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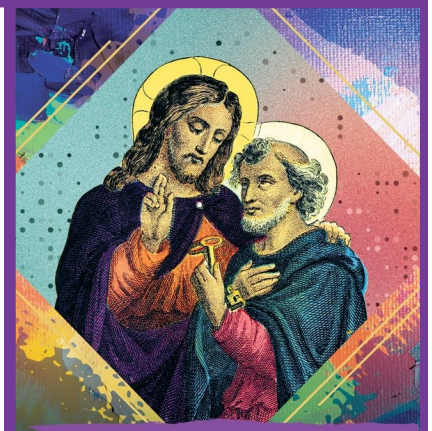
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21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"
Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ,
the Son of the living God." - Mt 16:15-16

AUGUST 27, 2023

Parish Staff:

Bookkeeper	Philline Go	735-8558
Secretary	Debbie Forgette	735-8558
Parish Community Center (PCC) Coordinator	Michele Umemoto	735-1743

Faith Formation:

Pre-school to 5th Grade	Karen Gorham	735-8558
6th to 8th Grades/Edge	Danielle May & Meta Boik	735-8558
9th to 12th Grades/Life Teen	Jennifer Moore & Joe Bliss	492-6209 216-402-3118
Confirmation	Deacon Mike and Carol Gaulke	551-7626
Order of Christian Initiation of Adults	Joe and Sherry Schroeder	405-2242

Ministers of Music:

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

Ministries of Worship:

Scheduler for Liturgical Ministers	Trish Feeny	551-0486
Eucharistic Adoration	Liz Friedrich	783-6223
Prayer Line	Adele Ogryzek	627-0201
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Mary Martha Prayer Group	Camille Henneberry	735-4858
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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

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Stewardship	Lenice & Pat Nagle	582-6893
Voice of the Spirit	Dieter Bohrmann	987-3158
Parish Library	Ann Stevens	396-2723

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Knights of Columbus	Nick Multari	425-753-1654
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)

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 27, 2023

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

Sunday, August 27:

Twenty-First 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.



Monday, August 28:

Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

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

Scout Troop 275, PCC hall and rooms, overnight

Tuesday, August 29:

The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

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](#).

Rosary near the tabernacle, following Mass.

Wednesday, August 30:

Weekday

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

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

Thursday, August 31:

Weekday

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

Friday, September 1:

Weekday

World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

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, September 2:

Weekday

Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Sunday, September 3:

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

****No Sacrament of Reconciliation****

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



From the Pastor's Desk ...

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (OCIA):

This weekend at all Masses, Joe Schroeder will re-introduce the OCIA (formerly called the RCIA) process to us during announcement time.

The OCIA process is the means by which adults—that is, anyone over the age of 7 (according to Church Law)—are received into the Catholic Church. Some adults, youth, and children over the age of 7 have never been baptized. Individuals in this category who wish to become Catholic prepare to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Holy Eucharist—the Sacraments of Initiation—all at once; in that order. Their preparation culminates in the reception of these sacraments at the Solemn Vigil of Easter (Holy Saturday) each year.

The OCIA is also the process by which Christians, already baptized in other churches, are received into the Catholic Church (also at the Solemn Vigil of Easter). A Christian baptized in the Episcopal Church, for example, would become Catholic by making a Profession of Faith (“*I believe and profess all that the holy Catholic Church believes, teaches, and proclaims to be revealed by God.*”) and then receiving the sacraments of Confirmation and the Holy Eucharist; in that order.

Do you know people who are curious about the Catholic Church or have already expressed a desire to become Catholic? Then be sure to let them know that our OCIA process will be starting up again soon. Continue to follow the parish bulletin for additional details.

