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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

"COME, YOU WHO ARE BLESSED BY MY FATHER, INHERIT THE KINGDOM PREPARED FOR YOU FROM THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD." — MT 25:34

NOVEMBER 26, 2023

Parish Staff:

Bookkeeper	Philine Go	735-8558
Secretary	Debbie Forgette	735-8558
Parish Community Center (PCC) Coordinator	Michele Umemoto	735-1743

Faith Formation:

Pre-school to 5th Grade	Karen Gorham	735-8558
6th to 8th Grades/Edge	Danielle May & Meta Boik	735-8558
9th to 12th Grades/Life Teen	Jennifer Moore & Joe Bliss	492-6209 216-402-3118
Confirmation	Deacon Mike and Carol Gaulke	551-7626
Order of Christian Initiation of Adults	Joe and 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	Paula Bachelor	375-9019

Ministries of Worship:

Scheduler for Liturgical Ministers	Trish Feeny	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	628-0754
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

Councils and Committees:

Parish Council	Jim Carey	627-0321
Finance Council	Jared Liebert	947-9386
Stewardship	Lenice & Pat Nagle	582-6893
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	Nick Multari	425-753-1654
St. Vincent de Paul	Message Line	591-0632
Scout Troop #275	Teddy Herrera	778-0505

Natural Family Planning:

Christine Disselkamp	628-8810
Carol Gaulke	619-5464

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: 9:00 a.m. on November 28
Wednesday through Friday: 9:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Tuesday: 4:15 - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 3:00 - 4:15 p.m.
or by appointment.

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 2:00 p.m. Call the parish office for a list of upcoming Baptism dates and to receive registration information for pre-Baptism classes. (735-8558)



Holy Matrimony

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)

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, November 26, 2023

Calendar for the Week: (Note: PCC = Parish Community Center)

Sunday, November 26:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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 (Middle School)

No Life Teen (High School)



Monday, November 27:

Weekday

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

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

Scout Troop 275, PCC hall, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 28:

Weekday

Mass at 9:00 a.m. in the church. 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.

Joyful Noise Choir, church, 5:15 - 6:00 p.m.

No Sacrament of Reconciliation

No 5:30 p.m. Mass

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

Wednesday, November 29:

Weekday

Rite of Distributing Holy Communion Outside Mass with the Celebration of the Word of God, 9:00 a.m.

Amazing Grace Choir, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 30:

Saint Andrew, Apostle

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

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

Celebration Choir, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, December 1:

Weekday

Mass at 9:00 a.m. in the church. 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* at 4:30 p.m. and the *Rite of Benediction* at 4:45 p.m.

Saturday, December 2 :

Weekday

Blessed Virgin Mary

Christmas Pageant Rehearsal, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., PCC hall

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

Sunday, December 3:

First Sunday of Advent

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

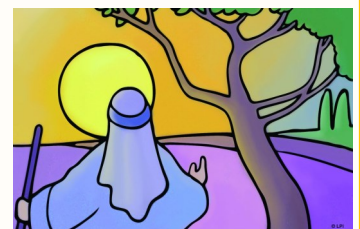
Prayer Service, 11:00 a.m., PCC hall

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 6/8, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

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



From the Pastor's Desk ...

KEEP OUR NEW CATECHUMENS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Last Sunday, at our 9:30 a.m. Mass, we welcomed the following adults and children into the *Order of Catechumens*. Catechumens are adults, or children of catechetical age, who are preparing for Baptism in the Catholic Church. Their catechetical formation will also lead to their reception of the sacraments of Confirmation and the Holy Eucharist at the Solemn Vigil of Easter in the spring. Please congratulate and pray for our new Catechumens (and for their sponsors and catechists in our *Order of Christian Initiation of Adults* process).

