

SIXTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

FEBRUARY 15, 2026

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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
Fr. Jose Herrera

Parochial Vicar
Fr. Ricardo A. Villarreal
Fr. Christian Melendez

In Residence
Fr. Riccardo Keolker

Deacons
William Mich
Juan Garcia
Herman Farias
Gustavo Valdivia
Mike Palmieri

**Pastoral Assistant
for Administration**
Ric Gamez



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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." MATTHEW 5:20

The Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law, and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear – it's the love that you have in your hearts, for God and others, that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules to the letter and not out of love, does not necessarily put you on the path to heaven. Attending Sunday Mass and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner in the parking lot is an example of being a modern-day Pharisee.

Collection for February 8, 2026

Sunday Offering	\$26,693.37
Building Fund	\$4,610.00
School Donations	\$414.00
Religious Education	\$725.30
Holy Day	\$26.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$200.00
First Offering	\$5.00
First Friday	\$67.00
MTMM	\$25.00
Prepares	\$190.00
On-line Giving	\$3,549.22

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 you 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.

Lector Meeting with Father José Herrera
 Date: Tuesday, February 24
 Time: 6 PM
 Location: Small Church

Prayers

For our Armed Forces: Christian Fraga, Ramon Vargas, an 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 Rokiam.

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 Nicacio, Arlene Callahan, Dominic Nicacio, Luca Nicacio, Phyllis 'elletier, Nancy Park, Marlene Madrigal, Sherri McKie, Hugo Jarca, Vanessa Nicacio, Carol Smith, Patty Brown, Zara Husan, Jaquel Cardoza, Samuel Quintanilla, Pat McKie Szacik, Carmen Java, Mike Draper, Peter Braun, Yolanda Quintero, Hazel Meister, Andra Sckieryczinski, Kolton Hansford, Joanne, Armandino Jamino, Ana Espinoza, Sara and Johnny Howard, Father Kurt Bradley, Sara Melgarejo, John Lyczkowski, Lexie Day, Maria Arrientes, Randy Walker, Carina Ambriz, Tucker Shaw, Dick 'etersen, James Meyer, Miguel Garcia.

For our recently deceased: Daniel Kroy Jr., Eugene Bockel, Arturo Aguilar, Ron Brashler. Kindly ring us when your ailing loved one needs healing, so we may open space for others on our list of prayers for the sick.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Openings: Tuesday 4 am, Saturday 11 am

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 will to pray counts more than the length of the prayer. It is this will that pleases God, because it is love, and it can make up for all impossibilities; it will seize opportunities and, if necessary, create them." Fr. Joseph-Marie Perrin, O.P., The Little Manual of Perfect Prayer and Adoration.

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



Scan QR code to request online!

Monday, February 16
 6:30 am
 No Intentions for this Mass
 8:30 am
 No Intentions for this Mass
Tuesday, February 17
 6:30 am
 † Tim Mello
 8:30 am
 No Intentions for this Mass
Wednesday, February 18
ASH WEDNESDAY
 English Masses
 6:30 am, 8:30 am,
 12:05 pm, 5:30 pm
 Spanish Mass
 7:30 pm
Thursday, February 19
 6:30 am
 Mariana Huerta (Birthday)
 8:30 am
 No Intentions for this Mass
 5:30 pm
 † Margarito Gonzalez
Friday, February 20
 6:30 am
 No Intentions for this Mass
 8:30 am
 Rita Magnaghi (Healing)

Saturday, February 21
 8:30 am
 Dave Jr. and Katherine Williams (Healing)
 5:30 pm
 Isabella Huerta (Birthday)
 7:00 pm
 † Maximino Alvarez Garcia y Hermelinda Mendoza
 † Pabla Alvarez Garcia
 † Maria Veronica Rivera
Sunday, February 22
 9:00 am
 No Intentions for this Mass
 11:00 am
 Kristie Moore (Healing)
 1:00 pm
 † Jose Jimenez Gutierrez
 † Eduardo Servin
 † Esperanza Birrueta Munguia
 5:30 pm
 No Intentions for this Mass
 7:00 pm
 † Andres Rios
 † Eliodoro Flores Macias
 † Herlinda Morales Aguilar
 † Socorro Alcaraz

