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31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant." - Mt 23:8-11

NOVEMBER 5, 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 Feeny	551-0486
Eucharistic Adoration	Liz Friedrich	783-6223
Prayer Line	Adele Ogryzek	627-0201
Altar Server Training	Zack Rinderer	582-2543

Parish Ministries:

Mary Martha Prayer Group	Camille Henneberry	735-4858
Welcoming Committee	Jan Beardemphl	948-3367
PCC Nursery	Wynona Vaz	628-0754
Ministry to Sick and Shut-Ins	Deacon Eric Shaber & Charlotte Shaber	208-521-7846
Bible Study	Judy Turner	438-7938
Women's Group	Linda Rego	221-1130

Councils and Committees:

Parish Council	Jim Carey	627-0321
Finance Council	Jared Liebert	947-9386
Stewardship	Lenice & Pat Nagle	582-6893
Voice of the Spirit	Dieter Bohrmann	987-3158
Parish Library	Ann Stevens	396-2723

Charter Organizations:

Catholic Daughters	Linda Garner	627-2748
Knights of Columbus	Nick Multari	425-753-1654
St. Vincent de Paul	Message Line	591-0632
Scout Troop #275	Teddy Herrera	778-0505

Natural Family Planning:

Christine Disselkamp	628-8810
Carol Gaulke	619-5464

Weekend Masses:

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

Weekday Masses:

Monday: 9:00 a.m.
Tuesday: 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)

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 5, 2023

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

Sunday, November 5:

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



***** DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS *****

Set your clocks back one hour
before coming to church today!

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.



Monday, November 6:

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, November 7:

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.

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

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

Mass for the deceased of our parish at **6:00 p.m.** in
the church. Mass is also livestreamed on [Holy
Spirit Facebook page](#). Reception to follow in the
vestibule.

Rosary near the tabernacle, following Mass.

Wednesday, November 8:

Weekday

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.

Amazing Grace Choir, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 9:

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

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

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 10:

Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

**Parish office closed
in observance of Veterans Day.**

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 11:

Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop

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

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

Sunday, November 12:

Thirty-Second 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.



From the Pastor's Desk ...

VISIT TO HOLY SPIRIT PARISH OF THE INTERNATIONAL PILGRIMAGE STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA:

From **Wednesday, November 8th** (evening) to **Wednesday, November 15th** (late morning) our parish will become a temporary shrine for a special statue of Our Lady of Fatima. This statue of our Blessed Mother is one of nine images blessed by Pope Francis and sent out on "pilgrimage" to the world. The statue that we will be hosting has already traveled widely throughout the state of Washington this calendar year.

The purpose of this "pilgrimage" is to foster deeper devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, under the patronage of Our Lady of Fatima. In her apparitions to several shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal in the early 20th Century, Our Lady encouraged all her spiritual children—that's us—to pray the Holy Rosary frequently for world peace and for the conversion of souls (in particular, in the Soviet Union (now Russia)).

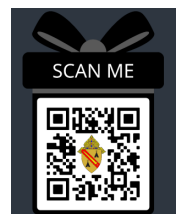
You are welcome to spend time with Mary's image, offering Our Lady of Fatima your prayers and veneration. Join parishioners after our daily Masses in praying the Holy Rosary near the statue. Our Masses on the weekend of November 11th and November 12th will all conclude with a short devotional ritual to honor Our Lady of Fatima's presence at Holy Spirit Parish.

God's Blessings,

E. Michael

2023-2024 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

This is Pledge Weekend for the Diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal. Our parish goal is not only a monetary one (\$121,614.00), it is 100% participation among Holy Spirit parishioners. Can you imagine the additional good works that could be accomplished across our diocese with just a 10% increase in donors? To achieve this goal, each of us is asked to prayerfully open our hearts to the needs of our diocese and make a gift as our individual circumstances allow. Extra envelopes are available in the vestibule. If you would like to donate online, please visit www.yakimadiocese.org or scan the QR code (at right or on your pledge card).



Pledge
Weekend
November
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Building
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2024
ANNUAL
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Appeal

DIocese OF YAKIMA

(509) 965-7117
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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.

Amen.

STEWARDSHIP: "The greatest among you will be the one who serves the rest," Jesus says in today's Gospel. What wonderful good news for those who give of their time and talents in service to others!