Adults: Rachel Courson Libby Dickoff Jensen Horlacher
Brittney Lopez John York Lace Smith
Children: Alex Osuna Isaac Osuna Max Torres

KEEP OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH PREPARING FOR SACRAMENTS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Additionally, pray for the children and youth of our parish who are preparing to receive First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation in the coming months (and in the spring of 2024). And remember to pray for those assisting in their preparation for receiving these sacraments: their parents, catechists, and Confirmation sponsors.

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Please pay careful attention to the daily Mass schedule for this week. [See the front cover of the bulletin OR the first interior page of the bulletin for the latest updated information.] Daily Mass on Tuesday, November 28 will be in the MORNING, at 9:00 a.m. (not at 5:30 p.m.).

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will NOT be offered on Tuesday, November 28.

God's Blessings,

E. Michel

2023-2024 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL (ACA)

Thank you to our loyal donors and the new donors who have pledged to the Diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal. If you were not present in church on Pledge Sunday, we urge you to do so today. Your gift is essential to sustaining the many ministries of the Diocese of Yakima. **For the ACA to be a success, we need every family of the Parish of the Holy Spirit to participate this year.** To date, **175** individuals or families have made a pledge or one time offering to the ACA. We have **913** registered families at the Parish of the Holy Spirit. That's only 19% participation so far. **We can do better.** If you would like to donate online, please visit www.yakimadiocese.org or scan the QR code (at right or on your pledge card).



ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES 2023

Wednesday, December 13, 6:30 p.m.	Holy Spirit	7409 W. Clearwater Ave, Kennewick
Friday, December 15, 6:30 p.m.	Sacred Heart Church	1905 Highland Drive, Prosser
Monday, December 18, 6:30 p.m.	Christ the King	1111 Stevens Drive, Richland
Tuesday, December 19, 6:30 p.m.	St. Joseph Church	520 S. Garfield Street, Kennewick
Wednesday, December 20, 6:30 p.m.	St. Francis Cabrini	1000 Horne Drive, Benton City



Next weekend is Name Tag Sunday. As we begin our Advent journey together, the Stewardship Committee is encouraging each of us to get to know our fellow companions by name. Our Greeters will assist you in filling out your name tags as you enter the church on December 2nd and December 3rd. Please keep your name tags on after Mass during our social/refreshment time. Thanks for participating!

STEWARDSHIP: When the Son of Man comes in glory, may we be among those who have fed the hungry, welcomed the stranger, and clothed the naked. For Jesus tells us clearly that it is those who have demonstrated good stewardship by sharing their gifts with the less fortunate who will receive God's blessings and inherit the kingdom of heaven.

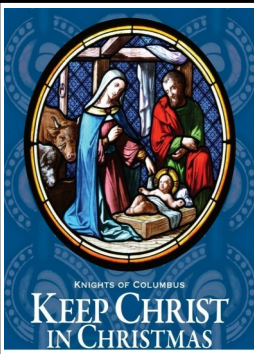
November 12: \$13,313.68 Recorded givers:123

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, 7409 W. Clearwater Ave., 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.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
2024 CHRISTMAS CARD SALES**

Keep Christ in Christmas with the Knights of Columbus Christmas cards. The cards will be available for purchase in the vestibule before and after Masses beginning **this weekend!** As always, shop early for the greatest selection! Cards will be available in the vestibule through December 10th.

This time of the year we are giving thanks for the many blessings God has given us. Please consider helping those in need in our parish and/or in our local community by adopting a family at Christmas. This parish program assists families who, due to economic circumstances, need food and gifts at Christmastime. For more information, call Vonnie Bliss at 586-3745.



Saint Andrew

November 30th

*The Protoklete or
"First-Called" apostle*

Reflection

As in the case of all the apostles except Peter and John, the Gospels tell us little about the holiness of Andrew. He was an apostle. That is enough. He was called personally by Jesus to proclaim the Good News, to heal with Jesus' power, and to share his life and death. (St. Andrew died a martyr by crucifixion.) Holiness today is no different. It is a gift that includes a call to be concerned about the kingdom of God; having an outgoing attitude that wants nothing more than to share the riches of Christ with all people.