Stations of the Cross (All Fridays during Lent) Beginning Friday, February 20

English | 6:00 pm | Big Church
 Spanish | 6:00 pm | Small Church

Sacrament Reception Dates 2026

OCIA and OCIC
 Easter Vigil Celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation
 April 4, 2026
 • 8:00 pm, Big Church (Bilingual)

Confirmation OCIC
 Saturday, May 23, 2026
 Noon, HAPO Center, Pasco — Bilingual

Confirmation OCIA (Adults)
 Sunday, April 12, 2026
 9:00 am, Big Church (English)

First Communion
 Saturday, April 25, 2026
 • 10:00 am, Big Church (Spanish)

Confirmation OCIA (Adults)
 Sunday, April 12, 2026
 1:00 pm, Big Church (Spanish)

First Communion
 Saturday, May 2, 2026
 • 10:00 am, Big Church (English)

Ash Wednesday February 18, 2026

English Mass | Big Church
 6:30 am, 8:30 am, 12:05 pm, 5:30 pm
 Misa en Español | Iglesia Grande | 7:00 pm

Thursdays
Lenten Masses
 Bilingual

5:30 pm | Small Church
February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26

NO RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

Pilgrimage to The Steps of St. Paul & Greek Islands

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Pamukkale - Ephesus - Kuşadası - Patmos
Rhodes Santorini - Athens - Corinth

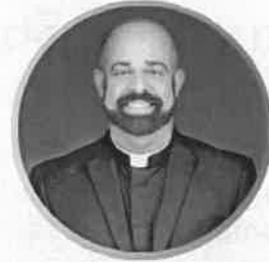
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2026

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-  Meals according to itinerary
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-  Travel Express Tour Leader
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-  Local guides
-  Tips



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Rev. Christian Melendez
Spiritual Director



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More information



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2026

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-  Guías locales
-  Propinas



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Attend Sunday Mass and Discover What You May Be Missing

By Christine Corbett Conklin

A recent report from the Pew Research group revealed that only 21 percent of U.S. Catholics say that they “attend Mass weekly, pray daily and consider religion very important.” Another 10 percent of respondents said that they attend Mass “a few times a year or less.”

With Easter coming soon, Father Dan Dufner, pastor of Holy Family Church in Yakima, took time to point out that “you don’t know what you’re missing” if you don’t regularly attend Mass.

“There’s a greater sense of peace... there can be a growth in holiness, growth in insight, an increase in graces,” he said in an interview with the *Central Washington Catholic*. There’s also that detail about the commandment of the Church that every Catholic shall attend Mass every Sunday and Holy Day, or risk serious sin, he says. That is the very minimum required of us.

Sometimes, there are legitimate reasons for missing Mass: you are sick, you are the only one available to care for another person in need, your work schedule makes it impossible, or maybe

you are in a remote location where there is no Mass available.

However, in all honesty, most people who do not regularly attend Mass don’t have one of these reasons, Father Dufner said.

“They don’t know what it is they’re missing or they’ve just kind of grown cold in their Faith,” he observed.

Some may have stopped attending after their First Communion or Confirmation. “Maybe you don’t want to go.

You have ‘better things’ to do. It’s easy to fall out of the habit (of going)... However, if you stop walking that walk, you’re not following Jesus.”

Once you truly understand the significance of the Mass, it can be a beautiful gift. “It’s the ‘Pascal Mystery’:



Father Dan Dufner celebrated Mass, joined by (left to right) Father Bill Shaw, Deacon John Cornell and server Liam Cervantes.

the Last Supper, P death and Resurre the Lord,” Father Jesus is truly pres the Eucharist. “Jo Baptist said, ‘Behc Lamb of God whc away the sins of t Who wouldn’t wa be near the Lamb who takes away o

If a family me friend doesn’t atte regularly, invite hi to come, and per more effectively, s through your exa how important Fa you.

Attending Mass regularly will guarantee you a perfect life, Father concluded.

“You are still going to have cha but you’ll be better equipped, have strength to deal with the challenge difficulties that come your way.”

Ephrata PREPARES Program Creates ‘Prayer Blankets’ For New Parents

By Christina McCarthy

As Pastor of St. Rose of Lima Parish in Ephrata, Father César Izquierdo has long championed the dignity of life, supporting new mothers and their babies, acknowledging the beautiful gift that each child is, and the need for community to help them grow well. Several from Father Cesar’s parish joined him in this endeavor by creating special “prayer blankets” to show families the love and care of Our Lord, as well as that of the St. Rose of Lima com-



Image of St. James enfolding mothers and babies into the protection of his mantle.

munity. While some are quilted, and others knitted or crocheted, they all share one essential thread: they are prayed for and blessed before being given to local babies and their mothers.