October 22: \$10,625.50 Recorded givers: 113

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.



The Knights of Columbus are holding their annual membership drive this weekend.

Stop by the table in the vestibule to learn more about their mission to empower Catholic men to live their faith at home, in their parish, at work, and in their community.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) Sharing Group

Couples, priests and religious who have attended a WWME Weekend experience are invited to attend a sharing group gathering on Sunday, November 12th. Sharing groups are designed to provide ongoing support to assist every couple, priest and religious to live the lifestyle proclaimed on the WWME Weekend experience.

When: Sunday, November 12th, 3:00 - 4:30pm

Where: Holy Spirit Parish Community Center (Room 5)

Who: Any married couple, priest or religious who has attended a WWME Weekend.

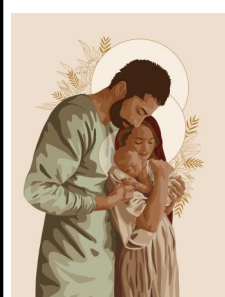
Questions: Please contact Cameron and Becca Allen at allencb12@gmail.com or 509-398-2398.

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 this 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!



This time of the year we are giving thanks for the many blessings God has given us. Please consider helping those in need in our parish and/or in our local community by adopting a family at Christmas. This parish program assists families who, due to economic circumstances, need food and gifts at Christmastime. For more information, call Vonnie Bliss at 509-586-3745.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

All dates are tentative.

Monday	November 6	Steve Johnson
Tuesday	November 7, 6:00 p.m.	Deceased of Our Parish
Wednesday	November 8	Walsh Family
Thursday	November 9	Don Hart RIP
Friday	November 10	Connie Barreto RIP
Saturday	November 11, 4:00 p.m.	T. Holt RIP
Sunday	November 12, 5:00 p.m.	Timothy Luke

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.



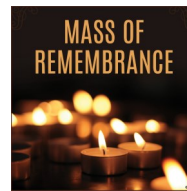
Thank you to Betty Martin for decorating our sanctuary with such a beautiful and bountiful arrangement for the fall season and the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday.

Also a big thanks to our crew of dedicated and creative flower arrangers who keep our church graced with fresh flower arrangements throughout the year. They include Kristi Privette, Janet Ip, Dayanara Ramos, Sherry Schroeder and Natalie Ip.



Thursday, November 2, was 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.

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.



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.



A Mass for the deceased members of the Knights of Columbus and Catholic Daughters of the Americas will be celebrated on **Wednesday, November 15 at 6:00 p.m.** The Knights and Catholic Daughters invite everyone to join them as they pray for and pay tribute to their deceased members.

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

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

A Heavy Burden, Hard to Carry

“Mommy, you haven’t been making any sacrifices.”

My daughter was peering through the little opening in the plastic cover of the “sacrifice jar” we made for Lent this past year. The repurposed oatmeal container, jazzed up with glitter glue and pictures of St. Therese of Lisieux, was more than half-filled with little slips of paper bearing descriptions of the various sacrifices family members had made for one another.

But she was right: every piece of paper bore the childlike scrawl of herself and her brother. I had not added anything to the sacrifice jar.

“If I wrote down every sacrifice I made for you in just a single day, the jar would explode,” I retorted. Even though my daughter giggled, I instantly regretted the comment, sighing as I realized I did it again. I let a snide, self-pitying thought form on my lips and make its way into the world because, for a brief moment, I thought someone didn’t appreciate my hard work.

We might sneer at the scribes and the Pharisees as Jesus describes them in the Gospel, lengthening their phylacteries and coveting the places of honor. But then I remember: nobody starts out meaning to be a jerk.

We want to do good things. We try to be holy. But it’s hard, and that burden weighs heavy on our back.

Naturally, we sometimes feel discouraged when our sacrifices—big or small—are not recognized or appreciated by others; but we are reminded by Jesus that one of the problems with the Pharisees is that “all their works are performed to be seen.” Getting recognition for their good works is what motivates the Pharisees to do them in the first place. What about me? Is that what drives my desire to make sacrifices for my family? What the Lord wants, of me and all of His followers, is humility and confidence in knowing that He sees our good works and sacrifices. And that’s what counts in the end.

“The greatest among you must be your servant.”
— Matthew 23:11

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The Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life (SEEL)


The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius help us to pray through sin and attachments so we can let them go, turning to God more fully so that our happiness will grow. 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>.