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-andrew/>

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

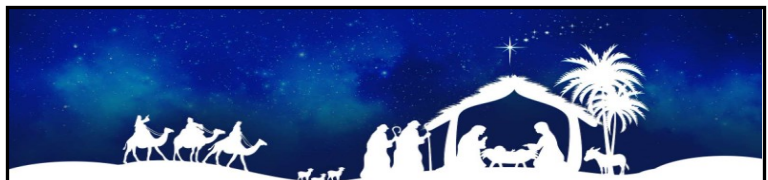
All dates are tentative.

Monday	November 27	Joyce Yanta RIP
Tuesday	November 28, 9:00 a.m.	Curtis Davis RIP
Thursday	November 30	Daniel Demarest
Friday	December 1	Sherry Clark
Saturday	December 2, 4:00 p.m.	Harry & Pat Garrison RIP
Sunday	December 3, 5:00 p.m.	Bill & Gloria Ziegler

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 Ogryzek 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.



Tis the Season! Parish of the Holy Spirit's annual Christmas Pageant will be presented on Sunday, December 10. Participation is open to all children/youth from kindergarten through high school. Rehearsals will be on Saturday, December 2, and Saturday, December 9, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in the PCC.

A letter with details and an accompanying registration form is available on the table in the vestibule. If you have any questions or you would like to help with the Christmas pageant, please call Karen Gorham at 509-735-8558 or email to karen@holyspiritkennewick.org.

Gratitude Corner

Thank you for all the ways you serve our Holy Spirit Parish Community.

This week our thanks go out to our parish bookkeeper **Philine Go** and our parish secretary **Debbie Forgette**. Philine and Debbie are always happy to help parishioners and the public, and they also work behind the scenes on many parish and diocesan issues and projects.

Parishioner and college student Conner Howard is active in the St. Thomas More Catholic Student Center at Washington State University. Conner is asking for our support to attend a national retreat in Florida in January hosted by Saint Paul's Outreach. The mission of Saint Paul's Outreach is to "build missional communities on college campuses and beyond, forming lifelong disciples." The retreat, called *Communio*, will bring together men and women from 16 campuses and is designed to help empower students to return to their campuses as beacons of God's light, and to be on mission for others that do not know the power of their faith. If you would like to help Connor fund this trip, you may write a check to the Parish of the Holy Spirit, write "Connor Howard Retreat" in the memo line, and drop it in the collection basket or the parish office. Thank you.

All during the month of November we remembered our parishioners, friends, loved ones, and family members who have gone before us to dwell eternally with God. Please pick up your photographs of deceased loved ones from the table near the tabernacle on Thursday, November 30. Once the table is taken down on November 30, any remaining photographs may be picked up in the parish office.



**PRACTICING) CATHOLIC—
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**
By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The King Comes Holding a Mirror

Of all the many wonderful, thorough examinations of conscience I have come across, the one I normally utilize is very simple, and perfectly suited to someone like me who is not capable of profound thought at the end of a long and tiring day.

It's just one very short question: Which Christs did I not recognize today?

The King usually comes in disguise, and I know I miss him in so many ways every single day. I miss him in people I have ignored or dismissed. I miss him in opportunities avoided and in moments that could have turned into prayer but instead turned into phone-scrolling sessions. I miss him when he is right in front of me, holding up a mirror and calling my name, begging for my conversion of heart.

The Christian life calls us to constant self-scrutiny. It's not a comfortable life, always thinking about what you could do better, but the Lord shepherds us rightly. His pastures have nothing to offer those who are perfect and strong. Rather, he has gone in search of the lost. He has reclaimed those who have strayed, healed those who were injured, given rest to those who were weary.

