

# PARISH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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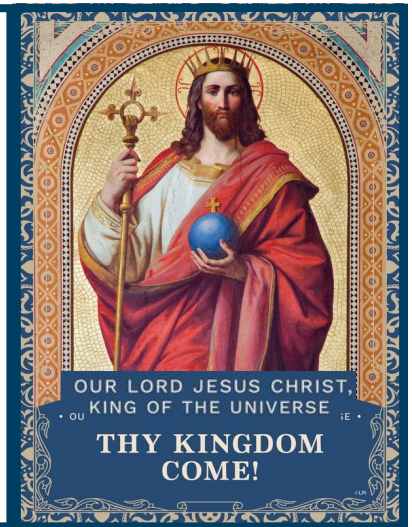
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NOVEMBER 23, 2025

## Parish Staff:

|            |                 |          |
|------------|-----------------|----------|
| Secretary  | Debbie Forgette | 735-8558 |
| Bookkeeper | Bianca Medina   | 735-8558 |

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: <a href="mailto:lifeteenhs@gmail.com">lifeteenhs@gmail.com</a> |              |

|                                         |                            |          |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------|
| 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 Ogrzyzek | 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<br>& Charlotte Shaber | 208-521-7846 |
| Bible Study                   | Judy Turner                              | 438-7938     |
| Women's Group                 | Linda Rego                               | 221-1130     |
| Weekend Mass Refreshments     | Judy Urrutia                             | 438-5039     |

## Councils and Committees:

|                     |                    |          |
|---------------------|--------------------|----------|
| Parish Council      | Jim Carey          | 627-0321 |
| Finance Council     | Jared Liebert      | 947-9386 |
| 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     |
| Scout Troop #275        | Teddy Herrera   | 778-0505     |
| American Heritage Girls | Erin Leistritz  | 406-579-1891 |

## Natural Family Planning:

|              |          |
|--------------|----------|
| Carol Gaulke | 619-5464 |
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## 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: 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday through Friday: 9:00 a.m.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Tuesday: 4:15 - 5:00 p.m.

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)



*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 23, 2025

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

## Sunday, November 23:

**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](#).

Catholic Daughters Bake Sale following Mass.

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

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

Catholic Daughters Bake Sale following Mass.

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, November 24:

**Saint Andrew Dũng-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs**

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

## Tuesday, November 25:

**Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr**

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

No Religious Education

**Sacrament of Reconciliation, CHURCH, 4:15 - 5:00 p.m.**

**Mass in the church at 5:30 p.m. Mass is also livestreamed on [Holy Spirit Facebook page](#).**

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

## Wednesday, November 26:

**Weekday**

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.

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

## Thursday, November 27:

**Thanksgiving Day**

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

**The parish office is closed today.**

**Happy Thanksgiving**



## Friday, November 28:

**Weekday**

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

**The parish office is closed today.**

## Saturday, November 29:

**Weekday**

**Blessed Virgin Mary**

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

## Sunday, November 30:

**First Sunday of Advent**

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

Knights of Columbus lead a recitation of the Holy Rosary following Mass, in the church near the tabernacle.

