

PARISH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." - Mt 22:37

OCTOBER 29, 2023

Parish Staff:

Bookkeeper	Philline 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	Jean McDonald	586-1784
5:00 p.m. Mass	Perry Kelly	735-8558
Children's Choir	Paula Bachelor	375-9019

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	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: 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.
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)



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)

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 29, 2023

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

Sunday, October 29:

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

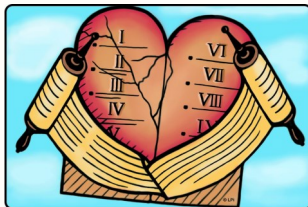
Mass in the church at 9:30 a.m. Mass is also livestreamed on [Holy Spirit Facebook page](#).

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

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



Monday, October 30:

Weekday

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

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

Tuesday, October 31:

Weekday

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

No Religious Education

No Joyful Noise Choir

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

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

Rosary near the tabernacle, following Mass.

Wednesday, November 1:

All Saints

Holy Day of Obligation

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

Bible Study, *EPIC: A Journey through Church History*, PCC rooms 6/8, 10:00 a.m.

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

Mass at 6:00 p.m. in the church.

Amazing Grace Choir, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 2:

The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

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

St. Vincent de Paul, PCC room 7, 10:00 a.m.

Backpack for Adults, *Essential Tools for Life*, PCC room 9, 10:00 a.m.

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

Celebration Choir, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, November 3:

Weekday

Saint Martin De Porres, Religious

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, November 4:

Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Memorial Mass for Young Ladies Institute deceased members, 9:00 a.m. in the church, brunch following in PCC hall.

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

Sunday, November 5:

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



*** DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS ***

Set your clocks back one hour!

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 ...

ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS:

Please refer to the reverse of this page for our schedule of Masses for All Saints Day (November 1, Holy Day of Obligation) and All Souls' Day (November 2).

In place of my usual weekly article, I have included a letter highlighting the importance of everyone's participation in this year's Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA). It is on a cream-colored sheet in this bulletin packet. For the ACA to be a success, I need every parishioner to participate in the appeal to the extent that you can. Thank you.

God's Blessings,

F. Michael



Now available on FORMED:

Bread of Life: The Eucharist in Galilee

FORMED has announced the launch of a brand-new video series. Christ's teaching on the Eucharist was not reserved solely for the Last Supper. Rather, this profound mystery is the crescendo of Jesus' entire ministry: all his work in Galilee prepared for and pointed to the Eucharist. Join Dr. Tim Gray for this exciting five-part series about Jesus' teaching on the Eucharist.

Create your free account at FORMED which provides instant access to thousands of Catholic movies, programs, audio, and books. To sign up: go to [formed.org](https://www.formed.org), click on "sign up," click on the third option, "I belong to a parish or organization," type in your zip code, choose "Parish of the Holy Spirit," and enter your name and email.

2023-2024 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The programs, services, and ministries supported by the Diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) are intended to meet the needs of all Catholics here in the Diocese of Yakima. The Church serves each of us, and our financial support is essential for continuing God's work here in Central Washington. Remember to bring your ACA pledge envelope with you to Mass next weekend if you have not already mailed it in! Extra envelopes are available in the vestibule. Completed pledge cards can be placed in the offering baskets or submitted at the parish office.



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,
one God for ever.

Amen.

STEWARDSHIP: We fulfill the commandment to love our neighbor when we exercise good stewardship—joyfully sharing our gifts of life, abilities, and resources to meet our neighbor's need.

October 15: \$13,371.75 Recorded givers: 134

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 November Ultreya of the Cursillo movement will be held **Monday, November 6** at Christ the King in Richland. The Rosary will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the chapel with the meeting starting at 7:00 p.m. in the multi-purpose room. Please come and invite your friends to join in the fellowship.

CURSILLO WEEKENDS ARE COMING!