We can't be followers of Christ if we are not willing to own our sins. God's mercy does not dismiss our sins, as if they never existed and were not important. No, it does something far, far better — God's mercy absolves our sins. It sets us free from them. But to be truly free, we have to understand what once enslaved us and who has liberated us: Jesus.

“And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.” — Matthew 25:32

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Please stop by the booklet display in the vestibule and pick up a FREE copy of *The Invitation*. This new booklet reminds us that a great way to get to know someone is by sitting with them and simply enjoying their company. Jesus Christ, present in the Blessed Sacrament, will show each of us that we are both lovable and loved. We can all be close to God if we sit with him in Eucharistic adoration.



The Women's Group will be collecting new and used blankets and sleeping bags for distribution to the homeless by the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Pasco. Sadly, many of our needy neighbors are sleeping in cars or outdoors during the winter months.

Please package your new or gently used blankets/sleeping bags in a plastic bag and place it inside the playpen in the vestibule **through December 10**. Contact Linda Rego at 253-370-6368 for more information.

Truly, I tell you, whatever you did for the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.—Matthew 25:40



Women's Group Christmas Raffle

Following All Masses
Saturday, December 2 and Sunday, December 3
Saturday, December 9 and Sunday, December 10

Winning tickets will be drawn following the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday, December 10.

All proceeds support the Women's Group ministry which provides funeral luncheons to families after funeral Masses at Holy Spirit .

HOLY SPIRIT HOCKEY NIGHT



Parishioners had so much fun at the Dust Devils game this summer, we wanted to duplicate that fun at a **Tri-City Americans hockey game!** Jennifer Moore has reserved tickets for our Holy Spirit family on **Saturday, December 9th**. The game starts at 6:05 p.m. Tickets will need to be paid for in advance.

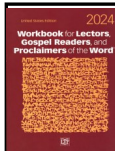
Please text Jennifer Moore at 509-492-6209 if you are interested in attending. In your text, please provide your email and Jennifer will send you the link to purchase tickets at the group rate. Looking forward to spending a fun night out with our Holy Spirit family!



The Knights of Columbus will be selling fresh **Noble fir Christmas trees** in the parking lot at St. Joseph Church starting December 2nd and continuing until all trees are sold. The lot will be open on Saturdays and Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and on weekdays from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Get your trees early! They completely sold out last year and expect to do so again this year.



The Annual Father-Daughter Snowflake Ball is on Saturday, December 2, at the St. Frances X. Cabrini Catholic Church Social Hall in Benton City. This social event is open to young ladies ages toddler to 18 and includes corsages, souvenirs, prizes, music, and a picture. Call Lynda at 588-4235 for tickets.



Lectors may pick up their 2024 **Lector Workbooks** in the vestibule after all Masses this weekend. The books are labeled and arranged alphabetically by surname.

2023-2024 Sunday Missals are available for purchase (\$4.00) in the parish office during office hours.

A NOTE FROM ST. SERRA CLUB OF TRI CITIES

“When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, He will sit upon His glorious throne and all the nations will be assembled before Him. And He will separate them one from another ... Then the King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed by My Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me drink, a stranger and you welcomed Me, naked and you clothed Me, ill and you cared for Me, in prison and you visited Me ... Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least of these brothers of mine, you did for Me.’” (Matthew 25:31-32, 34-36, 40) Christ's description of the Last Judgment calls us all to serve Him in our brothers and sisters. But some receive specialized calls to serve God's people in His Church. Is Christ calling you to serve Him and others as a priest, permanent deacon, religious brother or sister?

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



On the last Sunday of each liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or Christ the King.

Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical *Quas primas* ("In the first") to respond to growing secularism and atheism. He recognized that attempting to "thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law" out of public life would result in continuing discord among people and nations. This solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever.