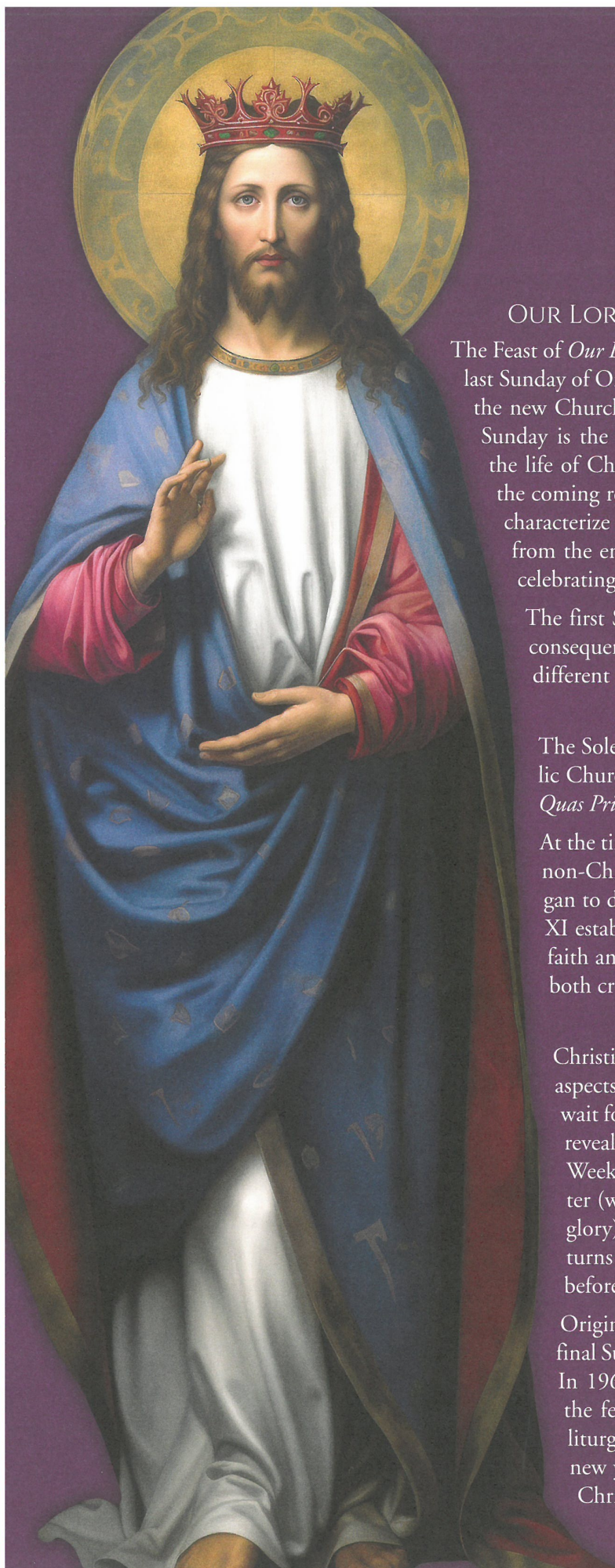
Sacrament of Reconciliation, PCC room 9, 3:00 - 4:15 p.m.

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

No Edge

No Life Teen





# CHRIST

## THE KING

### OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

The Feast of *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe* is celebrated on the last Sunday of Ordinary Time, before the beginning of Advent that starts the new Church Year. As the last Sunday of the year, Christ the King Sunday is the conclusion of the Church's liturgical journey through the life of Christ and the gospel message. Its purpose is to celebrate the coming reign of Christ as ruler of the renewed creation that will characterize the fullness of the Kingdom of God. That hope is born from the entire life of Christ and his teachings that we have been celebrating during the past twelve months.

The first Sunday of Advent follows Christ the King Sunday and consequently, a new cycle of Sunday Mass readings, drawn from a different Gospel, begins the new cycle of the Church Year.

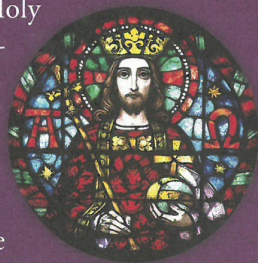
#### History

The Solemnity of Christ the King is a newer feast in the Catholic Church that was instituted by Pope Pius XI in his encyclical *Quas Primas* in 1925.

At the time, secularism was on the rise with the establishment of non-Christian dictatorships in Europe and many Christians began to doubt Christ's existence and authority. In response, Pius XI established the feast with the intent to reaffirm and refocus faith and respect for the kingship of Jesus and as the ruler over both creation and history.

#### Christ as King

Christians have long celebrated Jesus as Christ, and various aspects of his reign are celebrated in Advent (when Christians wait for his second coming in glory), Christmas (when his star reveals him to be "King of the Jews"), Holy Week (when he is the crucified king), Easter (when he is resurrected in power and glory), and the Ascension (when he returns to the glory he had with the Father before the world was created).



Originally, the feast was celebrated on the final Sunday of October, prior to All Saints Day.

In 1969, to emphasize its importance, Pope Paul VI moved the feast to the last Sunday before Advent. So now the old liturgical year ends by celebrating Christ's kingship and the new year begins with Advent, when we await the coming of Christ to rule our hearts and lives.

