

# PARISH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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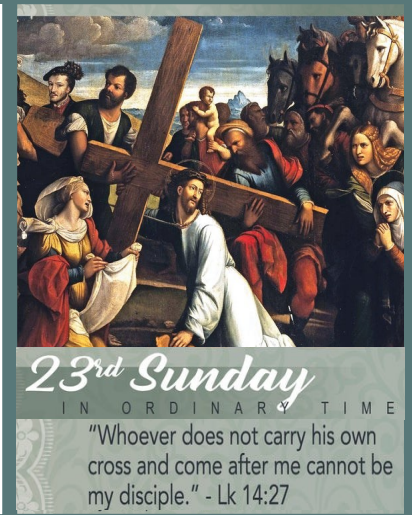
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## SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

### 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	528-9780
9th to 12th Grades/Life Teen	Jennifer Moore	492-6209
	& Joe Bliss	216-402-3118
	email: <a href="mailto:lifeteenhs@gmail.com">lifeteenhs@gmail.com</a>	
Confirmation	Deacon Mike & Carol Gaulke	551-7626
Order of Christian Initiation of Adults	Joe & Sherry Schroeder	405-2242

### Ministers of Music:

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

### Ministries of Worship:

Scheduler for Liturgical Ministers	Trish 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 and Thursday, September 10-11:

*Rite of Distributing Holy Communion*

*Outside Mass with the Celebration of*

*the Word of God at 9:00 a.m.*

Friday: Mass 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)

### 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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, September 7, 2025

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

## Sunday, September 7:

### Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Prayer Angels for Peace, PCC Hall, 11:00 a.m.

Confirmation Parent meeting, PCC 6/8, 2:00 p.m.

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

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



## Thursday, September 11:

### Weekday

**PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED.  
STAFF WILL BE ATTENDING  
A DIOCESAN MEETING IN YAKIMA.**

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

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

Celebration Choir, church, 7:00 p.m.

## Friday, September 12:

### Weekday

#### The Most Holy Name of Mary

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

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, 9:45 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., in the vestibule. Concludes with *Prayers for Priestly Vocations* and *Prayers for Peace* at 4:30 p.m. and the *Rite of Benediction* at 4:45 p.m.

## Saturday, September 13:

Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

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

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

## Sunday, September 14:

### **The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

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) Parent Meeting and Edge Fun Night for students, PCC rooms 5 and 6/8, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

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



## Monday, September 8:

### Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

## Tuesday, September 9:

### Saint Peter Claver, Priest

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

Catechist Meeting, PCC 7, 4:00 p.m.

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

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

Fall Catholic Education Series: *Do You Know Your Deacons?*, PCC rooms 6/8, 6:15 p.m.

Scout Troop 275, PCC hall and room 5, 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Knights of Columbus Council 10653, PCC room 9, 6:30 p.m.

## Wednesday, September 10:

### Weekday

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

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

VIRTUS Safe Environment Training, PCC room 5, 6:00 p.m.

Amazing Grace Choir, church, 7:00 p.m.

## From the Pastor's Desk ...

ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA, PRAY FOR US:

On Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup> (the date of her passing to eternal life in 1997) we celebrated the memorial of St. (Mother) Teresa of Calcutta. By all accounts, St. Teresa continues to be an inspiration for Catholics and non-Catholics throughout the world. Many of us, albeit from afar, witnessed her works of charity and mercy to the poorest of the poor—in India and beyond—in the latter half of the Twentieth Century.

St. Theresa was the foundress of the Missionaries of Charity, and was the recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979 “for her work for bringing help to suffering humanity.” Despite receiving that most esteemed honor, worth approximately \$192,000, Mother Teresa declined to attend a Nobel banquet in her honor. She requested that the Nobel Peace Prize money be used to help provide for India’s poor and needy.

Given all that St. Teresa accomplished in her lifetime to help alleviate the suffering of so many people, we might be tempted to think that we can’t possibly match her tireless works of mercy and charity. Yes, it’s true ... Mother Teresa’s efforts were exemplary; but we’re all called by Jesus to “be merciful as your (heavenly) Father is merciful.” [Lk 6:36] We can also match St. Teresa’s faithful devotion to prayer. Her prayer life was varied and included the following devotions/prayers as her favorites: the *Holy Rosary*, the *Stations of the Cross*, the *Litany of Loreto*, the *Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus*, St. Francis of Assisi’s *Peace Prayer*, the *Anima Christi*, the *Memorare*, and prayers composed by St. John Henry Newman and Pope St. Paul VI.

