

# PARISH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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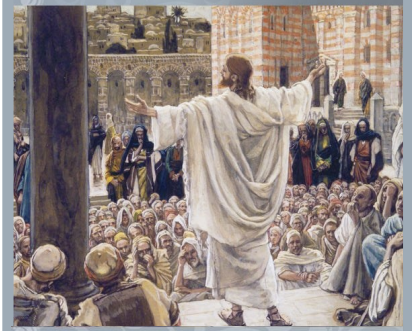
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20<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" - Lk 12:49

AUGUST 17, 2025

## Parish Staff:

Secretary	Debbie Forgette	735-8558
Bookkeeper	Bianca Medina	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 & Kim Barany	528-9780 308-3328
9th to 12th Grades/Life Teen	Jennifer Moore & Joe Bliss	492-6209 216-402-3118
Confirmation	Deacon Mike & Carol Gaulke	551-7626
Order of Christian Initiation of Adults	Joe & Sherry Schroeder	405-2242

email: [lifeteenhs@gmail.com](mailto:lifeteenhs@gmail.com)

## Ministers of Music:

4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass	Julianne Barnaby	735-2163
9:30 a.m. Mass	Paula Bachelor	375-9019
5:00 p.m. Mass	Perry Kelly	735-8558
Children's Choir	Presently Unstaffed	735-8558

## Ministries of Worship:

Scheduler for Liturgical Ministers	Trish Feeney	551-0486
Eucharistic Adoration	Liz Friedrich	783-6223
Prayer Line	Adele 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
Weekend Mass Refreshments	Judy Urrutia	438-5039

## Councils and Committees:

Parish Council	Jim Carey	627-0321
Finance Council	Jared Liebert	947-9386
Stewardship	Lenice & Pat Nagle	582-6893
Evangelization	Rob Privette	438-1222
Voice of the Spirit	Dieter Bohrmann	987-3158
Parish Library	Ann Stevens	396-2723

## Charter Organizations:

Catholic Daughters	Linda Garner	627-2748
Knights of Columbus	Peter Dreisbach	205-2377
St. Vincent de Paul	Message Line	591-0632
Scout Troop #275	Teddy Herrera	778-0505

## Natural Family Planning:

Carol Gaulke 619-5464

## Weekend Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

## Weekdays:

Monday: Mass at 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday: Mass at 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday: Mass at 9:00 a.m.

Thursday and Friday: *Rite of Distributing Holy Communion Outside Mass with the Celebration of the Word of God at 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 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)



**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)



Holy Matrimony

## 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)

## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 17, 2025

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

### Sunday, August 17:

#### Twentieth 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.

### Thursday, August 21:

#### Saint Pius X, Pope

*Rite of Distributing Holy Communion Outside Mass with the Celebration of the Word of God in the church at 9:00 a.m.*

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

Celebration Choir, 7:00 p.m.

### Friday, August 22:

#### The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

*Rite of Distributing Holy Communion Outside Mass with the Celebration of the Word of God in the church at 9:00 a.m.*

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 4:30 p.m. and the *Rite of Benediction* at 4:45 p.m.

### Monday, August 18:

#### Weekday

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

### Tuesday, August 19:

#### Weekday

#### Saint John Eudes, Priest

Holy Spirit Mommy and Me, PCC nursery, 9:30 - 10:30 a.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](#).

St. Serra Club dinner and meeting, PCC hall, following Mass

Knights of Columbus 4th Degree, PCC room 9, 7:00 p.m.

### Saturday, August 23:

#### Weekday

#### Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin

#### Blessed Virgin Mary

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

### Sunday, August 24:

#### Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Pack-a-Picnic sponsored by Elizabeth Ministry, on the lawn in the shade on First Avenue, following Mass.