## SEASONS OF THE LITURGICAL YEAR

**Advent** begins the liturgical year on the fourth Sunday before Christmas. A season of hope as well as penance, Advent features the writings of the Old Testament prophets in its Mass readings.

**Christmas** begins with Christmas Day, goes through Epiphany and concludes with the Baptism of the Lord. As a celebration of the Incarnation, the Christmas season also highlights the manifestation of Christ's divinity to the world.

**Lent** is a 40 day preparation for Easter that focuses on fasting, prayer and almsgiving. Lent is a time to reflect on how well we are living out our baptism.

**The Paschal or Easter Triduum** (from the Latin, three days) begins with the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper and continues until Easter evening.

The **Easter Season** extends from Easter Sunday through Pentecost Sunday. During this time, the Church reflects on the mystery of our redemption through the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus.

**Ordinary Time** is the only liturgical season that comes in two sections. The first begins with the Baptism of the Lord and goes until Ash Wednesday. The second follows Pentecost and concludes with the Feast of Christ the King.



## LITURGICAL COLORS

Through the Church Year, the vestments worn by the priest at Mass signifies meaning associated with the various seasons of the liturgical calendar.

**White**, the color of joy and victory, is used for the seasons of Easter and Christmas and select feasts through the year. Select saints who are not martyrs are also celebrated with white. In addition, white is also a reminder of the resurrection and can therefore be used at funerals.

**Red**, the color of fire and blood is used on the days when we celebrate the passion of Jesus, Passion (Palm) Sunday and Good Friday. It is also used for the birth feasts of the apostles and evangelists and for the celebrations of martyrs.

**Green**, symbolizes life, anticipation, and hope and is used during Ordinary Time.

**Violet or purple**, seen in Advent, helps us to remember that we are preparing for the coming of Christ. Lent, the season of penance, repentance, and renewal, also uses this color.

**Rose** is an optional color and may be used on the Third Sunday of Advent, *Gaudete Sunday*, and on the Fourth Sunday of Lent, *Laetare Sunday*. It expresses the joy of anticipation for Christmas and Easter.

## THE LECTIONARY AND THE LITURGICAL YEAR

In the Church Year, beginning with the First Sunday of Advent and concluding with the Solemnity of Christ the King, the Church celebrates and lives out the mystery of Christ. The history of salvation unfolds throughout this liturgical cycle.

The liturgical cycle divides the year into a series of seasons, each with its own mood and theological emphasis, which is expressed by different ways of decorating the church, the colors of the priest's vestments (see below, left) and the scripture readings chosen for each day found in the Lectionary for Mass.

Before Vatican II, the selection of readings for the lectionary consisted of a one year cycle of two readings, one from a New Testament letter and one from one of the Gospels.

Vatican II wanted Catholics to become more familiar with Scripture and so changed the Sunday Mass readings to the present three-year cycle (A, B or C) with three readings (plus the Psalm) at each Mass. This resulted in Catholics hearing much more of the Old Testament, and hearing the majority of the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. The Gospel of John is read during the Easter season and in the other seasons of Advent, Christmas, and Lent where appropriate.

In addition, the Catholic lectionary also includes a two-year cycle for the weekday Mass readings (Cycle I and Cycle II). These readings are generally shorter than those chosen for use on Sundays, and the Gospels are arranged so that portions of all four are read every year.

## Diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) for 2026



### Annual Catholic Appeal Prayer

God the Father of all gifts, we praise you,  
the source of all we are.  
Teach us to acknowledge the many good things  
your infinite love has given us.  
Help us respond with generous gratitude  
through our support of the Catholic Church  
across Central Washington.

Open our hearts to follow your call.  
Make us messengers of the Gospel in love and service,  
so that all may come to know you and  
become your disciples.

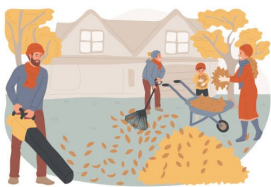
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever.

Amen.

