

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

OCTOBER 19, 2025

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WEEKEND MASSES

- **Saturday Vigil:**
 - 5:30 pm (English)
 - 7:00 pm (Spanish)
- **Sunday:**
 - 9:00 am, 11:00 am, and 5:30 pm (English)
 - 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm (Spanish)

WEEKLY MASSES

- **Monday - Friday:**
 - 6:30 am & 8:30 am, Small Church (English)
- **Thursday:**
 - 7:00 pm, Small Church (Spanish)
- **Last Thursday of the Month:**
 - Holy Hour at 6:00 pm followed by Bilingual Mass at 7:00 pm, Small Church.
- **Saturday:**
 - 8:30 am, Small Church (English)
- **First Friday Mass:**
 - 7:00 pm, Small Church (English)

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays | 3:30 -5:30 pm | Big Church
Thursdays | 6:00 - 7:00 pm | Small Church
First Friday | 6:30 -7:00 pm | Small Church

BAPTISMS

"As a rule an adult is to be baptized in his or her parish and an infant in the parish of the parents unless a just cause suggests otherwise." (Canon Law 587 and 2) If you are a parishioner who attends St. Joseph and would like to baptize your child in another parish, you will need a letter from the pastor of St. Joseph giving you permission to do so. If you are not a St. Joseph parishioner and want to baptize your child in this parish, you need to get permission from your pastor to baptize your child here. The parents and sponsors must attend a class before the Baptism of the child.

PRAYER CHAIN

To put someone on the Prayer Chain:
Email parish.office@stjoseph-kennewick.org
or call the Parish Office at 509-586-3820

Pastor
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Parochial Vicar
Fr. Ricardo A. Villarreal
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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.

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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

"...proclaim the word, be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient..." 2 Timothy 4:2
It is not always convenient to be a good steward, especially when all the temptations of our busy and materialistic world get in the way. Now add our own pride and ego into the equation and living a stewardship lifestyle may be downright uncomfortable! Remember, God didn't call us to be comfortable. He never said that we would have an easy life. Rather, He called us to be faithful!

Collection for October 12, 2025

Sunday Offering	\$17,594.74
Building Fund	\$642.50
School Donations	\$232.50
ACA 2024/2025	\$1,908.91
Retire. fund for Relig.	\$1,032.00
All Souls	\$65.50
Religious Education	\$1,064.45
On-line Giving	\$2,079.18

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 on-line-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, Ramon Vargas, Dan 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, Patty Brown, Armando Rodriguez, Zara Husan, Raquel Cardoza, Samuel Quintanilla, Pat McKie Szacik, Carmen Nava, Mike Draper, Peter Braun, Yolanda Quintero, Hazel Meister, Sandra Sckierczynski, Kolton Hansford, Joanne, Armandino Gamino, Ana Espinoza, Sara and Johnny Howard, Father Kurt Hadley, Sara Melgarejo, John Lyczkowski, Lexie Day, Maria Barrientes, Randy Walker, Carina Ambriz.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Openings: Tues 6pm, Thurs 7am, Friday 10am, Sat 4pm

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

"There is another aspect of prayer which we need to remember: silent contemplation. Saint John, for example, tells us that to embrace God's revelation we must first listen, then respond by proclaiming what we have heard and see..." (cf. 1 Jn 1:2-3; Dei Verbum Pope Paul VI 1965 At a meeting With Young People & Seminarians at St. Joseph Seminary in Yonkers New York").