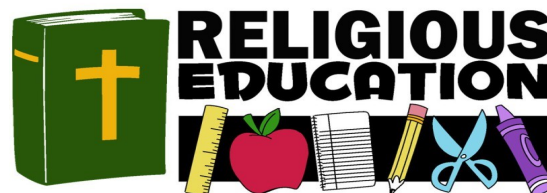
The first stage of the OCIA process is called *Inquiry*, whereby those interested in the Catholic Church are invited to “come and see”—free of any obligations or pressure. The OCIA process is all about helping people to discern God’s will for them. For some, the process itself, the work of the Holy Spirit, and the support of our prayers will lead them to becoming Catholic. Let us continue to assist those who are seeking faith and salvation from God in the *one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church* (Nicene Creed).

God’s Blessings,

E. Mihel

 **LIFE TEEN NEWS**

We would like to invite all high school students to join us for our new year of LifeTeen at Holy Spirit Parish! **Our first LifeTeen meeting for parents and students will be on Sunday, September 10th.** Our parent meeting will be held at **3:30 PM** in the PCC. All parents are invited to attend this early meeting to learn about our year and ask any questions they may have. LifeTeen students will meet right after Mass from **6:30-8:00 PM**. Dinner will be served! Please join us for food, faith, and fun! We look forward to seeing all of you on September 10th!



Ready for school to start? We are! Registrations for Religious Education for preschool through 5th grade, Edge and Life Teen are underway. Some upcoming dates to note: Confirmation parent meeting (for students in grade 8 only) on **Sunday, September 10th at 2PM** in the PCC. Life Teen parent meeting (for students in grade 9-12) on **Sunday, September 10th at 3:30 PM** in the PCC. Edge parent meeting (for students in grades 6-8) on **Sunday, September 17 at 6:30 PM** in PCC rooms 6 and 8. **Tuesday, September 19th** is the start of our Tuesday afternoon Religious Education classes. We are looking forward to a faith filled school year!



Take a moment to visit the *Heaven Speaks* booklet display in the vestibule. Discover what Our Lord has to say to those who are depressed, who struggle to forgive, who don't know Him, who experience tragedy or stress. There is something for everyone. Come and see.

Direction for Our Times
As given to Arms, a lay apostle
Thoughts on Spirituality

STEWARDSHIP: In today's second reading, St. Paul reminds the Romans—and us—that all things come from God: "For from Him and through Him all things are." Good stewards understand that all is gift, and they share generously the gifts of time, talent, and treasure with others.

August 13: \$12,574.65 **Recorded givers:** 115

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 team up to 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, consider joining this fun team! Please contact Jennifer Moore (509-492-6209) or Joe Bliss (216-402-3118).

A NOTE FROM ST. SERRA CLUB OF TRI CITIES



When Jesus asked His disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' " (Matthew 16: 15-16) Is God calling you to serve His Son as a priest, deacon, sister, or brother?



Join us for the **Backpack for Adults!** This innovative human and spiritual development program improves your relationship with yourself, others and God. Participants learn greater critical thinking skills, self-awareness and overall mental and spiritual well-being. Each lesson is grounded in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* and

contemporary neuroscience. Classes are lively, informative and engaging. We're expanding the program this year to offer many more lessons from this unique course. Join us Thursday mornings from 10 am to 11:30 am for ten sessions beginning September 14th. PCC Room 9. Childcare is provided. Cost is \$35. Everyone is welcome! Contact Meg Maas (509) 308-8768 or Monica Weis (509) 521-7309 to sign up or for more information.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

All dates are tentative.

Monday	August 28	Walsh Family
Tuesday	August 29, 5:30 p.m.	Rita Stringham RIP
Wednesday	August 30	Frank and Laura Osterwyk RIP
Saturday	September 2, 4:00 p.m.	Audrey Simmelink RIP
Sunday	September 3, 5:00 p.m.	Walter Scavio RIP

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

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ella Sears. May she rest in peace with the risen Lord.

To have your need added to our parish prayer phone chain, please call Adele Ogrzyzek 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.



When traveling, use www.masstimes.org to find Mass and Reconciliation schedules and church locations worldwide.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC—

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Who Do You Say That I Am?

