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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 and 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.

## 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

"The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." 1 PETER 2:7 Every person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called "charisms" and they are used to build God's kingdom of earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms. If you know people who are struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charisms and how God is calling them to use them. Remember - no gift is too small or insignificant in God's salvation plan.

### Collection for April 26, 2026

Sunday Offering	\$20,562.92
Building Fund	\$1,363.00
School Donation	\$473.00
Religious Education	\$306.50
ACA	\$100.00
Holy Day	\$30.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$400.00
Catholic Home Mission	\$40.00
On-line Giving	\$4,510.39

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 them to you. 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, Cristina Garcia, Noah Szendre.

**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 Milkelsen, 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 Sclierczynski, 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:** *Geraldo Mercado*. 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 3 am, Saturday, 4 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** or, for Spanish, call Sandra at 509-802-8716.



"In no other action can the Savior be considered more tender or more loving than in this, in which He annihilates Himself, so to say, and reduces Himself to food, in order to penetrate our souls and to unite Himself to the hearts of His faithful." (St. Francis de Sales)

## 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, May 4

6:30 am  
 † Alma Miranda  
 † Poor Souls (fieles difuntos)  
 8:30 am  
 † Mary and Joseph Lysiak

#### Tuesday, May 5

6:30 am  
 † Fr. John Vogl  
 8:30 am  
 † Fr. John Vogl

#### Wednesday, May 6

6:30 am  
 Avon Contreras (Birthday)  
 8:30 am  
 Mike and Claire Warner  
 (Anniversary)

#### Thursday, May 7

6:30 am  
 No Intentions for this Mass  
 8:30 am  
 † John M. Gamino

7:00 pm  
 No Intentions for this Mass

#### Friday, May 8

6:30 am  
 Rita Magnaghi (Healing)  
 8:30 am  
 † Rosemary Smith

#### Saturday, May 9

8:30 am  
 † Sal and Laurie Pennella  
 5:30 pm  
 World Youth Day Pilgrims  
 † Fr. John Vogl

#### Sunday, May 10

7:00 pm  
 † Chema Cruz  
 9:00 am  
 † Felisa Magana  
 11:00 am  
 John Delaney  
 1:00 pm  
 St. Joseph Youth Group  
 † Fidelina Segura  
 † Sergio Donato Tijerina  
 5:30 pm  
 No Intentions for this Mass  
 7:00 pm  
 No Intentions for this Mass



Scan QR code to request online!

## Congratulations on your First Holy Communion!



Heartfelt congratulations to the members of our parish family who received sacraments this past weekends and to those who will be receiving theirs this weekend! We are grateful for your dedication in preparing to embrace these gifts of the Church, and we eagerly anticipate continued fellowship at the Eucharistic table with you.



Mother's Day Mass intention cards are now available in the foyer. Return completed envelopes so we can pray for our mothers during the month of May.



### RECONCILIATION TIMES

Thursday: 6 pm-7 pm Small Church  
 Saturday: 3:30 pm—5:30 Big Church

## 2026 Annual Catholic Appeal Is 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 \$104,570. Our goal is set at \$200,248. Donations can be made using the envelopes mailed to you, those available in the pews, on-line 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!





CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CHILDREN OF OUR PARISH WHO ARE  
CELEBRATING THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ON SATURDAY, MAY 2,  
2026. MAY EACH OF OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS DRAW EVER  
CLOSER TO JESUS, THE BREAD OF LIFE, AND ALWAYS LIVE AS A  
CHILD OF GOD.