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

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

### Wednesday, August 20:

#### Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

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

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



## From the Pastor's Desk ...

### BLESSING OF STUDENTS & EDUCATORS:



We will offer a special blessing to students, educators, and school support staff at all Masses on the weekend of **August 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>**. St. Joseph Catholic School starts up again on Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup> and the Kennewick School District begins the new academic year 2025-2026 on Wednesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>; so, my hope is that this blessing will have a few days to do its work before everyone begins school again. All students—from kindergarteners to college/university students and adult learners—will be welcome to receive this blessing. We pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to infuse all learners and teachers with knowledge, understanding, wisdom, and a love of learning.

### HOLY SPIRIT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Our parish's Religious Education (RE) programs will be resuming in mid-September. Please pay close attention to the articles related to RE in the interior of the Parish Bulletin. These weekly articles will provide you with specific and up-to-date information regarding each program, and about some important parent meetings which are coming up (for those families with middle school students who are registering for our Confirmation and Edge programs). RE registration materials have already been emailed to those students and families that participated in our programs last year. The same materials are now available in the bulletin bin in the church vestibule, at the parish office, and at our parish's website: [www.holyspiritkennewick.org](http://www.holyspiritkennewick.org).



God's Blessings,

*E. Michael*

Our parish's St. Vincent de Paul Conference meets the first and third Thursdays of each month at 10:00 a.m. in PCC room 7. If you are available a few hours each month and are seeking a way to serve the poor, grow spiritually, and make new friends, please join us this Thursday, August 21st.



At 17, **Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati** (1901-1925) joined the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and committed himself to serving the poor. **He and Carlo Acutis will be canonized saints on September 7, 2025.**

Shop and Help at the  
Women's Group Rummage Sale  
**Thursday and Friday, September 4-5, 2025**

Plan to drop off rummage and help set up  
Tuesday and Wednesday, September 2-3



**Pilgrimage to Medjugorje with Fr. Richard Sedlacek**  
**November 3 - 11, 2025**

Fr. Richard Sedlacek, Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Selah, announces a pilgrimage to Medjugorje, including time with visionary Mirjana Soldo.

Please find brochures on the bulletin board in our church hallway. For more information contact the Our Lady of Lourdes parish office at 509-697-4633, call Joseph or Beverly Gouveia at 509-961-4750 or 509-952-8925, or visit the Triumph Pilgrimages web site at [triumphpilgrimages.com](http://triumphpilgrimages.com).

### CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

This weekend our parish takes up the Catholic Relief Services Collection to reveal Christ's love to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities, and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both in the U.S. and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Find a collection envelope attached to a letter from Bishop Tyson in this bulletin. Learn more about the collection on the reverse side of the letter and at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

We are thrilled to announce that the long-awaited **Parish Pictorial Directory** has finally been completed. All participants whose photos are in the directory should stop by the table in the vestibule after Mass to pick up their free copy. Anyone who did not participate but would like a copy is welcome to purchase one for \$10 in the parish office beginning in September.

*Thank you*

Heartfelt thanks to **Wynona Vaz** for directing and completing this huge project and to everyone who volunteered their time to make this publication possible:

Father Michael, Deacon Eric, Deacon Ken, Deacon Mike, Debbie Forgette, Karen Gorham, Jim Brennan, Linda Rego, Dieter Bohrmann, Rich Breshears, Stephanie McDaid, Courtney Hunter, Rachel Courson, Trish Feeney, Mary Zilar, Donna Osborne, Jay Osborne, Camille Henneberry, Christine Miller, Denise Wimett, Kristine Vaz, Zena Vaz, Spectrum Studios, and the Parish Council.



**STEWARDSHIP:** In today's second reading, the author of the Letter to the Hebrews encourages us not to grow weary or lose heart, but to persevere in following Jesus. Our willingness to give of ourselves, even in the face of conflict and division, is one way to measure our discipleship.

**July 13: \$13,866.25      Recorded givers: 122**

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.

### **EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

#### **A Steward's Growing Pains**

Have you ever written a check or seen a charge on the credit card machine that had far too many zeros on it for your comfort?