During the early twentieth century, in Mexico, Russia, and some parts of Europe, militantly secularistic regimes threatened not just the Catholic Church and its faithful but civilization itself. Pope Pius XI's encyclical gave Catholics hope in the assurance that Christ the King shall reign forever. Jesus Christ "is very truth, and it is from him that truth must be obediently received by all mankind." (*Quas primas*, 7)

Christ's kingship is rooted in the Church's teaching on the Incarnation. Jesus is fully God and fully man. He is both the divine Lord and the man who suffered and died on the Cross. One person of the Trinity unites himself to human nature and reigns over all creation as the Incarnate Son of God. "From this it follows not only that Christ is to be adored by angels and men, but that angels and men must recognize his empire; by reason of the hypostatic union, Christ has power over all creatures." (*Quas primas*, 13)

The Church calls us to acknowledge Christ's kingship with our whole lives:

He must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things, and cleave to him alone. He must reign in our bodies and in our members, which should serve as instruments for the interior sanctification of our souls, or to use the words of the Apostle Paul, 'as instruments of justice unto God.' (*Quas primas*, 33)

Today, religious freedom for many people means that we can believe whatever we want in private, but when we enter the public square or the marketplace, we may not speak of anything that relates to our faith. However, the Church acknowledges the reign of Christ, not only privately, but publicly. This solemnity encourages us to celebrate and live out our faith in public. "Thus by sermons preached at meetings and in churches, by public adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and by solemn processions, men unite in paying homage to Christ, whom God has given them for their King." (*Quas primas*, 26)

For Christians, when our faith is repeatedly marginalized in public life, we can fall into the habit of compartmentalizing our lives. We love Jesus in our private lives, but we may sometimes shrink from acknowledging the kingship of Christ in social life. When we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, we declare to the world and remind ourselves that Jesus is the Lord of the Church and of the entire universe.



At the Last Supper, on the night he was betrayed, our Savior instituted the Eucharistic sacrifice of his Body and Blood.

This he did in order to perpetuate the sacrifice of the cross throughout the ages until he should come again, and so to entrust to his beloved Spouse, the Church, a memorial of his death and resurrection: a sacrament of love, a sign of unity, a bond of charity, a Paschal banquet in which Christ is consumed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us.

***Vatican II – Sacrosanctum Concilium and
Catechism of the Catholic Church – Paragraph 1323***



Eucharistic Miracle of FAVERNEY

FRANCE, 1608



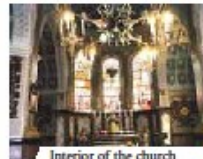
On the Vigil of the Feast of Pentecost, the monks of Faverney decided to expose the Blessed Sacrament for public adoration. During the night, a fire flared up which destroyed the altar and the sacred furnishings, but not the monstrance containing the Sacred Host. The monstrance was retrieved after a few days while it was suspended in the air perfectly intact. The miraculous Host is still kept today and many are the pilgrims who every year hasten to venerate the miracle.



Stained glass window of the church in which the miracle is portrayed



Minor Basilica, Faverney



Interior of the church



Exposition of the Host of the miracle



Old small print that represents the miracle



Monstrance containing the relic of the miraculous Host

In the 17th century, Protestantism and Calvinism spread quickly in France by means of the many material benefits conceded by the new religions to the members of the nobility and the clergy coming from the Catholic Church. This placed at risk the faith of many and created many uncertainties, even in the monasteries. In the city of Faverney there was a Benedictine Abbey whose monks had departed a great deal from the rule of their founder. They had only in high-esteem the devotion to the Lady of Notre-Dame la Blanche, known in all the area for its many miracles. Through her intercession many miracles had in fact been verified, among which was even the returning to life of two infants who were not yet baptized. In 1608, on the Vigil of the Feast of Pentecost, the monks decided to prepare an altar for the exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The lunette of the monstrance was very large, and

because of this, they decided to put in two Hosts. When Vespers had finished the monks left the monstrance exposed on the provisional altar.