Cursillo is an encounter with self and Jesus in the context of Christian friendship. A Cursillo weekend is a short course in our Catholic faith with a community of fellow Catholics. Cursillo offers a simple method to develop and maintain a Christian life in the everyday world. We will be conducting weekends April 4-7, 2024 for men and April 11-14, 2024 for women. If you are interested in attending or if you have any questions about Cursillo, please contact Dan Sisk at 509-946-2264 or cursillo@yakimadiocese.net.

Plan to donate blood at the Holy Spirit Council of the Knights of Columbus sponsored **Blood Drive** from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on **Friday, November 10** at the American Red Cross offices, 7202 West Deschutes Avenue in Kennewick.



Sign up in the vestibule after Masses next weekend or sign up online at redcrossblood.org. Enter "Holy Spirit Kennewick" on the sign-up page.

Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood!

Mommy and Me with the Holy Spirit

Come sing, play, chat, and pray with us! All parents of young children are welcome to join us with their little ones on Tuesday mornings 9:30-10:30 a.m. in the PCC nursery room. Check out our Facebook page too: Mommy and Me with the Holy Spirit at <https://facebook.com/groups/335141218965509/>.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

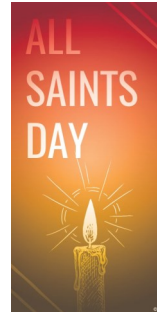
All dates are tentative.

Monday	October 30	Fr. Perron Auve
Tuesday	October 31	Fr. John O'Shea
Friday	November 3	Liam Kelly
Saturday	November 4, 4:00 p.m.	Fr. Tom Williams RIP
Sunday	November 5, 5:00 p.m.	Cecilia Miller

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

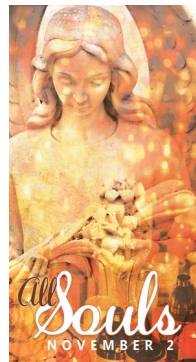
To have your need added to our parish prayer phone chain, please call Adele Ogryzek at 627-0201.

To have your need added to the list which is published in the bulletin once each month, please call the parish office.

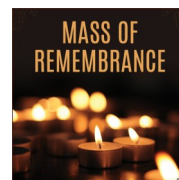


Wednesday, November 1, All Saints Day, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Beginning Wednesday, November 1st, 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.



Thursday, November 2, is All Souls' Day. 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.



All are invited to the **Mass for the Deceased** of our parish on **Tuesday, November 7**. Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 p.m. (NOT at 5:30 p.m.) with a short reception to follow in the vestibule.

Please join our parish family in praying for the repose of the souls of those who have died in the past year. There will be time after Mass to gather to remember those who have graced our lives and gone before us to be with the Lord. Our prayers and gratitude go with them for all they have done for us and for our parish.

**(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC—
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY
MOMENTS**

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

27 Words That Matter

One of the quickest things you learn as a parent is how dangerous it is to explain too much, especially when your kid is teetering on the brink of a rebellion. The fewer words you use, the more power those words have. A kid who is about to be carried away by their feelings needs to be brought back to earth with a tether made of short, succinct directions.

There are a lot of similarities between the Pharisees of Scripture and a toddler on the edge of a meltdown. Stay with me — this will make sense, I promise. Think about it: both toddlers and Pharisees have lots of feelings and lots of opinions. Both toddlers and Pharisees think you're out to get them. Both toddlers and Pharisees keep trying to trick you to get what they think they want.

A thorough Google search informs me that there are about 80,000 words in the Torah. Eighty-thousand words, and Jesus can boil it all down to 27: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind" and "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Jesus doesn't make the excess words untrue; He doesn't make them unnecessary. And sometimes I need the long explanation, the full and complete picture.

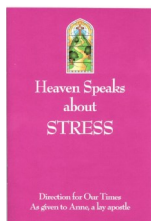
Sometimes, as much as I hate to admit it, I act like both a toddler and a Pharisee. I am carried away by my feelings. I don't trust God. I am about to bolt.

