leadership of the Sisters of Providence and the priests have been a very vital part of the school's history, he added.

Looking forward to the anniversary celebration, Pleger says it will be a great opportunity to bring the young and the old all together, to celebrate who we are as a school community.

## Father Robert Himes, Senior Priest of the Diocese of Yakima, Dies

The Mass of Christian Burial was held for Father Robert Himes, a senior priest of the Diocese of Yakima, on August 30 at St. Paul Cathedral. Father Himes, 92, had served as a high school teacher and counselor in Central Washington for nearly 40 years. He died on August 16.

Father Himes was in assisted care at Highgate Senior Living Community in Yakima prior to his death. He retired in 2020 as pastor of the Catholic church-



*Father Robert Himes*

in Grand Coulee, Hartline and Coulee City.

Father Himes was born in Pennsylvania. In 1946, he entered the Pontifical College Josephinum in Ohio for studies leading to his ordination to the priesthood there in 1958. In July of that year, he came

Cathedral as associate pastor. In 1959, he began studies for a Bachelor of Education degree at Seattle University. He began teaching social studies at St. Paul Catholic High School that fall. He continued to teach, first at Central Washington and then at Carroll High School where he was involved in counseling from 1971 until he left teaching.

Writing in support of his efforts, he was certified as a counselor, Msgr. Robert Himes, principal of Carroll in 1971. That Father Himes "has an easy rapport with the students... (they) know

to Yakima and was assigned to St. Paul

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# Message from Bishop Tyson

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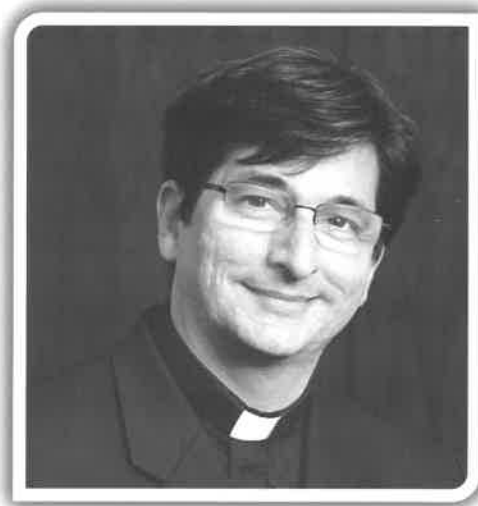
"stones" might best capture old stories and accounts in this issue. We all grieve the death of Robert Himes. He was a long-time pastor of Grand Coulee, Coulee City and Grandview and Naches, as well as Grandview and Naches, former pastorship in White Salmon. He was deeply committed to Catholicism. The closing of the old Carroll school was a real blow for him. But what gifts be made to La Salle High School personally grateful to Jim and Sher of Grand Coulee, who have good to him over his many years as priest and checked in with him as a senior care in his final years.

His predecessor, Bishop Carlos Sevilla, passed a major milestone having turned his 90th birthday. I was able to visit with him over the phone just a few days before his death. He's with his Jesuit brothers at the old Jesuit Center in Los Gatos, California. There are some 80 "senior" priests here. Bishop Sevilla jokingly refers to his departure as "finishing school." He prays for us his prayers and salutations. Some of the "milestones" are detentions and deportations. Gratefully there have been no court actions on parish or school grounds.

But it has been sad to talk with people from our Arco Iris movement. A man who attends a university here in Washington was working with his father who may be self-deporting shortly. He was at our August Arco Iris closing and has worked here for over 30 years in an immigration appeal.

Arco Iris is a retreat process after Cursillo. But instead of Cursillo retreats for men and women these are organized for "youth retreats." The goal is to close the gap between first-generation Mexican parents and their children who may have never been to church and whose Spanish may be more

Recently, one of our priests whose father immigrated here decades ago without papers is now in the process of helping his father self-deport. It's very sad for the priest because he currently maintains a temporary legal R-1 Religious Worker status and filed to receive a permanent residency card over two years ago, long wait time prevented the Green Card from being granted. In Spring of 2026 he will complete his five years of R-1 Status and he plans to change him to an F-1 status so that he is able to remain



**Bishop Joseph Tyson**

in the U.S. and extend his time serving in our diocese while earning an advanced degree.

