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29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." - Mt 22:21

OCTOBER 22, 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 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
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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)



Holy Matrimony

On Being Married at Holy Spirit ...

Engaged couples who wish to be married at Holy Spirit Parish are asked to contact the parish office at least nine months prior to their desired wedding date. The couple and the priest will then meet to begin the Marriage preparation program. (735-8558)

Deaths

What should I do when there is a death in my family?

Please call the parish office and speak with the office staff and the pastor before making arrangements with the funeral home, to ensure that the church is available at the desired date and time. (735-8558)

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, October 22, 2023

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

Sunday, October 22:

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

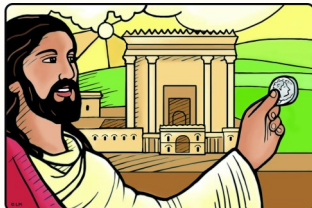
Mass in the church at 9:30 a.m. Mass is also livestreamed on [Holy Spirit Facebook page](#).

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.



Thursday, October 26:

Weekday

Rite of Distributing Holy Communion Outside Mass with the Celebration of the Word of God, 9:00 a.m.

St. Vincent de Paul Audit Meeting, 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.

Monday, October 23:

Weekday

Saint John of Capistrano, Priest

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

Knotty Ladies, PCC room 3, 10:00 a.m.

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

Tuesday, October 24:

Weekday

Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

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

Revive! Eucharistic Adoration and Praise, following Mass (A Eucharistic Revival event)

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

Wednesday, October 25:

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.

Friday, October 27:

Weekday

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.

High School Movie Night, PCC 3, 6:30 p.m.

Men's Fellowship and Prayer, PCC 6/8 and firepit, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 28:

Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles

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

Trunk or Treat, PCC hall and parking lot, following Mass

Sunday, October 29:

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

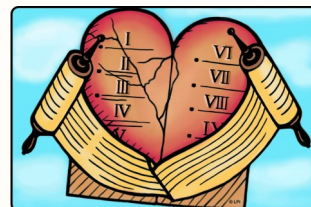
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From the Pastor's Desk ...

POPE FRANCIS CALLS FOR A DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE:

At the conclusion of his general audience on the morning of Wednesday, October 18th, Pope Francis announced another day of prayer and fasting for an end to the Israel-Hamas war.

"I have decided to call for a day of fasting and prayer on Friday, October 27th," the Pope said. It will be "a day of penance to which I invite sisters and brothers of the various Christian denominations, those belonging to other religions, and all those who have at heart the cause of peace in the world, to join in as they see fit," the Holy Father continued.

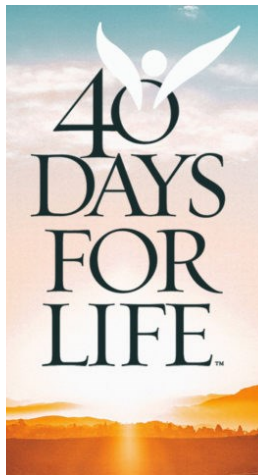
The pope's announcement comes after the Catholic Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa, called for a global day of prayer and fasting, which was held on October 17th, "to deliver to God the Father our thirst for peace, justice, and reconciliation." Here at Holy Spirit Parish we observed that day with a well-attended evening Mass, Eucharistic adoration, prayers for peace, the recitation of the Holy Rosary, and Benediction.

I invite all parishioners to honor Pope Francis' new request by spending part of the day on Friday, October 27th, in prayer—for peace, safety, and security in all parts of the Holy Land. Reminder ... Eucharistic adoration takes place every Friday, after our 9:00 AM Mass, in the vestibule until 4:45 PM (*Rite of Benediction*). Come and make a "chapel visit" with our Eucharistic Lord next Friday if you can.

Let us pray especially for those Israeli citizens, U.S. citizens, and others who remain captive as hostages in Gaza (having been kidnapped by Hamas on October 7th). May they all remain unharmed and be freed as soon as possible.

God's Blessings,

E. Michael



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

2023-2024 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL



In November all of us will have the opportunity to respond to the Diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal. During October, you should have received by mail information regarding this once-a-year appeal. Please prayerfully consider your gift to support the important ministries of the Diocese of Yakima.