When that happens, I need to be told in short and simple terms what my salvation means. I need a tether made of short, succinct directions.

"The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments." — Matthew 22:40

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FATHER-DAUGHTER SNOWFLAKE BALL: Dad, Grandpa, Uncle! Give the special young lady/ladies in your life an evening that will spark wonderful memories for years to come. Bring her to the twenty-fourth **Annual Father-Daughter Snowflake Ball** on Saturday, December 2, 2023, 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. The event includes corsages, souvenirs, door prizes, music, and a picture for each young lady. For reservations and pre-payments call Lynda at 588-4235 today! Space is limited.



Take a moment to visit the *Heaven Speaks* booklet display in the vestibule. Discover what Our Lord has to say to those who worry about their children, struggle with stress or depression, or who suffer from financial need. There is something for everyone. Come and see.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Prayer Vigil to End Abortion

Public Right-of-Way
Outside of Planned Parenthood
7426 West Bonnie Place in Kennewick

Daily: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
through Sunday, November 5

Sign up at: 40daysforlife.com/Tricities

Phone or text Christie at: 509-980-1736

Email to: kennewick40daysforlife@yahoo.com

Jail Ministry

If you would like to help in this Corporal Work of Mercy, we could use US postage stamps to give each prisoner two stamped envelopes as one of the items in their Christmas gift bags. We would prefer that you purchase these stamps in books of 50 or 100 and then give them to Robin (253-370-9899), or Linda Rego (253-370-6368). We will need them before December 1. As this date approaches, please contact us first before you purchase the stamps, in case we have enough by then. We are planning to help 800 prisoners in Benton, Franklin and Juvenile Jails.

THE VOICE OF THE SPIRIT IS LISTENING!

The *Voice of the Spirit* newsletter is soliciting content for the fall/winter issue. The editors would love to hear your stories! They may include involvement with a ministry, charity, community organization or event related to Holy Spirit Parish; a heart-warming faith-based holiday memory; or share your experiences from a recent mission trip or pilgrimage. Just have an idea to pitch for a possible future story? We'll take those, too! Please send submissions by **Sunday, November 19** to Dieter Bohrmann at dqbohrmann@gmail.com. Questions? Call or text Dieter at 509-987-3158. The newsletter is expected to publish before Christmas.

A NOTE FROM ST. SERRA CLUB OF TRI CITIES

When a scribe asked Jesus "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, 'You shall love the Lord, your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' " (Matthew 22: 37) Is Christ calling you to let Him manifest His love in you as a priest, deacon, brother, or sister?

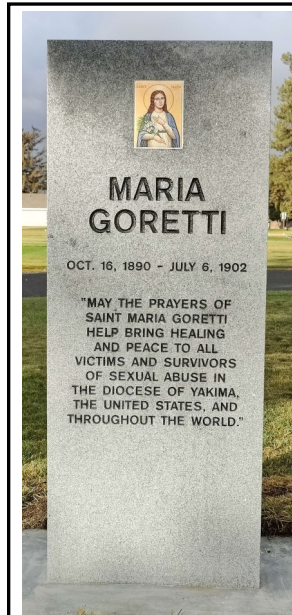
On Saturday, November 4, the 8:30 a.m. Mass in St. Joseph's Small Church will also be a memorial Mass for deceased Knights of Columbus (of Kennewick Council 8179, Father Schmitz Assembly), and deceased members of the Serra Club of the Tri-Cities. We invite members of these groups, as well as friends and family members of the deceased, to please join us for this memorial Mass.

The first full week of November is National Vocations Awareness Week. In your families, please pray to sustain those who have chosen to follow their vocations as priests, permanent deacons, sisters and brothers. Without them we would not have access to the sacraments or the benefits of many religious institutions or Catholic charitable organizations.



