

# PARISH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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17<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." - Mt 13:44

## JULY 30, 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	Meta Boik	735-8558
	& Danielle May	735-8558
9th to 12th Grades/Life Teen	Joe Bliss	216-402-3118
	& Jennifer Moore	492-6209
	email: <a href="mailto:lifeteens@gmail.com">lifeteens@gmail.com</a>	
Confirmation	Deacon Mike and Carol Gaulke	551-7626
Order of Christian Initiation of Adults	Joe and Sherry Schroeder	405-2242

### Ministers of Music:

4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass	Julianne Barnaby	735-2163
9:30 a.m. Mass	Jean McDonald	586-1784
5:00 p.m. Mass	Perry Kelly	735-8558
Children's Choir	Paula Bachelor	375-9019

### Ministries of Worship:

Scheduler for Liturgical Ministers	Trish Feeny	551-0486
Eucharistic Adoration	Liz Friedrich	783-6223
Prayer Line	Adele Ogryzek	627-0201
Altar Server Training	Zack Rinderer	582-2543

### Parish Ministries:

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

### Councils and Committees:

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

### Charter Organizations:

Catholic Daughters	Linda Garner	627-2748
Knights of Columbus	Clem Matylinski	531-5283
St. Vincent de Paul	Message Line	591-0632
Scout Troop #275	Teddy Herrera	350-0010

### Natural Family Planning:

	Christine Disselkamp	628-8810
	Carol Gaulke	619-5464

### Weekend Masses:

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

### Weekday Masses:

Monday: 9:00 a.m.  
Tuesday: 5:30 p.m.  
Wednesday through Friday: 9:00 a.m.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Tuesday: 4:15 - 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 3:00 - 4:15 p.m.  
or by appointment.

### Please visit our Holy Spirit Facebook page to join livestream events:

<https://www.facebook.com/HolySpiritParishCommunity>

### Office Hours: Monday through Friday

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and  
1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

### The Sacrament of Baptism

Babies and young children are usually baptized during Mass on Saturday or Sunday, or on Saturday at 2:00 p.m. Call the parish office for a list of upcoming Baptism dates and to receive registration information for pre-Baptism classes. (735-8558)



### On Being Married at Holy Spirit ...

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

### Deaths

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

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

# Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, July 30, 2023

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

## Sunday, July 30: Seventeenth 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 3: Weekday

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

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

## Friday, August 4: Saint John Vianney, Priest

**Rite of Distributing Holy Communion Outside Mass with the Celebration of the Word of God, 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* at 4:30 p.m. and the *Rite of Benediction* at 4:45 p.m.

## Saturday, August 5: Weekday

The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major

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

**Ice Cream Social, church kitchen patio and vestibule, immediately following Mass.**

## Monday, July 31: Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

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

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

## Tuesday, August 1: Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

**Rite of Distributing Holy Communion Outside Mass with the Celebration of the Word of God, 5:30 p.m.**

Rosary near the tabernacle, following the service.

## Wednesday, August 2: Weekday Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

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

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

## Sunday, August 6: **The Transfiguration of the Lord**

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

**Ice Cream Social, church kitchen patio and vestibule, immediately following Mass.**

Prayer Service, PCC hall, 11:00 a.m.

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

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

**Ice Cream Social, church kitchen patio and vestibule, immediately following Mass.**



## From the Pastor's Desk ...

### ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:

Tuesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> is a Holy Day of Obligation this year; that of the glorious Assumption of our Blessed Mother into the realm of heaven, body and soul. Catholics throughout the world are obligated to attend Mass on this day. We will celebrate two Masses on August 15<sup>th</sup> here at the Parish of the Holy Spirit: at 9:00 AM and at 6:00 PM. If these Mass times are not convenient for you, please consult the Mass schedules at our neighboring parishes.