Again, we are most grateful to our loyal donors and all new donors who have already pledged to the Diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal. If you were not prepared to make your pledge previously, we invite you to do so today. **In order to achieve our parish's goal, we need the participation of every parishioner.** There are over 900 registered families in our parish. Yet, last year only 262 parishioners made a pledge or a one-time gift to the ACA. We can do better! Let's continue to work together to make the ACA a success. Your gift, in any amount, is essential to sustaining the many ministries of the Diocese of Yakima.

Donation envelopes with pledge cards are available in the vestibule. You may return the completed cards in the collection basket, or you may mail or deliver them to the parish office.

If you want to donate online, please visit [www.yakimadiocese.org](http://www.yakimadiocese.org) or scan the QR code.  
Thank you.



Thank you to all who helped plan and implement the **Fall Parish Grounds Cleanup** last weekend. We had an amazing crew of **45** parishioners of all ages who worked in ideal weather. Thanks also to the kitchen crew who served coffee and donuts and a delicious lunch. We look forward to finishing the bark and river rock installation in the spring. All who participated beautified our parish grounds and strengthened our parish community by working together, having fun, and achieving a big goal that we can be proud of. Thank you!



*Rowan Matthew Sani,  
son of Kyle and Mary Alice Sani,  
was baptized at Holy Spirit on November 15th.*

*May God's blessings of peace and joy  
be with him and protect him all of his days.*



Attention parents! Are you wanting a little time away from the kiddos? And do you need help with wrapping Christmas gifts? We have the perfect solution for you. **PARENT'S DAY OUT!** Our teens would love to watch your infants through school age kids on Saturday, December 13th from 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. in the nursery (infants - 4 yrs old) and youth room (school age). We will help wrap presents for you away from prying eyes in PCC room 5. These services will be offered by donation. A pizza lunch will be available for an extra \$5 per child.

Parents must sign their children up ahead of time so we know how many children to plan on. We won't be able to offer this service to those who are not signed up in advance. Please call or text Jennifer Moore at 509-492-6209 with child(ren)'s names and ages. All donations received will be directed toward our youth's participation in Life Teen Camp in the summer of 2026.

### Holy Spirit Parish Stewardship



Did you know that the Parish of the Holy Spirit is a tithing parish? We are; and so are a few other parishes in the Diocese of Yakima. What this means is, we offer 10% of our Sunday income each month to assist worthy charitable causes—both locally and worldwide. The members of the Parish Council advise Fr. Michael regarding the charitable organizations that we choose to help, and these vary from month to month.

Based on the Sunday collections we received in the month of October, we are assisting the following organizations with financial help: **St. Joseph Catholic School, Grace Clinic, Hope Medical, PREPARES, our St. Vincent de Paul Conference, FOCUS** (assisting Jeremiah Nguyen and Jackie Gazewood in their lay missionary work with university students), **Meals on Wheels, Soul Soup** (serving free hot meals to anyone in need), and **Tri-Cities Food Bank.**

## WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

All dates are tentative.

|           |                        |                   |
|-----------|------------------------|-------------------|
| Monday    | November 24            | Forgette Family   |
| Tuesday   | November 25, 5:30 p.m. | Steve Johnson     |
| Wednesday | November 26            | Tim Mello RIP     |
| Friday    | November 28            | Leila Brown RIP   |
| Saturday  | November 29, 4:00 p.m. | Clarence Rego RIP |
| Sunday    | November 30, 5:00 p.m. | Marilyn Coté      |

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.

**STEWARDSHIP:** Today we celebrate Christ the King and are reminded that all was created through Him and for Him. Does my stewardship of the blessings entrusted to me give evidence that Christ is Lord of *my* life?

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

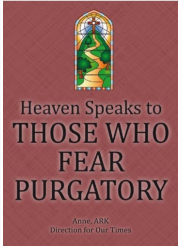
For online giving, visit:

<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.



The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a **Holy Hour** on Tuesday, November 25, following the 5:30 p.m. Mass. All are welcome. Come to worship and give thanks to the Lord to begin your Thanksgiving season.



Please stop by the booklet display case in the vestibule and pick up free copies of *Heaven Speaks to Those Who Fear Purgatory* and *Heaven Speaks to Those Who Fear Death*. Experience Our Lord's beautiful and calming words about these realities that await all of us.