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, October 20th

6:30 am

† Elaine Loftus

8:30 am

† Delgado family

Tuesday, October 21st

6:30 am

Ann Ruesch (Healing)

8:30 am

† Pat Leskovar

Wednesday, October 22nd

6:30 am

† Raymond Sommers

8:30 am

† Charlotte Martin

Thursday, October 23rd

6:30 am

No intentions for this Mass

8:30 am

† Pat Leskovar

7:00 pm

† Refugio y Maria

Friday, October 24th

6:30 am

† Elaine Loftus

8:30 am

† Francesca Saso

Saturday, October 25th

8:30 am

† Dr. Jesus Castillo

† Loretta Ortega

5:30 pm

Miguel A. Mendoza (B-day)

† Rick Miller

7:00 pm

† Agustin Mojica

† Familia Pineda Arias

† Poor Souls

Sunday, October 26th

9:00 am

† Angela and John Bartosik

† Phyllis Gutierrez Kenney

Henry Barr Children

11:00 am

† Dennis Houston

† Raymond Nelligan

Tom Colgan (Healing)

1:00 pm

Miguel Vallejo

† Amalia Del Pozo

Jose Alfredo Farias (Healing)

5:30 pm

Billy Sickles (B-day)

7:00 pm

† Hipolito Soto

† Poor Souls

† Benito Birrueta



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2025 ACA: Progress Update!

This year's parish goal has been set at \$166,752. As of August 31, we have received pledges totaling \$118,752. Your support is essential to help us meet our target. Any donations that exceed our goal will be returned to the parish, enhancing our budget!

Please continue to send in your payments. You can contribute using the envelopes available in the foyer, donate online at www.yakimadiocese.org, or simply scan the QR code on the right. Please ensure that you designate your contribution to *St. Joseph Parish in Kennewick*. Thank you, and may God bless you for your generosity!



Today, every parish across the globe joins together for the only worldwide collection mandated by Canon Law—World Mission Sunday. Your generosity today supports the Pope's missions in more than 1,124 territories where the Church is young or struggling. This year's theme—"Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples"—is a call to embody the love of God, poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit (cf. Rom 5:5). Your offering today provides hope where despair too often dominates—through the building of churches, formation of seminarians and religious sisters, healthcare clinics, and Catholic schools. Thank you for responding with faith, love, and generosity. As Pope Francis told us, "Each of us is a mission on this earth" (Evangelii Gaudium, 273). Together, we share in that mission by ensuring that no one is excluded from the invitation to encounter Christ. To learn more, visit pontificalmissions.org/wms.



SCAN ME



**Washington State
Catholic Conference**

From all bishops to lay faithful

Subject: Settlement reached in lawsuit over sacred seal of confession

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

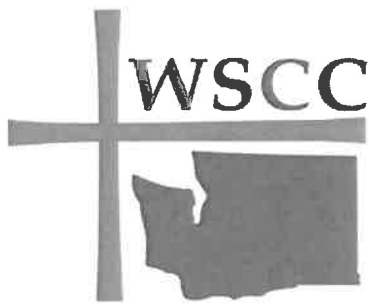
As you may recall, the Washington bishops filed a lawsuit in May challenging a state law that would have required priests to violate the seal of confession. Earlier this summer, a federal court issued an order preventing the governor, attorney general, and county prosecuting attorneys in the state of Washington from requiring priests to violate the seal of confession while the lawsuit proceeded.

We are now pleased to report that this case has been resolved. The governor, attorney general, and all county prosecuting attorneys have agreed to a court order finding that the state law violates our free exercise and have agreed not to force priests into the impossible choice between obeying God or complying with the law.

The Church teaches that “the sacramental seal is inviolable; therefore it is absolutely forbidden for a confessor to betray in any way a penitent in words or in any manner and for any reason.” Because of this, Catholics have for centuries turned to the confessional seeking God’s mercy and reconciliation, trusting that their words will remain completely confidential. This agreement preserves that trust and keeps the sacrament of confession what it has always been: a holy encounter with God’s forgiveness.

The Church remains unwavering in its commitment to prevent abuse and protect the vulnerable. Priests and Church personnel across Washington are already required to report suspected abuse outside of confession, and they will continue to do so faithfully. That is why the Church supported the law’s broader goal of strengthening protections for minors from the very beginning and asked only for a narrow exemption to safeguard the sacrament.

