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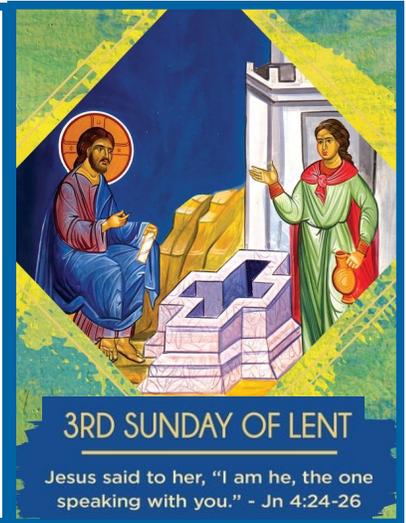
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3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one speaking with you." - Jn 4:24-26

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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
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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 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	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

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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
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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 Leistritz	406-579-1891

Natural Family Planning:

Carol Gaulke	619-5464
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MARCH 8, 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: 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday: 9:00 a.m.
Thursday: 12:15 p.m.
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)

Third Sunday of Lent, March 8, 2026
Calendar for the Week: (Note: PCC = Parish Community Center)

Sunday, March 8:
Third Sunday of Lent



*** DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS ***
Set your clocks ahead one hour.

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.

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 9:
Lenten Weekday
Saint Frances of Rome, Religious

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

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

Tuesday, March 10:
Lenten Weekday

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.

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 Charity, Unity, and Fraternity
Exemplification in the church, following Mass.

Wednesday, March 11:
Lenten Weekday

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
STAFF ATTENDING DIOCESAN MEETING

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

Bible Study, *Matthew: The King and His
Kingdom*, PCC rooms 6/8, 10:00 a.m.

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.

Parish Council, PCC room 7, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 12:
Lenten Weekday

Mass in the church at 12:15 p.m. Mass is also
livestreamed on [Holy Spirit Facebook page](#).

Lenten Penance Service, 6:30 p.m. in the church.

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

Friday, March 13:
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.

Apostolate of the Returning King Prayer Group,
PCC room 7, 10:00 a.m.

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

American Heritage Girls safety class, PCC hall,
6:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 14:
Lenten Weekday

Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life (SEEL), PCC
room 6/8, 9:00 a.m.

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

Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters of
the Americas Alms Dinner, PCC hall, following
Mass (dinner will be served at 5:45 p.m.)

Sunday, March 15:
Fourth Sunday of Lent
Laetare Sunday

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

Confirmation Super Sunday, PCC hall and
rooms 3 and 5, 1:30 - 4:30 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.



LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES 2026

Thursday, March 12, 6:30 p.m.	Holy Spirit	7409 W. Clearwater Ave, Kennewick
Monday, March 16, 6:30 p.m.	Sacred Heart Church	1905 Highland Drive, Prosser
Tuesday, March 17, 6:30 p.m.	Christ the King	1111 Stevens Drive, Richland
Friday, March 20, 6:30 p.m.	St. Frances Cabrini	1000 Horne Drive, Benton City
Thursday, March 26, 6:30 p.m.	St. Joseph Church	520 S. Garfield Street, Kennewick



CRS RICE BOWL Nourishing Futures in Guatemala

In Guatemala, nutrition classes and savings programs give mothers and families better opportunities to improve their health, nutrition and financial well-being. Visit www.crsricebowl.org/stories-of-hope/week-3 to read how your support of CRS Rice Bowl is helping the Guatemala community thrive. Pick up a CRS rice bowl in the vestibule.

Eating a simple meal during Lent helps us reflect on the hunger that many people face worldwide. This Lent, try tostadas, a meatless dish commonly eaten in Guatemala. Find the recipe at www.crsricebowl.org/recipes/tostadas-guatemala. Then make a Lenten donation to help ensure all the members of our global family have access to enough nutritious food.



Please stop by the booklet display case in the vestibule and pick up free copies of *Heaven Speaks to Parents Who Worry About Their Children's Salvation* and *Heaven Speaks to Those Who Are Away From the Church*. Experience Our Lord's calming words to parents whose adult children have stepped away from the regular practice of their faith and to those who are in need of an invitation from Jesus to return to the Church.