The A/C in your car gives out right in the heat of summer. The water heater dies on the coldest week of the year. A medical procedure wasn't totally covered by insurance. We've all been here in this place, being asked to part with a not-so-small sum of money for a not-so-fun reason.

It's a little easier to bear when you're forking over hard-earned dollars for a fun vacation or even a worthy cause like your child's education. But when it's something you weren't expecting, something negative, that uneasiness in the pit of your stomach can quickly become despair.

The next time this happens to you, embrace it. Celebrate it. Wrap your arms around it and welcome it as a growing pain.

We are often asked, in life, to give more than we wish to. Our loved ones demand greater patience than we think we have. Our prayer life is stalling, and we feel God isn't holding up His end of the communication bargain. The daily grind seems to be grinding us down. We feel that uneasiness in the pit of our stomach, just as we do when we part with money we thought belonged solely to us.

That place of uncertainty propels us in life, in stewardship, in relationship. All forward motion comes from that feeling. Put out your hands and let yourself be thrust into the pit — the Lord will stoop to take you out from the mud. Spread your arms on your cross — joy is waiting for you.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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### **WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

**All dates are tentative.**

Monday	August 18	Nancy Susan Darke RIP
Tuesday	August 19, 5:30 p.m.	Brendan and Jerome Calvey RIP
Wednesday	August 20	William Kesselring RIP
Saturday	August 23, 4:00 p.m.	Jay and David Jay Johnson RIP
Sunday	August 24, 5:00 p.m.	Bill Upton 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 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.**

### **JOB OPPORTUNITY AT THE PARISH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

Our parish is in need of an **Edge Coordinator** to lead the middle school (grades 6-8) catechesis program on Sunday evenings. The coordinator will be responsible to plan, organize, and facilitate middle school religious education, youth activities, and events. The Edge Coordinator is a paid staff position accountable to the Pastor of the Parish of the Holy Spirit for the execution of assigned responsibilities.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

Working to ensure qualified Core Team members staff the Edge program by:

- Recruiting and assigning Edge team members (catechists and volunteers)
- Coordinating training for team members
- Maintaining compliance with diocesan safe environment requirements

Maintaining a fully functional Edge program to include:

- Establishing a calendar of weekly Edge sessions during the school year
- Working with Core Team members to plan Edge Nights
- Leading Edge Nights
- Order and maintain teaching resources
- Prepare a budget for the Edge program.

Maintaining student attendance records, and other documentation as required.

Performing logistical responsibilities:

- Unlocking and locking buildings (church and Parish Community Center)
- Overseeing the set-up of rooms and facilities to be used
- Submitting bulletin notices as required

To express your interest in this position or for additional details, call the parish office at 509-735-8558.

Everyone is invited to the next **Pack-a-Picnic** hosted by the Elizabeth Ministry next weekend on **Sunday, August 24th**.



Following the 9:30 a.m. Mass we'll gather in the shade between the church and First Avenue. Pack a picnic lunch and bring a blanket and/or seating for your family. Popsicles and water will be provided.

**Religious education** registration forms have been emailed to those who attended our classes last year. If you did not receive one, or if you are enrolling a student for the first time, please look for a registration form on the table in the vestibule, download one online at [www.holyspiritkennewick.org](http://www.holyspiritkennewick.org) or come into the office and pick one up. **Please register by Tuesday, September 2** so that we can be prepared for your child to participate in our classes. Thank you!

