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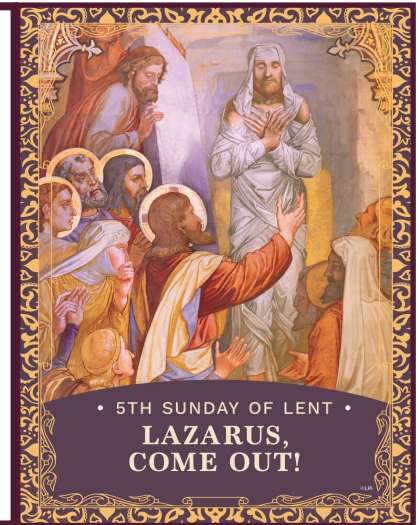
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Parish Staff:

Secretary	Debbie Forgette	735-8558
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Parish Community Center (PCC) Coordinator	Presently Unstaffed	

Faith Formation:

Pre-school to 5th Grade	Karen Gorham	735-8558
6th to 8th Grades/Edge	Danielle May	528-9780
9th to 12th Grades/Life Teen	Jennifer Moore	492-6209
	& Joe Bliss	216-402-3118
	email: lifeteenhs@gmail.com	
Confirmation	Deacon Mike & Carol Gaulke	551-7626
Order of Christian Initiation of Adults	Joe & Sherry Schroeder	405-2242

Ministers of Music:

4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass	Julianne Barnaby	735-2163
9:30 a.m. Mass	Paula Bachelor	375-9019
5:00 p.m. Mass	Perry Kelly	735-8558
Children's Choir	Presently Unstaffed	735-8558

Ministries of Worship:

Scheduler for Liturgical Ministers	Trish Feeney	551-0486
Eucharistic Adoration	Liz Friedrich	783-6223
Prayer Line	Adele Ogryzek	627-0201
Altar Server Training	Zack Rinderer	582-2543

Parish Ministries:

Mary Martha Prayer Group	Camille Henneberry	735-4858
Welcoming Committee	Jan Beardemphl	948-3367
PCC Nursery	Wynona Vaz	222-8982
Ministry to Sick and Shut-Ins	Deacon Eric Shaber & Charlotte Shaber	208-521-7846
Bible Study	Judy Turner	438-7938
Women's Group	Linda Rego	221-1130
Elizabeth Ministry	Catherine Maier	771-2372
Weekend Mass Refreshments	Judy Urrutia	438-5039

Councils and Committees:

Parish Council	Jim Carey	627-0321
Finance Council	Bob Baemmert	531-2085
Stewardship	Lenice & Pat Nagle	582-6893
Evangelization	Rob Privette	438-1222
Voice of the Spirit	Dieter Bohrmann	987-3158
Parish Library	Ann Stevens	396-2723

Charter Organizations:

Catholic Daughters	Linda Garner	627-2748
Knights of Columbus	Peter Dreisbach	205-2377
St. Vincent de Paul	Message Line	591-0632
American Heritage Girls	Erin Leistriz	406-579-1891

Natural Family Planning:

Carol Gaulke	619-5464
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MARCH 22, 2026

Weekend Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Weekday Masses:

Monday: 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday, March 24: 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday: 9:00 a.m.
Thursday: 12:15 p.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Tuesday, March 24: No Reconciliation
Sunday: 3:00 - 4:15 p.m.

Please visit our Holy Spirit Facebook page to join livestream events:

<https://www.facebook.com/HolySpiritParishCommunity>

Office Hours: Monday through Friday

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

The Sacrament of Baptism

Babies and young children are usually baptized during Mass on Saturday or Sunday, or on Saturday at 12:00 p.m. Call the parish office for a list of upcoming Baptism dates and to receive registration information for pre-Baptism classes. (735-8558)



On Being Married at Holy Spirit ...

Engaged couples who wish to be married at Holy Spirit Parish are asked to contact the parish office at least nine months prior to their desired wedding date. The couple and the priest will then meet to begin the Marriage preparation program. (735-8558)

Deaths

What should I do when there is a death in my family? Please call the parish office and speak with the office staff and the pastor before making arrangements with the funeral home, to ensure that the church is available at the desired date and time. (735-8558)

Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 22, 2026
Calendar for the Week: (Note: PCC = Parish Community Center)

Sunday, March 22:
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Mass in the church at 9:30 a.m. Mass is also livestreamed on [Holy Spirit Facebook page](#).