## FATHER-DAUGHTER SNOWFLAKE BALL

Dads, Grandpas, Uncles! Give the special young lady in your life an evening that will spark wonderful memories for years to come. Bring her to the **26th Annual Father-Daughter Snowflake Ball** on Saturday, December 6, at the St. Frances X. Cabrini Catholic Church Social Hall in Benton City. This social event of the year is open to young ladies ages toddler to 18. The event includes corsages, souvenirs, door prizes, music, and a picture for each young lady. For reservations call Lynda at 588-4235 today! This event does sell out.

## NAME TAG SUNDAY THIS WEEKEND

The Stewardship Committee continues to encourage and promote the growth of Holy Spirit Parish. Thank you for participating in our **name tag wearing** at all our Masses this weekend. Let's strive to get to know more of our parishioners and visitors by name!



A big thank you to our Liturgical Ministers for wearing your name tags each weekend during Mass.

November is a five-Sunday month, so the second collection next weekend (after Holy Communion) goes to support our parish's **St. Vincent de Paul Conference**. Thank you! Also, please consider joining us the first and third Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in PCC room 7, to find out more about the work we perform in your name.



As a founder of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Frédéric Ozanam's devotion to Mary was especially influenced by the appearance of Mary to Sister Catherine Labouré, a Daughter of Charity, in Paris in 1830, and the events surrounding the striking of the "Miraculous Medal." St. Catherine Labouré's feast day is November 28th.

## 5th SUNDAY ROSARY



The Knights of Columbus will lead the recitation of the Holy Rosary on the 5th Sunday of this month, **November 30, following the 9:30 a.m. Mass**—in the church near the tabernacle. Knights, their families and all other parishioners are encouraged to pray the Rosary as a group every time a 5th Sunday occurs on the calendar. Please join us!



St. Paul Cathedral and the Diocese of Yakima will welcome, honor, and especially pray for Marian and other Church movements at the **First Tuesday Jubilee Year Masses on December 2, 2025**. There will be two evening Masses at the Cathedral—at 5:30 p.m. (English) and 7:00 p.m. (Spanish). Masses are livestreamed on the St. Paul Cathedral Facebook page. The Sacrament of

Reconciliation will be available 30 minutes prior to each Mass. A reception will follow each Mass, in the Assembly Place.



## In November We Remember

All Souls' Day was November 2nd. Remembrance envelopes are available on the table in the vestibule. Envelopes may be turned in at any time (either in the offering baskets at weekend Masses or at the parish office), and the names of the faithful departed listed on them will be remembered at all Masses throughout the month of November.

Throughout this month, parishioners are welcome to bring pictures of their deceased loved ones and place them on the table near the tabernacle. We will pray for their eternal rest throughout the month of November.

### HOLY SPIRIT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

We have an **immediate need** for 2 Committed Adorers on Fridays from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. (1 Adorer) and from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. (1 Adorer). A Committed Adorer is someone who commits to attend Eucharistic Adoration weekly in a chosen time slot. Volunteers are available to substitute for you when you have a conflict.

Eucharistic Adoration is held in the church foyer on Fridays after Mass from 9:45 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. At 4:30 p.m. we have prayers for vocations and for peace, followed by Benediction at 4:45 p.m. Parishioners and others are welcome to attend Adoration anytime during the day, for any length of time, but it is very important to have 2 Adorers assigned each hour, so the Lord is never left alone.

We also have 2 other time slots available: from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. (1 Adorer) and 11:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (1 Adorer).

Please prayerfully consider spending time with the Lord each Friday. Contact Liz Friedrich at 509-539-5413 (text/call), 783-6223 (home), or at [mfriedrich2@charter.net](mailto:mfriedrich2@charter.net) with any questions or to volunteer.

### GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE THIS CHRISTMAS

Tri Cities Prep students are hosting a Christmas Blood Drive along with a Stuffed Animal Drive on Wednesday, December 3rd. Join the students from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the school multipurpose room, 9612 Saint Thomas Drive in Pasco. Students will provide Christmas music and holiday snacks. Please use the QR code to sign up.



### Women's Group Christmas Raffle

Following all Masses  
Saturday, December 6 and Sunday, December 7  
Saturday, December 13 and Sunday, December 14

Winning tickets will be drawn following  
the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday, December 14.