FATHER-DAUGHTER SNOWFLAKE BALL: Dad, Grandpa, Uncle! Bring the special young lady/ladies in your life 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 call Lynda at 588-4235 today!




Veterans Day


Honoring All Who Served
November 11, 2023




Lord God, Almighty Father, creator of mankind and author of peace, as we are ever mindful of the cost paid for the liberty we possess, we ask you to bless the members of our armed forces. Give them courage, hope and strength. May they ever experience your firm support, gentle love and compassionate healing. Be their power and protector, leading them from darkness to light. To you be all glory, honor and praise, now and forever. Amen.



**POPE ST. LEO
THE GREAT**
November 10th
PRAY FOR US



HOLY SPIRIT HOCKEY NIGHT
Parishioners had so much fun at the Dust Devils game this summer, we wanted to duplicate that fun at a **Tri-City Americans hockey game!** Jennifer Moore has reserved tickets for our Holy Spirit family on **Saturday, December 9th.** The game starts at 6:05 p.m. Tickets will need to be paid for in advance. Please text Jennifer Moore at 509-492-6209 if you are interested in attending. In your text, please provide your email and Jennifer will send you the link to purchase tickets at the group rate. Looking forward to spending a fun and exciting evening with our Holy Spirit family!



A NOTE FROM ST. SERRA CLUB OF TRI CITIES
“In You, Lord, I have found my peace.” (Response for Psalm 131)
In the vocation desired for you by the Holy Spirit, you will find your peace. Please pray that more people will respond to God’s call to be priests, permanent deacons, sisters or brothers in consecrated life.

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 offered to us by many religious institutions and Catholic charitable organizations.



Upcoming Opportunity to Purchase Holy Land Art



For centuries, Catholics and other Christians living in Bethlehem have supported their families by carving olive wood religious art for visiting pilgrims. However, the ongoing conflict in the Holy Land and the resulting decrease in tourism in Israel and Palestine have reduced the percentage of Christians living in the Holy Land to less than 2%. Many have had to leave and live abroad just to make a living.

On the weekend of November 11 - 12, the Holy Land Art Group will be in the vestibule displaying handmade olive wood carvings for purchase. Kindly stop by the displays after each Mass.

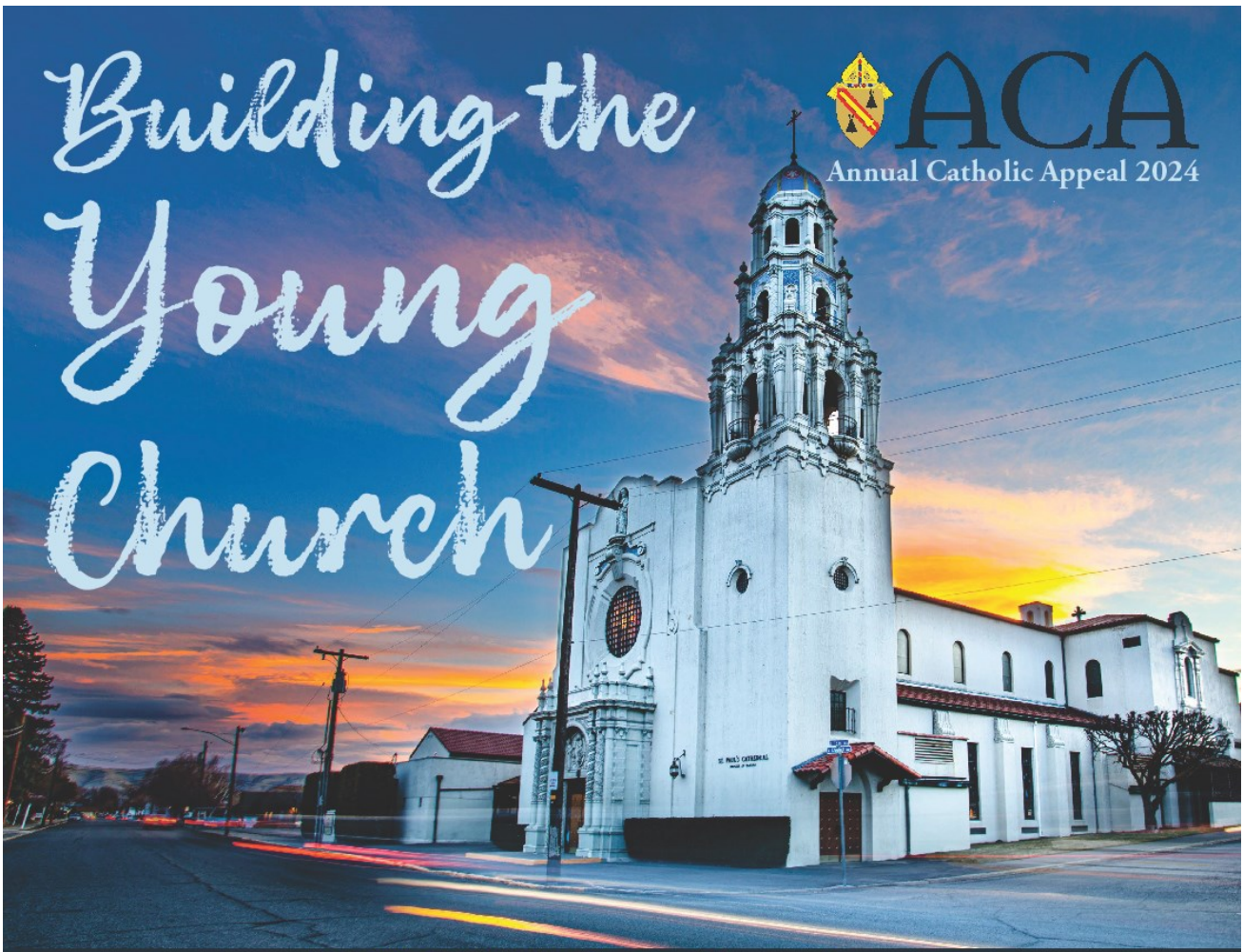
Our mission is to help families and artisans in Bethlehem to thrive, and to sustain the tradition of Christian handicraft and workmanship there.