If some of these well-known prayers and devotions are among *your* favorites, then rejoice that you are praying like a saint—St. Teresa of Calcutta. *St. Teresa, pray for us.*

God’s Blessings,

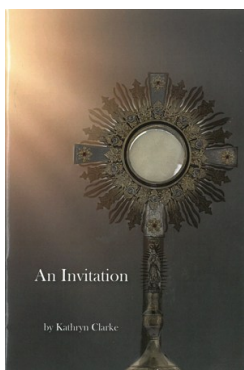
*E. Michael*

**Life Teen teens!** A generous parishioner has donated tickets for the movie *Triumph of the Heart*, the story of Saint Maximilian Kolbe. The movie will be shown on Sunday, September 14th at 4:00 p.m. at the AMC theatre, 1380 North Louisiana Street in Kennewick.

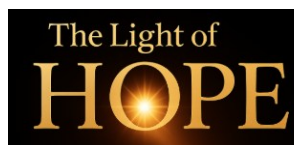


We would love to have as many of you as possible attend this movie, but there are a limited number of tickets available. **Please reserve your ticket by texting Joe Bliss or Jennifer Moore** (numbers are on front of bulletin) as soon as possible.

After the movie we will come back to the PCC for our first **Life Night** of the year! Attending the movie is NOT a substitute for Sunday Mass, so please plan to attend Mass either Saturday night at 4:00 p.m. or Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. that weekend.



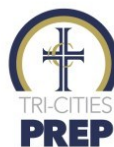
Please stop by the booklet display in the vestibule and pick up a **free** copy of **The Invitation**. This booklet reminds us that a great way to get to know someone is by sitting with them and simply enjoying their company. Jesus Christ, present in the Blessed Sacrament, will show each of us that we are both lovable and loved. We can all draw closer to God if we sit with him and enjoy his holy presence as our Eucharist Lord.



This week our parish takes up the diocesan **Light of Hope Special Collection**. The Light of Hope Special Collection, started during COVID-19 in partnership with

Catholic Charities, has continued to receive donations and distributed \$107,000 last year to families in need. Funds are given directly to parishes, trusting pastors to identify those most in need—whether due to immigration issues, farming losses, or job termination. Inspired by Pope Leo XIV’s reminder that migrants and refugees can be seen as “messengers of hope,” the fund continues to bring hope and dignity to vulnerable families regardless of legal status. Collection envelopes are available in the vestibule or use the QR code in the letter from Bishop Tyson in a later page.

## TRI-CITIES PREP NEWS



Tri-Cities Prep is the only Catholic high school in the greater Tri-Cities area. For more information about our school, please visit [tcprep.org](http://tcprep.org), and follow us on Facebook and Instagram. We are located at 9612 St. Thomas Drive in Pasco. We can be reached at 509-546-2465 or [info@tcprep.org](mailto:info@tcprep.org).

**Wednesday, September 17th** - Join us for the Mass of the Holy Spirit at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Thomas Aquinas Chapel.

**Monday, September 29th** - The greater Tri-Cities community is invited to celebrate the dedication of the St. Michael Plaza. Bishop Thomas A. Daly will bless this beautiful new meditation/prayer space at 8:30 a.m.



**STEWARDSHIP:** Jesus tells the crowd that only those who renounce all of their possessions can be His disciples. Is He truly asking us to give up everything? Perhaps instead He is trying to help us see that everything we own is really a gift from God. Good stewards know that and strive to use those gifts accordingly.

**August 3: \$13,763.35    Recorded givers: 119**

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**

#### **Where's the Sacrifice?**

"It's not that I want you to do it. It's that I want you to want to do it."

If you're married or in a relationship, your partner has probably either said something like this to you or you have said it to them. If one of you hasn't said it, you have probably wanted to. It's likely that a big argument or two was had where you danced around the sentiment, these exact words flashing in your mind like an old-time movie marquee.

The "it" never really matters much. Taking out the trash, painting the bedroom, traveling to your in-laws' for Christmas — whatever the subject matter of the disagreement is, it's all just so much set dressing. The heart of the matter is the sacrifice and desire. That's what it all hangs on. Am I with a person who will sacrifice for me?