A Note From the St. Serra Club of Tri Cities

"God proves His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (from Romans 5:5-8) None of us can thank God enough for giving us His Son. Jesus died for our sins and gave us the gift of eternal life. With gratitude, we all try to live our lives in ways that please Him. Continue to pray for those who are serving Him as priests, permanent deacons, brothers, monks or nuns and for those aspiring to live these vocations.

Blessing of Living Water

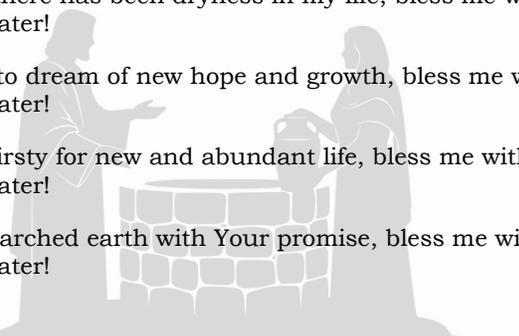
Lord, where there has been dryness in my life, bless me with Your living water!

Where I fear to dream of new hope and growth, bless me with Your living water!

Where I'm thirsty for new and abundant life, bless me with Your living water!

Drench the parched earth with Your promise, bless me with Your living water!

Amen.



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION FRIDAYS DURING LENT



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 every Friday during Lent (except Good Friday, April 3) in the vestibule from 9:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m., when Benediction is celebrated in the church.



Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 5:30 p.m. each Friday during Lent (except on Good Friday, April 3rd at 3:00 p.m.).



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

Please contact Suzanne Heaston at 509-987-2779 or heaston76@msn.com if you are able to bring a soup in a crockpot on any given Wednesday. A few more soups are needed most Wednesdays throughout Lent.

POPE LEO URGES DIPLOMACY



Pope Leo XIV delivered a fervent appeal for peace in Iran on Sunday, calling on the parties involved to “assume the moral responsibility of halting the spiral of violence before it becomes an unbridgeable chasm.”

“May diplomacy regain its proper role, and may the well-being of peoples, who yearn for peaceful existence founded on justice, be upheld. And let us continue to pray for peace,” the Holy Father said.

Read more at <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/angelus/2026/documents/20260301-angelus.html>.

Save the date for 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.



ST. PATRICK SCHOOL IRISH GAMES—SATURDAY, MARCH 14



Join us for a day of soccer, carnival games, food, entertainment, and family fun at St. Patrick School's annual Irish Games on Saturday, March 14. All are welcome! For more information, visit www.sppasco.org.

SAVE THE DATES: MAY 21 - 22, 2026

FIRST BIENNIAL "CLOTHING, APPAREL, AND LINENS SALE"

Gently used clothing (all ages) and linens are needed for the sale including: shoes, hats, belts, scarves, neckties, purses, jewelry, tablecloths, bedsheets, towels, doilies, napkins, vintage and formal dresses etc.



This event will be held in our PCC hall, and will replace our former "Rummage Sales." Please call Linda Rego at 253-370-6368 for questions and collection information.

St. Joseph Church Youth Group Presents

PRE-EASTER YOUTH RETREAT



Attention all teens in grades 7 - 12! Don't miss out on a weekend of faith, fun, and friendship happening on Palm Sunday weekend. This is your chance to connect with others and strengthen your faith.

The goal of *SENT* is to call and equip teens for the mission of evangelization. This weekend retreat will include prayer, talks, worship, and community-building. Speakers will include Bishop Joseph Tyson, Fr. José Herrera, and Fr. Michael Kelly. Worship and music with Daniel Oberreuter and Luis F. Luna.

Friday, March 27: Opening Youth Mass – 7:00 to 8:30 PM

Saturday, March 28: Retreat activities – 8:00 AM to 8:30 PM

Sunday, March 29: Retreat activities & Closing Mass at 3:30 PM

Donation of \$60 includes meals and a shirt. For more information contact Fr. José Herrera at 509-585-3820, or Nancy T. at 509-267-0061 or nancy.stjoseph@gmail.com.