First Communion Retreat, PCC hall and rooms 5 and 7 and church, 1:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation, PCC room 9, 3:00 - 4:15 p.m.

Mass in the church at 5:00 p.m.

Edge (Middle School), PCC rooms 5 and 6/8, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Life Teen (High School), PCC hall, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.



Monday, March 23:
Lenten Weekday
Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

Mass in the church at 9:00 a.m. Mass is also livestreamed on [Holy Spirit Facebook page](#).

Knotty Ladies, PCC room 3, 10:00 a.m.

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA), PCC room 7, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 24:
Lenten Weekday
Saint Oscar Romero, Bishop and Martyr

Mass in the church at 9:00 a.m. Mass is also livestreamed on [Holy Spirit Facebook page](#).

Holy Spirit Mommy and Me, PCC nursery, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Religious Education, pre-school to fifth grade, 4:00 - 5:15 p.m.

No Sacrament of Reconciliation

Knights of Columbus Council 10653, PCC room 9, 7:00 p.m.

Chrism Mass, St. Paul Cathedral in Yakima, 7:00 p.m.

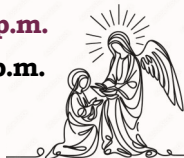
Wednesday, March 25:
The Annunciation of the Lord

Mass in the church at 9:00 a.m. Mass is also livestreamed on [Holy Spirit Facebook page](#).

Mary Martha Prayer Group, PCC room 5, 1:30 p.m.

Lenten Soup Supper, PCC Hall, 6:00 p.m.

Amazing Grace Choir, church, 7:00 p.m.



Thursday, March 26:
Lenten Weekday

Rite of Distributing Holy Communion Outside Mass with the Celebration of the Word of God in the church at 12:15 p.m.

Lenten Penance Service, St. Joseph Church in Kennewick, 6:30 p.m.

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA), PCC room 7, 7:00 p.m.

Celebration Choir, church, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 27:
Lenten Weekday

Mass in the church at 9:00 a.m. Mass is also livestreamed on [Holy Spirit Facebook page](#).

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 9:45 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., in the vestibule. Concludes with *Prayers for Priestly Vocations* and *Prayers for Peace* at 5:00 p.m. and the *Rite of Benediction* at 5:15 p.m. in the church.

Stations of the Cross, 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 28:
Lenten Weekday

Sunday Vigil Mass in the church at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 29:
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

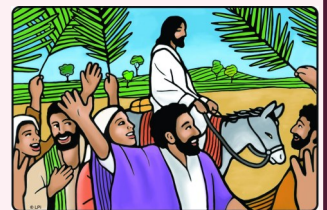
Mass in the church at 9:30 a.m. Mass is also livestreamed on [Holy Spirit Facebook page](#).

Sacrament of Reconciliation, PCC room 9, 3:00 - 4:15 p.m.

Mass in the church at 5:00 p.m.

No Edge

No Life Teen



FINAL LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE 2026

Thursday, March 26, 6:30 p.m. St. Joseph Church 520 S. Garfield Street, Kennewick



This is the last Area Penance Service of the Lenten Season. Please DO NOT WAIT ANY LONGER to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation if you plan on doing so before Easter. There will NOT be Confessions on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, or Easter Sunday.

CRS RICE BOWL

Embracing God's Love, United in Generosity



God created man and woman in his image, reminding us that every person is sacred and reflects God's love. Each of us has a purpose, woven into God's plan. Our support of CRS Rice Bowl provides hope and opportunity to families around the world. Let's reflect on how our prayers, fasting, and almsgiving can help our sisters and brothers fulfill their potential. Visit crsricebowl.org/week-5 to read this week's Story of Hope.

As we continue our Lenten journey, let us reflect on these Stories of Hope and consider where we fit into their broader story. Do we see the face of Christ in others? What keeps us from recognizing others as God's children? How can we respond with love?

Eating a simple meal during Lent helps us reflect on the hunger that many people face worldwide. Experience the culture of our sisters and brothers by using Lenten recipes from around the world for your meatless meals. Find these recipes at www.crsricebowl.org/recipes.

Consider donating the money you save by abstaining from meat and eating a simple meal to your Rice Bowl to help our global family overcome hunger. Find CRS rice bowls and donation envelopes in the vestibule below the CRS poster.