When Paul writes to Philemon that he is sending Onesimus to him, he says exactly this. He tells Philemon that he would prefer to keep Onesimus with him, but that he does not want to deprive Philemon both of Onesimus and the opportunity to make a sacrifice worthy in the sight of the Lord.

The point is not who gets to hang out with Onesimus. The point is, as it says in the Gospel, who is willing to carry his cross? Who is willing to renounce his possessions? Who is willing to do the good deed for the sake of the other?

God doesn't care that much about what we have to offer. He cares much more that we have both the desire and the strength to offer whatever we have.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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### **WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS**

**All dates are tentative.**

Monday	September 8	Marcia Panattoni RIP
Tuesday	September 9, 5:30 p.m.	Denny Johnston RIP
Friday	September 12	Mike Boatright RIP
Saturday	September 13, 4:00 p.m.	Polli Walsborn & family

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.**

The September **Ultreya of the Cursillo Movement** will be held **Monday, September 8th** at Christ the King Parish in Richland. The Holy Rosary will be prayed in the chapel at 6:30 p.m., and the meeting will follow at 7:00 p.m. in the multi-purpose room.

### **VIRTUS SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING**

All adult volunteers currently working with or planning to work in any capacity with minors or vulnerable adults at our parish must complete **VIRTUS Safe Environment Training** before starting their ministry. Also, if you completed the training more than 6 years ago, it is time to update your training in a new and revised session in order to remain in compliance with diocesan policies. Deacon Ken Ellis is offering a VIRTUS training session at 6:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, September 10**, in PCC room 5. Create an online VIRTUS account and register at [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org). Call Deacon Ken at 509-948-4355 or the parish office at 509-735-8558 for more information.

### **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.





## Are you surprised to learn that Catholicism is on the rise among Gen Z men?



- Are YOU interested in becoming Catholic, or learning more about the Catholic faith? Or do you know someone you could invite to church?
- Our parish has begun the **Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)** process for adults who are considering joining the Catholic Church. Please join us Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in PCC room 7.
- We are beginning with a period called **Inquiry**. These Thursday evening classes will cover the basics of our Catholic beliefs, prayer, and community life in a welcoming and supportive environment.
- All are welcome! For more information or to register, contact Joe Schroeder (509-405-2242) or Sherry Schroeder (509-521-3782.)

**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 parish office and pick one up.

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

Dear Blessed on First Community,



On August 16th, my daughter **Isabel**, entered Carmel with the Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles (in Duarte, CA) along with four other candidates.

Thank you for all of your prayers and your help in paying off her debts.

On September 22nd, another young woman from our area will enter religious life. Please keep her and all those discerning a religious vocation in your prayers.

Damien Essex  
Blessed on First,  
A Catholic Supply Company



Save the date for the next **Pack-a-Picnic** hosted by the Elizabeth Ministry on **Sunday, September 21.**

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.



Deacon Mike Gaulke



Deacon Ken Ellis



Deacon Eric Shaber

Our Fall Catholic Education Series starts on **Tuesday, September 9** with "Do You Know Your Deacons?" Join us from 6:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m. in PCC rooms 6/8 as our Holy Spirit deacons share their discernment stories and the ways they serve here in our parish. Light refreshments will be provided. Everyone is invited and families are encouraged to attend.

### A NOTE FROM ST. SERRA CLUB OF TRI CITIES

The Book of Wisdom asks "Whoever knew Your counsel, except You had given wisdom and sent Your Holy Spirit from on high?" (from Wisdom 9: 13-18) Ask the Holy Spirit to speak to your heart. Are you being asked to serve God as a priest, permanent deacon, brother, monk or nun?



Register today for the 2025 Church Mission Congress: *Building the Young Church in Christ: Growing Parish Youth Ministry*. All are invited to this day of prayer and reflection, merchandise vendors, raffle prizes and more on **Saturday, October 11**, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at La Salle High School, 3000 Lightning Way in Union Gap. To register, or for more information, call 509-965-7117 or send an email to [info@yakimadiocese.org](mailto:info@yakimadiocese.org).