Scan the QR code to register by Saturday, March 21.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

All dates are tentative

Monday	March 9	Pat Kelly RIP
Tuesday	March 10, 5:30 p.m.	Paul Stein RIP
Wednesday	March 11	Brendan Calvey RIP
Thursday	March 12, 12:15 p.m.	John Patrick McCabe RIP
Friday	March 13	Tom Nemzek
Saturday	March 14, 4:00 p.m.	Joe Vincent RIP
Sunday	March 15, 5:00 p.m.	Mora Gerety 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 asked the Samaritan woman for a drink of water, He opened for her the door to a life-changing relationship with Him. Scripture says her testimony drew many others to Him as well. We, too, must be ready to respond whenever and wherever the Lord speaks to us and be prepared for Him to change our lives!

February 1: \$23,144.82 Recorded givers: 148

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.

PLAN TO ATTEND

the annual Alms Dinner

sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the Catholic Daughters of the Americas



Saturday, March 14 in the PCC hall following the 4:00 p.m. Mass

Free dinner with the opportunity to give alms to four ministries including Holy Spirit Youth programs (Life Teen Camp in July 2026), Blue Dragon (rescuing disadvantaged children from slavery and trafficking in Southeast Asia), Mirror Ministries (responding to domestic sex trafficking in the Tri-Cities), and Soul Soup (serving hot meals to the homeless in Kennewick).

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER: FOR OUR SICK: B.J. Bacon (relative of Troy and Emma Bacon), Carmel O'Shea (relative of Fr. O'Shea), Kathleen Zimbehl (parishioner), Lorraine Ramirez (niece of Dru Squires), Fran Rombaugh (parishioner), Marlin Friedrich (parishioner), Debbie Tavernaro (parishioner), James Ellis (son of Deacon Ken and Cindy Ellis), Spenser Heaton (nephew-in-law of Fr. Michael), Laurie Brzezowski-Greenberg (sister of Fr. Michael), Fr. Michael Brzezowski, Tyler Stevens (grandson of Rose Stevens), Brad Nelson (brother of Brett Nelson), Brian and Amanda Hollenberg (son and daughter-in-law of Glenn and Karen Hollenberg), Sr. Mary (parishioner), Jim Berkman (son-in-law of Allan and Merilynn Erhart), Fr. O'Shea, Amanda Parry (parishioner), Kathy Bealer (relative of Deacon Ken Ellis), Jim Young (parishioner), Don Malisani (father of Paul Malisani), Harry and Jana Barnes (parishioners), John Jurgilewicz (parishioner), Larry Harris (relative of Deacon Ken Ellis), Lorraine Damon (daughter of Edith Perez), Eric Zimbehl (son of Kathleen Zimbehl), Kevin Gilliam (parishioner), Richard Dennis (uncle of Deacon Ken and Cindy Ellis), Rachel Courson (parishioner) and girls, George J. Konzek, Sr. (father of David Konzek), Camille Henneberry (parishioner), Rob Privette (parishioner), Addison Wessels (grandniece of Mike and Pam Thurman), John Schneider (relative of Gloria Ziegler), Chuck and Kate Wilson (relatives of Debbi Fisler), Judy Cleary (parishioner), Jeneane Conway (daughter of Julie Waddoups), Linda Ziegler (daughter-in-law of Gloria Ziegler), Rose Stevens (parishioner), Deborah Rowley (parishioner), Natalie Schaeffer (parishioner), Isaac Schmidt (grandson of Sharee Kline), Diana Murawski (parishioner), Deby Ziegler (daughter of Gloria Ziegler), Christina Squires (daughter of Dru Squires), Jason Dietz (grandson of David and Denise Konzek), and Tom Collins (son-in-law of George and Marlene Fox), Pat and Leanna Mastaler (parishioners), Sharon Cushman (parishioner and mother of Denise Konzek), Rita Magnaghi (parishioner), and Cecilia Miller (parishioner).

If you wish to add a prayer need to this list, please call the parish office at 735-8558.