**Religious Ed Class- Grade 2-3**

*Samuel Ahmann  
Genevieve Barr  
Leona Maria Del Rio  
Declan Eldrige  
Onofre Garcia  
Cristiano Huerta  
Catherine Maran  
Thiago Ochoa  
Gabriel Plummer  
Iris Strong  
Nicole Villegas (6/13)  
Cressida Elias  
Marcos C. Gonzalez  
Mia Guzman-Cardenas (4/25)  
Nicolas Lopez  
Colton Machado  
Emiliano Martinez Guizar  
Daniela Mendoza  
Antonio 999 Mercado  
Madeleina Peterson  
Olivia Sawadogo  
Sophia Sessions  
Ava Thompson*

**SJS Class- Grade 2**

*Joshuaa Caballero  
Cora Carver  
Katherine Copado Escobar  
Grace Denise (4/26)  
Astrid Echaiz  
Camila Garcia  
Evelyn Kinder  
Albert Kintner  
Carmen Marquina  
Isabella Mendoza Torres  
Nathaniel Osorio  
Davian Parra  
Peter Hal Parsons  
Aleah Quiñonez  
Rosalinda Romero*

**Religious Ed Class - Grades 4-6**

*Arianna Angeles  
Ariana Calderon  
Salvador Estrada  
Yahir Amezcua  
Damian Barraza  
Julian Franco  
Alberto Hernandez, Jr.  
Jose Lopez  
Hailey Partida  
Bella Ramirez-Medrano*

**SJS Classes - Grade 6-8**

*Malayajo Acevedo  
Walter Ang  
William Atwell  
Religious Ed Class - Grade 9-11  
Annalisa Caballero  
Guadalupe Correa  
Avery Latendresse  
Joseph Martinez  
Natali Miramontes  
Rolando Nila  
Jade Ramirez-Medrano  
Victoria Baca  
Ignacio Briseno  
Noah Cervantes  
Fernanda Farias  
Ximena Farias  
Dominick Lopez  
Jaciel G. Lopez  
Elizabeth C. Lopez  
Alysa Mejia  
Isairis Mejia  
Jayden Perez  
Jose Ramirez  
Naralbyn Sanchez  
Ivan Sawadogo*

PLEASE KEEP ALL OF OUR STUDENTS IN YOUR THOUGHTS  
AND PRAYERS.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ADULTS OF OUR PARISH WHO CELEBRATED THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION . MAY EACH OF OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS DRAW EVER CLOSER TO JESUS, THE BREAD OF LIFE, AND ALWAYS LIVE AS A CHILD OF GOD.

OCIA

- Leo DuBuis
- Travis Rybarski
- Viridiana Castaneda
- Loren Dean
- Kelsie Kelly
- Julie Mendez
- Abraham Noriega
- Marley Noriega
- Mercedes Olivera
- Raquel Prado
- Mary Riojas
- Gerardo Solorio
- Jasmin Valencia
- Maria Vega

Please keep all of our Candidates in your thoughts and prayers.

PALANCA LETTERS REQUESTED FOR OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES!



THE YAKIMA DIOCESE JUBILEE CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION AT THE HAPO CENTER IN PASCO SATURDAY MAY 23RD, 2026

St. Joseph's Parish has 115 students preparing to be confirmed on May 23rd! We would like to offer these students, who have worked hard for two years preparing for this Sacrament, some encouragement & prayer support by collecting PALANCA LETTERS to give them when we meet in mid-May for rehearsal & reflection.

The Spanish word "palanca" means a lever; a tool that is used to help lift something up! Palanca letters should do the same. They usually consists of a promise of prayer; words of encouragement; or the offering of a spiritual sacrifice to "lift up" the students who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. They can be brief, addressed to one student or copied for all; they can be anonymous or signed. We invite all of you to consider writing Palanca letters & dropping them off at the Parish Office.

We have two tables in the foyer of the Parish office with "Holy Spirit" bags marked with the names of each student who will be confirmed on May 23rd. Your letters can be placed in these bags. Office hours are M-F 9AM - 4PM, closed for lunch 12-1.

We ask that ONLY letters be left in the gift bags - please, no gifts other than Holy Cards or greeting cards. Gifts should be given directly to the person so that nothing is misplaced or lost.

We ask that your letters be delivered to the Parish office by May 12th.

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, MAY 25, 2026, IN OBSERVANCE OF MEMORIAL DAY.