Recently, Parochial Vicar of St. Rose of Lima parish, Father Ruben Melendrez, found a beautiful picture of St. James, enfolding mothers and their children into the protection of his mantle. He created a homily around the Feast of St. James and shared that and the image with the parish.

Moved by the homily, PREPARES family companion, Cyle, created a lovely gift for a family she was companion-

ing. The parents had recently deliv their third daughter, after endurin heartbreaking miscarriages; one b each of their daughters was born. the mother, was greatly moved wh



Father Ruben Melendrez blessed a blanket for a young couple, assisted by Deacon Johnny Reyes.

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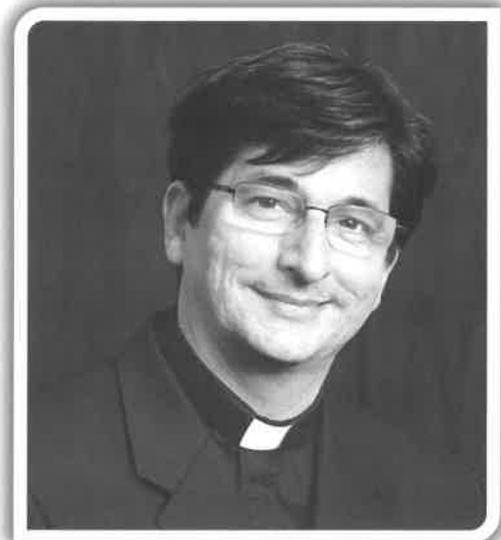
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moment of conception to
l's fifth birthday, PREPARES



Bishop Joseph Tyson

volunteers create a joyous pathway that goes around the political polarization and does not leave protection of the unborn to those in public life.

This may be a bit of a pivot but the joy of living the gospel is key if we want to evangelize and bring people to Church. That may be a bit of what's behind the comments of Father Dan Duffner in this month's *Central Washington Catholic*.

No one is attracted to a church or parish community that bickers and complains. No one wants to join a church focused only on the sins of the world and the problems we face. As Pope Francis reminded us so often,

it's through “attraction” and despite obstacles.

In a similar vein Pope Leo recently suggested that it is after the beheading of John the Baptist that Jesus begins His preaching. There is a lesson here. We cannot let bickering in our parish or in our family steal away our zeal for sharing Jesus – for sharing the Gospel. We cannot wait until the right political or social conditions exist to share the joy of the Gospel.

In one of his homilies, St John Chrysostom noted: “Though housed in a narrow prison, Paul dwelt in heaven.” A little further on he challenged his readers: “Reflect on what this means.”

Maybe we might follow the wise counsel of St John Chrysostom and do the same? I hope these articles inspire you live out the Faith, despite the challenges of daily life you will face experiencing and sharing the joy of the gospel. May we embrace the Lenten disciplines the Church provides us with joy, too!

With every best wish and blessing!

Yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Joseph J. Tyson
Bishop of Yakima

ta PREPARES Program Creates ‘Prayer Blankets’ For New Parents *Continued from page 1*

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these blessed blankets, it's like
pping baby Jesus with love,”
l Father Ruben.

Blankets symbolize hope,

tenderness, and the unwavering presence of God in life's most vulnerable moments, just as the PREPARES ministry does. The statewide 2026 “Open Your Heart” Collection for PREPARES will be February 7 and 8. PREPARES is our Church's promise to care for mothers and fathers from pregnancy to the child's fifth birthday. It is our way to celebrate the gift of life and make sure that no child – born or unborn – is abandoned or alone.

In 2025, PREPARES had been embraced by 197 parishes, with 1,070 volunteers trained by Catholic Charities staff and some 27,218 encounters with vulnerable parents and children.

To donate, visit here: <https://www.preparesforlife.org/support>.

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

Remember the Disciplines of the Lenten Season

Lent is the 40-day season of penance in preparation for the celebration of the greatest event in human history: the redemption of the human race by Jesus Christ. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18, and ends on Thursday, April 2, followed by the Sacred Triduum, April 2-4 and Easter Sunday, April 5.