### RECEPTION OF THE BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST BY INTINCTION:

In a recent decree promulgated by Bishop Tyson, the parishes of the Diocese of Yakima will be allowed—beginning on Tuesday, August 15, 2023—to offer the Precious Blood of Christ to the faithful by INTINCTION. What is *intinction*? **Intinction is when the priest or deacon reverently dips the Host into the Precious Blood of Christ and the communicant receives both Sacred Species ON THE TONGUE.**

Please be aware of the following important points as we prepare for this change:

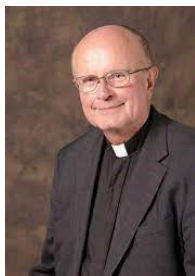
- 1) With intinction, communicants will NOT be drinking from a common cup containing the Blood of Christ (as was our custom pre-COVID-19).
- 2) **Only a priest or deacon may offer the Body and Blood of Christ to the faithful by intinction;** so if you wish to receive Holy Communion in this manner, you will need to approach the altar either in the priest's or deacon's line for Holy Communion; that is, in our CENTER AISLE. Every communicant who approaches a priest or deacon in our center aisle will receive Holy Communion by intinction. (Otherwise, it will be impossible for us to know who wants to receive the Host only.)
- 3) Holding the Host before you, the priest or deacon will say: "The Body and Blood of Christ," to which you will respond "Amen." Then the priest or deacon will place the Host (reverently dipped into the Precious Blood of Christ) ON YOUR TONGUE. Receiving Holy Communion in the hand is NOT an option in this case.
- 4) Those wishing to receive the Host only (which always contains the fulness of our Risen Lord's Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity) should proceed to any Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion to receive it; NOT TO THE PRIEST OR DEACON. With this option, the Host may be received either in the hand or on the tongue, as usual. Remember to say "Amen" when the Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion says: "The Body of Christ."

God's Blessings,

*E. Michael*

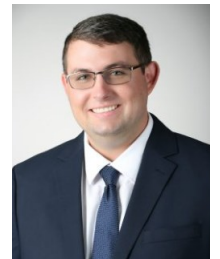


Fr. John O'Shea



Msgr. Perron Auve

This weekend we have the opportunity to support the annual **Diocesan Priest Retirement and Seminarian Education Special Collection**. This important collection supports our 17 retired priests who have faithfully served our community for many years; including **Fr. O'Shea** and **Msgr. Auve**. The collection also supports the men studying for the priesthood for our diocese. We are fortunate to have **Ramses Yates**, a seminarian for the Diocese of Yakima, with us this weekend to talk about the impact of this collection.



Seminarian  
Ramses Yates

If you're able, please donate to this important collection. If you are unable to donate at this time, there are many other ways you can support us! You can continue to keep our senior priests and seminarians in your daily prayers. It has been through your spiritual and financial support of those studying for the priesthood that we see the seeds of future servants of our diocese sowed and nourished. Offering envelopes are provided in this bulletin attached to the Bishop's letter. To learn more, please visit [www.yakimadiocese.org](http://www.yakimadiocese.org).



**STEWARDSHIP:** "The law of Your mouth is to me more precious than thousands of gold and silver pieces," says the psalmist today. Does the amount of my monetary offering to my parish suggest I could honestly say the same?

**July 16: \$15,209.88 Recorded givers: 123**

**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.



Holy Spirit seeks volunteers to help plan and prepare meals for our LifeTeen and Edge nights on Sunday evenings. LifeTeen and Edge run from September to May. If you've got the gift of hospitality and are interested in helping feed our youth before their

Edge/LifeTeen classes begin, please contact Jennifer Moore (492-6209) or Joe Bliss (216-402-3118).

#### TUITION ASSISTANCE

The Parish of the Holy Spirit offers tuition assistance scholarships to registered families (with a history of supporting our parish financially) with children or youth who will be attending local Catholic grade schools or high school in the fall. If your family has students attending Catholic school in the Tri Cities, please call the office at 509-735-8558 and let us know. We would like to have the names of those students who will be in grades K-12 at our local Catholic schools as soon as possible. Our scholarship committee will be meeting soon. There is no scholarship application, per se. However, your family's participation in parish life at the Parish of the Holy Spirit will factor-in to the scholarship committee's discussions.



#### 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. Deacon Ken Ellis is offering training sessions at 6:00 p.m. on **Thursday, August 3** and **Monday, August 21** in the PCC hall. 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.

#### WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

All dates are tentative.

Monday	July 31	Walsh Family
Saturday	August 5, 4:00 p.m.	Nancy Martin RIP
Sunday	August 6, 5:00 p.m.	Maas Family

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

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of Harold Williamson.  
May he rest in peace with the risen Lord.**

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.

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

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

#### The Falling Action and the Field

In my freshman year of high school, I was fairly miserable at identifying the five essential elements of plot in literature (exposition, rising action, climax, falling action, and resolution).