### Watch the Canonization of Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati



EWTN brings you front-row access to the Jubilee Year's most extraordinary moments—including the historic Canonizations of Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. Wherever you are—in Rome, at home, or on the go—experience history and watch live on Sunday, September 7 at **12:00 MIDNIGHT PT** or catch the replay at **3:00 PM PT** on the [EWTN App](http://www.EWTN.com), streaming devices, or at [EWTN.com](http://www.EWTN.com).

### JOB OPENING: Pastoral Assistant for Administration


St. Joseph Parish in Kennewick is seeking a full-time Pastoral Assistant for Administration. The successful candidate will report directly to the pastor and assist in tasks including administration, and the management of office personnel, finances, facilities, and technology. For information, contact Fr. Jose Herrera or Deacon William Mich at the parish office at (509) 586-3820 ext. 103. Applications and related information can be obtained at: <http://www.applitrack.com/yakimadiocese/onlineapp>.

The position is currently open: resumes and letters of intent will be accepted until the position is filled.

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**PATRIOT DAY**   
WE WILL NEVER FORGET



A photograph of four hands of different skin tones (light, medium, and dark brown) clasped together in a circle, symbolizing unity and support. The hands are set against a light, textured background.

**“In the same way,  
every one of you  
who does not  
renounce all his  
possessions cannot  
be my disciple.”**

**LUKE 14:33**

## When Life Becomes Lose-Lose

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**T**here is so often a cost to being a follower of Jesus, to doing the right thing. During our country’s Civil War, southern plantation owners came face to face with the gospel’s imperative to accept slaves as human beings who have the right to be free, though that would then bring about the collapse of the cotton economy. For them, it was live the gospel or save the economy. Sometimes, the gospel seems to put us in a lose-lose situation.

President Lyndon B. Johnson was confronted by the Vietnam War. By continuing a war he knew was unwinnable, it would cost human lives. If he ended the war, he would be labeled as the president who lost a war. For him, it was lose-lose. Do the right thing or save face. A person may be confronted by a job that demands unjust and immoral decisions when

the refusal to make such decisions would cost that person the job necessary to support his or her family. A student may be faced with the prospect of either cheating or receiving a poor grade. Living the gospel is fraught with costs.

Today, our nation faces the difficulties of immigration. On the one hand, there is the gospel’s command to love the poor and so to accept immigrants seeking to escape violence and terror and drought, conditions that make it impossible to live. On the other hand, there is the need for our nation to deal with uncontrolled migration. The question of “What would Jesus do?” is never without consequences. ●

### Reflect

***How does following Jesus cost me in my life?***





# Carlo Acutis

## THE FIRST MILLENNIAL SAINT

Carlo Acutis, born in 1991 in Milan, Italy, is celebrated as the first millennial to be sainted, highlighting his faith and influence on modern Catholicism. From a young age, Carlo displayed a unique spirituality. Raised in a family with limited religious practice, he developed a personal devotion to the Eucharist, attending daily Mass and spending hours in adoration. His spiritual maturity was evident in his frequent prayers, especially the Rosary, and his dedication to helping others.

Carlo's love for technology became central to his mission. Recognizing the potential of the internet as a tool for evangelization, he created a website cataloging eucharistic miracles worldwide. Through this, he sought to inspire others to deepen their faith in the *Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist*. Carlo's integration of modern tools with ancient truths earned him the title "Cyber Apostle of the Eucharist."

Beyond technology, Carlo's virtues shone in daily life. Known for humility, kindness, he frequently helped the poor and defended peers. His mantra, "We are all born originals, but many die as photocopies," encouraged others to embrace their unique paths to holiness.

In 2006, Carlo was diagnosed with leukemia. Even amid suffering, he maintained deep trust in God, offering his pain for the Church and the Pope. He faced death with serene acceptance, passing away at 15. Following his beatification in 2020 by Pope Francis, Carlo is to be canonized on April 27, 2025, in recognition of miracles attributed to his intercession in 2013 and 2022, as acknowledged by the Vatican.

Carlo's legacy inspires youth worldwide, showing that sainthood is attainable today. His life offers a blueprint for using technology to spread love and truth. Carlo reminds us that holiness is not bound by age or circumstance but found in living for God and others. His story inspires generations to seek God's presence and live authentically as "originals."