CHILI FEED/BINGO NIGHT SATURDAY, MARCH 21ST

The youth of our parish will be hosting a **Chili Feed/ Bingo Night** on **Saturday, March 21st** (in the PCC hall, following the 4 PM Vigil Mass).

We will be selling tickets in the vestibule after all Masses this weekend.



Each year this event has grown, and we encourage you to **buy your tickets in advance** to make sure you have a seat. It is such a fun-filled event and we wouldn't want anyone to miss out this year. Tickets are only \$5 each.



Bingo cards will be sold after dinner for \$1 per card.



The evening will also include a **silent auction of delicious desserts**.

We have greatly appreciated all your support over these last few months. Our parish's youth are raising funds to attend Life Teen camp this summer. Please keep our teens in your prayers. Thank you.





Are You Listening?

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

“If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.” (See Psalm 95.) Our psalm prayer invites us to respond to the Word of God. A positive response should be assumed as ordinary: very few among us would deliberately ignore God’s voice. The challenge is not in responding “yes” to the invitation of the Lord but rather in “hearing” his voice.

There are so many voices that daily compete for attention. We seem to be bombarded every waking moment with some kind of noise that demands attention and action. At one time, Neil Diamond might have been able to celebrate the “Beautiful Noise” of the city, but it is far more difficult for us today. Frankly, the noise around us is deafening, and most people long for true silence, a break in the pattern, a vacation from the frantic anxiety that seems to be present.

A wonderful Lenten practice—indeed, a spiritual practice that goes well beyond Lent—is to freely choose to disconnect from distraction. Resist the temptation to plug in the earbuds. Refrain from the distraction of social media content. Leave your cell phone in the living room, go sit in the backyard, and pay attention to nothing. “Be still and know that I am God” (Psalm 46:11), the psalmist reminds us. Listen for God’s voice, hear his call, and respond to the invitation. ●



LEARN ABOUT
THE AUTHORS
OF OUR PARISH
COMMUNITY

The love of God has been
poured out into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit that has
been given to us.

ROMANS 5:5

Reflect

*Do I need more silence?
Do I find silence difficult?*

Elizabeth Ministry Newsletter



Elizabeth Ministry Chapter #820 Celebrated its First Anniversary!

Welcome to our first Elizabeth Ministry Newsletter! In December 2025, we celebrated the first anniversary of the founding of our chapter. We want to sincerely thank Holy Spirit parish for welcoming, encouraging and embracing our new ministry in 2025.

We are living out a pro-life mission by supporting, encountering, and celebrating young families in our parish. Raising children in the secular world can feel isolating, confusing, and polluted. Every mother and family in our parish deserves to have authentic, healthy, Catholic women and families walking beside them, as friends, through the joys and challenges of the childbearing years.

We also love the opportunity that our ministry has for forming cross-generational relationships within our parish. Mothers of all ages are called upon in this ministry to shepherd and minister to the young mothers of our parish.

Thank you again for your loving support of our ministry. Please continue reading to learn about what we have done so far, where we are heading, and how you can be involved.

2025 Stats

- 13 Meal Trains created
- 12 Births celebrated
- 11 “Welcome Baby” baskets delivered to moms and babies
- 15 Baptism Boxes given to children baptized in our parish
- 43 Prayer Chain texts sent
- COUNTLESS handmade baby blankets, burp cloths, bibs, and other items donated by our crafters

How We Serve:

Pray for mothers, babies and families in our parish through our Flocknote prayer chain

Create Meal Trains for families in our parish

Hand-deliver “Welcome Baby” gifts

Create Baptism gift boxes for all newly baptized children in the parish

Offer Visitation support to postpartum and grieving mothers in the parish

Collect handmade baby items made by parishioners

Our "Welcome Baby" bags are hand-delivered to mothers in their homes after they have a baby. These gift bags include:

- Blanket, bib, and burp cloth (handmade by parishioners)
- Chews Life teether
- Devotional/Magnificat/Book
- Prayer card
- Catholic vinyl stickers
- Outfit and hat for baby
- Hair claw
- Lip balm
- Goat milk soap
- Breastfeeding snacks: coconut water, meat sticks, granola bites



"Welcome Baby" gift

Baptism Box

Our Baptism Boxes are presented to families at their child's Baptism. These boxes include:

