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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

February 22, 2026  
1st Sunday of Lent

"It is written: 'The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.'" MATTHEW 4:10

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things and develop and nurture heavenly things. Lent is time to repent and let go of the other "gods" we have put before God.

### Collection for February 15, 2026

Sunday Offering	\$15,504.70
Building Fund	\$656.00
School Donations	\$1,317.00
Religious Education	\$778.62
Holy Day	\$104.00
St Vincent de Paul	\$100.00
First Offering	\$42.00
Youth Group	\$150.00
MTMM	\$25.00
Prepares	\$25.00
On-line Giving	\$2,713.30



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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, Zara Husan, Raquel Cardoza, Samuel Quintanilla, Pat McKie Szacik, Carmen Nava, Mike Draper, Peter Braun, Yolanda Quintero, Hazel Meister, Sandra Sckieryzynski, 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, Tucker Shaw, Dick Petersen, James Meyer, Miguel Garcia.

**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 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 23rd

6:30 am  
No intentions for this Mass  
8:30 am  
† James Meyers

### Tuesday, February 24th

6:30 am  
† Tim Mello  
8:30 am  
No intentions for this Mass

### Wednesday, February 25th

6:30 am  
No intentions for this Mass  
8:30 am  
No intentions for this Mass

### Thursday, February 26th

6:30 am  
No intentions for this Mass  
8:30 am  
No intentions for this Mass

### Friday, February 27th

6:30 am  
No intentions for this Mass  
8:30 am  
No intentions for this Mass

### Saturday, February 28th

8:30 am  
Dave Jr. & Katherine Williams (Healing)  
5:30 pm  
Lucia Sanchez (Healing)

7:00 pm  
† Asuncion Cervantes

† Raymundo Medina

† Socorro Campos

### Sunday, March 1st

9:00 am  
No intentions for this Mass  
11:00 am  
Lucia Sanchez (Healing)

Marcie Palmieri (Healing)

1:00 pm

† Esperanza Birrueta Munguia

† Juan Carlos Armenta Madrigal

† Humberto Armenta Madrigal

5:30 pm

All Souls in Purgatory

7:00 pm

† Andres Rios

† Eliodoro Flores Macias

† Herlinda Morales Aguilar

† Joser Vega Sanchez

## Stations of the Cross (All Fridays during Lent)

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



## LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

Thursday, March 12 @ 6:30 pm - Holy Spirit,  
7409 W Clearwater Ave, Kennewick

Monday, March 16 @ 6:30 pm - Sacred Heart,  
1905 Highland Dr., Prosser, WA 99350

Tuesday, March 17 @ 6:30 pm - Christ the King,  
1111 Stevens Dr., Richland, WA 99354

Friday, March 20 @ 6:30 pm - St. Francis Xavier Cabrini,  
1000 Horne Dr., Benton City, WA 99320

Thursday, March 26 @ 6:30 pm - St Joseph,  
520 S Garfield St. Kennewick

## Save the Date!

Pre-Easter Youth Retreat "SENT" - Matthew 28:19

**Registration:** Online registration now open

**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.



### A NOTE FROM SERRA CLUB OF THE TRI CITIES

"At that time, Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil...(from Matthew 4:1-11) Lent is a time when we give alms, pray, and fast. We resist temptations that we know are not good for us. As a priest, permanent deacon, brother, or sister you could help people determine how to please God.

### Discalced Carmelite Seculars



"Wisdom enters through love, silence, and mortification. It is great wisdom to know how to be silent and to look at neither the remarks, nor the deeds, nor the lives of others."  
~St. John of the Cross, OCD

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Wendy Nuxoll at 509-551-0013 or [nuxoll4@charter.net](mailto:nuxoll4@charter.net).

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.



### 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal Now Underway!

The Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) benefits the entire Diocese of Yakima by funding programs that exceed the capacity of individual parishes. If you have already contributed, thank you for your generosity! If you have not yet had the opportunity to donate, we encourage you to do so; every contribution, no matter the size, makes a significant impact. To date, we have received pledges totaling \$130,226 and payments amounting to \$82,784. Our goal is set at \$200,248. Donations can be made using the envelopes mailed to you, those available in the pews, online at [www.yakimadiocese.org](http://www.yakimadiocese.org), or by scanning the QR code. Thank you for your support, and may God bless you for your generosity!



### Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

**February 27 & March 13**

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  
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Youth (5-12)) \$11  
Seniors (55 and over) \$13  
Takeout Meals \$13  
Youth (5-17) \$11

Meals for Children 4 and under are free.



### St. Joseph Parish SOUP NIGHT Join us!

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

Soup served after Mass in Dillon Hall

February 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.

2/22 Joe & Pat Barajas  
3/1 Delma & David  
3/8 Lisa & Laura Lewis  
3/15 Paz & Maria Barraza

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

### Save the Date!

80's Murder Mystery Dinner Auction  
Proceeds will help send our youth to the Steubenville Youth Conference this summer.

Date: Saturday, April 25

Place: Dillon Hall

Tickets will go on sale soon.

Price:

Adults & Teens \$35.00 | Seniors (65+) \$25.00 | Children 5-12 yrs. \$10.00 | children under 4 free.

Sponsorship opportunities available: Bob Krebs 509-528-5702.

### St. Joseph Feast Day

Thursday, March 19 | Bilingual Mass | 6:00 PM | Big Church

After Mass, please join us for a potluck celebration at Dillon Hall. Bring a dish to enjoy and share with everyone. Dillon Hall will be open by 5pm for those who wish o drop off their dishes.

Last Names

A-M Main Dish

N-U Side Dish/ Salad

V-Z Desserts/ Drinks

If you would like to volunteer, please sign up by visiting the link <https://linktr.ee/youth06.stjoseph>

### 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 OCIA (Adults)

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

#### Confirmation OCIA (Adults)

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

#### Confirmation OCIC

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

#### First Communion

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

#### First Communion

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

### Lector Meeting with Father José Herrera

Date: Tuesday, February 24

Time: 6 PM

Location: Small Church



This Lent, our community will participate in CRS Rice Bowl—connecting our prayers, fasting and almsgiving to encounter God through our global family. We'll meet, pray for and learn from families in Ghana, Guatemala and Timor-Leste who are rising above the challenges of hunger and malnutrition. Pick up your rice bowl from the foyer near the baptismal font today. Then, visit [crsrice-bowl.org/join](http://crsrice-bowl.org/join) to share your Lenten prayer intentions.