Join Tri-Cities Prep for this fun, family-friendly musical based on the beloved Peanuts characters. Performances are May 15 at 7:00 PM, May 17 at 3:00 PM, May 21 & 22 at 7:00 PM, and May 23 at 3:00 PM. Tickets are \$15 for general admission, \$10 for students, and free for children 10 and under. Seating is limited, so advance purchase is recommended at [tcprep.org](http://tcprep.org).

STRENGTHENING THE CHURCH AT HOME

Thank you for your support for last week's Catholic Home Missions Appeal. If you missed the appeal, it's not too late to give you can conveniently give online by scanning the QR code. For more details, visit <https://www.usccb.org/home-missions>.



DANCE & SHINE

SATURDAY, MAY 9  
5.00 PM TO- MIDNIGHT

DILLON HALL  
820 SOUTH GARFIELD ST.  
KENNELWICK, WA

\$20  
ENTRANCE  
PER PERSON



Scan the QR code to purchase your tickets or stop by the Parish Office in person.



FEATURING

CONSIGNA ALTERADA  
LIVE MUSIC



canela cantina  
MOBILE BARTENDING



Proceeds from this event will support our pilgrims attending the World Youth Day in South Korea 2027.



"TAKE COURAGE!  
I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD."  
JOHN 16:33



## One Minute Meditations

### St. Rita of Cascia

Born in 1381 near Spoleto, Italy, St. Rita was known for her holiness and charity from a young age. She wanted to be a nun but was forced into marrying when she was twelve. Unfortunately, her husband was cruel and violent. After eighteen years, she was widowed. Following the deaths of her sons, she finally entered the convent, where she became known for her piety, kindness, and humility. She is the patron saint of impossible causes.

### "Come, Holy Spirit!"

On the Feast of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles and ignited their mission to baptize and preach. For this reason, Pentecost is considered the birthday of the Church. This same Spirit, who empowered twelve frightened men to travel, preach, baptize, and labor for the Kingdom of God, also comes to our aid in our struggle for holiness, even in our prayer (Romans 8:26). This month, keep with you this short yet powerful prayer: "Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love!"

*"Jesus answered him, 'If a man loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him'"* (John 14:23).

## Who is my neighbor?

This question matters. In the Two Greatest Commandments, Jesus calls us to love God and to love our neighbor as ourselves. But that raises a real, practical question: who is our neighbor? Our Lady offers a clear answer. Through her example, we begin to see that our neighbors include:

**Family:** Mary's first thought after the Annunciation was for her cousin Elizabeth. Despite the immense honor Mary had just received, she went in haste to serve Elizabeth. That sets the pattern. The first neighbors we're called to love are the ones closest to us: those in our own home and family.

**Friends:** Tradition holds that Mary and Jesus were close to the couple at the wedding in Cana. When the wine ran out, Mary didn't draw attention to herself. She noticed the need and acted, gently guiding things toward a solution. Loving our friends often looks the same—paying attention, stepping in quietly, and serving without needing

recognition.

**Those who suffer:** At the Cross, Jesus entrusted His mother to St. John. In that moment of deep loss, Mary and John were given to each other, able

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*"If you want to change the world, go home and love your family."*

*St. Teresa of Calcutta*

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to share a bond shaped by suffering. When someone in your life is hurting, that person is your neighbor. Who is carrying something heavy right now? How can you stand with them?

**Each person we meet:** As Queen of Heaven and Mother of the Church, Mary cares for all of us, especially through her prayers. To love God is to love those He loves—which means everyone. Sometimes the most meaningful act of love we can offer is also the simplest: to pray for them, asking that they come to know her Son more deeply.

## Why Do Catholics Do That?

### Why do Catholics call Mary our Mother?

Mary's role in salvation history is to lead people to her Son. As the Church teaches, "The Virgin Mary... is the mother of the members of Christ" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church* 963). Her motherhood extends to all who belong to Him. At the Cross, in the Gospel of John, Jesus says, "Behold

*your mother"* (John 19:27), entrusting Mary not only to St. John but to every disciple. From that moment, her care became personal. Because of her unique closeness to Jesus, she intercedes for us, always guiding us toward Him and helping us follow His will more faithfully.