On behalf of the many artisan families in the Holy Land, thank you for your continued support. Please continue to pray for the Christians of the Holy Land.

Gratefully,
Holy Land Art Group

Building the Young Church

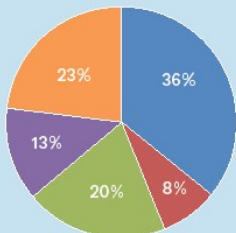
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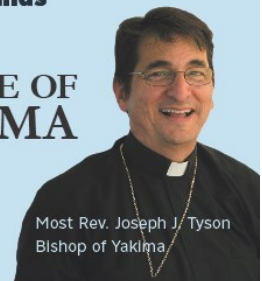
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- Catechesis, Lay Formation, and Evangelization
- Ministry to Families, Youth, and Young Adults
- Catholic School Support
- Parish Needs



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Most Rev. Joseph J. Tyson
Bishop of Yakima



A Church on the Way

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

In July 2013, as part of a visit to Brazil, Pope Francis met with the Latin American conference of bishops. Speaking informally, bishop to bishops, he said, “At times we lose people because they don’t understand what we are saying, because we have forgotten the language of simplicity and import an intellectualism foreign to our people.”

I thought about how his words could be applied in my parish, so one Sunday I asked the people in the pews what they looked for from the Church. I was impressed and touched by their answers: wisdom to make their way through life; where and how to find God; a desire to be treated like adults; compassion for themselves and for others; guidance to reach out to the needy in society; a link between faith and life; a place to find some peace and quiet; wisdom for the political process. It was a list by which we who lead need to examine our consciences.

The charge from Pope Francis is to be a Church that speaks to people where they are with the words of everyday life. We look for wisdom that enables us to become our best selves. And that is what healthy religion is about: to guide rather than to control; to inspire rather than to shame; to participate fully rather than to simply “pray, pay, and obey.” ●

Reflect

What have you found in the Church and what more do you long for?



[Jesus said,] “Do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice.”

MATTHEW 23:3



"[The Eucharist] has been blessed by the word of prayer instituted by Him, and from it our flesh and blood, by assimilation, are nourished. This, we are taught, is both the Flesh and Blood of Jesus incarnate."

St. Justin

"The seeming bread is *not* bread, though sensible to taste, but the Body of Christ; and the seeming wine is *not* wine, though the taste would have it so, but the Blood of Christ."