We are grateful that this matter has been resolved in a way that respects our duty to prevent abuse and our right to religious freedom. This outcome protects not only the religious freedom of Catholics, but also people of all faiths across Washington.



**Washington State
Catholic Conference**

Thank you for your prayers and faithfulness during this time. May God bless you, and may Our Lady keep you in her care.

In the Heart of Christ,

Most Rev. Paul D. Etienne
Archbishop of Seattle

Most Rev. Joseph J. Tyson
Bishop of Yakima

Most Rev. Thomas A. Daly
Bishop of Spokane

Most Rev. Eusebio Elizondo, M.Sp.S
Auxiliary Bishop of Seattle

Most Rev. Frank Schuster
Auxiliary Bishop of Seattle



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

October 2025

St. Joseph Parish
Fr. Jose Herrera, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

St. Paul of the Cross

Born in seventeenth-century Ovada, Italy, to a noble Catholic family, Paul Francis Danei had a great devotion to the Cross of Christ since he was young. He turned down a respectable marriage to devote his life to prayer, penance, preaching, and works of charity. In 1720, he was called to found an order honoring Jesus' Passion. The Passionist Order received papal approval. The order elected St. Paul as their superior general until his death in 1775.

Celebrating All Hallows Eve

Halloween is a Catholic holy day — it's the vigil of All Saints Day. It even has its own liturgical prayers! One way to recapture a sense of the sacred on this holy vigil is to pray Evening Prayer (Vespers) in the Liturgy of the Hours. It is easily found online and takes about 15 minutes. It's a beautiful, deeply liturgical way to celebrate All Hallows Eve with the Church. Because solemnities "start" the evening before, after Vespers, the party can start!

"If you read history you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next... Aim at Heaven and you will get earth 'thrown in': aim at earth and you will get neither" C.S. Lewis.

Simple ways to stay rooted in God's love every day

God meets us in powerful ways through the Sacraments, especially at Sunday Mass. But we're not meant to leave His presence at the church door. Our souls need daily contact with His love—through small, intentional acts that anchor us in grace, even during busy or chaotic days.

Start with a Morning Offering. This short prayer dedicates everything you do — your work, joys, and struggles — to God. It turns your entire day into an offering, a prayer in motion. Even when events feel out of control, you've already placed them in His hands. That changes how you carry each moment.

Wearing a crucifix, saint medal, or carrying a Rosary is another way to stay grounded. These sacramentals aren't lucky charms—they're signs of faith and reminders that we belong to God. When worn or used with devotion, they offer quiet strength and speak to the world, even without words.

Next, carry a line of Scripture with you. Choose a verse that speaks to your heart and keep it where you'll see it—on your phone, dashboard, or mirror. Reflect on it throughout the day. God's Word is alive and personal. Even a single verse can give light when your path feels dim.

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Psalm 119:105).

Lastly, surround yourself with sacred art. A holy card in your wallet, an image of Christ in your kitchen—these aren't just decorative. They teach, inspire, and prompt prayer. They gently turn your attention toward Heaven in the middle of daily routines.

None of these habits takes much time, but over time, they shape your heart. They help you live with peace, stay open to grace, and remember: God is near, always ready to meet us where we are.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Many Protestant versions of the Our Father include the doxology: "For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever." While this line is theologically rich and spiritually uplifting, it was not part of the original prayer Jesus gave His disciples. It does not appear in the earliest and most reliable Gospel manuscripts. Scholars believe it began as a marginal note—

Why does the Catholic Our Father have a different ending?

possibly added for liturgical use—that was later copied into the text. Its inclusion in the King James Bible helped establish it in Protestant tradition, where it remains a beloved conclusion. Though not found in the original biblical text, the doxology reflects the heart of Christian praise and continues to express the glory of God in worship across many denominations.

Holy Hospitality - let love lead during the holidays

We may not have to host the Messiah and twelve hungry disciples on short notice, but the stress St. Martha felt is all too familiar during the holiday season. The good news? Grace can do what we cannot.

