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

**Pastor**  
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Fr. Riccardo Keolker

**Deacons**  
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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

*"No servant can serve two masters. He will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (wealth)." LUKE 16:13*

Jesus knows that for many of us, God and money run "neck and neck" as top priorities. Is money a "god" that you put before God? Giving money to support the Church and other charities is a pillar of our faith, just as attending Mass every Sunday and participating in parish ministries are. Giving money frees us from becoming a slave to money. It increases our dependence on God and our trust that God will provide all that we need.

### Collection for September 21, 2025

Sunday Offering	\$24,572.18
Building Fund	\$780.00
School Donations	\$1,455.00
Misc	\$91.50
St. Vincent de Paul	\$120.00
Youth Group	\$150.00
Religious Education	\$586.62
Holy Day	\$250.00
On-line Giving	\$3,681.98



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, 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, 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 Howard, Father Kurt Hadley, Sara Melgarejo, John Lyczkowski, Lexie Day, Maria Barrientes, Randy Walker.

**For our recently deceased:** Kindly ring us when your ailing loved one finds healing, so we may open space for others on our list of prayers for the sick.

## 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**

"My Lord and Creator, Your goodness encourages me to converse with You. Your mercy abolishes the chasm which separates the Creator from the creature. To converse with You, O Lord, is the delight of my heart. In You I find everything that my heart could desire. Here Your light illumines my mind, enabling it to know You more and more deeply. Here streams of grace flow down upon my heart." St. Faustina



## 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 22

6:30 am  
 † Elaine Loftus

8:30 am  
 † Joseph Ginter

#### Tuesday, September 23

6:30 am  
 † Patrick Bernard Loftus

8:30 am  
 Lori Tatanay (Healing)

#### Wednesday, September 24

6:30 am  
 No Intentions for this Mass

8:30 am  
 † Pat Sloper

#### Thursday, September 25

6:30 am  
 No Intentions for this Mass

8:30 am  
 † Pat Leskovar

7:00 pm  
 † Candelaria Gomez Rubio

#### Friday, September 26

6:30 am  
 Shawn Cross (Healing)

8:30 am  
 Art Holman (Birthday)



Scan QR code to request online!

#### Saturday, September 27

8:30 am  
 † Pat Leskovar

5:30 pm  
 † Margaret and William Parrott

Kailey McFadden

7:00 pm  
 † Agustin Mojica

† Familia Pineda Arias

† Javier Manzanares

#### Sunday, September 28

9:00 am  
 † Jack and Pat Hiller

† Francis Barr

† William F. Buckley

11:00 am  
 † Natalia Valencia Tapia

† Pat Leskovar

† Arie

1:00 pm  
 † Jose Farias Hernandez

† Saul Torres Vargas

† Teodoro Olivera

† Sara Baca

5:30 pm  
 † Raymundo Ablaza

7:00 pm  
 No Intentions for this Mass

## Retirement Fund for Religious

Please give to those who have given a lifetime.



They gave their lives in service. Now they need your help. For decades, women and men religious have cared for others, teaching, praying, and serving those in need. Many now face retirement without sufficient savings. Your support ensures they receive the care and dignity they deserve. Let us now offer them the dignity they have so selflessly granted to others. Your generosity today is not just a donation—it's a way of thanking them for their lifelong service. Please give to the Retirement Fund for Religious.

## Priest Absence Notification

Please be informed that our priests will be away for a Convocation from September 30 to October 3. If you have any urgent pastoral needs during this time, please plan accordingly. We appreciate your understanding and support while our priests take this opportunity for reflection and renewal. Let us continue to uplift one another and keep our priests in our thoughts and prayers as they participate in this significant retreat. Thank you for your kindness and consideration.



## First Friday Mass

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus  
 October 3, 2025

Reconciliation 6:30 pm

Mass 7:00 pm | Small Church

If you no longer use the parish envelopes for your donations, please notify the Parish Office to have them discontinued.