St. Cyril of Jerusalem

"You ought so to partake at the Holy Table as to have no doubt at all concerning the reality of the Body and Blood of Christ. For what is taken in the mouth is that which is believed by faith."

St. Leo the Great



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

Eucharistic Miracle of BOXMEER

NETHERLANDS, 1400



During a Mass in Boxmeer, in Holland, in the year 1400, the species of wine was transformed into Blood and bubbled out of the chalice, splashing onto the corporal. As soon as the priest, terrified at the sight, asked God to forgive his doubts, the Blood stopped bubbling out of the chalice. The Blood that had fallen on the corporal coagulated into a lump the size of a walnut. Even today one can see the Blood, which it has not changed at all over time.



Church of Saints Peter and Paul at Boxmeer



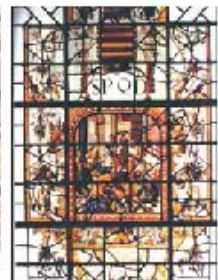
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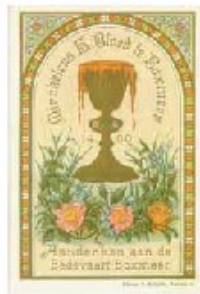
Reliquary of the Blood



Stained glass inside the church that depicts the miracle



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Handen aan de Eekvaart Boxmeer



Procession in honor of the miracle



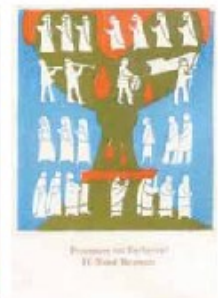
The Eucharistic Miracle of Boxmeer took place in the church of Saints Peter and Paul in 1400. Father Arnoldus Groen was celebrating Mass and immediately after having consecrated the Eucharistic species, doubted the Real Presence of the Lord in the consecrated bread and the wine. Without warning, the species of the wine, almost like it was boiling, began bubbling out of the chalice onto the corporal.

The wine was changed into Blood and coagulated in a great lump. The reliquary of the corporal and the Blood is preserved to this day and the anniversary of the miracle is celebrated with an annual solemn procession. There are many documents that describe the miracle, as well as stone tablets

and paintings. Popes Clement XI, Benedict XIV, Pius IX and Leo XIII all showed a particular devotion to the miracle.



Boxmeer 1400



Procession in honor of the miracle

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November 2023

Parish of the Holy Spirit

One Minute Meditations

St. Margaret of Scotland

A Hungarian princess, St. Margaret grew up in luxury and privilege, but she never lost sight of those in need and her duty to serve them. After the Battle of Hastings, her family fled to Scotland where King Malcom III sheltered them and eventually married Margaret. Although a queen, her private life was austere, dedicated to prayer and serving the poor—even washing beggars' feet. She is remembered for her life of piety, kindness, and generosity.



Christ the King

What does it mean to say Christ is King? Do we give Him our Sundays only, or the whole week? Set aside ten minutes for God. Offer Him the events of your day and say, "Your will be done."

"No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and [the world]" (Luke 16:13).



Thanksgiving can inspire gratitude in action

St. Mother Teresa said, "It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving." At Thanksgiving, we bask in the glow of our blessings but it's also a chance to share them with others. This is "gratitude in action:"

Be generous with your time. God can't be outdone in generosity. He gives life in His image and likeness. He gave the gift of Himself in Christ's offering on the Cross. In that spirit, how can you give of yourself? Prayerfully consider where and to whom you can give your time and attention.

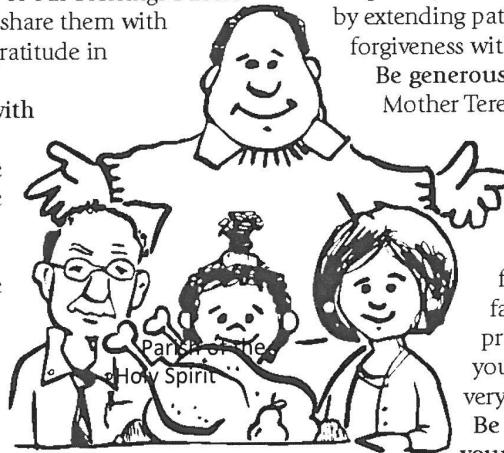
Be generous with your patience. Ours is the God of second chances,

generous with His mercy. Decide to generously give others the benefit of the doubt, allow room for good intentions, and forgive injuries. Love as God loves by extending patience and forgiveness without limit.