Elementary: Preschool (age 4-5) through Grade 5 - Tuesdays  
4:00 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. starting September 16th

Middle School: Edge - Sundays following the 5:00 p.m. Mass through 8:00 p.m. starting September 14th (Edge Parent Meeting Sunday, September 14th in PCC following the 5:00 p.m. Mass)

8th Grade Confirmation: Parent Meeting on Sunday, September 7, at 2:00 p.m. in PCC rooms 6/8

High School: LifeTeen - Sundays following the 5:00 p.m. Mass through 8:00 p.m. starting September 14th

### ♥ HAVE FUN AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE VOLUNTEERING IN OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES ♥

Please consider helping in our pre-K through 5th grade religious education classes this fall. Volunteers in this ministry play a vital role in teaching and nurturing faith and spiritual growth in the lives of the young people of our parish. Curriculum and materials are provided and extensive support and guidance is available. Classes meet Tuesdays from 4:00 - 5:15 p.m. September through April. Please contact our Religious Education Director Karen Gorham at 509-735-8558 or [karen@holyspiritkennewick.org](mailto:karen@holyspiritkennewick.org) to see how you can help.

### REMINDER Preparation for Sacraments is a 2-year Process

Preparation for children and middle school youth to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, or Confirmation is a **two-year process**. Students must have taken at least a year of religious education prior to taking part in our sacrament preparation classes. Parents with any questions are asked to contact Religious Education Director Karen Gorham to develop a sacramental preparation plan for their children. Karen may be reached at the parish office at 509-735-8558 or at [karen@holyspiritkennewick.org](mailto:karen@holyspiritkennewick.org).

#### Surviving Divorce (12 Sessions - Ascension Press)

Christ the King Catholic Church in Richland  
Monday Nights, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the Youth Center, Room B  
**Starts on Monday, September 1st**  
Cost of workbook: \$25

*Surviving Divorce* was created to bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. It is for the newly separated and divorced and those still struggling with issues related to divorce many years later. It will help answer questions, restore hope, and begin authentic healing. Developed and hosted by Rose Sweet, *Surviving Divorce* features experts Dr. Ray Guarendi, Ph.D., Fr. Donald Calloway, M.I.C., Fr. Steve Porter, S.T.L., Fr. Mitch Pacwa, S.J., and Christopher West.

For more information or to register for this class, please e-mail Meggin Sanner at [ckadultre@gmail.com](mailto:ckadultre@gmail.com).



The Stewardship Committee continues to encourage and promote the growth of Holy Spirit Parish. Whether you are a parishioner or a visitor to our parish, thank you in advance for participating in our **name tag wearing** at all our Masses next weekend. Let's strive to get to know more of our parishioners by name, both during Mass and during our social time afterward.



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*Faith Formation Program 2025-2026*

TUESDAY

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AUGUST



MSGR. ROBERT SILER  
**SPIRITUALITY**

*"I Believe to understand, understand to believe"*  
Saint Augustine of Hippo

ST. JOSEPH PARISH OFFICE  
(UPSTAIRS CONFERENCE ROOM)  
520 S. GARFIELD ST  
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TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2025  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

For more information, contact Valeria Flores at 509-965-7117 or [valeriahlores@yakimadiocese.org](mailto:valeriahlores@yakimadiocese.org).

### Bible Study Coming Soon Matthew: The King and His Kingdom

The book of Matthew brings the history of Christ to life. We see Jesus as the awaited Messiah who fulfills the promises and prophecies of the Old Testament, establishes the New Law, and inaugurates the kingdom of heaven. *Matthew: The King and His Kingdom*, a twenty-four-part Bible study, explores how Jesus is challenging and empowering us to a new level of holiness and shows how we must be thoroughly immersed in the kingdom of heaven on earth, the Church, to live-out that holiness.

We will be completing the study in three 8-week sessions. The dates are as follows:

- September 24 – November 12, 2025
- January 28 – March 18, 2026
- September 30 – November 18, 2026

Registration will begin in early September.

**This Bible Study will meet Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the PCC; however, anyone interested in facilitating an evening session of this study, please contact Judy Turner at 509-438-7938.**





## Where I Stand

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**O**ne day, as I was walking in a local nature preserve, I came across what someone had written in the sand: “It’s time to take a stand.” Though the person never suggested what we should take a stand on, all of us take stands in life. In many ways, those stands define our lives: Republican or Democrat, pro-life or pro-choice, NRA and guns, save the whales, vax or anti-vax, ecology. As we all know so well, where we stand on any given issue can become divisive among friends and even family.

