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School website: [www.sjske.org](http://www.sjske.org)

## 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

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While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. LUKE 24:51

## MISSION & CORE VALUES

Our mission and sacred purpose as the parish of St. Joseph is to fully live our Catholic faith, which is rooted in Jesus Christ and the teachings of His Church, to nurture and build our parish so that every parishioner can know, love, and serve God in this world and encourage others to do the same.

### *Our core values include:*

**Hope**—rooting our ministries and actions in prayer; joyfully carrying them out with competence, care and confidence in God's promise of salvation.

**Liturgy**—maintaining the highest of ministry standards to bring glory to God through the rites, ceremonies, prayers, and sacraments of the Church.

**Community**—caring about and addressing the needs of others.

**Evangelism**—telling others the good news about Jesus.

**Giving**—practicing stewardship as a way of life by sharing of our time, talents, and treasure to support the mission and ministries.

## 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

*"My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad. But now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established..."*

Luke 16:25-26

When God created the world He declared that it was good and He gave it to all mankind for us to enjoy. However, over the years, we have created a chasm between those who have great gifts and those who do not. In today's Gospel, we see that, with our own generosity, we must bridge that gap between those who have much and those who have little, or we may find ourselves on the wrong side of the chasm in the next life.

### Collection for September 21, 2025

Sunday Offering	\$14,785.39
Building Fund	\$285.00
School Donations	\$266.00
Miscellaneous	\$100.00
St Vincent de Paul	\$1,175.00
Acension	\$19.00
Religious Education	\$1,043.48
On-line Giving	\$2,712.47

For online giving scan the QR code or visit:  
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### Prayers

**For our Armed Forces:** Christian Fraga, 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 Sckieryczynski, 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 29**

6:30 am  
† Elaine Loftus

8:30 am  
† Richard Roman

**Tuesday, September 30**

6:30 am  
Imelda Santos Nadal

(Birthday)  
8:30 am

Justin Byerly (Healing)

**Wednesday, October 1**

6:30 am

Communion Service

8:30 am

Communion Service

**Thursday, October 2**

6:30 am

Communion Service

8:30 am

Communion Service

7:00 pm

Communion Service

**Friday, October 3**

6:30 am

Communion Service

8:30 am

Communion Service

**Saturday, October 4**

8:30 am

† Sal & Laurie Pennella

David O. Williams (Healing)

5:30 pm

Matt Ogden (Birthday)

† Dr. Jesus Castillo

7:00 pm

† Agustin Mojica

† Familia Pineda Arias

† Irma Hernandez

**Sunday, October 5**

9:00 am

† Lawrence Manning

Henry and Renee Barr

† Pat Leskovar

11:00 am

† Kathleen Breslin

† Aaron Howell

† Candido Zamora

1:00 pm

† Jose Farias Hernandez

† Saul Torres Vargas

† Almas del Purgatorio (Poor Souls)

5:30 pm

† Raymundo Ablaza

7:00 pm

No Intentions for this Mass



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## 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 Holy Mass

## First Friday Mass

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

October 3, 2025

Reconciliation 6:30 pm

Mass 7:00 pm | Small Church



## Sunday Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus invite you to join them for breakfast in Dillon Hall after the morning Masses on October 12.

## A NOTE FROM SERRA CLUB OF THE TRI CITIES



In the Second Reading, Paul exhorts Timothy. "But you, man of God, pursue righteousness, devotion, love, patience, and gentleness." (1 Timothy 6:11) Is your faith in Christ leading you to serve Him as a priest, permanent deacon, brother, or sister?

### Priesthood Appreciation Sunday

Today, September 28, is designated as Priesthood Appreciation Sunday. Let us take the opportunity this week to show our gratitude for all that our priests do. Here are a few suggestions:

- A heartfelt card
- A thoughtful letter
- A kind word

Any gesture of appreciation would be welcomed and valued.

Ultreya  
Monday October 6, 2025  
Christ the King Parish in Richland.

A rosary will be held in the chapel at 6:30 pm with the meeting starting in the multi-purpose room at 7:00 pm. Come, one and all, and have a great community experience. God bless.

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

**Hours:** 8:00 am to 3:30 pm

**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.)

### 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 QR code sign up. Thank you!



**SUNDAY  
LITURGY  
REFLECTION**

9:15 am on Wednesdays

on Facebook Live

Presented by Father Riccardo Keolker



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

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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.

## 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.

9/28 Emma Caballero

10/5 Cindy Junt

10/12 Roberta and Jim Guzek

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

Since 1973, the Catholic Church in the United States has observed October as Respect Life Month. The first Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we

are called to cherish and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity and gift of every human life.

**RESPECT LIFE  
MONTH**

October 2025



## YEAR OF HOPE

**First Tuesday of Every Month**

**Location:** St. Paul Cathedral, Diocese of Yakima

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



Reconciliation will be available 30 minutes before Mass.

### October 7

**Theme:**

Honoring the Sick: Physically, Psychologically, and Spiritually. Join us for an opportunity to uplift and pray for all those who are unwell in body, mind, or spirit throughout our Diocese.

**The Fall 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil has already begun and will continue through Sunday, November 2.**

40 Days for Life (DFL) is the world's largest grassroots movement to end abortion. Knowing that "with God, all things are possible," people of faith and conscience unite in 40 days of prayer and fasting. Christ told us some demons can only be driven out by prayer and fasting. The two go hand-in-hand. Prayer keeps us rooted in the fact that it is our desire to carry out God's will. Fasting is a sacrifice that helps us reach beyond our own limitations with God's help. Those who are called to stand witness send a powerful message to the community about the tragic reality of abortion.

For more information about 40 DFL, please visit:

<https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/>

## MOTHER TERESA MEAL MINISTRY

Delivering lunches twice a month for the Union Gospel Mission!

**First Sunday**

October 5

10:15 am

**Third Tuesday**

October 21

9:15 am



To see a list of donations needed or to volunteer to help, please contact Cindy Meyer through the parish links by visiting: [stjoseph-kennewick.org/mtmm/](http://stjoseph-kennewick.org/mtmm/)