To this day, the only reason I remember anything about them at all is because my English teacher used episodes of Scooby Doo to illustrate the different elements. Falling action vs. climax is where I got tripped up, the two are similar, and only discernible if you examine them relative to each other.

Every Scooby Doo episode has a big dramatic sequence (the climax) where the ghost/monster/zombie chases The Gang through the haunted mansion. The falling action is what comes immediately after. Searching for her glasses that she lost during the chase, Velma bumps into a pulley wheel disguised behind a tapestry and realizes the ghost/monster/zombie is actually the janitor in a costume, hooked up to an elaborate cable system jerry-rigged throughout the mansion. Meddling kids.

I confused the two because, to me, they are both equally dramatic: the chase and the fallout.

It occurs to me that, if you look at the course of salvation history, we are living in the falling action element, not the climax. Take the parable of the treasure in the field. We have found the treasure, but we haven't yet bought the field.

I often make the mistake of thinking I am still lost in the climax, searching for the truth. But I know exactly where the truth is.

What I need to be concerned with is this: Am I doing what I need to do to buy the field?

*"Wonderful are your decrees; therefore I observe them. The revelation of your words sheds light, giving understanding to the simple."* — Psalm 119



# Altar Server TRAINING

Serving at the altar of God is a true privilege! There are opportunities for all adults—both women and men—as well as young people of our parish in grades 4 through 12, to train to serve the Lord and our parish in this important way. Those in grade 3 who have received First Eucharist may also be considered after speaking with Zack Rinderer. Family members are encouraged to train together and serve together. Training sessions are currently being planned. If you are interested, please call Zack Rinderer at 582-2543.

**NOTE FROM OUR BOOKKEEPER:** A reminder that when writing a check for a special collection, please write the check payable to the *Parish of the Holy Spirit*. In the memo line, please name the special collection. This way we can deposit the checks into our parish account, and then write one check to the special collection. If you have any questions, please call Philline in the parish office at 509-735-8558.

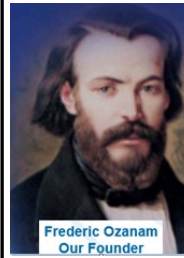


HERE'S  
THE  
SCOOP!



The Knights of Columbus will be hosting Ice Cream Socials after all Masses next weekend, August 5-6. Plan to join us for fellowship and a sweet treat, totally free! Like last year, cups and cones will be available.

## Holy Spirit St. Vincent de Paul Conference



Frederic Ozanam  
Our Founder

July is a five-Sunday month. After Holy Communion at each Mass this weekend, we will take up a second collection to support our Conference in the work of easing the burdens of the poor here in Kennewick. Also, we will meet this coming Thursday, August 3rd, at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Community Center, Room 7. Please consider joining us and putting your talents to use. Thank you!

## SPIRITUAL EXERCISES IN EVERYDAY LIFE Life-Changing Retreat Invitation

Are you interested in growing closer to Christ, improving your prayer life, and/or talking with a spiritual director? The Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life (SEEL Tri-Cities) could be just what you need. This year, SEEL begins on Saturday, September 9, and continues every second Saturday through May 11, 2024. We meet in person at the Parish of the Holy Spirit in Kennewick and through the Zoom App for those who cannot attend in person. The Saturday group meetings will be from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Application deadline is **Wednesday, August 9, 2023**.

During the Spiritual Exercises, participants learn to pray with various prayer methods such as meditation, contemplation, imaginative prayer, the Examen, and discernment. We provide prayer materials, as well as assign you a trained spiritual director to assist you. We ask that participants attend monthly group meetings, pray daily for an hour, and make a monthly donation (if possible) to help fund training and equipment. Space is limited, so please apply early. For more information or to download our application, please visit <https://seeltc.com>; or email [info@seeltc.com](mailto:info@seeltc.com). For questions or to discuss, please call Johnette Sullivan at 509-910-1685.



**Seniors Helping All Kids' Education (S.H.A.K.E.)** will collect school supplies in the designated box in the vestibule through **Thursday, August 10**. S.H.A.K.E., a program of Catholic Family and Child Services, will distribute the school supplies to children throughout Benton and Franklin counties. Student need all kinds of supplies including pens, pencils, paper, binders, crayons, markers, glue, backpacks, scissors and more!