To find peace amid pressure, Pope Leo XIII said to begin with silence. Even a few moments of quiet prayer each day can create the space needed for God to work in your heart. Then, he offered two essential practices:

Focus on what matters most. Jesus' friend, Martha, was "anxious and troubled about many things," but Jesus reminded her of the "one thing... necessary" (Luke 10:41-42). Hospitality isn't about perfection—it's about presence. Pope Leo encourages us to make space for real human connection:

to care, to listen, and to truly see those around us. Resist the urge to multitask. And yes—put the phone away.

Choose understanding over offense. The holidays can magnify tensions, but they also offer a sacred opportunity for growth. "It takes effort," Pope Leo admitted, "to understand one another in disagreements, and to forgive when mistakes are made." Approach family gatherings with humility and grace. Assume the best. Be patient, flexible, and quick to forgive. Small acts of mercy often go unseen—but "your Father who sees in secret will reward you" (Matthew 6:18).

This season, let love—not logistics—lead. That's the heart of holy hospitality.

from Scripture

Luke 18:9-14, Divine mercy responds to humility

In this Gospel passage, Jesus contrasts two prayers: one from a respected Pharisee, the other from a despised tax collector—a comparison that would have shocked His audience.

In first-century Jewish society, Pharisees were seen as models of religious observance, while tax collectors were viewed as collaborators with the Roman occupiers and often as corrupt and dishonest.

The Pharisee confidently takes a prominent place in the temple and offers what appears to be a prayer—but it's really a self-congratulatory speech. He thanks God not for grace

received, but for his own perceived righteousness. In contrast, the tax collector stands at a distance, won't even lift his eyes, and offers a single, sincere plea: "God, be merciful to me, a sinner."

Jesus tells us it was the tax collector—not the Pharisee—who went home justified before God

This parable reminds us that true prayer begins with humility. God isn't impressed by performance or flowery words. He desires contrition, honesty, and a heart open to grace. He already knows us, loves us, and simply asks for our love in return.

Feasts & Celebrations

October 7 – Our Lady of the Rosary (1571). This feast was originally named, "Our Lady of Victory" by Pope Pius V, on the victory of the Battle of Lepanto, when the Christians won a critical victory against the Ottomans after praying the Rosary. Pope Gregory XIII later renamed this feast in recognition of this powerful prayer.

October 10 – St. Francis Borgia (1572). St. Francis was a nobleman who served in the Spanish imperial court. After the death of his wife, he gave away all his possessions and joined the Jesuits. He proved to be a good administrator, and as superior

general of the Jesuits, he helped to spread their presence all over Spain and Portugal.

October 14 – St. Callixtus I (222). Born a slave in a Roman household, Callixtus was ordained a deacon by Pope Zephyrinus, whom he later succeeded. Callixtus's election caused an eighteen-year schismatic movement. He fought against heresy and showed tolerance toward sinners. In a time of trial and confusion, he re-opened the Church to all. He was later martyred.

October 28 – Saints Simon and Jude (1st century). St. Simon was a Zealot – Jews who believed the Messiah would free them from political oppression. St. Jude was a fisherman. After following Jesus, they eventually traveled to Persia where they preached the Gospel until they were martyred.

Q & A Why do Catholics have different types of Masses?

Liturgical diversity has always been part of the Church's life. Today, when people refer to "different Masses," they may be referring to the different forms, such as the Traditional Latin Mass (also called the Extraordinary Form) and the more familiar post-Vatican II Mass (Novus Ordo, or Ordinary Form).

The Traditional Latin Mass, shaped over centuries, is known for its reverence, use of Latin and chant, and the priest facing ad orientem—toward the altar along with the people. It fosters an atmosphere of silence and awe.

The Novus Ordo emerged after the Second Vatican Council, which called for a renewed, simplified liturgy that would be more accessible and participatory. At that time, Latin was no longer widely taught or understood.