All are welcome to attend the **Annual Chrism Mass on Tuesday, March 24, 7:00 p.m.** at St. Paul Cathedral in Yakima. During the Mass, the Sacred Oils are consecrated and blessed for use in the celebration of the sacraments in our local parishes, and our priests renew their promise to serve the people of the Diocese of Yakima.

Please pray for our clergy, that they may remain faithful to their promises of ordination.

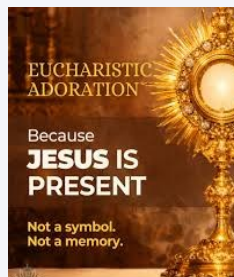


Final Lenten Soup Supper



Join us for the final Lenten **Soup Supper** in the PCC hall at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 25th. Rolls will be provided, and you are welcome to bring bread, crackers, or saltines to share at your table.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Lent is a time to grow in your relationship with Jesus, who is truly present—body, blood, soul and divinity—in the Blessed Sacrament. Spend time with Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration on Friday, March 27th in the vestibule from 9:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m., when Benediction is celebrated in the church. Please note: Eucharistic Adoration will NOT be held on Good Friday, April 3rd.



The Knotty Ladies Rosary Makers will meet Monday, March 23, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. in PCC room 3. Please join us if you would like to learn how to make rosaries. Call or text Mary De Pauw at 509-440-1256 for more information.



Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, March 27 and at 3:00 p.m. on Good Friday, April 3rd.

Pontifical Good Friday Collection

April 3
2026



BUILDING HOPE AND A FUTURE IN THE HOLY LAND

YOUR CONTRIBUTION HELPS TO PROVIDE

288 FRIARS IN 11 COUNTRIES
65 SANCTUARIES AND 24 PARISHES
6 GUEST HOUSES FOR PILGRIMS
540 UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS
64 FRIARS PREPARING FOR THE PRIESTHOOD
18 SCHOOLS WITH MORE THAN 10,000 STUDENTS
28 YOUTH SERVED BY BETHLEHEM BOYS' HOME
+1000 HOUSING UNITS FOR LOW-INCOME FAMILIES
1,050 EMPLOYEES

AND HOPE TO OUR CHRISTIAN BROTHERS
AND SISTERS IN THE HOLY LAND

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Pope Leo encourages all parishes to support the **Pontifical Good Friday Collection**, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they comprise less than 2% of the population. Your support helps the Church minister in parishes and Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the places of pilgrimage and the sacred shrines in Israel and Palestine. Wars, unrest and recent political instability have been especially hard on the Christians of the Middle East. Additionally, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

An offering basket for this collection will be placed on the table near the holy water font on Good Friday, both at the Stations of the Cross and at the Evening Liturgy.

Please be generous! It is vital that we support Christians living in the Holy Land, in order to maintain a Christian presence in the very land made holy by the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. For more information about the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, visit <https://myfranciscan.org/good-friday-2026/>.



AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS
FAITH | SERVICE | FUN



American Heritage Girls Troop WA3121 will be in the vestibule after all Masses this weekend to sell Béquet Caramels. One bite and you'll understand why customers call these caramels *the best they've ever tasted*. Assorted sizes and flavors available just in time for your Easter baskets! Fifty percent of the candy sale price supports our troop members in their troop activities.



Roah Iris Hoss and Hemming Alder Hoss, children of Darby and Kali Jo Hoss, were baptized at Holy Spirit on March 14th.

May God's blessings of peace and joy be with them and protect them all of their days.



Church Mission Congress 2026 – Save the Date!
Saturday, October 10, 2026



This year marks 75 years of faith, service, and evangelization in the Diocese of Yakima. This year the theme of the Congress is *Youth with a Mission: A 75-Year Legacy for the Diocese of Yakima*.

The AARP Tax-Aide Program provides free tax preparation for anyone who needs it through April 15, 2026. Locations include the Kennewick Public Library, the Keewaydin Park Public Library, the Richland Community Center, Pasco City Hall, and the Pasco Public Library. To schedule an appointment call 509-542-7960 or schedule an appointment online at aarpfoundation.org/taxaide.

Bring government issued photo IDs and Social Security cards for every person that will be on the return. Also, please bring ALL of your 2025 tax year paperwork and prior years' tax returns.

Following the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Easter morning, there will be an **Easter Egg Hunt** on the field next to the Parish Community Center. All children 10 and under are invited to participate and should meet on the field after Mass. We'll get started at 10:00 a.m. If you forget your basket, bags will be available. Parents can enjoy coffee and cookies as well. Hoping to see you there!