## PRAYER GATHERINGS



Please join our prayer gathering at 11:00 a.m. on the first Sunday of each month in the PCC hall to pray for peace in Ukraine and other war torn nations, the conversion of souls, and for the end of Satan's reign of evil. The prayer gathering is organized by Camille Henneberry, Janet Ip and several parishioners. Prayers will include all four mysteries of the rosary, litanies, chaplets, Psalms, and other prayers. **Please join us next Sunday, August 6 at 11:00 a.m!**

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

"Ask and it will be given to you. Seek and you will find. Knock and the door will be opened to you." (Matthew 7:7) Ask in prayer to know your vocation. Seek and find ways to serve. Knock on the doors of those who can help guide you. Is God offering you the grace of a vocation to the priesthood, permanent diaconate or consecrated life?

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our **Refreshment Ministry** is an important ministry to parishioners and visitors alike. Sharing refreshments after every weekend Mass encourages fellowship and is yet another visible sign that our parish is welcoming of all guests. Volunteers in this ministry set up coffee, cookies and lemonade before Mass, and serve and clean up after Mass. It is a fun ministry which doesn't involve meetings or evening commitments. **There are openings for helpers, especially after the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturdays.** Please call Judy Urrutia at 509-628-2361 to volunteer.





## Finding Buried Treasure

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

**M**uch like still-fishing, which is when the fish ultimately find the one sitting quietly waiting for the fish, most of the really treasured aspects of life somehow find us when we're not looking. Consider falling in love or discovering a friend; the job you enjoy so much that you'd almost do it for free; a hobby that gives you so much satisfaction; creative gifts you never knew you had until you stumbled upon them later in life. To say nothing of happiness for which so many go looking and never seem to find, while others are happy without ever seeking it out.

Wisdom, the gift Solomon asked for, is much like all of that. It seems to find us. Common sense, the stepchild of wisdom, is something most parents want their children to have, and, for some parents, it may be a source of great frustration as they try to make sure their children have it and use it. Wisdom is certainly a hint of the kingdom of heaven, but then so too is finding love and experiencing joy and living with a peace that refuses to be unsettled by the storms of life. All of those are the buried treasures of which the Gospel speaks, just as for others it is the pearl of great price for which they look and look until it finds them, not unlike still-fishing. All are buried treasures, hidden pearls, and tastes of eternal life. ●

### Reflect

*Is there a treasure in your life that ultimately found you?*

[Solomon said to the Lord,]  
"Give your servant, therefore,  
a listening heart to judge your people  
and to distinguish between good  
and evil."

1 KINGS 3:9A





## One Minute Meditations

### A vessel of God's grace

We are each asked to share God's love with others. How much we allow ourselves to be filled with God's grace will determine what we can share with others. We fill up with grace when we frequent the Sacraments, pray, and study our faith. After all, if we don't practice our own faith how can we help someone to become excited about theirs?

### Our powerful Lord

In the Gospels, Jesus healed people 20 times. Seven times Jesus expelled demons. Three times He raised people from the dead, and eight other miracles showed His power over nature. With God all things are possible. All we have to do is ask in harmony with His will.

*"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for He has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed"* (Luke 1:46-48).



## Build up the Kingdom of God

As followers of Jesus, we're each called to take our place in the Kingdom of God and help build it up. Consider these suggestions to do your part:

**Find your gifts:** What special gifts do you possess? In addition to talents and skills, these can include wisdom from life experience or a particularly deep faith. Discern your gifts and ask God where He wants you to use them.

**Cultivate gratitude:** Write down everything for which you are grateful in a "blessings list." Review it and add to it regularly, especially when tempted to jealousy or discouragement. Praise and thank God daily for whatever is on your list.

**Practice humility:** St. Thomas Aquinas

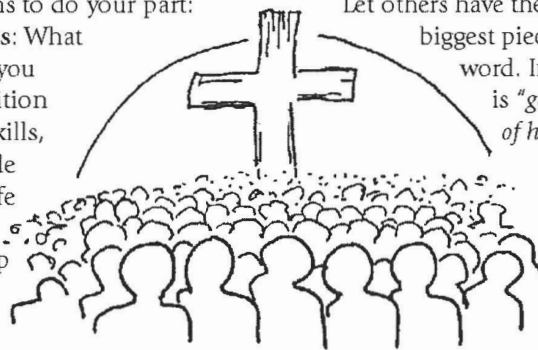
said, "Humility means seeing ourselves as God sees us: knowing every good we have comes from Him as pure gift."