Due to the uncertainties involved with the immigration processing times, changing between temporary legal statuses, and the extended wait line to be issued his Green Card, it would be very risky for him to visit them once they are back in Mexico. Notwithstanding his legal status and following of the immigration laws, because of the high risk of being denied re-entry by an overzealous border agent that has 100 percent discretion to allow or deny re-entry, he will not be departing the U.S. to visit his parents for quite some time.

I am grateful for those who have attended our in-person immigration forums with our many immigrant clergy. Thus far we've held them in Ellensburg, Grandview, Kennewick, Wenatchee, Ephrata, with two forums in Yakima. So many priests connected the story of their family's migration with their own vocation as priests. I'm grateful to Father Osmar Aguirre, Fr. Lalo Barragan, Fr. Jesus Mariscal, Fr. César Izquierdo, Fr. Lalo Chavez, Fr. Argemiro Orozco, Fr. Edgar Quiroga and seminarian Nicholas Leon Felipe for sharing their migration stories. Even though they've faced many obstacles in maintaining their legal status, almost all suggest that had they not immigrated, they would never have considered being a priest.

Fr. Osmar shared at two of our forums how dangerous it was for him to remain in El Salvador after the military killed his brother. The late Father Ron Patnode's mother re-mortgaged her house to help raise the money for Fr. Osmar's legal process. That was what sparked his journey to priesthood.

Due to changes in the process for those in R-1 status to become permanent

residents in time to avoid having to return to Mexico for a year, after five years of service, we have been able to flip Fr. Quiroga and Fr. Izquierdo back to F-1 student status, tied to ongoing degree work they are doing at Mundelein seminary in Chicago. Fr. Izquierdo received his new status hours before his R-1 was set to expire. The parish went through the shock of hearing about his possible self-deportation.

To remain in status takes enormous effort. We provide our priests with support. But our parishioners who face these same kinds of issues have to pay their own way in application and appeals processes that are often difficult and technical. It's hard to follow, especially if English is not their first language.

Yet this is precisely why the fall routines of school and parish life, our annual Church Mission Congress and the starting of our religious education programs are so key. In times of change, crisis and stress, it's so important to fill our minds and hearts with the good things our lives of faith can offer us. Rather than being centered on the serious challenges, we face challenges centered on Christ. We lift our eyes to the milestone events in the lives of those around us.

As Saint Theresa of Avila reminds us: "All things pass but God does not change."

With every best wish and blessing!

Yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Joseph J. Tyson  
Bishop of Yakima

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# Our Lady of the Assumption Church Dedicated August 14 Continued from page 4 =

the choir loft on the north wall, there is a window of the Coronation of Mary, “reminding us of our own mission and destiny as we leave the church,” he said.

“Taken together, these windows remind us that salvation is not an escape plan but a rescue plan,” he added. “The very reason we build this church is not to escape from this world but to allow this world to be redeemed and saved by Jesus Christ and that Mary is the Ark of Jesus and thus the new Ark of God, who bears this source of salvation in her body for all of us.”

At the beginning of the ceremony, Bishop Tyson received symbols of the building project, starting with the keys to the church, presented by Donna Zukowski, chair of the parish’s Executive Council Committee.

“May you open wide the doors ... to all who seek Christ, and may this house be a place where the Gospel is proclaimed, sacraments are celebrated and God’s people are nourished in faith,” the bishop said as he entrusted the keys to the pastor, Father Miguel González, who has led the parish since 2016. “Lead this community with wisdom, humility and love, always under the protection of our Blessed Mother.”

“With a grateful heart I receive these keys,” Fr. González responded. Visibly moved, he paused for a brief time, then continued. “This building is more than stone and wood,” he said. “It is the fruit of faith, sacrifice, and the love of a united community.”