40 DAYS FOR LIFE DAILY PRAYER VIGIL
7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. each day through March 29, 2026

Participants are asked to spend a few hours each week, peacefully and lawfully praying to defend the innocent lives of the unborn in the public right of way outside of Planned Parenthood at 7426 West Bonnie Place in Kennewick. Participants must not attempt to block access to Planned Parenthood. Pro-life signs are available at Hope Medical, just south of Planned Parenthood.

Alternatively, if you are not able to join the vigil on-site, we would greatly appreciate your prayers from home.



For more information, please visit <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/>.



Blessed palms from prior years may be placed in the green box on the table in the vestibule. We will collect them through Wednesday, April 1.

Holy Spirit Catholic Church
Parish Mission
"A Pilgrimage of Love"
Rev. R. Tony Ricard
April 20-21, 2026

Monday, 6:30PM
"What's Love Got to Do with It?"

Tuesday, 6:30PM
"Don't Be Stupid! Lessons You Should Already Know!"



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS
All dates are tentative

Monday	March 23	Russell Myjak RIP
Tuesday	March 24, 9:00 a.m.	Matthew Ziegler
Wednesday	March 25	Jerry E. Vakoc RIP
Friday	March 27	Mary Jane Royack RIP
Saturday	March 28, 4:00 p.m.	Denise Renz RIP

The Sunday morning Mass is normally offered for the people of the parish.

To have your need added to our parish prayer phone chain, please call Adele Ogrzyzek at 627-0201.
To have your need added to the list which is published in the bulletin once each month, please call the parish office.

STEWARDSHIP: When Jesus heard about the illness of His friend, Lazarus, He responded, "This illness is not to end in death; rather it is for God's glory, that through it the Son of God may be glorified." Every aspect of our lives—our gifts as well as our sufferings—can, if surrendered to Christ, lead to blessing for others and ourselves.

February 15: \$19,175.71 Recorded givers: 93

Thanks for your giving of time, talent, and treasure.

For online giving, visit:
<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/holy7409270>

Thank you for maintaining your financial support of our parish as you are able. If you'd prefer to mail an offering, please send it to **Parish of the Holy Spirit, 7411 W. Clearwater Ave., Ste. E, Kennewick, WA 99336**. If you are currently using offering envelopes and would like to switch to online giving (or bill-payer from your bank), please call the parish office so we can discontinue your envelope mailings with our printing service. Thank you.

A Note From the St. Serra Club of Tri Cities



"Jesus said to her (Martha) 'Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?'" (from John 11: 40) Do you believe that Christ may be calling you to see the glory of the Blessed Trinity through a vocation as a priest, permanent deacon, brother, monk or nun?



All are invited to a workshop on **Marriage and Annulments** on Monday, March 23rd at 7:00 p.m. This information meeting with Msgr. Tom Champoux, in the multi-purpose room of Christ the King Catholic Church in Richland, is hosted by the Catholics Coming Home program. Open to all adults. Questions? Call or email Meggin Sanner at 541-571-8402 or ckadultr@gmail.com.

THE FINAL DAYS OF THE SEASON OF LENT

This year Lent ends at sundown on Thursday, April 2. This is followed by the Sacred Triduum, April 2-4, and Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, April 5.



LITURGICAL AND DEVOTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES DURING HOLY WEEK AT THE PARISH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Daily Masses Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week (March 30-April 1):

Monday and Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

Stations of the Cross: Good Friday, April 3 at 3:00 p.m.

THE SACRED TRIDUUM AT THE PARISH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

Holy Thursday *Mass of the Lord's Supper:* Thursday, April 2, 6:00 p.m.

Good Friday *Liturgy of the Lord's Passion:* Friday, April 3, 6:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday *Easter Vigil Mass:* Saturday, April 4, 8:15 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES: Sunday, April 5, 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
(There will be no Confessions or evening Mass on Easter Sunday.)

DISCIPLINES FOR GOOD FRIDAY:

Depending on one's age and health circumstances, Catholics are obliged to fast and abstain from eating meat on Good Friday, April 3.

Catholics age 14 and older are bound by the law of abstinence (from eating meat).

The law of fasting is obligatory for Catholics from age 18 to age 59.