On the next morning, the sacristan opened the church and found it full of smoke, with the provisional altar completely reduced to ashes. He started to yell, and immediately the religious and other people hastened and proceeded to remove the ashes with the hope of finding some part of the monstrance. When the smoke began to clear, they were astonished seeing that the monstrance was suspended in the air. The multitude increased and crowded to see the Eucharistic marvel, in which the Hosts had remained unharmed regardless of the fire. The religious were astonished, and unable to make a decision, asked the counsel of the Capuchin friars of Vesoul. These immediately prepared a new altar

over the burned one, and celebrated Holy Mass. During the elevation of the Host, the monstrance slowly descended upon the new altar. When the canonical process finished, on July 10, the Archbishop of Besançon declared that the Miracle was authentic, and on September 13, the Archbishop of Rodi - who was the nuncio in Brussels - made it known to Pope Paul V who granted a Bull of Indulgence. The miracle rekindled the faith of many. In 1862, the Congregation of Rites authorized the celebration of the Miracle. In 1908 the third centenary of the miracle was solemnly commemorated with a National Eucharistic Congress. Even today it is possible to see and venerate the relic containing one of the two Hosts which remained unharmed. The other Host, unfortunately, after it was donated to the Church of Dole, was destroyed by the revolutionaries in 1794.



“Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.”

MATTHEW 25:40



Pay Attention to Your Instincts

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Invite Marty into your home and the first thing he'll ask is whether or not you have any cats. Marty is allergic to cats, big time, even if they have been quarantined to another room. His eyes turn red. He sneezes. He begins to cough and wheeze like an old-time Model T. Cats are his nemesis. It is ironic that Marty has befriended a stray cat from his neighborhood. Though he never pets the kitty or allows him into his home, each day he feeds him and puts milk out for him on the deck outside his living room. And if the cat fails to come around, he worries about him.

There is something instinctive in us that moves us to care for the underdog, even if it's a cat. The Sunday Gospel this week suggests that the innate desire to care for the weakest among us is a Godly instinct. It's where we meet God, and we need to pay attention to it simply because it's how we come to a sense of God in our lives.

We all search for meaning, looking for it every day in the hidden corners of our lives and in the open daytimes of our busyness. Sometimes we find it, and sometimes we limp back home at the end of the day. More often than not it's when our day has been brushed with the color of caring for someone else that we feel good about that day. It's a Godly instinct that's not to be ignored. ●

Reflect

Has your instinct to care for the underdog ever not made sense to others?

2023 Advent Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 December Light the first violet candle in your Advent wreath and pray with today's Gospel, <i>Mark 13:33-37</i> .	4 Choose a way you can grow closer to Christ in Advent: more mental prayer, penance, almsgiving, Sacraments.	5 Display the stable for the Nativity Scene. Add figures gradually throughout Advent.	6 St. Nicholas of Myra Perform a simple act of kindness for someone today in honor of this generous saint.	7 On the Memorial of Saint Ambrose, bishop and teacher, pray for all clergy in the Church.	8 The Immaculate Conception of Mary Celebrate by attending Mass and praying a Rosary for our country.	9 Prepare heart and soul to welcome Christ. Make an examination of conscience and attend Confession.
10 Light the second violet candle and meditate on <i>Mark 1:1-8</i> .	11 Offer a small sacrifice out of love for Jesus, who offered Himself up for love of you.	12 Today is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Pray for all pregnant women and thank God for the gift of new life.	13 Advent is a busy time for parishes. Call or email your parish office and ask how you can serve.	14 In prayer, forgive someone who has hurt you. Ask for the grace to let go and move on.	15 Call Catholic Relief Services (877-HELP-CRS or www.catholicrelief.org) to see how you can contribute.	16 Las Posadas begins today honoring Mary's and Joseph's search for shelter. Gather friends and go caroling.
17 <i>Gaudete Sunday</i> Light two violet candles and the rose one for joy. Pray with <i>John 1:6-9, 19-28</i> .	18 Put a lamp or candle in a window to welcome the Christ Child. Light it every night until Christmas.	19 Feed the hungry. Look for someone who is physically hungry or hungry for human kindness.	20 Review your "Advent resolutions" and renew your commitment to them.	21 Spend time before the Blessed Sacrament today to ready your heart for the arrival of the King.	22 Reflect on how your relationship with Christ grew this Advent. Thank Him for the graces you received.	23 Make an effort to see everyone with loving eyes today.
24 The fourth week of Advent lasts only one day. Meditate on the great news the angel brought (see <i>Luke 1:26-38</i>).	25 <i>Rejoice!</i> Place the Christ Child in the manger. Go to Mass today and rejoice!	<i>"In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn"</i> (<i>Luke 2:1-7</i>).				