**World Mission
Sunday**

**Thanks for your participation on
World Mission Sunday!**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND GOD'S BLESSINGS

Father John O'Shea's birthday is Tuesday, October 31. If you'd like to send him a card, his mailing address is the same as our church:



7409 W. Clearwater Ave.
Kennewick, WA 99336

World Mission Sunday was last weekend. Through your generous contributions to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, you are Christ's witnesses, building the Church in the Pope's missions around the world, feeding the poor, and aiding the missionaries who are sharing the Gospel worldwide. Thank you. May God bless you for your missionary spirit! Collection envelopes were included in last week's bulletin, or visit www.onefamilyinmission.org to give online.

STEWARDSHIP: Each year at tax time, we conscientiously give “to Caesar what belongs to Caesar.” Does my stewardship indicate that I am as faithful about giving “to God what belongs to God?”

October 8: \$15,573.44 Recorded givers: 135

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.



Men of all ages are invited to join together for an evening of fellowship and prayer **Friday, October 27th** at 7:00 p.m. in PCC rooms 6/8 and around the fire pit. The Evangelization Committee will supply hot dogs and chips. Please bring a beverage to share.

**Tuesday, November 7, 2023
General Election Deadlines**



Register by mail, received by: October 30
Register online by: October 30
Register in person by: November 7, 8:00 p.m.
Election Day: November 7

Visit VoteWA.gov to register or update your information.

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/>.



Hope Medical is seeking a new Executive Director (paid position) and additional Board of Director members (volunteer). Position descriptions and applications are

posted at www.hopemedicalwa.com/careers. Questions? Contact Jerry Johnson at president@hopemedicalwa.com.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

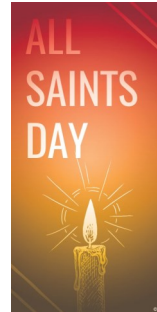
All dates are tentative.

Monday	October 23	Fr. Michael Brzezowski
Tuesday	October 24	Lorrie Licht RIP
Wednesday	October 25	Walsh Family
Friday	October 27	Lorrie Licht RIP
Saturday	October 28, 4:00 p.m.	Joanie Lee RIP
Sunday	October 29, 5:00 p.m.	Josie Wannarachue RIP

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

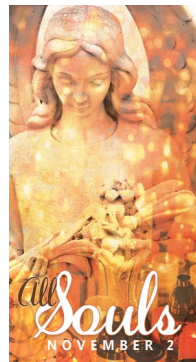
To have your need added to our parish prayer phone chain, please call Adele Ogryzek at 627-0201.

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

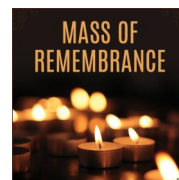


Wednesday, November 1, All Saints Day, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

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. 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

The Tax of Caesar

Too often, I confuse this world with the next.

Every day has its set of problems that need dealing with. Some are very easily discernible as problems of this world: I am tired, and I need a nap and a latte. Some are very obviously problems of eternity: I need to ask for forgiveness, but I'm not ready to admit it.

Most problems are a subtle, maddening mix of the two: my body feels tired, obscuring how tired my soul also feels, while making me very cranky, which is keeping me from asking God for the forgiveness I need.

It's not that the nap and the latte aren't solutions. Heaven forbid! I would never propose such a thing. Sleep and coffee, I am confident, can fix almost any problem in this world. This world.

Too often, I slap a one-size-fits-all earthly band-aid on all my problems and rush on to the next thing. But if the problem is an issue of my soul, I may as well pay for a parking ticket in Monopoly money.

I render unto Caesar, and I forget about what is owed to God. I apply solutions meant for the here and now to problems that have eternal consequences. The spiritual problems are dismissed, shoved to the back of my mind. For when I have time, I tell myself. For when I am ready.

But the only time we have is now. God is no king of this earth, and he does not ask for a tax offering. He asks for our heart. He doesn't want us for minions but for children who are confident of his Fatherly love and mercy.

"I have called you by your name, giving you a title, though you knew me not." — Isaiah 45:4

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A NOTE FROM ST. SERRA CLUB OF TRI CITIES

In today's Gospel, Jesus says "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." (Matthew 22: 21b) You belong to Christ and Christ is God's! How will you respond to so great a love? Is He asking you to follow Him? Are you being called to teach the Word of God 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.