The law of fasting prescribes that only one full meal be taken per day; the other meals should be significantly smaller, but in accord with one's health needs. Fasting assumes the avoidance of snacks between meals.



I Am the Resurrection

ANN M. GARRIDO

The prophets before Jesus had long spoken of God’s dreams for our world. In seasons of darkness and despair, they would offer snapshots of hope for what it would be like in the “kingdom of God.” Those who were blind would see. Those unable to walk would dance. Those imprisoned would be free. And those who had died would be raised to life again.

In today’s gospel, we hear that Martha shared in the prophets’ hope. When Jesus tells her that her brother Lazarus will rise, she replies, “I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day.” In other words, Martha believes in the coming “kingdom of God.” But then, Jesus stuns her with his response: “I am the resurrection and the life.” That is, “I am the kingdom of God.”

Origen of Alexandria—a third-century theologian—spoke of Jesus as the *autobasileia*. The term comes from two Greek words: *auto*, meaning “self,” and *basileia*, meaning “kingdom.” It was his way of expressing that Jesus was the fulfillment of all that the prophets had preached. He was all of God’s dreams for us manifest, not as had been anticipated in a future time, but in a living person.

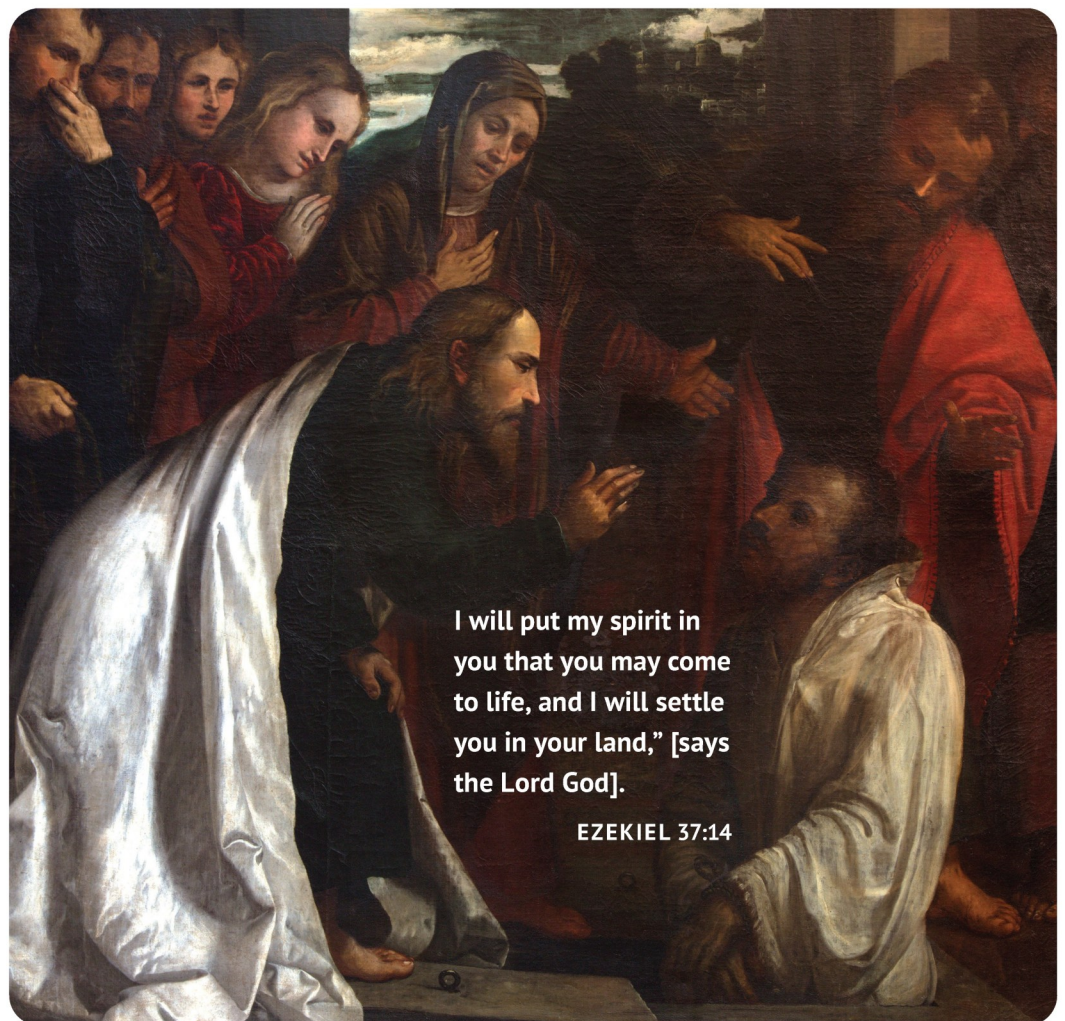
We still wait for God’s dreams to be realized on a global scale, but, like Martha, we have seen what that realization will look like already in our experience of Jesus. With Martha, we can confess that he is “the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world.” ●

Reflect

Where do I see signs or snapshots of the kingdom of God?