PRAYER GATHERING

Please join our prayer gathering at 11:00 a.m. on the first Sunday of each month in the PCC hall to pray for peace in Ukraine, the Holy Land, and other war torn nations. We'll also pray for the conversion of souls and for the end of Satan's reign of evil. The prayer gathering is organized by Camille Henneberry, Janet Ip and several parishioners. Prayers will include all four mysteries of the rosary, litanies, chaplets, Psalms, and other prayers. **Please join us next Sunday, November 5 at 11:00 a.m!**



On Thursday, November 2, Bishop Joseph Tyson will commend victims and survivors of sexual abuse to the intercession of Saint Maria Goretti. During a brief ceremony at 12:30 p.m., Bishop Tyson will dedicate a new memorial marker at Calvary Cemetery, 1405 South 24th Avenue in Yakima. The new memorial includes an icon of the saint and a prayer for healing for all victims of abuse in the Diocese of Yakima, the United States, and throughout the world.

“As we join our prayers to those of Saint Maria Goretti for victims and survivors of abuse, may we redouble our efforts to make our parishes and schools safe places for all to gather, particularly the young and vulnerable,” said Bishop Joseph Tyson.

The Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life (SEEL)

There is a tragic side to an attachment. If we lose what we're attached to or can't get it, we become unhappy. But if we *do* have it, we still aren't happy! Instead, we get a quick flash of pleasure, followed by weariness. And under it all, we harbor the anxiety that we might lose what we are attached to. People get so attached to stuff that they just can't imagine life without it. But for each attachment we pay a price in lost happiness. The Spiritual Exercises teach that there is no way to keep attachments without struggle, anxiety, and fear. The only way to win this battle is to drop the attachment. This is the message of the First Commandment. Put God first.

SEEL meets next on Saturday, November 11 at 9:00 a.m. in PCC room 6/8, and online on the Zoom app. The theme will be the Principle and Foundation. To learn more about SEEL, please visit <https://seeltc.com>.



MOVIMIENTO MARIANO THEOTOKOS



"And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?"

"Cómo he merecido yo que venga a mi la madre de mi Señor?" Lc 1, 43

FROM
FATIMA,
PORTUGAL

International
Pilgrimage Statue of
**Our Lady of
Fatima**

Coming Soon
to Our Parish
for Our Veneration
and Devotion



Nuestra Señora de Fátima con su Inmaculado Corazón fue Bendecida por el Papa Francisco el 11 de Enero del 2017.



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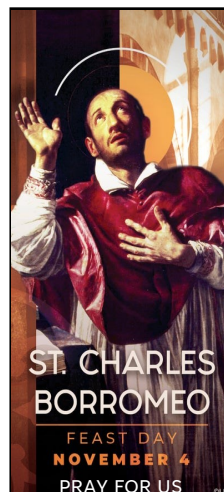
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*Come! visit Her, and make her smile!
Ven! visítala, y hazla sonreír!*

St. Charles Borromeo Feast Day November 4

St. Charles Borromeo (1538 - 1584) is most known for living during the time of the Protestant Reformation and helped influence reform of the whole Catholic Church during the final years of the Council of Trent.

Among his most important actions during his life, St. Charles Borromeo established seminaries, colleges, and communities for the education of candidates for holy orders. His emphasis on Catholic learning greatly increased the preparation of men for the priesthood and benefited their congregations. He died at the age of 46.



**ST. CHARLES
BORROMEO**
FEAST DAY
NOVEMBER 4
PRAY FOR US



Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) for 2024



Dear Parishioners,

On the weekend of November 4th and 5th, we will celebrate Pledge Weekend for the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) of the Diocese of Yakima. This year, the theme of the ACA is: *Building the Young Church*; a theme which reflects our diocese's commitment to the continuing formation of youth for a vibrant and Spirit-filled Catholic Church in Central Washington. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we all walk with the Risen Christ into the future; children, young adults, adults, the newly baptized, and "well-seasoned" Catholics. As laity, deacons, priests, religious, and bishops we all have a stake in the mission of the Catholic Church. The ACA invites us to support the ongoing work of the Church beyond the scope of our local parish.