The Scriptures this weekend tell of the prophet Jeremiah, who took a stand of faith against the king who trusted in military arms rather than in God. The Letter to

the Hebrews mentions an Old Testament “cloud of witnesses” who placed faith in God without knowing where that would take them. And, Jesus himself recognizes that those who place their faith in him and the vision of life he proclaimed would find themselves in conflict with others. For every person who professes faith in Jesus Christ, the question becomes how this faith affects all the other stands we take. To “keep our eyes fixed on Jesus” influences the lifestyle we choose, how we spend our time and our money, who our friends are, and even who we vote for. At some point, faith insists we take a stand. ●

### Reflect

***How does my faith affect all my other beliefs and practices?***

**[Jesus said,] “I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!”**

**LUKE 12:49–50**





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August 13, 2025



“Behold, I stand at the door and knock.” – Rev 3:20

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As our diocese takes up a special collection this weekend for Catholic Relief Services (CRS), I want to highlight for you an urgent appeal from Archbishop Timothy Broglio, president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, about the situation in Gaza, where CRS works alongside the Catholic Near East Welfare Association to help those desperately in need. Archbishop Broglio, in a recent letter to the U.S. Bishops, wrote this:

“It is with great pastoral concern for the ongoing crisis in Gaza that I write to you today. Our Church mourns the terrible suffering of Christians and other innocent victims of violence in Gaza and surrounding areas who are struggling to survive, protect their children, and live with dignity in dire conditions. The Holy Father continues to call for a cease fire and for aid to enter the territory, noting with great sorrow that ‘Gaza is starving.’ CNEWA is there providing vital emergency humanitarian relief and medical and psychological care for the sick, malnourished and wounded. CRS is working through local Church partners to provide food, shelter, cash assistance, hygiene supplies, and care for people’s emotional well-being. Given the extraordinary nature of this crisis, I ask you to consider taking up a special collection to provide humanitarian relief and pastoral support for our affected brothers and sisters in Gaza and surrounding areas in the Middle East.”

If you are able to make a gift to CRS in this collection, you can, if you wish, write on the donation envelope a note that you wish the money to be used specifically for those in need in Gaza. Most especially, please continue to pray for the people of Gaza and for a quick end to the war there.

Donations for Gaza also can be made online: [support.crs.org/donate/holy-land-conflict](https://support.crs.org/donate/holy-land-conflict); or by phone: 1-877-HELP-CRS; directly by check: Catholic Relief Services, Holy Land Response, P.O. Box 5278, Tipton, IA 52772-0517.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Joseph J. Tyson  
Bishop of Yakima



# REVEAL Christ's LOVE

For people living in developing countries around the world, lack of access to traditional financial services keeps them from providing for their material needs. A Catholic Relief Services (CRS) program has created Savings and Internal Lending Communities (SILCs) to address this lack by helping poor communities to pool savings, which then can be lent to SILC members to build or grow businesses at low cost. In Chad, Claudine, a mother of six, uses loans from her local SILC to buy large, lower-cost quantities of the ingredients she needs to make the beignets she sells at market. Before the SILC was established, Claudine was barely able to sell enough beignets to live. But now these cost savings allow her to care for her family and pay school fees.

Your support for The Catholic Relief Services Collection helps CRS address the needs of people in developing countries through innovative solutions that strengthen communities and equip them with resources and skills to prosper—and you also support five other Catholic organizations' outreach to other vulnerable people.



## Your Donations Help Our Brothers and Sisters . . .

### In the United States

Reveal Christ's love by welcoming suffering refugees . . . through the **USCCB Migration and Refugee Services (MRS)**.

Reveal Christ's love through legal aid to struggling immigrants . . . through the **Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC)**.

Reveal Christ's love in ministry to people on the margins . . . through the pastoral work of the **USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church**.