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AUTHORS OF
OUR PARISH
COMMUNITY



I will put my spirit in you that you may come to life, and I will settle you in your land,” [says the Lord God].

EZEKIEL 37:14



Our Growing Brotherhood

The heart of our brotherhood: growing together in faith

In 2022, we launched *Cor*, a major initiative to reemphasize the crucial role of faith formation in our brotherhood. Latin for heart, *Cor* exists to form and strengthen Catholic men in faith and virtue by drawing them into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ through prayer, formation and fraternity.

Men are hungry for such opportunities. In two years, more than **5,000 councils have already implemented, or are planning to start *Cor*.**

Fraternal Benefits

As a concrete way to bring Father McGivney's vision to life, we offer fraternal benefits to every Knight of Columbus. **At no additional cost, all members and their spouses are eligible for an accidental death benefit, regardless of whether they've purchased an insurance policy through the Knights.** This year, Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly announced an increase to fraternal benefits, providing families with continued support when they need it most. Other benefits for insured members include:

Family Fraternal Benefit: Offers guaranteed-issue insurability to children under age 18, regardless of medical conditions, and offers an automatic death benefit for children who die before age 61 days

Orphan Fraternal Benefit: Provides monthly benefits and college scholarships to eligible orphans

Widow Benefit: Allows spouses of deceased insured members access to the entire Knights of Columbus suite of insurance products, including long-term care policies, disability income insurance and retirement annuities

All of the eligibility provisions of the Order's programs of fraternal benefits are not included. Terms and conditions apply.



Our Growing Brotherhood



In fraternal year 2024–2025

≈2.2 million
total members

96,000+
new members

\$149 million+
donated to those in
need by local and state
councils

48 million
volunteer hours

With nearly **17,000 active councils** in **17 countries**, Knights put their faith into action every day. **Tens of thousands of Catholic men** joined our ranks last year, inspired by the witness of Knights in their parish and community.

Program highlights

Since we began these initiatives, Knights have helped us reach the following milestones:



More than 1 million coats distributed through Coats for Kids*



Financial support for men and women pursuing a vocation to the priesthood or religious life: **\$100 million**, a milestone surpassed in 2024 through the Knights' Refund Support Vocations Program.



More than **\$6 million** donated to support new mothers through the ASAP (Aid and Support After Pregnancy) Program



1,982 life-saving ultrasound machines donated, valued at **\$95.4 million**

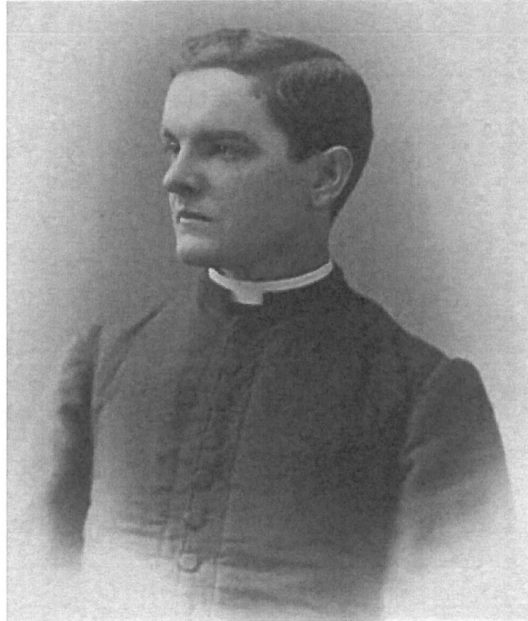
1,114 pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes supported

For a full list of programs supported by Knights around the world, visit kofc.org/faithinaction



* Since the programs inception.
1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 06510.