Both forms are authentic expressions of the same Eucharistic mystery—the meeting of Heaven and Earth at the altar. When celebrated reverently, each reveals the beauty and depth of the Church's liturgical tradition in distinct but complementary ways.

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New Chief Executive Officer and President Named for Catholic Charities

A new Chief Executive Officer and President soon will be leading Catholic Charities Serving Central Washington and Catholic Charities Housing Services. Manuel Villafan



Manuel Villafan

who has served with the organization for more than 10 years, most recently as Chief Operating Officer and Vice President, has been named to the post.

Villafan succeeds Darlene Darnell, who will retire in March 2026 after 40 years of dedicated service to Catholic Charities. Darnell began in 1985 as a family therapist. She then advanced to roles as Clinical Director for Counseling Programs, agency director for Catholic

Family and Child Service in Yakima, and Vice President for the entire organization across Central Washington. For the past 10 years, she has served as President and CEO.



Darlene Darnell

Looking back, Darnell is particularly pleased to have helped develop “services for larger populations,” including early-learning programs and affordable housing and home ownership programs.

As of next Spring, she looks forward to “relaxing and doing some volunteering, probably including some volunteering with the agency.”

The change in leadership marks a

“new chapter” for Catholic Charities, as the group will “continue(s) our mission of bringing hope to especially for those in need,” Darnell wrote in her announcement.

Villafan is credited with having helped early-learning programs worked with Housing Services toward aff

housing, and fostered youth and adult services and behavioral health programs. He served as a member of the organization’s Board of Trustees for three years, then as Chief Operating Officer and Vice President for the past nine years.

Please join in congratulating Darnell and Villafan on their service to our communities.

Steve Menard: St. Joseph Parishioner Is A Man On A Mission

By Christine Corbett Conklin

This side of Heaven, Steve Menard will never know the difference he has made in so many lives. Yet, the 78-year-old, longtime parishioner of St. Joseph Church in Yakima, keeps quietly plugging away at his missions of mercy, bringing God’s word along with him wherever he goes. And you can have a chance to help in his ministry.

For over 50 years now, Menard has worked with young people in everything from CYO baseball, to



A resident of the juvenile justice center, on left, practiced virtual welding while the resident on right programmed the computer.

youth groups and CCD classes. “I felt a calling from God to work with youth,” he explained. Along the way, “I’ve tried to teach them about God and how to put it into action.”

In May of this year, Menard began another weekly program,

teaching welding and small engine repair to residents of the Yakima County Juvenile Justice Center. Menard brings a wealth of experience to this teaching, having

retired in 2011 from ownership of Metal Benders Inc. Construction Services. Young juvenile justice residents work with him on virtual welding and are learning motor works by taking it down and putting it back together.

“I’m trying to refocus,” Menard said. “The major thing the kids love it. Our staff has noticed a difference in the kids. Explaining what a professional welder or mechanic can do opens these young

people’s eyes to practical options before them – and much better



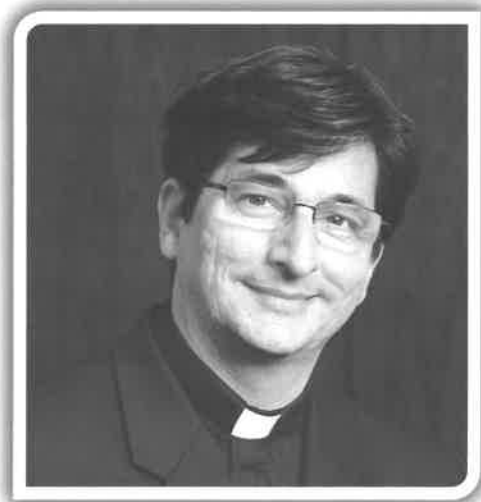
Steve Menard showed a young resident where the engine’s dipstick is and discussed how to repair a cracked manifold.