Through our renewed ACA pledges and contributions, we serve countless people in the Diocese of Yakima in ways we may not realize, including ...

Ministries to families, children, youth, and young adults

Catholic Campus Ministry for college-age students at Central Washington University

Promoting vocations to ordained ministries and the religious/consecrated life

Ongoing formation of the laity through catechetical programs

We join our efforts with Catholics in 39 other parishes throughout the diocese to assist in the work that no one individual or parish can do alone.

This year, our parish goal for the Annual Catholic Appeal is **\$121,614.00**, which is just over \$1,800 higher than last year's goal. Since we exceeded our goal last year by a substantial amount, I am confident that your continued financial support will assist us in reaching our ACA goal for 2024. All funds collected in excess of our goal will be returned to Holy Spirit Parish as a rebate, for use in our own parish programs—including our youth ministry and religious education programs, parish retreats/missions with inspirational presenters, and continued online streaming of our daily and Sunday Masses. **Due to your generosity last year, the Parish of the Holy Spirit received the highest ACA rebate of any parish of the Diocese of Yakima.** We can be proud of this accomplishment which was achieved through the efforts of many.

I personally support the ACA and encourage you to do so as well. Each year I have tried to increase my own pledge a little. After all, just about everything is going up in price. Will you join me? My hope is that every household in our parish will make a pledge or offer a one-time gift this year. I urge you to prayerfully consider your family's financial situation and make the most generous pledge your circumstances will allow. If it more convenient for you, consider spreading your pledge payments over a number of months, as I do. Any ACA pledge that you make now can be fulfilled through the month of October, 2024.

Thank you for your generosity in supporting the ministries of the Diocese of Yakima. Be assured of my continued prayers for you.

God's blessings,

Fr. Michael

Fr. Michael Brzezowski, Pastor





The Other Side of Love

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Dennis is one of the local street people who lives around the parish where I live. He is usually pleasant and courteous and wants to do things right, though he also struggles with his own set of demons. For the most part, Dennis seems to be finding his way through the mazes of life, as people do in their own fashion.

In some ways, the parishioners have become a family for Dennis, or at least a part of the family scattered about the neighborhood. Frequently he will be gone for a time, and we will wonder what happened to Dennis, only to find him drifting back among us.

These days Dennis is angry with us. For whatever reason, Dennis brought his assembled belongings and took up residence on our garage roof. The roof is flat and has a two-foot-high wall around the edge, a place that affords a bit of shelter from the wind. Soon, however, the parish came up with a list of reasons why it would be best if Dennis did not live on our garage roof—safety, security, and insurance among them. So Dennis was asked to move on, and that’s why Dennis is angry with us.

The parish staff tries to be sensitive and caring about the street people. They try to let them make their own way when that is what they want to do. Yet at other times the staff needs to do what is best for everyone involved in the parish. It’s not always easy to know how to love someone. ●

Reflect

When have you been unsure of how to love someone?

“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul,
and with all your mind....You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