## STEPS TO SAINTHOOD

The process of canonization in the Catholic Church is a rigorous journey that declares a person to be a saint. It involves several stages overseen by the Church to ensure that the candidate's life reflects exceptional holiness and fidelity to God. Here are the main steps:

### 1. Servant of God

The process begins after the candidate has passed away and a minimum of five years has elapsed (though this can be waived by the Pope, as in the case of John Paul II and Mother Teresa).

The local bishop investigates the candidate's life, virtues, and reputation for holiness, collecting testimonies and documents. If the investigation is deemed satisfactory, the bishop sends the results to the *Dicastery for the Causes of Saints* in Rome (previously named the Congregation for the Causes of Saints), and the candidate is titled Servant of God.

### 2. Venerable

The Dicastery for the Causes of Saints examines the candidate's life and writings to determine whether they demonstrated heroic virtue—a life of extraordinary goodness and closeness to God. If approved, the Pope declares the candidate Venerable.

### 3. Beatification

For a martyr, no miracle is required; their death must be verified as a direct witness to the faith.

For a confessor (someone who lived a holy life but did not die as a martyr), one miracle attributed to their intercession must be verified. This typically involves a medically unexplained healing approved by a team of doctors, theologians, and ultimately the Pope.

Once the miracle is confirmed, the candidate is declared Blessed in a special ceremony. Beatification allows for limited public veneration, often in the candidate's diocese or region.

### 4. Canonization

A second miracle, occurring after beatification, must be verified for both martyrs and confessors.

Following a thorough investigation, the Pope officially declares the candidate a Saint in a canonization ceremony, making them universally venerated in the Church. The new saint is assigned a feast day and becomes a model for the faithful.

Canonization is not about perfection but recognizes a person who has cooperated fully with God's grace and can inspire others in their journey of faith.

## EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES

Carlo Acutis undertook a remarkable project to catalog Eucharistic miracles from around the world, using his skills in technology to create a website that made these miracles widely accessible.

A Eucharistic miracle is an extraordinary event where the bread and wine consecrated during Mass visibly manifest as Christ's body and blood, or where other phenomena affirm the *Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist*. These miracles are seen as divine signs to strengthen faith in the mystery of the Eucharist.

Carlo's website featured descriptions, photographs, and historical information about each miracle, organized in an accessible way. His goal was to help others grow in faith and deepen their devotion to the Eucharist, especially at a time when belief in the Real Presence was waning.

This project is significant because it bridges faith traditions with modern tools, showing how technology can inspire and educate. Carlo's work continues to rekindle love for the Eucharist and remind people of God's tangible presence in their lives.

## TWO MIRACLES

### Healing a Brazilian child

In 2013, a Brazilian boy named Matheus Viana was healed from a rare pancreatic condition after praying to Acutis and touching one of his relics. Matheus's pancreas was completely healed and he was able to eat normally without restriction.

### Healing a University Student

In 2022, a Costa Rican woman named Valeria suffered a serious head trauma after falling from her bicycle in Florence. Her doctors said she had a very low chance of survival. Valeria's mother prayed to Acutis at his tomb in Assisi, and Valeria began to breathe on her own the same day. She made a full recovery and was discharged from intensive care after 10 days.

September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The ***Light of Hope Special Collection*** began during the COVID-19 pandemic as a collaborative effort between our parishes and Catholic Charities Serving Central Washington. Donations have continued to come into the **Light of Hope Fund**, and last year, a total of **\$107,000** was distributed to families across our region. But even more help is needed this year, given the effects of inflation and reduction in benefits that often especially hurt those most in need in our communities today.

As during the COVID-19 pandemic, we still may have families in need tied to one or another “breadwinner” facing immigration difficulties. But today, it also could be that we would be helping a rural farming family whose operation is impacted by the change in tariffs and the capacity to break even during this year’s harvest. Or it might be a family whose main income came from a government job that has now been terminated.

Pope Leo XIV recently noted that immigrants and refugees can be seen as “messengers of hope” whose courage and tenacity bear heroic testimony to a faith that sees beyond what our eyes can see and gives them the strength to defy death on the various contemporary migration routes.” We do not ask the legal status of anyone, because when someone comes to us in need, we live out the gospel in serving them.

Your contributions to the ***Light of Hope*** collection play a vital role in providing necessary financial support. In addition, the fund continues to be vital in extending hope and dignity to those who need it most.

Please consider contributing when asked and giving what you are able.