PRESENTS



SAVE THE DATE

February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026



St. Joseph's Dillon Hall





## ROOTED IN FAITH, GROWING TOGETHER

From the very first day of school, our students have been surrounded by prayer, community, and the joy of learning. These moments are possible because of the support and love of our parish, alumni, and friends. We're excited to share a glimpse of life at St. Joseph Catholic School with you, and grateful to walk this journey of faith together.



### FUN RUN

Our Kindergarten students showed their Mustang pride early this year, earning their Fun Run shirts at the very first rally — and even taking home the traveling trophy for top fundraising class! The Fun Run is one of our school's most beloved traditions, bringing students, families, and supporters together year after year to cheer, give, and run for St. Joseph. Scan the QR code to pledge your favorite Mustang runner and keep the tradition strong!



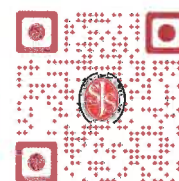
### 8TH GRADE RETREAT

Our 8th grade Mustangs continued a beloved tradition with their retreat at Camp Lutherhaven in Coeur d'Alene. Centered on the theme 'Through the Storm', students reflected on keeping Christ as their foundation as they begin their final year at St. Joe's. In between canoeing, ziplining, and delicious meals, they celebrated daily Mass with Fr. Tian and grew closer as a class. We are grateful for our parent chaperones and the many prayers offered for our 8th graders back home!



### ALL SCHOOL EUCHARIST RETREAT

Students participated in our all-school Eucharist retreat, led by Fr. Tian, where they learned about Eucharistic Adoration. Afterward, our students created beautiful projects to reflect on the experience and deepen their understanding of Christ's presence.



Scan the QR code to join our Alumni & Friends of SJS Newsletter!  
[www.sjske.org/alumniandfriends](http://www.sjske.org/alumniandfriends)



## A NOTE FROM SERRA CLUB OF THE TRI CITIES



"No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other." (from Luke 16-10-13) Will you serve the Master as a priest, permanent deacon, brother, or sister?

### 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 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.

## 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.

9/21 David and Alexandria Barr  
9/28 Emma Caballero  
10/5 Cindy Junt

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!

**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



### Youth Group / XV / Confirmation / Parent Service Hours

Service hours extend beyond a mere checklist; they offer a chance to experience life and love through Christ. For this reason, we highlight the significance of participating in diverse forms of service. Please take a moment to explore the available time slots listed below and click the button to sign up. Thank you!

#### Upcoming Events:

**10/01/2025 - Wednesday**  
Date & time subject to change  
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Folkloric Dance

We are gathering the names of students. The practice schedule will be determined later.

#### 10/10/2025 - Friday | Big Church

- 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm: Tailgate and Food Drive  
Parents are also welcome to participate.
- 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm: Tailgate and Food Drive  
Parents are also welcome to participate.
- 7:00 pm - 9:15 pm: Tailgate and Food Drive  
Parents are also welcome to participate.

#### 10/12/2025—Sunday

- Dillon Hall**
  - 8:00 am-noon: Knights of Columbus breakfast
- Big Church**
  - 10:40 am-noon: Serve or attend the Youth Mass

Scan to SIGN UP!



### 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 September 25.

**NOW  
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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.



Saturday, October 11 | Church Mission Congress  
Building the Young Church in Christ:  
Parish Ministry for Youth Growth

**Hours:** 8:00 a. m. to 3:30 p. m.

**Location:** La Salle High School

**Address:** 3000 Lightning Way, Union Gap, WA 98903

**Cost:** Adults \$35 (ages 20 and over)

Youth \$25 (ages 13-19) | Children \$15 (ages 12 and under)

(All adult walk-in registrations have an additional \$5 fee at the door.)

Service opportunity for religious education students:

Join us for the Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll collections on the following dates and times:



Tootsie Rolls will be available after all Masses this weekend.  
Donations benefit people with disabilities.

Please gather in the vestibule after Communion to receive Tootsie Rolls and distribute them to parishioners as they leave Mass. For questions in Spanish, contact Freddie Del Pozo at 509-581-8684.



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.

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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