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ends:

Menard is a man I've come to know over the years. I've had the joy of getting over for Christmas services with the youths at the juvenile Correction Center in Yakima. The youths are all junior-high-age. Mainly boys. And mainly they do perk up at Christmas when I explain the four women in the genealogy of Jesus recorded in Luke's Gospel, and their history. "If we bring forth salvation from this world, imagine what God can do for

who believes this deeply, which leads him to spark an interest among some of these youths. Practical. Simple. Direct. And a clear pathway for a good career. Some of the boys may not have the arts, they have shop smarts. The work reminds me of the quip by the former mayor of New York City, Koch: "I'd rather live in a city that weeps, than a city without a weeper." Perhaps more importantly, the work we do with youth is the work. That was the point



Bishop Joseph Tyson

of our most recent Church Mission Congress.

Christ's work. Our Catholic Charities' motto, "Motivated by Christ's love, we bring hope to life, especially for those most in need." Darlene Darnell has spent decades with our Yakima Catholic Charities agency, and has served as President and CEO for the last 10 years. She's announced her coming retirement, and upon recommendation of the Board of Trustees and in conjunction with the agency's corporate Board of Members,

Menard: St. Joseph Parishioner Is A Man On A Mission *Continued from page 1*

As they may have been making burritos from Mel's Diner on North First Street and distributes them to homeless individuals around town. Menard offers a "reading of the Word," exposing them to the Word of God. He truly speaks from the heart, having done a couple of stints in the facility himself, many years

Recently, a staff member at the justice center told Menard that he runs 19 youth facilities in Washington State, the Yakima facility is only one to have an innovative and engine repair program

However, stepping out in the rain to the down and out is new for Menard. For 10 years he has been a part of St. Joseph's St. Vincent De Paul outreach program living on the street. Every morning, he picks up 45

burritos from Mel's Diner on North First Street and distributes them to homeless individuals around town.

He also did other jail ministry for years, at times accompanied by his wife of 56 years, Linda, whom he praises as being "very supportive."

So, would you like to help Menard in his corporal works of mercy? He says that he could easily feed another 20 individuals on the streets each Saturday, but he needs at least one more person to go along with him. St. Vincent De Paul at St. Joseph, Yakima, also could use donations to pay for the food. If you have mechanical, carpentry, electrical and/or plumbing skills and could volunteer a few hours, Menard could use your help, with current juvenile justice center programs plus future goals. Steve can be reached at (509) 728-1158.

I've appointed Manuel Villafán as the new leader, effective March 1, 2026. He's served as vice president and COO for many years.

Manuel is a graduate of West Valley High School in Yakima, and his family hails from Pajacuarán, Michoacan, Mexico. He's been with Catholic Charities for the last 10 years and prior to that I got to know him when he worked for Inspire Early Learning Centers.

Christ's work. I hope while reading this October issue, you'll give thanks for the many ways you see Christ's work in so many ways: behind the many hands of volunteers at Christ the King Parish's Sausage Fest; through the faithfulness of our secular Carmelites in the Wenatchee Valley; and in the many other stories and events we have featured.

Keep reading! And keep praying!!
With every best wish and blessing!

Yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Joseph J. Tyson
Bishop of Yakima

And finally, prayers for his work are most welcome. "I need prayers more than anything," Menard said.

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If you have been abused or victimized by a member of the Catholic clergy, please believe in the power of hope and help and healing. We encourage you to come forward and speak out.

The Diocese of Yakima has a sexual abuse hotline for those who wish to report some incident concerning a priest, bishop, deacon or diocesan employee or volunteer. (888) 276-4490.

Here Are Special Catholic Feast Days To Celebrate In Autumn

To add more meaning to your Autumn season, consider celebrating some special feast days which are coming soon. Try to guess the featured religious figure or figures. Answers follow at the end.

October 2. Known for protecting and guiding people, these figures are known as spiritual beings who help us along on the path to Heaven. Each person is believed to have one of these beings to watch over him or her.

October 7. The story of how this special patroness received her title is traced back as far as the year 1206. Then, a young priest was trying to convert people back to the Catholic Faith, with little success. He had a vision of a lady who gave him a Rosary to use. To the current day, the Rosary is valued as a powerful tool of prayer.