The Knights of Columbus was founded in 1882 by **Blessed Fr. Michael J. McGivney** at St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut, as a mutual benefit society for Catholic immigrants. Its primary purpose was to provide financial support to families in the event of the death of the primary breadwinner, addressing the challenges faced by immigrant families at the time. Over the years, the organization has evolved into the world's largest Catholic fraternal service organization, advocating for Catholic causes and providing philanthropic support to various institutions. Today, it boasts over 1.7 million members across 14,000 councils worldwide.



Holy Spirit Parish has a very community-focused Knights of Columbus Council.

As our mission grows, we need additional members. To learn more about our fraternal organization please visit www.kofc.org.

If you would like to learn more about Holy Spirit Council 10653 feel free to contact me. Our council will provide those interested with a copy of *Parish Priest* the story of our founder, Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney.

Joining is easy! Visit www.kofc.org/join. You should register as an online member and put Council Number 10653 and Holy Spirit as your parish. Please enter the promo code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY at the end of the application to join online for free.

We hope you will consider joining our council and we look forward to meeting you in person.

Fraternally yours,

Steve Palmer
Membership Director
Knights of Columbus Holy Spirit Council 10653
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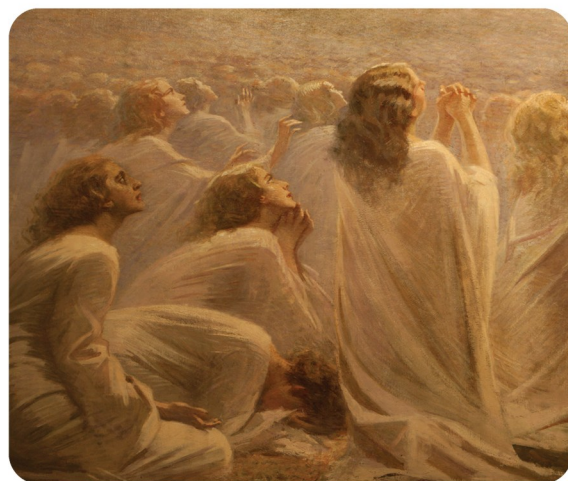


Dear Padre,

I've offered many Masses for wife and family, thinking if perhaps they are in Purgatory, it would help shorten their time. How can we tell if our prayers and Masses are beneficial? How do we know?

It has been a long- and well-established expression of Catholic faith and practice to pray for the departed. Our prayers help us as we grieve and mourn the passing of the people we love. Our prayers help us keep their passing in perspective—not as the end of something, but rather as the beginning of new life in Christ. This is beneficial and needs no further evidence to illustrate the value of the practice.

Your question, on the other hand, goes beyond what the tradition emphasizes. It seems like you are seeking some sort of guarantee or warranty, which you assume will be reassuring. Unfortunately, there is no guarantee or warranty either promised or implied in this spiritual practice. In death, indeed in the whole of Christian life, we bump up against mystery, not certitude. We are invited to enter into the mystery. To grow in the mystery. To be graced by the mystery. Nothing more is possible. We hope because we believe. We believe because we practice what we hope for. ●



RENATA SEMAKOVA / SHUTTERSTOCK

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org



FAUSTO RENDA / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

A very widespread ailment of our time is the fatigue of living: reality seems to us to be too complex, burdensome, difficult to face. And so, we switch off, we fall asleep.... But reality has to be faced.... Let us go to Jesus: he can heal us; he can revive us. Jesus is our hope!

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME, JUNE 25, 2025

Monday

MARCH 23

Lenten Weekday

Dn 13:1–9, 15–17,
19–30, 33–62 or
13:41c–62
Jn 8:1–11

Tuesday

MARCH 24

Lenten Weekday

Nm 21:4–9
Jn 8:21–30

Wednesday

MARCH 25

*The Annunciation
of the Lord*

Is 7:10–14; 8:10
Heb 10:4–10
Lk 1:26–38

Thursday

MARCH 26

Lenten Weekday

Gn 17:3–9
Jn 8:51–59

Friday

MARCH 27

Lenten Weekday

Jer 20:10–13
Jn 10:31–42

Saturday

MARCH 28

Lenten Weekday

Ez 37:21–28
Jn 11:45–56

Sunday

MARCH 29

*Palm Sunday of the
Passion of the Lord*

Mt 21:1–11
Is 50:4–7
Phil 2:6–11
Mt 26:14–27:66 or
27:11–54

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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