The “substantial observance of these laws is a grave obligation” is:

Lenten Disciplines

“All Christians, by the nature of their lives, are obliged to live in a spirit of penance whereby our external acts of penance, self-denial and charity bear witness to the inner values of our Faith.”

The Church specifies certain acts of penance during the season of Lent:

1. Self-imposed observance of fasting on all weekdays of Lent is strongly recommended.
2. Catholics are obliged to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, February 18, and Good Friday, April 3.

3. The Fridays of Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.
4. Catholics age 14 and older are bound by the law of abstinence.
5. The law of abstinence forbids the eating of meat.
6. The law of fasting is obligatory for Catholics from the age of 18 through the age of 59.
7. The law of fasting prescribes that only one full meal be taken per day; the other meals, if needed, should be significantly smaller, but in accord with one’s health needs. Fasting assumes avoidance of food between meals.

1. Anyone who neglects all forms of penance, or deliberately shows contempt for the Church’s discipline, may be guilty of serious sin.
2. Occasional failure to observe penitential regulations is not seriously sinful.
3. Proportionately grave circumstances – sickness, needs, social obligations – excuse from the obligation of abstinence, but not from seeking out other forms of penance.



Please Help Our Youth!

Many young people don’t know the truth about abortion, euthanasia and other cultural risks.

We must teach them now, in *Students for Life*, BEFORE they are in heartbreaking situations!



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the more they stay the same.



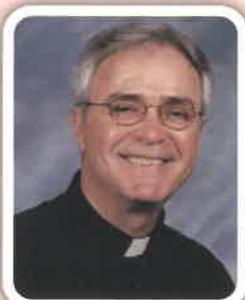
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Many Across the Diocese Stand Up For Life

From Yakima to the Tri-Cities and beyond, Catholics joined in January events to encourage respect for life from conception to natural death.



Father Robert Inman

Father Robert Inman, Senior Pastor, Dies in Irving, Texas

Father Robert Donald Inman, 84, senior priest of the Diocese of Dallas, died in Irving, Texas, on December 4.

Born in Amarillo, Texas, he graduated from Amarillo High School. He served in the U.S. Navy and was later in active duty where he served as a hospital corpsman for the Marines and was honorably discharged in 1964.

He married Elaine Perkins (née Perkins) in 1963 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The following year they welcomed a daughter, Marcie. In 1968, he married Monique Blommaert and welcomed a son, Nicholas in 1976 in Dallas, Texas.

His business career included work in the sectors of large equipment leasing, finance, and real estate resources. He was president and chief executive officer of Inman, Inman & Jayneway, Inc. and co-owner and partner of the Dallas-based law firm, Inman, Maclean & Gaddy.

In the late 1990s, he moved to Washington to attend Gonzaga University and complete his doctorate's degree. In 2001, he graduated from the University of St. Thomas in Houston, Texas with a doctorate in Divinity.

In 2003, he was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Yakima and served as associate pastor at Holy Family Church in Yakima. In 2004, he was appointed as pastor of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Waterville.

In 2007, Father moved back to Dallas to be close to his children and grandchildren.

His committal service with military honors at the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery was held on January 24. Those who honor him, consider a donation to the Sierra Club Foundation or a similar charitable organization.



Bishop Joseph Tyson was principal celebrant for the January 4 Masses for Life at St. Paul Cathedral.



A display for a reception following the 2025 Masses for Life highlighted the PREPARES program.



The Knights of Columbus from St. Joseph Church, Kennewick, organized a January 17 Walk for Life.



Participants in the Kennewick Walk for Life placed white crosses commemorating the lives lost to abortion.



An enthusiastic group turned out on January 17 for a Stand for Life along George Washington Way in Richland, sponsored by Tri-Cities Students for Life.



Representatives for Yakima Students for Life joined in the January 24 Walk for Life.



Members of St. Paul Cathedral Life Teen gathered in Millennium Plaza following the January 24 Yakima Walk for Life. Photo courtesy of Shawn Exner.



Knights of Columbus and others gathered before the Yakima Walk for Life, preparing to say the rosary and brave the cold.



A NOTE FROM SERRA CLUB OF THE TRI CITIES

"Blessed are they whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord. Blessed are they who observe His decrees, Who seek Him with all their heart." (from Psalm 119) You could teach others God's laws and decrees as a priest, permanent deacon, brother, or sister.