High schoolers, are you looking for something to do on a Friday night? Well, we have a **movie night** planned in the youth room (PCC room 3) Friday, October 27th at 6:30 p.m. We will watch an appropriate Halloween movie. There will be plenty of snacks and drinks. Looking forward to seeing all of our 9th -12th grade teens at this fun event!

**CONGREGATION OF THE SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH
OF CARONDELET ASSOCIATES**

You are invited to join the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet (CSJ) Associates. CSJ Associates are men and women, married and single, who seek a deeper relationship with the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet without becoming vowed members. Associates share in the faith community, ministry, prayer, and celebrations of the Sisters. The Associate's commitment invites them to lead lives of deeper relationship with God and loving service to all of God's people, called the "dear neighbor." Associates participate in community meetings and celebrations as they are able. Associates are treated as partners in ministry, as companions on the faith journey, and as persons who extend the presence of the Sisters in the world.

CSJ Associates meet once per month. Their next meeting is Thursday, November 16th in PCC room 9 from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. For more information, contact Zena Vaz at zenavaz@hotmail.com, Liz Johnston at hobolizj@yahoo.com, or visit <https://csjcarondelet.org/join/associates/>.



**Leaving a Legacy
of Faith, Hope, and Love
Seminar**

Friday, October 27
10:00 a.m. in the PCC hall
Light luncheon following the seminar

This is a **free** seminar! Adults of all ages, with estates of all sizes, will benefit from the information presented by the Planned Giving Team of the Diocese of Yakima; including an attorney and a financial advisor.

Come and learn more about the following:

- How to prepare a will
- How to distribute your estate
- Guardianship issues
- End of life issues
- How to leave a legacy gift to your parish community

"Putting your affairs in order" is easier than you may think. Join us and find out how.

988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline

Call, text, or chat 988 to be connected to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (NSPL). It is confidential, free, and available 24/7/365.

Services are available in Spanish, along with interpretation services in over 250 languages. For people who are deaf, hard of hearing, and TTY users: Use your preferred relay service or dial 711 then 1-800-273-8255.

You can dial 988 if you are having:

- Thoughts of suicide.
- Mental health crises.
- Substance use crises.
- Any other kind of emotional distress.

You can also dial 988 if you are worried about a loved one who may need crisis support.

988 does not replace any crisis call centers in Washington state. It is an addition to the state's network of crisis center providers. The current NSPL number, 1-800-273-TALK (8255), remains active along with 988.

REMINDER

Preparation to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, or Confirmation is a two-year process. Students must have taken a year of religious education before taking part in our sacrament preparation classes. Parents with any questions are asked to contact Religious Education Director Karen Gorham at 509-735-8558, to develop a sacramental preparation plan for their children.



The Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life (SEEL)

Only one thing causes unhappiness: attachment. But what does this mean? St. Ignatius, in his *Spiritual Exercises*, says that an attachment is an emotional state of clinging caused by the belief that without some particular thing or some person you cannot be happy. This, he goes on to say, is composed of two parts: 1) the flash of pleasure and excitement you experience when you get what you're attached to. And 2) the sense of threat and tension you feel, worried you might not get it again, or might lose it. By its nature, then, an attachment opens a person to emotional turmoil, and threatens peace.

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://seelc.com>.

5TH SUNDAY ROSARY



The Knights of Columbus will lead the recitation of the Holy Rosary on the 5th Sunday of this month, October 29, following the 9:30 a.m. Mass—in the church near the tabernacle. Knights, their families and all other parishioners are encouraged to pray the Rosary as a group every time a 5th Sunday occurs. Please join us!

Fifth Sunday St Vincent de Paul Second Collection

As the weekend of October 28/29 is a fifth Sunday weekend, Holy Spirit Conference Vincentians will help with the second collection (after Holy Communion) for our St. Vincent de Paul Conference. Please continue to generously support our service of feeding the hungry in our local community and assisting the needy with fuel and utilities.

Blessed Contardo Ferrini (1859-1902)

Feast Day: October 27th



During his student days, Contardo became an active member of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Blessed from childhood with a deep sense of God, Contardo saw His presence in the poor and needy.

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.

SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS



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 dgbohrmann@gmail.com. Questions? Call or text Dieter at 509-987-3158. The newsletter is expected to publish before Christmas.