## St. Joseph - the quiet strength behind May

Though May is traditionally dedicated to Mary, it fittingly begins with the feast of St. Joseph the Worker. The Church invites us to honor St. Joseph and entrust our lives to his care, just as Jesus did during His hidden life on earth.

**He protects.** St. Joseph safeguarded Mary when her pregnancy placed her at risk (Matthew 1:19) and led the Holy Family to safety in their flight from Herod (Matthew 2:14-15). We can place ourselves under that same protection—formally through consecration or simply through daily prayer—entrusting our families, homes, and

responsibilities to his care.

**He provides.** As a carpenter, St. Joseph faithfully provided for Jesus and Mary. Christians have long trusted in his continued help. St. Teresa of Ávila famously wrote that she never asked anything of him without receiving help. We can confidently bring him our needs, work, and concerns.

The saints became holy by being open to God's grace. In St. Joseph, we're given a quiet but steady guide—one who helps us, step by step, follow God more faithfully on the path to heaven.

### from **S**cripture

#### John 3:16-18, Jesus' sacrifice reveals God's love

"For God so loved the world..." When doubt sets in—when God seems distant or silent—the Church directs our attention to the Cross. In the Crucifix, we don't see a contradiction of God's love, but its clearest expression. Christ does not stand apart from human suffering; He enters into it. What looks like defeat becomes the place where divine mercy is most fully revealed—a love that holds nothing back.

"He sent His only begotten Son." Faced with suffering and evil, we naturally look for solutions we can measure and manage—strategies, systems, progress. God's response is not a method but a

gift: He gives Himself. Evil, which is a distortion or absence of the good, cannot ultimately be overcome by partial fixes. It yields only to perfect goodness, just as darkness gives way to light.

"That all who believe in Him might not perish but have eternal life." This life is not the destination but the path. Its trials, uncertainties, and even its sufferings are not meaningless when lived with Christ. If we remain close to Him—whether in darkness, in turmoil, or at the foot of the Cross—we are not off course. We are being led, step by step, toward the life that does not end.

### **Q** How can the Church & **A** be holy if her members aren't?

First, Jesus was aware of the failures within religious life. In the Gospel of Matthew, He strongly rebuked the Pharisees—the religious leaders of His time—for not practicing what they taught (Matthew 23:3). Among His own disciples, there were moments of division, betrayal, and abandonment (John 6:66). Yet the redemption He offers is not reserved for the perfect, but for all who place their faith in Him.

Second, the Church's holiness does not depend on the virtue of each individual member, but on the holiness of her Founder, Jesus Christ. A church building remains sacred even when its physical condition is imperfect because it is dedicated to God. In the same way, the Church, as the Mystical Body of Christ, remains holy even as her members continue to struggle and grow.

Third, history shows that God raises up saints precisely in times of difficulty. St. Athanasius, St. Catherine of Siena, and St. Thomas More each responded to periods of division and crisis with prayer, sacrifice, witness, and fidelity to the truth. Their example reminds us that holiness is always possible—and that we are called to live it, even now.

### Feasts & Celebrations

May 14 - The Ascension of the Lord. This solemnity marks the completion of Jesus' mission of salvation and His triumphant entry into Heaven.

*Note: In many dioceses, observance of Ascension has been moved to the following Sunday.*

May 14 - St. Matthias (1st century). When the Apostles met to choose Judas' successor, Peter said that the new Apostle must have followed Jesus from His Baptism to His Ascension and witnessed His Resurrection. St. Matthias was chosen by lots to fill Judas' place.

May 18 - Pope St. John I (526). Born in Tuscany, Italy, John was elected pope in 523 while still a deacon. During his

pontificate, he battled the Arian heresy, and worked to improve diplomatic relations with the East. He was the first pope to visit Constantinople, during which he restored peace with the Eastern Church yet raised political suspicions. Arrested by King Theodoric, St. John I died in prison.

May 25 - Mary, Mother of the Church (2018). On the Cross, Jesus gave us His mother to be our mother (John 19:27). Now in Heaven, she prays and cares for us as our spiritual mother until we are safely home with God. We can look to her motherly care with confidence since she always leads us to her Son by the shortest, safest, and fastest route. This memorial highlights one central truth: Mary is not only the Mother of Jesus, but the Mother of all who belong to Him—the Church.