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

### A Note from the St. Serra Club of Tri Cities

"Jesus, remember me when You come into your kingdom."  
(Luke 23:43). The good thief's prayer is one that we can all pray.  
As a priest, permanent deacon, brother, monk or nun, will you be  
the one to guide repentant sinners into Christ's kingdom?

### Knights of Columbus 2025 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 this weekend. Purchase of these card enables you to support the charitable work of the Knights of Columbus and share the meaning of Christmas with others.



### YOU ARE INVITED TO OUR PARISH'S 40TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT!

Tis the Season! Parish of the Holy Spirit's annual Christmas Pageant will be presented on **Sunday, December 14th**. Participation is open to all children/youth from preschool through high school.

Rehearsals will be on Saturday, December 6th, and Saturday, December 13th, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. in the PCC.

The Christmas Pageant performance will be at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 14 in the PCC hall.

If you would like to participate, 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](mailto:karen@holyspiritkennewick.org).

### ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES 2025

**Monday, December 15, 6:30 p.m.**

Tuesday, December 16, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 17, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 18, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, December 19, 6:30 p.m.

**Holy Spirit**

Christ the King

Sacred Heart Church

St. Joseph Church

St. Francis Cabrini

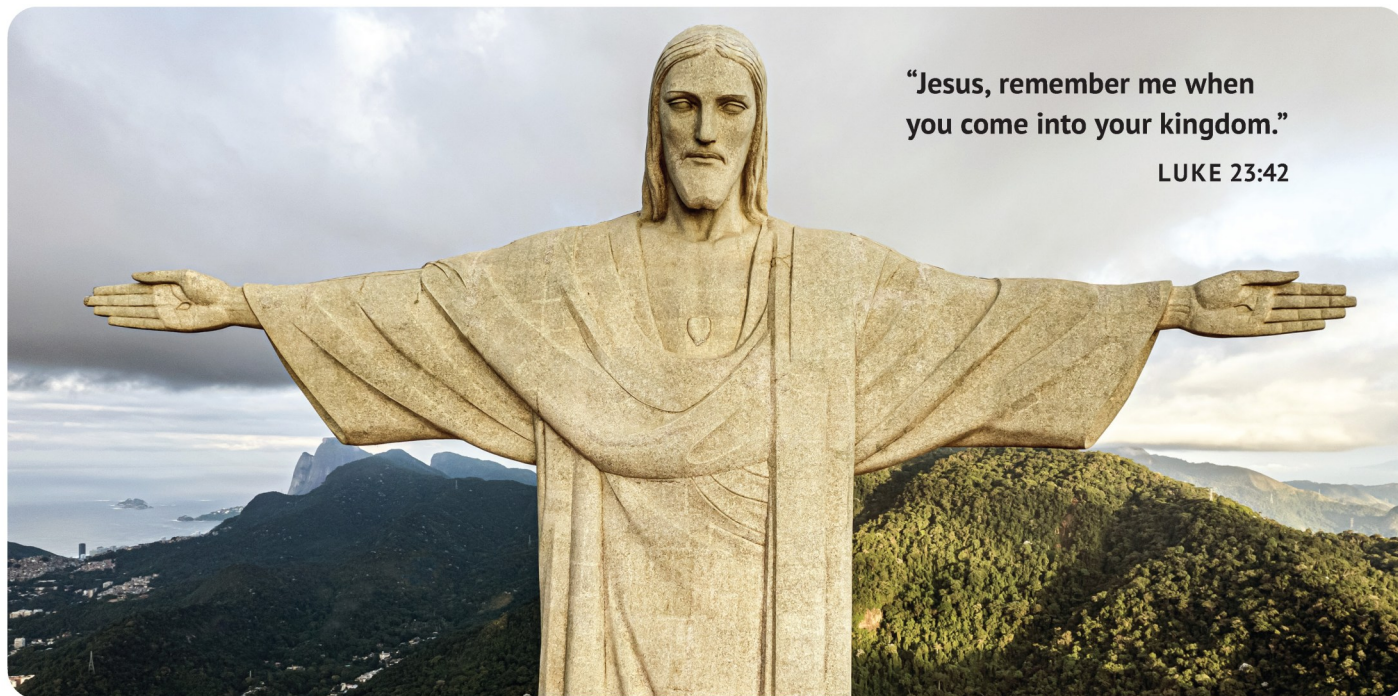
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520 S. Garfield Street, Kennewick

1000 Horne Drive, Benton City



“Jesus, remember me when  
you come into your kingdom.”