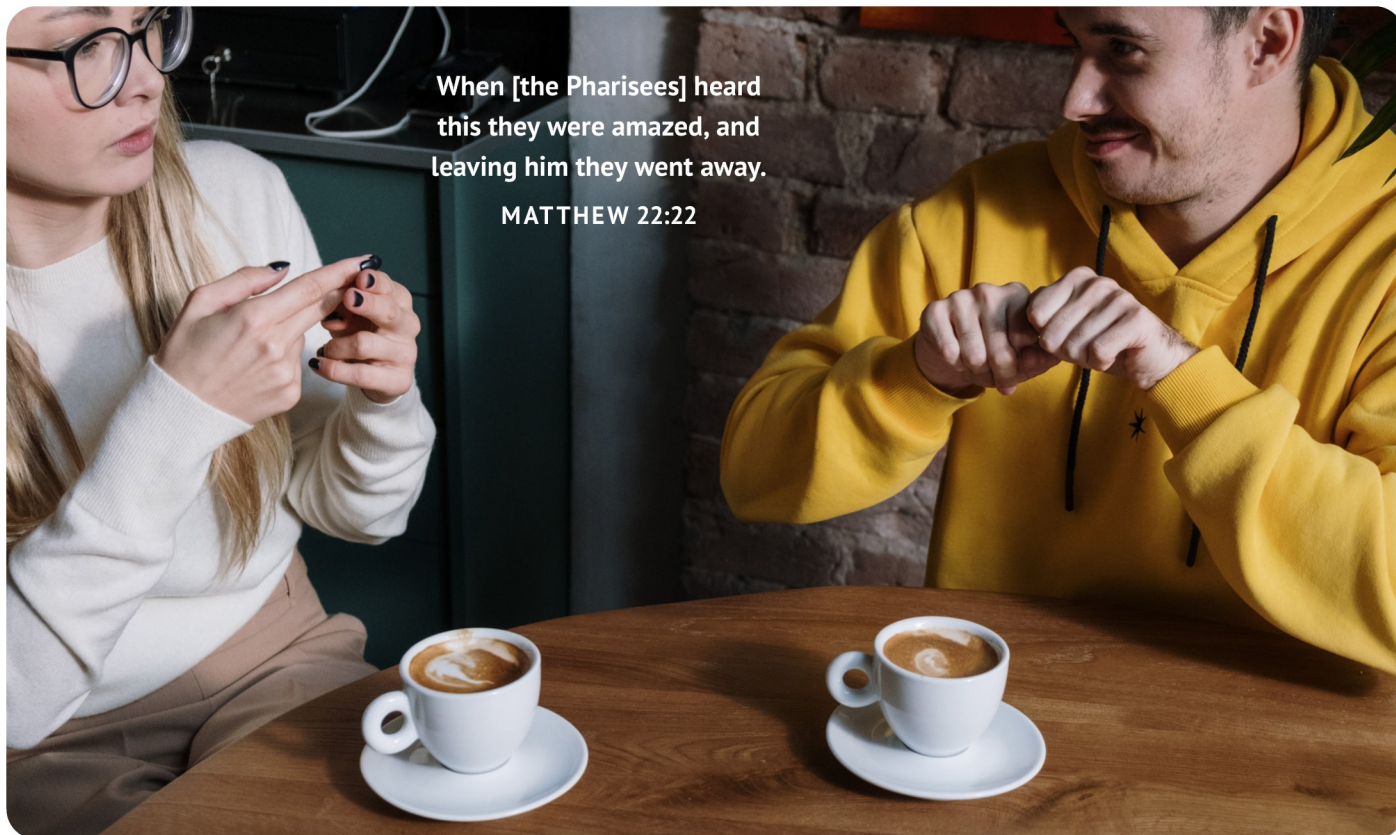
Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 28

In the PCC parking lot

Following the 4:00 p.m. Mass

- This is an all-church event and the Catholic Daughters invite your participation.
- Parishioners who would like to provide treats for this event are encouraged to sign up after Masses this weekend. (On October 28, you will park in the lot in front of the PCC and bring your treats for the kids. We want to be assured that we'll have enough treats for everyone.)
- Feel free to dress up in a costume and decorate your car.
- All parish kids and grandkids are invited to Trunk or Treat!



When [the Pharisees] heard this they were amazed, and leaving him they went away.