Let others have the best place, the biggest piece of cake, the last word. Imitate Him who is "gentle and humble of heart" (Matthew 11:29).

**Be ready to serve:** Any act of service can build up your parish, neighborhood, or community. Small

or great, everyone can contribute something. Give of yourself.

**Strive for the higher gifts:** Jesus asked every one of us to love God and each other. Without love, St. Paul said, "I gain nothing" (1 Corinthians 13:3). If you have true charity, you're on the right track.



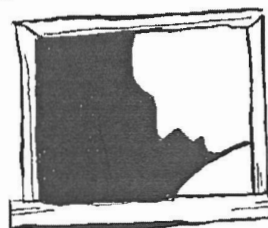
## Why Do Catholics Do That?

## Why do Catholics confess their sins to a priest?

On Easter Sunday, Jesus appeared to the Apostles in the Upper Room and said, "Peace be with you" (John 20:19). He breathed on them, saying, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them and whose

sins you retain, they are retained" (John 20:22-23).

With that, Jesus established an efficacious way to dispense forgiveness of our sins. He knew we'd need to be assured of His forgiveness by personally hearing the words, "I absolve you of your sins."





## “Go and make disciples”

We’re all called to spread the Gospel as missionaries (Mark 16:15), but not everyone is required to travel. As a Carmelite nun, St. Thérèse of Lisieux lived out her “second calling” to be a missionary. Here are three ways to spread the Gospel within any vocation:

**Go deeper in your faith.** You can’t share what you don’t have. St. Thérèse developed her “Little Way” of holiness after years of prayer and study. Step deeper into your faith daily: read a section of the Catechism, pray over a verse of Scripture, listen to a

Catholic podcast while driving or walking, pray.

**Adopt-a-missionary:** St. Thérèse was a “spiritual sister” to several missionaries, writing them letters and supporting them in prayer, indirectly helping hundreds of souls. Adopt a missionary – or anyone who shares the Faith. Contact your parish or diocese for suggestions.

**“Intercession fueled by charity”:** St. Thérèse lovingly offered to God the “thorns” she received from others – discomforts, misunderstandings, hurt feelings – to win souls for Christ. Offer your “thorns” as saving graces.

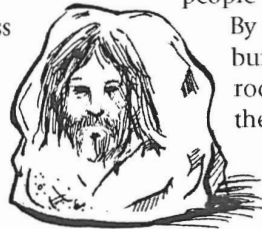


### from Scripture

#### Matthew 16:13-20, The “Rock-solid” foundation

The events in this passage lay the foundations for the Catholic Church. In it, Jesus asks His disciples, “Who do you say that I am?” It was a question about Jesus’ identity, rather than about the persuasiveness of His teaching or His popularity. The heart of Catholicism centers around the truth of who Jesus is.

Inspired by the Holy Spirit, Simon answers for the group, identifying Jesus as the Son of God, the Messiah (Matthew 16:17). Jesus proclaims this was divinely revealed to Simon and changes his name to Peter



(“Rock”). Jesus gives him the keys to the kingdom, giving Peter (and his successors) the authority to interpret Scripture, forgive sins, and admit people into the Church.

By this, Jesus signaled He was building His Church on a rock-solid foundation – on the confession of Peter about Jesus’ divinity. This truth has been handed down through the ages, from the Apostles to the bishops to us. The Holy Spirit would lead Peter – and his successors, the popes – to continue speaking and acting in truth as the visible head of the Church.

### Q & A

#### How can I avoid gossiping?

Chatting with friends can become gossip – unfairly disclosing another’s faults or sins without a valid reason, to people who don’t know them (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, #2477). Try these ideas when chatting becomes gossip:

**Name it:** A gentle reminder between friends is an act of kindness. Try, “I think we’re edging into gossip,” or “Oh, that’s not kind!” It’s better to risk speaking up than silently allowing sin.

**Redirect the conversation:** Highlight good qualities of the person about whom others are gossiping. Refocus on inspiring news, a good book you read – anything else that is “honorable ... just ... pure ... pleasing” (Philippians 4:8).

**Leave:** If nothing else works, excuse yourself and leave the conversation. You’ll avoid becoming complicit to sin and wordlessly communicate that you find gossip unacceptable.

