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DECEMBER 7, 2025

520 South Garfield St. Kennewick, WA 99336 Parish Office hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 am to Noon, 1:00 pm-4:00 pm

Parish Office Phone 509-586-3820

Fax 509-586-3558

Email: parish.office@stjoseph-kennewick.org Bulletin: receptionist@stjoseph-kennewick.org

Website: www.stjoseph-kennewick.org

St. Joseph School Office 509-586-0481

Principal: Catherine Valiant, principal@sjske.org
Children's Center 509-586-1428

Director: Rachel Cobb, director@sjske.org

School website: 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)

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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.



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

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 <u>parish.office@stjoseph-kennewick.org</u> or call the Parish Office at 509-586-3820

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.

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

"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." MATTHEW 3:10

Do you bear good fruit for Jesus? Do you spend time in prayer or do you waste it with mindless activity? Do you use your talent to help others or are you too busy? Do you use your treasure to support the Church or do you buy more things that go unused. Our time, talent, and treasure are gifts from God. What we do with these gifts are our gifts back to Him. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

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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, 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 Sckiercyzinski, 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.

EUCHARISTIC

Openings: Tuesday at Midnight.

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** or, for Spanish, call Sandra at 509-802-8716



"...the love of our hearts is something unique, something no one else can give Jesus. True, He could create other hearts to love Him, but once He has created us and given us free will, the love of our particular heart is something unique and, in a way, irreplaceable. In any case, it is not for His own sake that He wants our love, but because He desires to make us happy with Him forever, and He can only do that if we are in love with Him."

(The Tremendous Lover)

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

12:30 am, 4:30 am—Spanish

7:00 pm- Spanish

6:30 am and 8:30 am—English

FOR THE WEEK Monday, December 8 6:30 am Saturday, December 13 Helen and Ernesto Tatunay 8:30 am † Sal and Laurie Pennella (Anniversary) 8:30 am David O. Williams (Healing) 12:05 pm, 5:30 pm - Holy Day 5:30 pm of Obligation Audrey Hoisington (Birthday) 7:00 pm - Día Precepto † Peggy Phillips Tuesday, December 9 † Paul Mackey 6:30 am 7:00 pm † Family, Friends, and † Agustin Mojica † Julio Rios Valdovinos Benefactors on the Delgados 8:30 am Sunday, December 14 † Mary and Dennis Houston 9:00 am Charles Barr 7:00 pm Andy McFadden (Healing) No Intentions for this Mass Wednesday, December 10 † Francis Barr $11:00 \; am$ St. Joseph Youth Group Mrs. Woods (Healing) No Intentions for this Mass 8:30 am † Eulalia G. Santos † Marsha olsen 1:00 pm 7:00 pm No Intentions for this Mass † Jovita Farias Jose Alfredo Farias (Healing) Thursday, December 11 † Jesus Ramirez Alice Chuang (Birthday) 5:30 pm 8:30 am † Ann Morgen † George Koshko † Gerard Laborie † Rose Daily 7:00 pm 7:00 pm † Julio Rios Valdovinos Raul Beltran Friday, December 12 Ana Cruz Our Lady of Guadalupe Masses

Advent Penance Services

† Javier Huerta

Mon., Dec. 15	Holy Spirit 6:30 pm	7409 W. Clearwater Kennewick
Tue., Dec. 16	Christ the King 6:30 pm	1111 Stevens Dr., Richland
Wed., Dec. 17	Sacred Heart 6:30 pm	1905 Highland Dr., Prosser
Thurs., Dec. 18	St. Francis Cabrini 6:30 pm	1000 Horne Dr., Benton City
Fri., Dec. 19	St. Joseph 6:30 pm	520 S. Garfield S., Kennewick



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Women of St. Joseph Gathering

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A NOTE FROM SERRA CLUB OF THE TRI CITIES

"John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" (Matthew 3:1) Is the Holy Spirit calling you to proclaim the kingdom of God as a priest, permanent deacon, brother or sister?

Discalced Carmelite Seculars

"It is best to learn to silence the faculties and to cause them to be still, so that God may speak."

~St. John of the Cross, OCD

Is God calling you into deeper communion with Himself? Are you feeling drawn into deeper

prayer? Maybe God is calling you to a vocation as a Discalced Carmelite Secular! For more information call Wendy Nuxoll at 509-551-0013.

December 3-11, 2025-Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena December 5 | Bilingual Mass | 7 pm Rosary 6:30 pm | Spanish Mass | 7:00 pm | Small Church On December 5, the Mass will be bilingual. On December 10, the Novena and the Mass will be in the Small Church.



Monday, December 8-Immaculate **Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Big Church

English Mass 6:30 am, 8:30 am, 12:05 pm,

5:30 pm

Spanish Mass 7:00 pm

December 11, 2025

Regular Mass times and additional times above Gathering | Dillon Hall | 8:30 pm



December 12—Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Big Church

Mañanitas Big Church Midnight and 4:00 am Spanish Mass Big Church 12:30 am, 4:30 am, 7:00 pm Big Church 6:30 am and 8:30 am **English Mass**



+ St. Joseph Penance Service December 19, 2025 6:30 pm | Big Church

Parish Office Closed December 24-26

December 24—Christmas Eve Masses

Big Church

English Mass 4:00 pm and 11:00 pm

Spanish Mass 8:00 pm

December 25—Christmas Day

Big Church

English Mass 9:00 am Spanish Mass 11:00 am



January 1

Solemnity of the Virgin Mary, Mother of God

English Mass 9:00 am Spanish Mass 11:00 am

January 4—Feast of the Epiphany

English Mass 9:00 am, 11:00 am, 5:30 pm

Spanish Mass 1:00 pm, 7:00 pm

Tri-Cities Prep is seeking an Accounting and Development Specialist. Those interested can visit tcprep.org to view the full job description.

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.

12/7 Delma Stephenson
12/14 Beth and Jose Arroyo
12/21 Antonio and Ermina Abut
With questions or to sign up, contact Elizabeth Robas, 509-591-1339, or Irma Valdivia, 509-366-4422.

Milestone:

December 18 marks the 62nd anniversary of **Fr. Riccardo Keolker's** ordination to the priesthood. We invite you to take a moment to congratulate him and convey your appreciation for his many years of devoted service to the Church.

December 31 marks the special occasion of our Pastor Fr. Jose Herrera's birthday.

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St. Joseph's the Saturday after Thanksgiving until they run out. We will be open on **Saturdays and Sundays** from 9 am to 7 pm and on weekdays from 3 pm to 7 pm. Get your trees early!



2026 Sacrament of Baptism for Infants and Children under Age 7

Baptism Deadline: To reserve the

dates listed below, the baptismal registration process and all necessary paperwork **MUST** be completed at least one month in advance. For detailed information, please contact the Parish Office.

Upcoming Baptisms: January 17, May 16, and July 18

Note: No Baptisms will be held in February, March, April, or June.

Attendance in pre-Baptism classes is mandatory for all parents and Godparents. Once parents have registered, the dates for the in-person classes will be scheduled. Godparents: If there are two Godparents, one must be male and the other must be female. Godparents should be practicing Catholics, at least 16 years old, and must have received the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion, and Confirmation.





-DECEMBER 14 —