October 12. This young man was just canonized in September 2025. Born in London, he lived most of his life in Italy, dying at 15 years of age in 2006. He was known to receive the Eucharist every day at Mass, to lead relatives and his caretaker to deeper faith or conversion, and to show great empathy, love and joy. He even created a website of Eucharistic miracles.

October 15. A Carmelite nun, mystic and author, this saint lived in the 16th century. She was credited with reforming

the Carmelite Order, writing about contemplation and prayer and helping to start the Discalced Carmelites (see related item, page 4). She founded a number of monasteries for men and women.

November 1. This Holy Day of obligation honors individuals who are in Heaven, known or unknown to us. They may have been martyrs or otherwise lived holy lives. Their numbers may be in the millions or even billions. They are an inspiration to us all.

November 3. Born in Lima, Peru, in 1579, this saint was ridiculed for being of mixed race. Since he was not allowed to become a member of a religious order, because of this, he became a volunteer at a Dominican monastery. After years of doing menial chores, he finally became a Dominican Brother, known for his tremendous compassion, knowledge and miracles.

November 13. A Church in the Diocese of Yakima is named after this saint, who was the first citizen of the United States to be canonized. Born in 1850, she did charitable work in Italy, was prioress of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart, and came to America to work with

Italian immigrants. She founded 67 establishments to care for the poor, the sick and the uneducated.

November 22. The next time you hear a beautiful hymn, think of this saint from the second or third century who is the patron



saint of music. noble Roman she was arrested for her faith and for trying to bury her. She and her husband, Valerian, also martyrs.

December 8. Known for visions and apparitions of the Virgin Mary, this American man was born near what is now

Mexico City. He had converted to Christianity before seeing four visions of the Virgin Mary. To prove to his bishop that he was truthful, he was told to gather roses (though it was winter) and place them under his cloak. An image of Mary appeared on the cloak.

December 14. A less known but important saint, this man was born in Spain. Growing up in poverty, with little to eat, he was very short. He helped the poor, became a Carmelite priest, and helped form the Discalced Carmelites (see related item, page 4). He was known for going against his Faith, and quite the opposite was true. He wrote about Divine love.

vers. October 2, the Guardian of the Rosary; October 7, Our Lady of the Rosary; October 12, Saint Carlo Acutis; October 15, St. Avila; November 1, All Saints Day; November 3, St. Martin de Porres; November 4, St. Francis Xavier Cabrini; November 9, St. Juan Diego; November 14, St. John of the Cross.

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Days Are Approaching

Mark your calendar for several Days which are quickly approaching.

November 1 is the Feast of All Saints. Because it falls on a Saturday this year, Mass attendance is not required. However, it's still a good idea to attend Mass, honoring the many saints, known and unknown, who have gone before us.

December 8 is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Since this day falls on a Monday, Mass attendance is required for Catholics. The Diocese of Yakima, permission has been granted to attend Mass on December 12, the Feast of the Lady of Guadalupe.

December 25, Christmas, is also a Holy Day on which Mass attendance is required, falling on a Thursday this year. It's a wonderful time to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

In special circumstances, such as illness, work responsibilities or caring for someone in need may dispense a person from the obligation of attending Mass on a Holy Day.

To Help Your Marriage?

Are you frustrated or angry with your spouse? Do you argue – or have just stopped talking? Do you feel

lost? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vaill) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages.

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Diocesan Summer Highlights



Bishop Joseph Tyson was principal celebrant for a September 13 Mass celebrating the 150th anniversary of St. Joseph Marquette School in Yakima.



Christian Brothers from La Salle High School stopped to talk with Bishop Tyson, Father Mauricio Munoz and Principal Gregg Pleger.



Attendees at the anniversary celebration enjoyed food while listening to live music.



Memorabilia and large-screen photos recalled earlier days at St. Joseph Marquette.