With every best wish and blessings,



Most Reverend Joseph J. Tyson  
Bishop of Yakima



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# An Evening of Hope

Benefiting Hope Medical



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## Save the Date and sign up to host a table at Hope Medical's upcoming Banquet

We are excited to announce that Dr. Haywood Robinson will be our Keynote Speaker. A former abortionist, Dr. Robinson experienced a life-changing transformation after his salvation in 1986. Since then, he has been a powerful voice for the pro-life movement. Today, he shares his testimony around the world to expose the truth about the abortion industry and to be a voice for the unborn.

### When:

**October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**Hub at Bethel Church**  
600 Shockley Rd, Richland  
**6pm to 8:30pm**

### What's included/Cost:

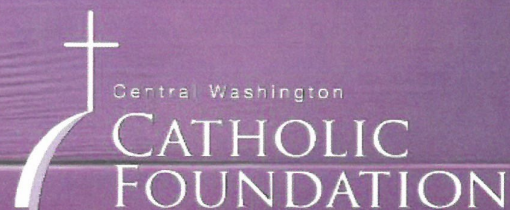
**As a Table Host, you'll invite others to hear powerful testimonies, enjoy hors d'oeuvres, dessert, and support the life-saving work happening at Hope Medical**  
**A table seats 8 and can be hosted for \$400.**

### How to Sign up:

**Please call 509-396-7737 to reserve and make payment for your table.**

**Inspire someone to stand for life—host a table, spark connections, and make a difference!**





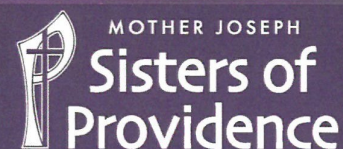
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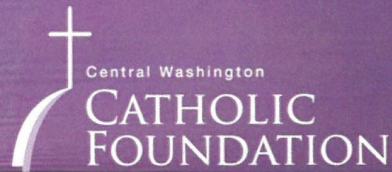
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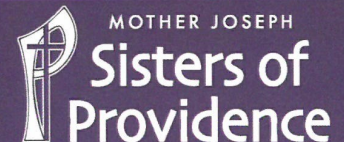
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# Dear Padre,

***Why is RCIA now called OCIA? And why do people have to go through that process anyway? Can't they just talk to the priest if they want to be Catholic?***

The reason why Christian Initiation for Adults is now identified as the “Order” rather than the “Rite” is that the US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) changed the name in November 2021. The name change more accurately reflects the English translations of the Latin texts and emphasizes the ongoing development of participants in the faith. Within the Order are different rites, such as the Rite of Entrance to the Catechumenate, the Rite of Sending, the Rite of Election, the Scrutinies, and the Rites of Initiation.

Although it is still possible to become a baptized Catholic or a confirmed Catholic after a simple conversation with a priest or a catechist, the preferred way is the communal encounter. The Christian community plays an important role in calling us to faith, enabling our practice of the faith, and helping us persevere in our baptismal call to faith. We are not alone; we are part of the people of God. We are the community that is called into life by the Spirit of God and that is nourished by the Eucharist we share and the sacraments we celebrate. ●

**Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / [DearPadre.org](http://DearPadre.org)**



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## A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

***In Gaza...children, families, and elderly are reduced to starvation. In Myanmar, new hostilities have cut short innocent young lives. Finally, war-torn Ukraine awaits negotiations for a just and lasting peace.... We implore [Our Lady's] intercession for the gift of peace, for support and comfort for those who suffer.***

**REGINA CAELI, ROME, MAY 18, 2025**

### Monday

September 8  
*The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
Mi 5:1–4a or  
Rom 8:28–30  
Mt 1:1–16, 18–23 or  
1:18–23

### Tuesday

September 9  
*St. Peter Claver, Priest*  
Col 2:6–15  
Lk 6:12–19

### Wednesday

September 10  
*Weekday*  
Col 3:1–11  
Lk 6:20–26

### Thursday

September 11  
*Weekday*  
Col 3:12–17  
Lk 6:27–38

### Friday

September 12  
*Weekday*  
1 Tm 1:1–2, 12–14  
Lk 6:39–42

### Saturday

September 13  
*St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*  
1 Tm 1:15–17  
Lk 6:43–49

### Sunday

September 14  
*The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*  
Nm 21:4b–9  
Phil 2:6–11  
Jn 3:13–17





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