“Thanks to everyone who made this dream a reality. As your pastor, I



*Fr. Miguel González precedes Bishop Joseph Tyson at the conclusion of the ceremony.*

promise to keep this house a place of prayer, welcome and encounter with Christ. May Our Lady continue to protect us and protect this spiritual home for generations to come. To God give glory, now and forever.”

# Father Robert Himes, Senior Priest of the Diocese, Dies Continued from page 1 =

understands them and their problems, and that he is truly interested in them and their welfare. His office is a busy place.”


Following the closure of Carroll in 1986, Father Himes taught for a year at Venango Christian High School in Oil City, Pennsylvania. Returning to the Yakima Diocese in 1987, he served as pastor of St. Joseph Parish in White Salmon

for two years, then Blessed Sacrament Parish in Grandview until 2000. From 1990-2000, he was a part-time counselor at the Bickleton School. He then moved to Grand Coulee to serve the small parishes there, from 2000 to 2020.

Father Himes’ other assignments as a priest included four years in residence, from 1960 to 1964, at St. John Parish in Naches, also serving his final year there

as an instructor at St. Peter Semi Cowiche. In residence at Holy Family Parish from 1964-1966, he returned to Naches as pastor, until 1986.


Following cremation, Fr. Himes’ ashes will be interred in the Priests’ Garden at Calvary Cemetery in Yakima. Contributions may be made in his name to St. Joseph High School, 3000 Lightnir Union Gap, WA 98903.



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# News

## *Around the Diocese*

### **Masses Continue**

Holy Year Jubilee Masses on the first Tuesday of each month at St. Paul Cathedral in Yakima. The English Mass is held at 10 a.m., followed by the Spanish Mass at 7 p.m.

In October, Masses will be held on Tuesday, October 7, honoring the Holy Family. Musicians will be honored on Wednesday, November 4. The month will wrap up on December 1 with Masses honoring Marian intentions.

A plenary indulgence is offered to those who attend one of these Masses, receive the Eucharist and the Sacrament of Reconciliation that day, pray a day close to the Mass, and pray for the intentions of Pope Leo XIII.

A reception follows each Mass, in the Cathedral Assembly Place.

### **25th Mission Congress Is Slated**

Learn more about "Building a Living Church" at the 25th Mission Congress, scheduled for Saturday, October 11, at La Salle School in Union Gap.

Featured speakers will include Dr. Carlos Montenegro, executive director, and Luis Chacon, P.R. and community affairs coordinator, both of the Salesian Family Youth Center in Los Angeles. The Center helps young people discover their purpose, develop leadership skills and engage in service projects.

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

The Congress will run from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. More information is available from Valeria Flores at 509-665-7117 or [valeria.flores@diocese.org](mailto:valeria.flores@diocese.org).

## **Bishop Emeritus Carlos Sevilla, S.J.: Continuing A Life of Service**

As Bishop Emeritus Carlos Sevilla, S.J., celebrates his 90th birthday, he continues to hold many fond memories of his years spent as Bishop of Yakima.

Bishop Sevilla celebrated his milestone birthday on August 9 at the Sacred Heart Jesuit Center in Los Gatos, California, where he has been in residence for several years after leaving Yakima in 2016.

"I'm grateful to God for the gift of life and the way he has allowed me to serve others during my years of ministry," he said in a telephone interview with the *Central Washington Catholic*. "I hope to continue to serve as long as I live."

Bishop Sevilla was Bishop of Yakima from 1997-2011, continuing to serve in a supportive role from 2011-2016, after Bishop Joseph Tyson was named to the position. His many years in the clergy began with his ordination as a Jesuit priest in June 1966, at St. Ignatius Church in San Francisco.

Of his years in Yakima, Bishop Sevilla says that he was very pleased



*Bishop Sevilla earlier this year at Sacred Heart Jesuit Center.*

with the wonderful team members with whom he worked.

"You have to have a team if something's going to get done," he observed.

Among the accomplishments he holds most dear was "adding to the number of people on the diocesan staff who were bilingual and

could prepare text in Spanish." He also was pleased to "considerably expand the Catholic Charities housing ministry."