- A hand-crocheted white baby blanket
- Hand-crocheted baby bonnet or booties
- Holy water vessel to preserve the child's baptism water
- A Baptism prayer card
- A white rosary, hand-made by the Knotty Ladies
- A hand-written note from the Ministry, welcoming the child into the Church
- A large white keepsake box to hold all of the child's future sacramental keepsakes



Rosebud Bouquet Program

Please check out our rosebud display in the vestibule. There are 6 colors of roses representing 6 types of life events that someone may be experiencing (pregnancy, birth/adoption, miscarriage/loss, infertility, troubled times, and grandparent concerns). When you experience one of these events (or know of someone who is experiencing one of them) please fill out a tag attached to a rose in the basket and place it in our vase. We will contact you to offer our support and love, and of course wrap you in the prayers of our wonderful Prayer Chain prayer warriors!

Next Steps for the Ministry

We are kicking off the Visitation piece of the Ministry in 2026. Parish mothers will have the opportunity to be paired with a trained Elizabeth Minister companion, who will walk with them for 12 weeks as a friend and support as they welcome a new baby, mourn a loss, and more. Ten Elizabeth Ministers were trained in February and will be ready to support moms in the parish. Our Visitation Ministry is based on the Visitation account from Luke's Gospel, when Mary visited Elizabeth and stayed with her for 3 months as she (Elizabeth) prepared to give birth to John the Baptist.

Get Involved

- Prayer Chain (via Flocknote)
- Meal Train Ministry
- Visitation Ministry
- Crafting Ministry

CONTACT CATHERINE MAIER
(509) 771-2372

Current Roses in our Vase

- Kate Casey - wife & mom of 3, experiencing breast cancer
- Henry & Renee Barr - Baby #5 due in March 2026
- Luke & Rachel Turner - Baby due in July 2026
- Joe & Catherine Maier - Baby #4 due in August 2026
- Jason & Katie DeVoir - Baby #6 due in September 2026

Dear Padre,

When I was young, my parish covered all the statues during part of Lent. What did it mean exactly? Do any churches still do this?

In 2001, the US Conference of Catholic Bishops approved the practice of veiling statues and crosses during the last two weeks of the season of Lent, beginning on the fifth Sunday of Lent. This practice is optional, at the discretion of the local pastor. According to the Roman Missal, “Crosses remain covered until the end of the celebration of the Lord’s Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil.”

Covering crosses and statues in violet cloth in the final weeks of Lent indicates a shift in the Church’s focus from Jesus in the desert (gospel for the first Sunday of Lent) to Christ during his Passion. Similar to other Lenten disciplines of penance and fasting that align us in solidarity with Christ, the veiling custom is meant to deepen our appreciation for Christ’s ultimate sacrifice. It represents our “fasting” from sacred depictions of the cross on which hung our salvation and from images of the saints, who glorify Christ and in whom he is glorified. This concealment creates an absence to make our hearts grow fonder for the Lord, who “bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed” (1 Peter 2:24). ●



CATHOLIC

Fr. Byron J. Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
MARCH 9	MARCH 10	MARCH 11	MARCH 12	MARCH 13	MARCH 14	MARCH 15
<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Lenten Weekday</i>	<i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>
2 Kgs 5:1–15ab Lk 4:24–30	Dn 3:25, 34–43 Mt 18:21–35	Dt 4:1, 5–9 Mt 5:17–19	Jer 7:23–28 Lk 11:14–23	Hos 14:2–10 Mk 12:28–34	Hos 6:1–6 Lk 18:9–14	1 Sm 16:1b, 6–7, 10–13a Eph 5:8–14 Jn 9:1–41 or 9:1, 6–9, 13–17, 34–38

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.



MARCO IACOBUCCI/EPP / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

We feel a deep and burning thirst that no drink in this world can satisfy. Knowing this, let us not deceive our hearts by trying to satisfy them with cheap imitations!... Let us turn this thirst into a step stool, like children who stand on tiptoe, in order to peer through the window of encounter with God.

HOMILY, ROME, AUGUST 3, 2025

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