Father Thomas Champoux welcomed attendees at the annual Christ the King Parish Sausage Fest in Richland, September 19.



A large crowd gathered for the Sausage Fest celebration.



Left to right are Kathryn Porrovecchio, Mariela Santos, Christina Martin, Father Kerr, Cassy Escalona, Paula Dietrich and Teresa Drollman. See article below.



Food booths sold a variety of items at Sausage Fest.

Five Women of the Diocese of Yakima Join Discalced Carmelite Order

In August, Father Seamus Kerr celebrated The Rite of Clothing and Admission to the Discalced Carmelite order for five aspirants, at St. Joseph Church, Wenatchee. They included Kathryn Porrovecchio, Holy Apostles Church, East Wenatchee; Mariela Santos, St. Joseph, Wenatchee; Christina Martin, Our Lady of Fatima Church, Moses Lake; Cassy Escalona, Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Dryden; and Paula Dietrich, St. Joseph, Wenatchee. Teresa Drollman, OCDS, of St. Joseph, Wenatchee, has been their formator as they studied and discerned for more than a year.

Secular Order Discalced Carmelites are Catholic men and women who are called to a deeper spiritual life. The word "discalced" is rooted in the Latin word for "shoeless," symbolizing austerity. Members meet monthly for at least six years, to study and discern their vocation as contemplatives. They come from all walks of life, single, married, widowed, deacons and diocesan priests. Their apostolate is to know God and to share that personal experience through good works. For more information, contact Teresa Drollman, (509) 699-1236.

A NOTE FROM SERRA CLUB OF THE TRI CITIES

"The Word of God is not chained," declares Paul in the First Reading. (from 2 Timothy 2:8-13) Paul is confident that God's Word will prevail despite his being held as a prisoner. Will you spread God's Word as a priest, permanent deacon, sister, or brother?



Join thousands of Catholics praying the Respect Life Month Novena, Wednesday, October 22 – Thursday, October 30. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Sign up at respectlife.org/celebrate!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Mass of Remembrance

November 1, 2025
Big Church
8:30 AM

Join us at 8:30 AM as we honor the memory of those members of the Knights of Columbus, Serra Club, and parishioners who have passed away in the past year. Everyone is welcome to attend.

All Souls Day Remembrance Cards

Remembrance cards for All Souls Day will be available in the foyer. Please remember to place your envelopes in the collection basket so we can honor our faithful departed throughout November.

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through God's mercy, rest in peace.

All Saints Day Festival

Trunk or Treat

When: Saturday, November 1st
Time: 11:00 am – 3:00 pm
Location: Dillon Hall Parking Lot

You are warmly invited to our All Saints Festival and Trunk or Treat on Saturday, November 1st. This fun, family-friendly event for all trick-or-treaters, where children can gather candy from decorated trunks and take part in a costume contest. Prizes will be awarded for the best trunk and the best saint costume! Stay afterward to enjoy more fun, including live entertainment, story time, saint and fall-themed games, raffles, photo booth, food concessions, and fellowship!

Heartfelt Appreciation for Our Successful Fall Yard Sale

We are thrilled to announce that, thanks to the generosity of this wonderful parish, we raised \$22,100 at the Fall Yard Sale. We couldn't have achieved this without your remarkable donations. A huge shoutout and heartfelt thanks go to everyone who contributed their time and effort throughout the year to make the yard sale possible. We also appreciate those who stepped in to help during the sale without being asked, as well as those who registered. It truly was a fantastic Fall Yard Sale!

Encounter Christ in the Eucharist

St. Joseph Vocation Ministry warmly invites 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 October 30.

Candy Donations Needed

We are seeking a generous supply of candy for the upcoming Trunk-or-Treat event! Please bring individually wrapped candies to the Parish Office. Together, we can ensure this event is a tremendous success!



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.

10/19 Julie & Larry Tharp
10/26 David & Alexandria Barr
11/2 Elidia Parra

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



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Fr. Riccardo Keolker

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