Be generous with your family.

Mother Teresa said, "If you want to bring happiness to the whole world, go home and love your family." Make your family your top priority and give your loved ones the very best of yourself. **Be generous with your joy.** Holidays can

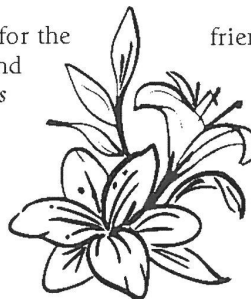
be difficult for people without connections. Look for someone at church, at work, or in the neighborhood who might need a place to celebrate the holiday. Share holiday love and joy.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics pray for the dead?

The practice of praying for the dead is an Act of Mercy and has Scriptural roots: "Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be absolved from their sin" (2 Maccabees 12:45-46). Someone who dies in God's



friendship with sin on his soul must be purified before entering heaven. We can literally help souls get to heaven. Rest assured: if the person we've prayed for reaches heaven, the graces of those prayers are used to help other souls.

Dealing with loss and those left behind

Christians know that death leads to marvelous new life, but it is still difficult to lose someone we love. We take comfort knowing that we remain connected in the Communion of Saints, the spiritual solidarity binding the faithful on Earth, the souls in Purgatory, and the saints in Heaven. Still, finding or offering comfort after a death can be challenging:

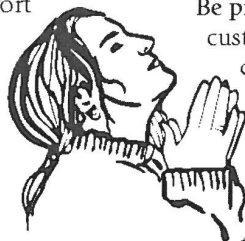
Pray. Pray that the souls who have died may find their place in Heaven. Perhaps arrange to have that prayer included in the intentions during Mass in your parish. Including them in your daily prayers also helps to

keep their intentions alive.

Be present. Attend the visitation or funeral. Such customs are part of honoring and praying for the deceased person and showing compassion to the living.

Offer material support. Bring a meal to the family. Mass cards, notes and phone calls can also offer comfort.

Contribute. Consider making a donation of time or money to organizations such as a local Hospice that provide grace and dignity to those dying.



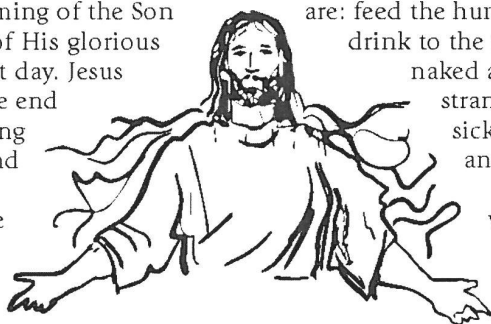
from Scripture

Matthew 25:31-46, Showing mercy to the "least"

In this Gospel reading, Jesus describes the coming of the Son of Man, that is, of His glorious return on the last day. Jesus will appear at the end of time as the King of the nations and the Judge of history. Everyone who has ever lived, from the first to the last, from the greatest to the least, will stand before Christ. All of us will be judged on how we loved, especially how we treated "the least" who are suffering among us.

The specific criterion for judgment is the basis for the

Corporal Works of Mercy, which are: feed the hungry and give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked and welcome the stranger, care for the sick and imprisoned, and bury the dead.



In the end, we will be judged on our response to the suffering of others. Do we, like the

"blessed," respond with compassion and mercy, or do we, like the others, turn a blind eye and do nothing? The goal is to see Christ in others and to minister to their needs accordingly.

Q & A How does the Church decide who is a saint?

There are many people in Heaven who are saints but whose names we may never know. They are uncanonized saints. Canonization is the formal process by which the Church identifies and determines whether someone has become a saint.



In its simplest form, official Church procedures detail three steps to recognizing a saint. First, the bishop of the diocese where the person died begins an extensive investigation. The results are passed to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. If the Congregation approves, the prefect presents the cause to the pope. With the pope's approval, the petitioner becomes "venerable" and is called "Servant of God."

Next, "beatification," may come after further investigation and a miracle has proven to be attributed to the Servant of God's intercession after his or her death. Then the person can be called "Blessed."

Finally, canonization may follow additional investigation and a second miracle also proven to have occurred after the beatification and as a result of the candidate's intercession. After canonization, the "Blessed" is called "Saint."