MATTHEW 22:22

Night Goggles

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

It was a gathering of longtime friends. The conversation drifted from the shore of one topic to another like leaves bouncing down a river. Eventually the talk bumped up against politics. Because we tended to think alike, it turned to smashing and bashing the opposition—all until someone asked, “Can you name the wisdom in the others?” “There isn’t any,” came someone’s swift reply. “But surely there is,” the questioner persisted. “No one has all the wisdom, and everyone has some of the wisdom.” What followed was dumbfounded silence. Truth can do that.

We live in a time when the wisdom on the street, over our backyard fence, and at the coffee pot at work all tend to skew “You’re only OK if you think the way I do.” It’s a

hard-core bias that surrounds not only politics but also raising children, what constitutes a clean house, and the best way to boil spaghetti. Nothing remains untouched.

When Jesus was challenged about whether or not to pay taxes to Caesar, his response was, “Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God” (Matthew 22:21b). In other words, it’s OK to pay taxes to Caesar because even Caesar belongs to God. Everything and everyone does. God’s wisdom finds a home everywhere.

Having faith is a bit like wearing night goggles. We begin to see what no one else sees, even though it may be a bit blurry, and what we see is the hand of God at work everywhere, even in the opposition. ●

Reflect

Are you able to find truth in an opinion with which you disagree?



Revive!

Adoration and Inspiration

Join us for **communal adoration and praise** as part of Holy Spirit Parish's local kickoff of the National Eucharistic Revival

**After the 5:30 pm Mass
on Tuesday, October 24th**



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

Eucharistic Miracle of TUMACO

COLOMBIA, 1906



The undersea earthquake in 1906 on the Pacific Coast caused enormous damage in many areas. Fr. Bernardino Garcia of the Conception, who at the time was in the City of Panama gave the following testimony regarding the terrible cataclysm that struck the area. "Unexpectedly an enormous wave (we style them tsunamis today) crashed into the port, reached into the market area and destroyed everything. Boats that had been drawn up on shore were picked up hurled long distances causing heavy losses". The small island of Tumaco was spared by a miracle thanks to the faith of the people and the blessing with the Blessed Sacrament by Fr Gerardo Larrondo.



Tumaco at the time of the 1906 miracle



Beach at Tumaco



On January 31, 1906, on the small island of Tumaco at 10 o'clock in the morning the earth shook violently for almost ten minutes. All the inhabitants of the village ran to the church and begged the pastor, Fr. Gerardo Larrondo, to lead a procession with the Blessed Sacrament. The sea was rising and had already engulfed part of the beach. It had plunged inland a kilometer and a half and a mountainous wall of water was building up and threatening to drown everyone and everything in one gigantic wave.

Fr. Gerardo, consumed the small Hosts in the ciborium and set the large Host aside. He called out to his people: "Let us go, my people, let us go toward the beach and may God have pity on us." Comforted by the presence of the

Eucharistic Christ they began their march weeping and crying out to God.

Scarcely had Fr. Larrondo reached the beach with the monstrance in hand when he advanced courageously to the water edge and as the wave came rushing in he calmly raised the Sacred Host and traced the sign of the cross. It was a moment of tremendous solemnity.

The wave hesitated, paused and backed off. Fr. Larrondo and Fr. Julian alongside him saw what was transpiring, and the people overjoyed cried out "miracle, miracle". In truth, a force beyond that of nature prevailed, the mighty wall of water that threatened to wipe the village Tumaco off the face of the earth was halted and began to recede and the

sea resumed its normal level. The inhabitants of Tumaco were overcome with overflowing joy at having been saved from death by the favor of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Prayers of fervent thanks poured out.

The Miracle of Tumaco became known across the world and Fr. Larrondo received letters from Europe asking for his prayers.

SUPPORT INITIATIVE 2081 I-2081

Join the bishops of Washington
and sign I-2081



Why Support I-2081?

The Washington State Catholic Conference (WSCC), the public policy voice of the five bishops of Washington state, supports Initiative 2081 (I-2081), which would establish a parents' bill of rights for parents of children in public schools. In the tradition of Catholic Social Teaching, families are a central social institution that must be supported and strengthened, not undermined. I-2081 strengthens family rights.