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**Mustang Messenger**

**APRIL EDITION NOW LIVE!**

Scan the QR code to see what St. Joseph Catholic School has been up to and please sign up to receive future editions to your email!



**Our April Mustang Messenger Newsletter is HERE!**

Catch up on all the exciting things happening at St. Joseph Catholic School. From Student achievements to upcoming events and all the ways our community is growing together. Check out our April & others see what we've been up to!

**<https://www.sjske.org/alumniandfriends>**

Don't forget to subscribe so you never miss a future issue.



## St. Joseph Montessori Preschool

# Flower Sale

Thank you to everyone who ordered flowers from this year's sale!

Pickup Days will be on  
**Thurs. May 7th 9am-5pm & Fri. May 8th 7:45am-12pm**  
 at Dillon Hall

Missed the 3/20 presale date? We will have a limited amount of extra flowers available for purchase during pickup on the May 7th & 8th in Dillon Hall - first come first served, while supplies last.



**JUST IN TIME FOR MOTHER'S DAY!**



**\$10 for 1 ticket**



**ST. JOSEPH LEGACY**  
— GOLF TOURNAMENT —  
Benefitting St. Joseph Catholic School

**50/50**

**RAFFLE  
CONTEST**



**SATURDAY, MAY 16TH, 2026**

**50/50 RAFFLE TICKETS FOR SALE AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE!**

**YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE PRESENT TO WIN**

**WINNER ANNOUNCED AT THE GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**PROCEEDS RAISED FROM THIS TOURNAMENT WILL GO TOWARDS SAFETY &  
SECURITY UPGRADES FOR OUR SCHOOL!**

**PURCHASE PICK UP YOUR TICKETS AT  
THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY FRI 5/15 AT 12PM**



**ST. JOSEPH LEGACY**  
— GOLF TOURNAMENT —  
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**FIRST PLACE TEAM  
WINS \$1,000**



**TOURNAMENT HIGHLIGHTS**

- 4-Person Best Ball Scramble**
- Hole-in-One Contest**
- Longest Drive**
- Closest to the Pin**
- 50/50 Raffle & More**
- Dinner, Tournament Prizes &  
Raffles**

**SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE**

**Saturday, May 16, 2026**

**Zintel Creek Golf Club  
2pm Shotgun Start**

**\$700 - TEAM OF 4**

**LAST DAY TO REGISTER A TEAM IS MAY 2ND**

**Limited to 30 Teams**

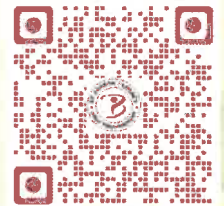
**Legacy Spotlight**

*In Honor of*

**Father Richard Sedlacek**  
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"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me." (from John 14: 1-6) You should manifest that you are a disciple by leading others to Christ. You could do that as a priest, permanent deacon, brother, or sister.



**Discalced Carmelite Seculars**

Who are the Discalced Carmelite Seculars and what do we do? We are lay men and women (married, single, with and without kids) who undergo a six year period of formation and then make public promises to belong to the Discalced Carmelite Order. (Think of St. Therese, St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross, St. Edith Stein, and more.) In addition to daily mental prayer, Liturgy of the Hours, Mass (all as we are able to within family life), we also commit to a monthly formation meeting, an annual silent retreat, and we fast on the eves of Carmelite solemnities. More than just a prayer group with big scapulars, this group is a commitment of life within a supportive community, all seeking Christ with passion and fidelity. If you're ready to take your spiritual life to the next level, or simply curious, join us for the **Discalced Carmelite Seculars Open House on Saturday, May 16** for the 8:30am Mass in the **Small Church** and informational brunch to follow in the parish annex. For more information, call or email Wendy Nuxoll at 509-551-0013 or [nuxoll4@charter.net](mailto:nuxoll4@charter.net)