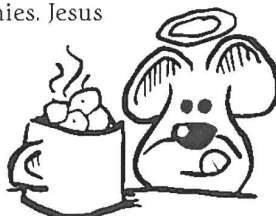
Feasts & Celebrations

November 1 – All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation). In the early Church, there was a great desire to celebrate each of the martyrs. Because there were more martyrs than days of the year, Pope Gregory IV designated November 1 as All Saints Day. Celebrate the Saints by attending Mass.

November 10 – Pope St. Leo the Great (461). A native of Rome, St. Leo was elected pope while on a mission in Gaul. As pope, he defended the faith from heresy and promoted ecclesiastical unity.

November 18 – St. Rose Philippine Duchesne (1852). Born in Grenoble, France, she joined the Society of the Sacred Heart and came to America as a missionary. She opened the first free school for girls west of the Mississippi river, and the first Catholic school for Native Americans.

November 26 – Solemnity of Christ the King. God promised His people a king who would triumph over their enemies. Jesus is our King. In Baptism and Confirmation, we are brought under His kingship.



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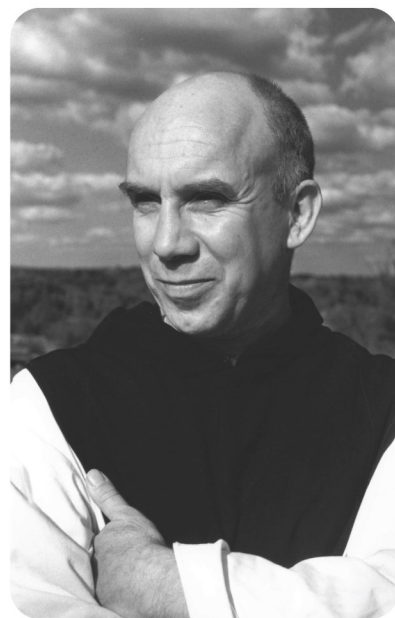
Dear Padre,

I would like to do more spiritual reading, but everything I've tried is either over my head or too sweet and pious for me. Do you have suggestions for any down-to-earth authors?

You might try reading shorter works. More is not necessarily better. Consider several publications available at Liguori.org. *In My Own Words* is a series of books that gathers excerpts from different authors: Dorothy Day, Sr. Thea Bowman, Pope St. John Paul II, and others. Also consider the *Wisdom* series for Advent and Christmas or Lent and Easter. These include the writings of ancients and a few more current authors like Pope Francis, Henri Nouwen, and Thomas Merton. *Daybreaks* for Advent and Lent are booklets of short meditations for each day of each season. *Catholic Update*, a four-page newsletter from Liguori, features in-depth articles on contemporary topics written by expert authors.

C. S. Lewis was a prolific and popular Christian author. His *Mere Christianity* is practical and informative. *A Grief Observed* is a beautiful meditation for those who have lost someone dear to them, as is Henri Nouwen's *In Memoriam*. Merton's *New Seeds of Contemplation* has inspired readers since it was first published in 1949.

Finally, the best place to start might be the Gospel of Mark—not to study or analyze. Rather, read it just to get to know Jesus a little better. ●



Thomas Merton, a Trappist monk and one of the most influential Catholic authors of the 1900s

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
November 6 <i>Weekday</i> Rom 11:29–36 Lk 14:12–14	November 7 <i>Weekday</i> Rom 12:5–16ab Lk 14:15–24	November 8 <i>Weekday</i> Rom 13:8–10 Lk 14:25–33	November 9 <i>Dedication of Lateran Basilica</i> Ez 47:1–2, 8–9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c– 11, 16–17 Jn 2:13–22	November 10 <i>St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church</i> Rom 15:14–21 Lk 16:1–8	November 11 <i>St. Martin of Tours, Bishop</i> Rom 16:3–9, 16, 22–27 Lk 16:9–15	November 12 <i>Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Wis 6:12–16 1 Thes 4:13–18 or 4:13–14 Mt 25:1–13



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

People today are attracted by things that are faster and faster: rapid Internet connections, speedy cars and planes, instant relationships. But at the same time we see a desperate need for calmness, I would even say slowness. Is the Church still able to move slowly: to take the time to listen, to have the patience to mend and reassemble?

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