I-2081 Specifics

I-2081 names parents as the primary stakeholders in their children's upbringing. It also reiterates or establishes numerous parents' rights within the public school system, including:

- the right to receive reassurance that a child's public school will not discriminate against a child based upon sincerely held religious beliefs,
- the right to receive notification if a child is taken or removed from a public school campus without parental permission, including to stay at a youth shelter or host home,
- the right to receive prior notification when medical services are being offered to their child (except when emergency medical treatment is required),
- the right to review medical records and health records, and
- the right to receive written notice and the option to opt their child out of any surveys, assignments, questionnaires, role-playing activities, recordings of their child, or other student engagements that include questions about any of the following: (i) The child's sexual experiences or attractions; (ii) The child's family beliefs, morality, religion, or political affiliations; (iii) Any mental health or psychological problems of the child or a family member.
- I-2081 also calls for parents to receive notification and the ability to opt their children out of activities that include questions about a child's sexual experiences or are on the topic of sexual activity.

The full text of I-2081 may be viewed on the WA Secretary of State website: sos.wa.gov/elections#initiatives_referenda

The Initiative Process

The WSCC recommends that you sign an I-2081 petition by mid-December. Campaign organizers must process and turn in completed petitions to the Secretary of State by December 29, 2023. To qualify for legislative action, 324,516 valid signatures must be collected.

I-2081 is an initiative to the Legislature. If the initiative qualifies by the December 29 deadline, it will take precedence over all other measures in the 2024 session, except for budget bills. The Legislature may adopt the initiative, reject it, refuse to act on it, or provide an alternative on the same subject. If the Legislature rejects it or refuses to act, the initiative will then be on the general election ballot in 2024. If the Legislature provides an alternative, both versions of the initiative will be on the 2024 ballot.

I-2081 petitions are available for signature in the vestibule after all Masses this weekend.

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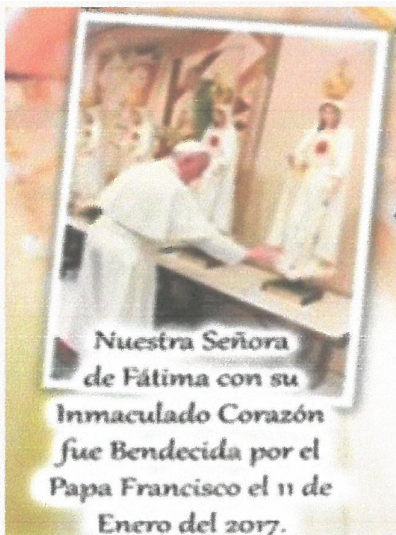
"And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?"

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

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Dear Padre,

Is it a sin to break the law? It is illegal to use fireworks in my city, but every year I do it anyway. Should I mention this in confession?

Strictly speaking, to break a government law does not automatically constitute the definition of sin, so it needn't be mentioned in the sacrament of penance. By definition, sin damages (or, with grave sin, destroys) communion with God and the Church (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1472). Some actions may not be objectively destructive to our relationship with God and Church—and therefore are not sinful—but they may affect others. Church members are part of society, which depends on its citizens to abide by the laws. Saint Paul encouraged everyone to obey the authorities, for all authority that exists is established by God (see Romans 13:1–7).

Not all sins are equally offensive to God; similarly, not all civil laws are equal in their gravity. To knowingly travel a few miles over the posted speed limit isn't the same as intentionally starting a fire in a posted area of a forest. The danger is in thinking one's actions are without consequence. Sensible civil laws are designed to ensure the safety and well-being of citizens, and many municipalities outlaw fireworks because of the hazards they pose.

When any civil law is broken for mere self-indulgence or when breaking the law places others at risk, the act has the potential of constituting the definition of sin. In that case, it would rightfully warrant sacramental reconciliation. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org



Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
October 23 <i>Weekday</i> Rom 4:20–25 Lk 12:13–21	October 24 <i>Weekday</i> Rom 5:12, 15b, 17–19, 20b–21 Lk 12:35–38	October 25 <i>Weekday</i> Rom 6:12–18 Lk 12:39–48	October 26 <i>Weekday</i> Rom 6:19–23 Lk 12:49–53	October 27 <i>Weekday</i> Rom 7:18–25a Lk 12:54–59	October 28 <i>Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles</i> Eph 2:19–22 Lk 6:12–16	October 29 <i>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Ex 22:20–26 1 Thes 1:5c–10 Mt 22:34–40



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

[Jesus] acknowledges that the tribute to Caesar must be paid—for all of us, too, taxes must be paid—because the image on the coin is his; but above all he recalls that each person carries within him another image, that of God, and therefore it is to him alone that each person owes his own existence, his own life.

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