**Sacrament Reception 2026**

**Yakima Jubilee Confirmations**

Saturday, May 23, 2026

- Noon, HAPO Center, Pasco (Bi-lingual)

**(PLEASE NOTE THAT CONFESSIONS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE ON THAT DAY DUE TO SCHEDULED CONFIRMATIONS)**



**SAVE THE DATE**

Parish Mission, October 5-10, 2026,  
St. Joseph's Parish, Kennewick, WA:

"To Live as a Favorite Son/Daughter of God and  
No Longer as an Orphan"

Dynamic retreat master Father Philip Scott, F.J. is coming to St. Joseph's Parish to give a parish mission from October 5 -10, 2026! Monday through Wednesday will be in English, and Thursday through Saturday will be in Spanish. There will also be a talk in English each morning after the 8:30 am Mass on the theme, "God ALONE suffices."

Father Philip is the founder of the Family of Jesus religious community based in Peru. Father Philip gives retreats and missions all around the world. His special ministry is to help with the healing of mother and father wounds so that we may become whole and so we may be drawn into deeper intimacy with God. Fr. Philip has been featured on EWTN's Women of Grace with Johnette Williams and EWTN's Nuestra Fe En Vivo with Pepe Alonso. My husband and I have attended four of his retreats, and they are healing and life changing! Mark your calendars!

Family of Jesus website: <https://familiadejesusperu.org/>  
For more information, please contact Wendy Nuxoll at 509-551-0013 or [nuxoll4@charter.net](mailto:nuxoll4@charter.net).



**VIRTUS Safe Environment Training**

**Attention all adult volunteers:** If you are currently working with, or plan to work with, minors or vulnerable adults in our parish, it is mandatory to complete VIRTUS Safe Environment Training before commencing

your ministry. Additionally, if you completed the training more than six years ago, it's time to update your skills through a new and revised session to stay in line with diocesan policies.

Deacon Ken Ellis will be hosting a VIRTUS training session at **2:00 p.m. on Monday, May 18**, in PCC room 5 at **Holy Spirit**. To participate, create an online VIRTUS account and register at [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org).

For further information, please contact Deacon Ken at 509-948-4355 or Holy Spirit at 509-735-8558.

**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.

5/3	Gabe Esqueda
5/10	Tom and Pat St. Hilaire
5/17	Maria Rodriguez

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



**2026-2027**

**Continuing Formation and  
Sacramental Preparation**

Registrations open in May  
For more information, contact our  
Religious Education Coordinators

For English Classes: Nancy Murray at 509-586-3820 Ext. 107  
[rel.ed.wed@stjoseph-kennewick.org](mailto:rel.ed.wed@stjoseph-kennewick.org)

For Spanish Classes: Maria Rodriguez 509-586-3820 Ext. 105  
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Our regular Religious Education classes Have concluded for this school year! We extend our heartfelt gratitude to each of you for being a part of our Religious Education program! Your presence with your children, unwavering faith, and generous support have truly blessed us!



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Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card to the church. For

those parishioners who have not yet had the opportunity to submit their card, a letter will be mailed to you with a personalized Commitment Card. Each and every one of you is a vital member of our parish community and we want to hear from you! This is an opportunity to **reflect upon and renew** your sacrificial commitment to support the mission of St. Joseph Parish. If completing your Commitment Card was not possible at Mass, you can still complete and mail your card directly to the church. If you didn't receive a brochure last week, feel free to pick up a Commitment Card from the foyer, online by scanning the QR code or visit our parish website at <http://www.stjoseph-kennewick.org> to complete yours today. Our goal is 100% participation! Thank you for your generosity and support.



**Pilgrimage to Poland, the Czech Republic, Austria, and Hungary with Fr. Tian Melendez**

**When:** October 19-31, 2026  
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**INFORMATIONAL MEETING  
Tuesday, May 5 | 7:00 pm**

**Parish Office** Conference Room or **Via Zoom**  
**Meeting ID:** 874 1433 7072 | **Access Code:** 12345  
Get a copy of the Diary of the Divine Mercy of St. Faustina

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