**Pray:** Sins of the tongue (gossip, slander, calumny, detraction) are serious and require grace to resist. Invoke the Holy Spirit for yourself, for those who engage in gossip, and especially for those harmed by it.

### Feasts & Celebrations

**August 6 – Transfiguration of the Lord.** Christ appeared in glory in the company of Moses and Elijah, discussing the Passion (Luke 9:30-31), and a voice was heard to say, “This is my beloved son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him” (Matthew 17:5).

**August 14 – St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe (1941).** A Polish Franciscan, St. Maximilian was imprisoned at Auschwitz. When the jailers chose ten people to execute, he substituted himself for a man with a family. He was honored as a “martyr of charity” by

Pope John Paul II.

**August 23 – St. Rose of Lima (1617).** Born in colonial Peru, Rose worked constantly to help her poverty-stricken family. She became a lay Dominican, and cared for homeless children, the elderly, and the sick in her house.

**August 29 – Passion of St. John the Baptist (1st century).** St. John the Baptist courageously spoke the truth to the leaders of his time, making him powerful enemies. He was arrested by Herod and martyred (Mark 6:17-29).



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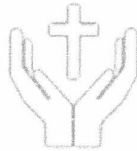
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June 1, 2023

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I take this opportunity to send my greetings to you and your families and to express my deepest gratitude to all of you for your very generous spiritual and financial support over the years of our retired priests and our seminarians in formation.

**THANK YOU!**



*"I want to be a holy man, to serve the people of God, to offer my life for the people I'm going to serve in Yakima...I want to be very open to people, to help them." ~Deacon Garcia*

In 2022, your marvelous response to the *Special Collection for Priest Retirement and Seminarian Education (PR/SE)* resulted in the Church collecting a total of **\$301,195** towards funding those priests who have served you for many years, as well as those men seeking to serve your local Church in the future. God has indeed blessed His Local Church with generous hearts like yours!

The annual Diocesan Priest Retirement and Seminarian Education (PR/SE) Special Collection will take **place in June and July**. If you're able, please donate to the PR/SE Special Collection. If you are unable to donate at this time, there are many other ways you can support us. You can continue to keep our senior priests and seminarians in your daily prayers. You can advocate and share with your family and friends on your social media!

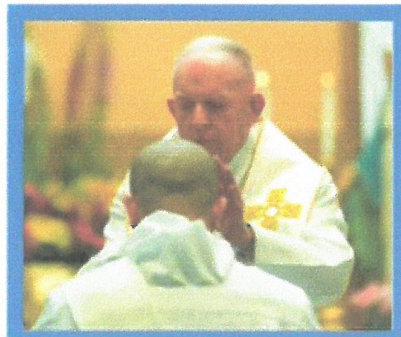
It has been your spiritual and financial support of those studying for the priesthood that we see the seeds of future servants of our diocese sowed and nourished. I ask, on behalf of those who have served you over the decades, as well as for those who will serve you in the future, that you please be as generous as your means allow.

With every best wish and blessing,

Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Joseph J. Tyson  
Bishop of Yakima