Today, Bishop Sevilla continues his life of service. At Sacred Heart Jesuit Center, he offers spiritual direction in person, by phone and through email, both in English and Spanish.

Reflecting on what it's like to be 90, in a conversation just nine days after the actual birthday, he said, "It's the ninth day of my 91st year. So far, so good!"

Please join in remembering Bishop Sevilla and all of our clergy and religious in your prayers.

## **Our Lady of the Assumption Church Dedicated August 14**

With an exhortation from Bishop Joseph Tyson to imitate the unnamed woman from the Gospel of Luke who cried out to Jesus, "Blessed is the womb that carried you," more than 400 faithful, deacons and priests helped dedicate Our Lady of the Assumption Church in Peshastin last month.

"Parishioners of Our Lady of the Assumption: that undocumented woman in this Gospel from Saint Luke is you," the bishop said in his homily. "That woman is every one of you. That woman is you, your labor, your love, your wealth, your prayer and your worship. That unnamed woman's faith is your faith today. That woman is you cooperating with the grace of God in consecrating and blessing this new church."

The Mass, which last more than two

hours, included special blessings for the baptistry; the altar and walls; the lectern; and the placement of a relic of

Saint Maria Goretti in the altar. A back altar on which the tabernacle will rest is still being completed in Italy.

Bishop Tyson noted that the Blessed Virgin Mary can be called the "Ark of God," similar to the Old Testament Ark of the Covenant that held the tablets of

the law given to the people of Israel by God through Moses.

He described the stained glass windows as compass points in the life of the Blessed Mother, pointing us to her Son. On east and west walls are windows of the Annunciation, and the Crucifixion – the beginning and end of Jesus' earthly life. Above the altar, on the south wall, there is a window of the Assumption. And above



*Fr. Miguel González receives the key to the new church from Bishop Joseph Tyson.*

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



In the Gospel, Jesus tells Nicodemus that "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that he who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life." (John 3:16) This is the essence of the Good News that everyone needs to hear. Will you spread Jesus's message to all as a priest, permanent deacon, brother, or sister?



**Tri-Cities Prep News**

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**September 17th** - Join us for Mass of the Holy Spirit at 6:30 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.

**Save the Date**



Feast Day Celebration of  
St. Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila  
Saturday, September 27  
Mass | 11:00 am | Holy Spirit

A potluck will follow after Mass at Holy Spirit, featuring traditional folk dances and a display booth with artifacts and Filipino souvenirs.

**Priesthood Appreciation Sunday**

The final Sunday in September, which falls on September 28 this year, is designated as Priesthood Appreciation Sunday. Let us take the opportunity to show our gratitude for all that our priests do. Here are a few suggestions:

- A heartfelt card
- A thoughtful letter
- A kind word
- Treats delivered to the Parish Office

Any gesture of appreciation, whether on that Sunday or during the following week, would be welcomed and valued.

**Important note:**

Additionally, please note that our priests will be away for a Convocation from September 30 through October 3. If you have urgent pastoral needs, please plan accordingly. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation while our priests take this time for reflection and renewal. Let us continue to support one another and keep our priests in our prayers as they attend this important retreat. Thank you for your kindness and consideration.

**Encounter Christ in the Eucharist**

St. Joseph Vocation Ministry warmly invite you to a bilingual monthly Holy Hour in prayer for an increase in vocations. 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. Please note that on all other Thursdays, the 7 pm Masses will be in Spanish. Next Holy Hour September 25.

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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.

9/14 Mark and Mary Ann Showalter  
9/21 David and Alexandria Barr  
9/28 Emma Caballero

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

**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!

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Knights of Columbus Council 8179 is sponsoring a Blood Drive on Tuesday, **October 7, from noon to 5:00 pm in Dillon Hall.**

Make an appointment at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-733-2767.

**Retirement Fund  
for Religious**

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.



A lifetime of service deserves care in return. "Thanks to your generosity, we can provide the very best care to the sisters in our community," says Sister M. Stephanie Belgeri, 73, a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George in Alton, Illinois. Donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious provide housing, medical assistance, and essential support for thousands of aging religious. Please consider giving next week.

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

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