Dear Padre,

In the liturgy, how do a solemnity, a feast day, and a memorial differ?

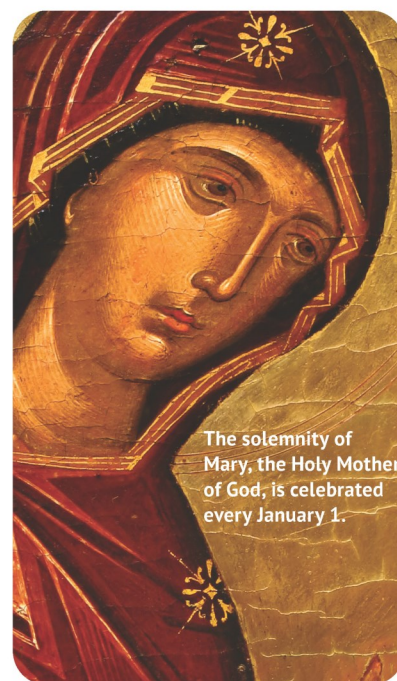
Celebrations in the Church calendar are named according to their rank or importance. Solemnity is the highest rank. The next rank is feast, celebrating an event in the life of Christ, Mary, the apostles, martyrs, and a few other important saints.

Solemnities are usually celebrated by the whole Church, but celebrations may be made solemnities for local churches. For instance, Our Lady of Guadalupe is a solemnity in Mexico and a feast in the United States.

A memorial commemorates the day a saint died. An obligatory memorial is celebrated by every church in a diocese or country. The memorial of Redemptorist St. John Neumann, for example, is obligatory in the United States because of his historical contribution to the American Church as the fourth bishop of Philadelphia. It's also obligatory in Redemptorist churches around the world.

Optional memorials are saints' days an individual priest can celebrate Monday through Saturday if he chooses. For example, Jesuit St. Robert Bellarmine's memorial is obligatory in Jesuit churches or in churches named for him, but it's optional everywhere else.

During Ordinary Time, solemnities that fall on Sunday are celebrated, but feasts and memorials that fall on Sunday are not. During Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter, some solemnities that fall on Sunday are transferred to a weekday because of the importance of these seasons. ●



The solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, is celebrated every January 1.

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
November 27	November 28	November 29	November 30	December 1	December 2	December 3
Weekday	Weekday	Weekday	St. Andrew, Apostle	Weekday	Weekday	First Sunday of Advent
Dn 1:1-6, 8-20 Lk 21:1-4	Dn 2:31-45 Lk 21:5-11	Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 Lk 21:12-19	Rom 10:9-18 Mt 4:18-22	Dn 7:2-14 Lk 21:29-33	Dn 7:15-27 Lk 21:34-36	Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7 1 Cor 1:3-9 Mk 13:33-37



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

[Jesus] tells us that the good we do to one of our least brothers and sisters—whether hungry or thirsty, a stranger, in need, sick, or in prison—we do to him (see Matthew 25:37-40). In this way, the Lord gives us his “gift list” for the eternal wedding feast he will share with us in heaven.

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