### And Around the World

Reveal Christ's love to hungry mothers and children in Chad through the humanitarian work of **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)**, the official overseas relief agency of the bishops of the United States.

Reveal Christ's love by working for peace . . . through the public policy and education and outreach work of the **USCCB Secretariat of Justice and Peace\***.

Reveal Christ's love to the victims of natural disaster . . . through the **Holy Father's Relief Fund**.

\* In June 2024, the USCCB Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development was renamed the USCCB Secretariat of Justice and Peace.

## The Catholic Relief Services Collection 2023

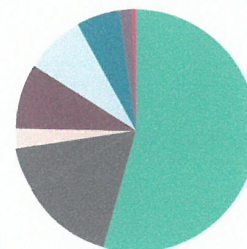
### Grants

- Catholic Relief Services
- USCCB Migration & Refugee Services
- USCCB Cultural Diversity in the Church\*
- USCCB Justice, Peace and Human Development†
- CLINIC (Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc.)
- Holy Father's Relief Fund

### Administration

- Promotion & Education Costs
- Administrative Expenses

Amount	Percentage
\$6,849,470	52.03%
\$2,031,216	15.43%
\$1,775,187	13.49%
\$801,732	6.09%
\$787,866	5.99%
\$500,000	3.80%
\$364,098	2.77%
\$53,689	0.41%



\* The USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church includes Pastoral Care of Migrants, Refugees, and Travelers (\$1,150,833) and Asian and Pacific Island Affairs (\$624,354).

† The USCCB Department of Justice, Peace, and Human Development includes International Justice and Peace (\$653,054) and education activities (\$148,678).  
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## The Catholic Relief Services Collection

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# Dear Padre,

## Is “co-redemptrix” a title for the Blessed Virgin Mary?

The Church does not officially regard Mary as a co-redemptrix with Christ. Her “‘unique holiness’...‘from the first instant of her conception’ comes wholly from Christ: she is ‘redeemed, in a more exalted fashion, by reason of the merits of her Son’” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 492).

According to Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, the title “co-redemptrix” would “obscure” the origin that “everything comes through Christ,” as written in Ephesians and Colossians. “Mary, too, is everything she is through Him,” stated the future Pope Benedict XVI, adding that “co-redemptrix” is a departure “from the language of Scripture and of the Fathers, and therefore gives rise to misunderstandings.”

Likewise, in 2019, Pope Francis quoted St. Bernard, who said that no praise is sufficient to talk about Mary, but, ultimately, her title as a humble “disciple” best represents Mary’s faithfulness to “her Son, the only Redeemer.” “She never wanted for herself something that was of her Son,” explained the pontiff. “She never introduced herself as co-redemptrix. No. Disciple.”

Pope Francis reiterated the Church’s position on this matter in 2021, saying that Jesus entrusted the universal Church and all the faithful to Mary, “Not as a goddess. Not as a co-redemptrix. As a mother.” Incidentally, “Mother of God” (Greek: *Theotokos*, “God-bearer”) is Mary’s oldest title, established in 431 by the Council of Ephesus. ●

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Jgs 2:11–19	Jgs 6:11–24a	Abbot and	Jgs 11:29–39a	of the Blessed	Ru 2:1–3, 8–11;	Sunday in
Mt 19:16–22	Mt 19:23–30	Doctor of the	Mt 22:1–14	Virgin Mary	4:13–17	Ordinary Time
		Church		Ru 1:1, 3–6,	Mt 23:1–12	Is 66:18–21
		Jgs 9:6–15		14b–16, 22		Heb 12:5–7,
		Mt 20:1–16		Mt 22:34–40		11–13
						Lk 13:22–30



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*The Gospel does not leave things as they are; when the Gospel... is listened to and received, things do not stay as they are. The Gospel provokes change and invites to conversion. It does not dispense a false intimist peace, but sparks a restlessness that sets us in motion and drives us to open ourselves up to God and to our brothers and sisters.*

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