MATTHEW 22:37, 39



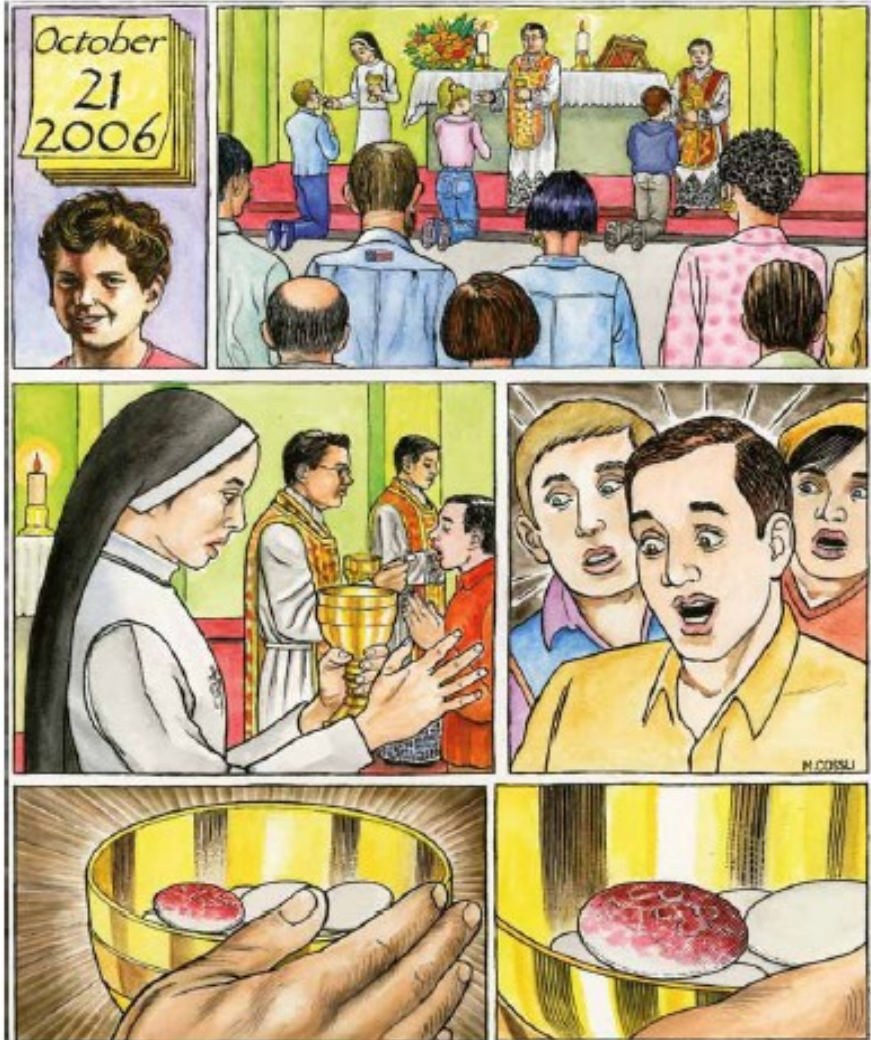
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MEXICO, OCTOBER 21, 2006



On October 12, 2013, H.E. Most Rev. Alejo Zavala Castro, Bishop of the Diocese of Chilpancingo-Chilapa, announced through a Pastoral Letter the recognition of the Eucharistic Miracle that occurred at Tixtla, on October 21, 2006. In the letter we read: "This manifestation brings to us a marvelous sign of the love of God that confirms the Real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist... In my role as Bishop of the Diocese I recognize the supernatural character of the series of events relating to the Bleeding Host of Tixtla... I declare the case as a "Divine Sign ...".



On October 21, 2006, the *effusion of a reddish substance* was noted from a consecrated Host during the Eucharistic Celebration at Tixtla, in the Diocese of Chilpancingo-Chilapa. The Bishop of the place, Most Reverend Alejo Zavala Castro, then convened a Theological Commission of investigation and, in October 2009, he invited Doctor Ricardo Castañón Gómez, to take on the leadership of the program of scientific research whose purpose was in fact that of verifying the said event. The Mexican Ecclesiastical authorities turned to Doctor Castañón Gómez because they were aware that, in the years 1999-2006, the scientist had conducted some studies on two consecrated Hosts that also bled in the Parish of Saint Mary, in Buenos Aires. The Mexican case starts in October 2006, when Father Leopoldo Roque, pastor of the Parish of Saint Martin of Tours, invites Father Raymundo Reyna Esteban to lead a spiritual retreat



for his parishioners. As Father Leopoldo and another priest were distributing Communion, assisted by a religious sister who was to the left of Father Raymundo, this latter one turns towards him with the "pix" containing the Sacred Particles, looking at Father with eyes filled with tears, an incident that immediately attracted the attention of the celebrant: the Host that she had taken to give Communion to a lady parishioner had begun to effuse a reddish substance.