LUKE 23:42

## The Hero King

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**S**ome think of a myth as something once presumed to be true but discovered to be false. For example, we say it's a myth that Christopher Columbus discovered America. There is, however, another quite different meaning to “myth,” as in a story that helps us understand life and how to negotiate it. Such myths are often centered around heroes who overcome great odds for the sake of the greater good. *Star Wars* and *Luke Skywalker* is one such myth. *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy and Frodo Baggins is another. These are myths capturing the need for courage and commitment to the good at the hero's own expense. We often find ourselves wishing we could be like these heroes.

The biblical story of the Hebrew people can be thought of as such a myth, culminating in the story of Jesus. It differs from those other myths in that this story is not fiction. It is a saga that helps us understand and negotiate life as we live it. It culminates with the sacrificial death of the one we call King of the Universe. This King is a servant-king, one who gives his life for us so that we might live. Despite being urged by religious leaders and soldiers and the thief on the cross to save himself, he resists. Saving himself is not what he is about. Jesus is the King whose true myth we tell whenever we come together. ●

**Editor's note:** This is Fr. Joseph Juknialis' final reflection for *Our Parish Community* bulletins. The new liturgical cycle begins next Sunday, November 30, 2025, and we will welcome three new reflection authors: Miguel Dulick, Ann M. Garrido, and Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR, the president and publisher of Liguori Publications. We thank Fr. Joe for his three years of insightful reflections and wish him well.

### Reflect

***What does servant-leadership mean to me in my job, my community, my home?***

# 2025 USCCB

## Special Pastoral Message on Immigration



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**A**s pastors, we the bishops of the United States are bound to our people by ties of communion and compassion in Our Lord Jesus Christ. We are disturbed when we see among our people a climate of fear and anxiety around questions of profiling and immigration enforcement. We are saddened by the state of contemporary debate and the vilification of immigrants. We are concerned about the conditions in detention centers and the lack of access to pastoral care. We lament that some immigrants in the United States have arbitrarily lost their legal status. We are troubled by threats against the sanctity of houses of worship and the special nature of hospitals and schools. We are grieved when we meet parents who fear being detained when taking their children to school and when we try to console family members who have already been separated from their loved ones.

Despite obstacles and prejudices, generations of immigrants have made enormous contributions to the well-being of our nation. We as Catholic bishops love our country and pray for its peace and prosperity. For this very reason, we feel compelled now in this environment to raise our voices in defense of God-given human dignity.

Catholic teaching exhorts nations to recognize the fundamental dignity of all persons, including immigrants. We bishops advocate for a meaningful reform of our nation's immigration laws and procedures. Human dignity and national security are not in conflict. Both are possible if people of good will work together.

We recognize that nations have a responsibility to regulate their borders and establish a just and orderly immigration system for the sake of the common good. Without such processes, immigrants face the risk of trafficking and other forms of exploitation. Safe and legal pathways serve as an antidote to such risks.

The Church's teaching rests on the foundational concern for the human person, as created in the image and likeness of God (*Genesis* 1:27). As pastors, we look to Sacred Scripture and the example of the Lord Himself, where we find the wisdom of God's compassion. The priority of the Lord, as the Prophets remind us, is for those who are most vulnerable: the widow, the orphan, the poor, and the stranger (*Zechariah* 7:10). In the Lord Jesus, we see the One who became poor for our sake (*2 Corinthians* 8:9), we see the Good Samaritan who lifts us from the dust (*Luke* 10:30–37), and we see the One who is found in the least of these (*Matthew* 25). The Church's concern for neighbor and our concern here for immigrants is a response to the Lord's command to love as He has loved us (*John* 13:34).