Discalced Carmelite Seculars



"Always remember to love your neighbor; always prefer the one who tries your patience, who tests your virtue, because with her you can always merit: suffering is Love; the Law is Love."
~Blessed Mary of Jesus Crucified, OCD

Is God calling you into deeper communion with Himself? Are you feeling drawn into deeper prayer? If you would like to find out more about the life and vocation of a Discalced Carmelite Secular call or email Wendy Nuxoll at 509-551-0013 or nuxoll4@charter.net.

World Youth Day 2027

Join us for an Information meeting for our World Youth Day 2027 Pilgrimage to Seoul, South Korea (with a side trip to Catholic Nagasaki in Japan) on Tuesday, February 17, at 7:00 pm at Dillon Hall. We'll go over trip details, fundraising opportunities, preparation timelines, and how we will journey together in faith toward this unforgettable experience.
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Ushers

Meeting with Fr. Jose Herrera
Tuesday, February 17, 2026
6:00 pm Small Church (English)

Ushers are needed to be the faces and smiles of Saint Joseph Parish. Some of their duties are to welcome parishioners to Mass, help people find seats, take up the collection, and distribute bulletins among other services. This ministry is open to all men and women. We encourage you to attend the upcoming meeting. If you are interested or have questions, contact the Parish Office.

The Parish Office will be closed for Presidents' Day
Monday, February 16, 2026

Invitation to Bilingual Mass for Vocations

Thursday, February 19,
5:30 pm in the Small Church

The Diocesan Office of Vocation and the Benton City Deanery warmly invite you to a bi-lingual Mass dedicated to vocations

Following the Mass, join us for our traditional Soup Night at Dillon Hall, where selected individuals will share their vocation journeys. Please remember to bring a pot of soup and some bread to share. We look forward to seeing you!

St. Joseph Parish SOUP NIGHT

Join us for our first night on February 19

Each night, you'll have the opportunity to listen to parishioners share their testimonies on vocations.

Soup served after Mass in Dillon Hall

February 19, 26 March 5, 12,

NOTE: Masses before Soup Suppers will be February 19, 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26 at 5:30 pm (bilingual) in the Small Church.

Free will donations will benefit St. Vincent De Paul and Mother Theresa Meal Ministry. Each night, Youth Group members, Quinceañeras, Confirmation students, and parents will volunteer to assist with setup, serve soups, and clean up.

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.

2/8 Bob and Tina Daily
3/1 Delma and David

With questions or to sign up, please contact Elizabeth Robas, 509-591-1339, or Irma Valdivia, 509-366-4422.

Dear Parish Family:

I am very behind in saying thank you and acknowledging your many cards, gifts, prayers, and edible goodies that so many provided to us, your priests, and to the Parish Staff this past Christmas season. Some of you chose to share your names, and others chose to remain anonymous in your giving. Please know that I am truly appreciative of your kindness and generosity. May God bless you for your loving and generous support.

Fr. Ricardo A. Villarreal, Parochial Vicar

March 1 marks the joyous occasion of Fr. Tian Melendez's BIRTHDAY. To extend your heartfelt wishes for a "Happy Birthday," please feel free to send or bring cards to the Parish Office.



Save the Date!

Pre-Easter Youth Retreat "SENT" - Matthew 28:19
Registration: Online registration opens this weekend, 2/14
Grades: 7th – 12th grade
Date: March 27, 28, & 29
Place: Dillon Hall

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Nancy at the Parish Office. All volunteers must complete a volunteer packet that includes a background check and safe environment training.

Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

February 20 and 27

Dillon Hall

Meal served from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm

Great Menu:



Deep Fried Fish, Clam Chowder, Baked Potatoes, Coleslaw, French Fries, Corn, Rolls, Hot and Cold Beverage
Adults \$15
Teens (13-17) \$13
Youth (5-12) \$11
Seniors (55 and over) \$13
Takeout Meals \$13



Join Our Community for the Consecration to St. Joseph, our Patron!

When?

- Friday, February 13
Introduction to the consecration, expectations, and instructions.
- Fridays, February 20, 27, March 6, 13:
Book discussions.
- Thursday, March 19:
Consecration Day, featuring a bi-lingual Mass.

At each gathering, both communities will unite in the Big Church to pray together during the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Time:

7:00 pm - after the Stations of the Cross

Where:

Big Church – English | Small Church – Spanish

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