The Host which bled

Eucharistic Miracle of TIXTLA

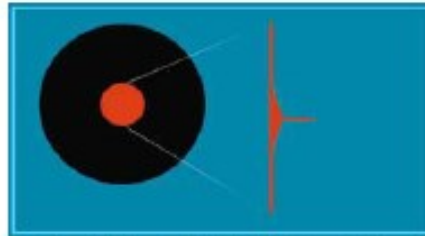
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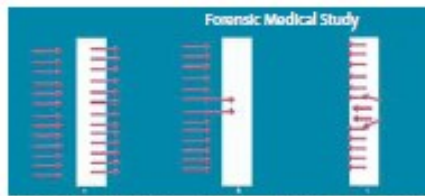


“The ecclesiastical authority wanted likewise to specify that in a Catholic context the Miracle distinguishes itself for the following aspects:

1. Theological:
The intervention comes from God. It is of divine origin.
2. Objectivity:
The ‘alteration’ of the causes or natural laws is evident.
3. Subjectivity:
Whoever accepts the miracle ‘recognizes or accepts’ with an act of Faith that the extraordinary event comes from the loving Will of God.
4. Purpose:
It has as its end the good of one or many people.”



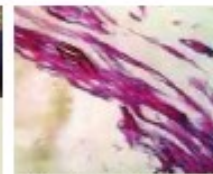
Graphic which illustrates how the blood flowed from the interior of the heart towards the exterior, as it occurs with a wound.



Within the graphic, in the drawing C it is seen clearly how the flow of blood occurred, from the interior towards the exterior. In the drawing A it is seen how it would have been if someone had inserted some blood from the exterior. It would have expanded into all the channels. There is no situation B in which someone could put some liquid which entered only through two channels and the rest remaining on the surface without being absorbed.



By analyzing the Host it was observed that it was human blood of type AB and that it corresponded to tissue. Then an analysis was done of phytochemical markers which confirmed that it was live cardiac muscle. No study exists that can maintain alive a cardiac tissue in this situation. Normally after 48 hours the tissue dies, here 3 months passed before the result could be obtained and this is truly unexplainable for science.



Professor Carlos Parilada, of the Francisco Marroquín University in Guatemala, shows in one of the photos taken of the sample of the miraculous Host, how the presence of longitudinal fibrillar structures is evident. By observing the image one sees well the bifurcation that was made evident, which is typical of the muscular cardiac fiber, that is of the heart.



In 2010, by means of a study of digital microscopic penetration through the shooting of ultraviolet rays and intense white light it was demonstrated that the tissue seen in the upper part of the Host showed some dry coagulated blood. The analysis showed moreover that under the Blood already coagulated beyond some structures of the white Host, there was also the presence of fresh Blood. Also this analysis confirmed the fact that the blood was not placed by someone from the exterior because if it were like this it could not remain fresh for so much time (from 2006 to 2010) only in the internal part of the Host.



Professor John Corraqueo, one of the prominent histopathologists who study tissues, discovered that there was the presence of mesenchymal cells and of tissue of white blood cells and red blood cells, but to arrive to say that it was heart muscle further exams had to be done and the result arrived only after 2 years.



The Gene Ex genetics laboratory in Bolivia performed another study and confirmed that it was human blood of the type AB just like the one found in the cloth of the Shroud of Turin and of the Eucharistic Miracle that occurred in Lanciano in 700 AD.



Photo of Father Raymondito Reyna Encinas, protagonist of the Eucharistic Miracle of Tixtla.

The scientific research conducted between October 2009 and October 2012 came to the following conclusions, presented on May 25, 2013 during the course of an international Symposium held by the Diocese of Chilpancingo, on the occasion of the Year of Faith, and which saw the participation of millions of people coming from four continents

1. The reddish substance analyzed corresponds to blood in which there are hemoglobin and DNA of human origin.
2. Two studies conducted by eminent forensic experts with different methodologies have shown that the substance originates from the interior, excluding the hypothesis that someone could have placed it from the exterior.
3. The blood type is AB, similar to the one found in the Host of Lanciano and in the Holy Shroud of Turin.