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We note with gratitude that so many of our clergy, consecrated religious, and lay faithful already accompany and assist immigrants in meeting their basic human needs. We urge all people of good will to continue and expand such efforts.

We oppose the indiscriminate mass deportation of people. We pray for an end to dehumanizing rhetoric and violence, whether directed at immigrants or at law enforcement. We pray that the Lord may guide the leaders of our nation, and we are grateful for past and present opportunities to dialogue with public and elected officials. In this dialogue, we will continue to advocate for meaningful immigration reform.

*As disciples of the Lord, we remain men and women of hope, and hope does not disappoint!*  
(*cf. Romans 5:5*)

*May the mantle of Our Lady of Guadalupe enfold us all in her maternal and loving care and draw us ever closer to the heart of Christ.*

The USCCB Special Pastoral Message on Immigration was issued on November 12, 2025 at the Fall Plenary Assembly of Bishops in Baltimore. It was approved by the general membership of bishops and released for immediate distribution.



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### Additional Resources

More information about migration and Catholic social teaching can be found on the USCCB's website: [usccb.org/resources/migrationandCST](https://usccb.org/resources/migrationandCST)

To support the Church's longstanding accompaniment of newcomers, the USCCB has launched You Are Not Alone. More information about the initiative is available on the Justice for Immigrants website: [justiceforimmigrants.org/you-are-not-alone](https://justiceforimmigrants.org/you-are-not-alone)

The USCCB invites Catholics to consider The Cabrini Pledge as a reminder of our immigrant heritage and a call to deeper engagement with our faith in response to current events: [usccb.org/cabrinipledge](https://usccb.org/cabrinipledge)

# Dear Padre,

## Why is a US secular holiday like Thanksgiving on the Church's liturgical calendar?

Since November 1969, the Proper Calendar offers a Thanksgiving Day Mass for US dioceses. While it also includes Independence Day, no suggestion is made for other civic holidays (Memorial Day, Labor Day, etc.). Instead, the *Roman Missal* provides “Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions” that are suited to these observances (*Ordo* #5, *GIRM* 368–378).

In the United States, November is associated with giving thanks to God. In 1623—three years after the Pilgrims sailed to this land on the *Mayflower*—a severe drought threatened their crops. Consequently, a day of prayer was observed, an abundant rain saved the harvest, and a Day of Thanksgiving was established. In 1863, President Lincoln issued a proclamation for “Thanksgiving and Praise to Our Beneficent Father” on the last Thursday of November (later moved to the fourth Thursday).

However, thanking God isn't just a one-day event; it's meant to be a perennial practice. Recall the lesson of the ten lepers healed by Jesus, only one of whom returned to thank him. (See Luke 17:11–19.) People who don't take their blessings for granted return thanks to God in prayer. Therefore, offer brief prayers of gratitude to God throughout the day, every day, for such gifts as your health and faith, the freedoms allowed in this country, “thy daily bread,” and the Eucharist—a word that means “thanksgiving.”

“Become what you pray”—a grateful disciple of our Lord! ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org)



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| Monday                                               | Tuesday     | Wednesday                     | Thursday              | Friday      | Saturday    | Sunday                 |
|------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|------------------------|
| November 24                                          | November 25 | November 26                   | November 27           | November 28 | November 29 | November 30            |
| St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs | Weekday     | Weekday                       | Thanksgiving Day (US) | Weekday     | Weekday     | First Sunday of Advent |
| Dn 1:1–6, 8–20                                       | Dn 2:31–45  | Dn 5:1–6, 13–14, 16–17, 23–28 | Sir 50:22–24          | Dn 7:2–14   | Dn 7:15–27  | Is 2:1–5               |
| Lk 21:1–4                                            | Lk 21:5–11  | Lk 21:12–19                   | 1 Cor 1:3–9           | Lk 21:29–33 | Lk 21:34–36 | Rom 13:11–14           |
|                                                      |             |                               | Lk 17:11–19           |             |             | Mt 24:37–44            |



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### A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

**Listen to [Christ's] offer of love and become his one family: in the One Christ, we are one. This is the path to follow together, among ourselves but also with our sister Christian churches, with those who follow other religious paths, with those who are searching for God, with all women and men of good will, in order to build a new world where peace reigns!**

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