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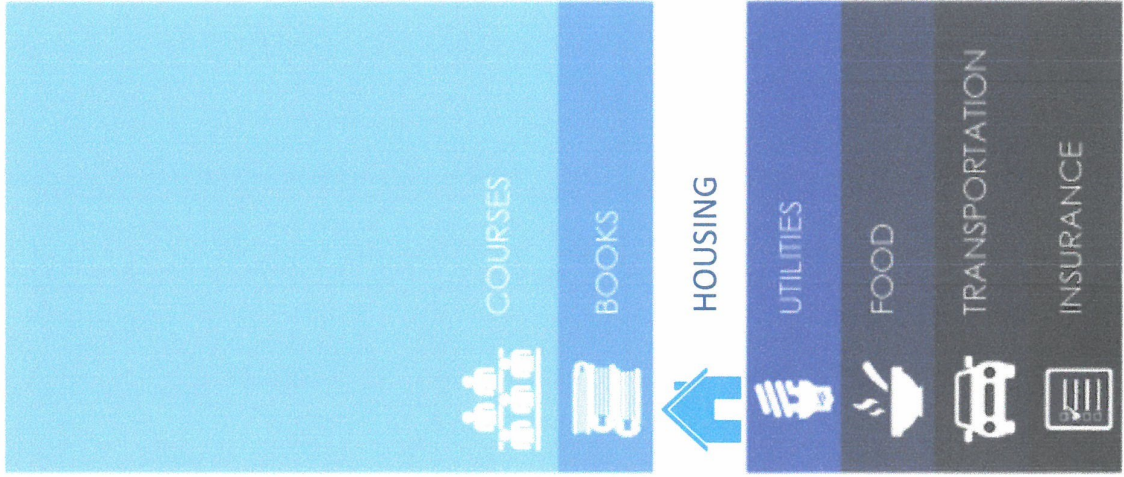
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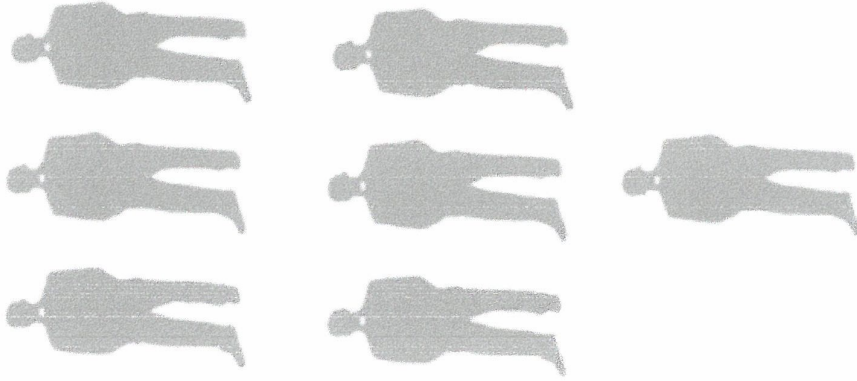


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# Dear Padre,

## What is spiritual Communion?

Saint Thomas Aquinas said spiritual Communion is “an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament”...and to lovingly embrace “Him as if we had actually received Him.” It is the practice of desiring union with Christ in the Eucharist by those who cannot receive holy Communion for valid cause, such as an infirmity or an irregular marriage. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Pope Francis also said the practice is “highly recommended when it is not possible to receive the sacrament.”

A prayer by St. Alphonsus Liguori is ideal for those unable to receive holy Communion:

*My Jesus,  
I believe that you are present in the Most Blessed Sacrament.  
I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.  
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace you as if you were already there and I unite myself wholly to you.  
Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.*

Saint John Paul II wrote, “It is good to cultivate in our hearts a constant desire for the sacrament of the Eucharist. This was the origin of the practice of ‘spiritual Communion,’ which has happily been established in the Church for centuries and recommended by saints....Saint Teresa of Jesus wrote: ‘When you do not receive Communion and you do not attend Mass, you can make a spiritual Communion, which is a most beneficial practice; by it the love of God will be greatly impressed on you’” (*Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 34). ●



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***We are asked to summon the courage and the intelligence to resolve today’s many geopolitical and economic crises. Even in the developed world, the effects of unjust structures and actions are all too apparent. Our efforts must aim at restoring hope, righting wrongs, maintaining commitments, and thus promoting the well-being of individuals and of peoples.***

ADDRESS TO US CONGRESS,  
WASHINGTON, DC, SEPTEMBER 24, 2015



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#### MONDAY

July 31  
*St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest*  
Ex 32:15–24, 30–34  
Mt 13:31–35

#### TUESDAY

August 1  
*St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*  
Ex 33:7–11; 34:5b–9, 28  
Mt 13:36–43

#### WEDNESDAY

August 2  
*Weekday*  
Ex 34:29–35  
Mt 13:44–46

**THURSDAY**  
August 3  
*Weekday*  
Ex 40:16–21, 34–38  
Mt 13:47–53

#### FRIDAY

August 4  
*St. John Vianney, Priest*  
Lv 23:1, 4–11, 15–16, 27,  
34b–37  
Mt 13:54–58

#### SATURDAY

August 5  
*Weekday*  
Lv 25:1, 8–17  
Mt 14:1–12


**SUNDAY**  
August 6  
*Transfiguration of the Lord*  
Dn 7:9–10, 13–14  
2 Pt 1:16–19  
Mt 17:1–9





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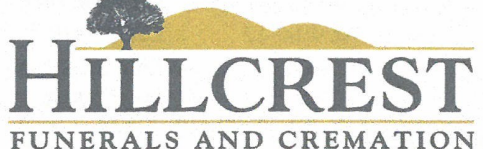
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