4. A microscopic analysis of magnification and penetration reveals that the superior part of the blood has been coagulated since October 2006. Moreover, the underlying internal layers reveal, in February 2010, the presence of fresh blood.

5. They also found intact white blood cells, red blood cells, and active macrophages that engulf lipids. The tissue in question appears lacerated and with recovery mechanisms, exactly as occurs in a living tissue.

6. A further histopathological analysis determines the presence of protein structures in a state of deterioration, suggesting mesenchymal cells, very specialized cells, characterized by an elevated bio-physiological dynamism.

7. The immunohistochemical studies reveal that the tissue found corresponds to the muscle of the heart



When there is the presence of human DNA one thinks that also the genetic profile can be automatically obtained. Interestingly in all the studies performed on the images that showed blood or in the concentrated Hosts that have bled the presence of DNA was found, but when the work of separating to extract the genetic profile was done, they were never able to obtain it. The theologians say that since Jesus does not have a father, his father is the Holy Spirit, it is not possible to obtain his genetic profile.

(Myocardium). On account of the scientific results and the conclusions reached by the theological committee, last October 12 the Bishop of Chilpancingo, his Eminence Alejo Zavala Castro, announced the following:

- The event does not have a natural explanation.
- It does not have paranormal origin.
- It is not traceable to manipulation of the enemy.”

Dear Padre,

How does a person become a saint?

Saint Alphonsus Liguori challenged those who entered the Redemptorists saying, “Don’t become a Redemptorist unless you want to be a saint.” I would widen his expression to say, “Don’t get baptized unless you want to be a saint.” To be a saint means that you want to go to heaven. Most people are not canonized, but anyone who leads a holy life is a member of the communion of saints. This mystical body spans heaven, earth, and purgatory. As St. Paul said, “We are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses” (Hebrews 12:1).

Technically speaking, to be canonized, that is, given the title of “saint” by the Church, a person’s life should serve as a model for others, and two miracles must be attributed to his or her intercession. The formal process begins after death with the creation of the person’s “cause,” often with the leadership of local clergy.

The beatitudes offer us a blueprint for holiness. If we are poor in spirit, mourning, meek, hungry for righteousness, merciful, pure, peacemakers, or persecuted for doing what is right, we are on the road to sainthood. Reflect on one of the beatitudes. It can be one you do well or one that challenges you. Discern how you live it out and how you could live it out better. Slowly you will find yourself growing holier, and one day you will find yourself a saint in heaven. ●



Blessed Carlo Acutis (1991–2006) served the needy and built an internet gateway for exploring eucharistic miracles.

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSSR / DearPadre.org

A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

This is the test: if I say, “I love God,” and do not love my neighbor, it does not work. The verification that I love God is that I love my neighbor. As long as there is a brother or sister to whom we close our hearts, we will still be far from being disciples as Jesus asks us.

ANGELUS, ROME, OCTOBER 25, 2020



MONDAY

October 30
Weekday
Rom 8:12–17
Lk 13:10–17

TUESDAY

October 31
Weekday
Rom 8:18–25
Lk 13:18–21

WEDNESDAY

November 1
All Saints
Rev 7:2–4, 9–14
1 Jn 3:1–3
Mt 5:1–12a

THURSDAY

NOVEMBER 2
Commemoration of All
the Faithful Departed
(All Souls’ Day)
Any readings from no.
668 in the Lectionary
or from the Masses
for the Dead

FRIDAY

November 3
Weekday
Rom 9:1–5
Lk 14:1–6

SATURDAY

November 4
St. Charles Borromeo,
Bishop
Rom 11:1–2a, 11–12,
25–29
Lk 14:1, 7–11

SUNDAY

November 5
Thirty-first Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Mal 1:14b–2:2b, 8–10
1 Thes 2:7b–9, 13
Mt 23:1–12

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