I once knew a very devout woman whose adult godchild had fallen away from the practice of the faith. This godchild still believed in God, and even felt a sense of belonging in the Church. He was a good and kind person. But poor catechesis and a society that confuses pleasure with joy had left him lax in practice, without an appreciation of the sacraments. He was making choices that threatened his soul.

His godmother wanted more for him. She planned to speak with him about his life, hoping to encourage him to return to the practice of the faith. She knew that, when she brought this up, he would reply that it wasn't important to attend Mass or to receive the Eucharist. That was all just "extra."

She told me that she was going to begin their conversation by asking him the question Jesus poses to Peter in Matthew 16:15 — the critical question in all our lives, the question whose answer will define what we become in this world and the next.

She was confident, unshakably, that her godson knew the answer. He may have forgotten it or ignored it. He may have tried to convince himself he wasn't entirely sure. He may have refused to give an answer. But he knew it. He knew the answer.

There is a reason that, after Peter's response, Jesus gives him the keys to the kingdom of heaven.

"Who do you say that I am?"

Let our whole lives be our answer.

"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." — Matthew 16:16



The **September Ultreya** of the Cursillo Movement will be held at Christ the King Church in Richland, on **Monday, September 11th** (rather than the first Monday of September). We'll begin by praying the Rosary in the chapel at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting following at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome.

On Saturday, September 30, St. Patrick's Church will host a **Wholehearted Women's Gathering**. Wholehearted is a one-day retreat offering inspirational talks, Adoration, Reconciliation, moving music, and much more. Tickets are on sale now. For more information email wholeheartedpasco@gmail.com.

See the poster advertising this event in the vestibule.



EPIC FALL BIBLE STUDY

As Catholics, we are heirs to a remarkable heritage. The history of our Faith is so much more than a list of facts and dates. It is a fascinating story of adventure, rebellion, tragedy, and triumph. *Epic: A Journey through Church History* is a captivating and fast-paced look at the story of the Catholic Church. Beginning with the lives of the apostles all the way up to the present day, Epic takes the immense history of the Church and simplifies it into twelve, color-coded time periods. Participants learn about the major people, places, and events that comprise the captivating story of Christianity. This study provides participants with an understanding of Church history that enables a greater sense of meaning and identity as Catholics. The cost for the workbook will be \$30.00. Please text or email Judy Turner at judith4@gmail.com or 509-438-7938 to register for either:

- Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. September 12 - November 14, 2023 and January 16 - March 19, 2024
- Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. September 13 - November 15, 2023 and January 17 - March 20, 2024

We look forward to seeing you and praying with you.

Surviving Divorce (12 Sessions -Ascension Press)
Christ the King Catholic Church in Richland
Monday Nights, 6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.
in the Youth Center, Room B
Starts on **Monday, September 18**
Cost: \$20

Surviving Divorce was created to bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. It is for the newly separated and divorced and those still struggling with issues many years later. It will help answer questions, restore hope, and begin authentic healing. Developed and hosted by Rose Sweet, *Surviving Divorce* features experts Dr. Ray Guarendi, Ph.D., Fr. Donald Calloway, M.I.C., Fr. Steve Porter, S.T.L., Fr. Mitch Pacwa, S.J., and Christopher West. It also includes personal testimonies of Catholic men and women who have experienced the breakdown of their families. They courageously share their stories with heart, humor, and wisdom.

To register for this class, please e-mail Meggin Sanner at ckadultre@gmail.com.



Plan to **SHOP and HELP** at the Holy Spirit Women's Group Rummage Sale on **Thursday, September 14 and Friday, September 15** from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the PCC hall. Rummage sale

setup will begin on **Tuesday morning, September 12** at 10:00 a.m.

Drop off clean, gently used or new donations for the sale on **Friday, September 8** from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Park on First Avenue and come through the double doors into the PCC hallway where volunteers will assist you.

We will **NOT** be accepting donations of furniture or other large or heavy items. Please call Linda Rego at 509-221-1130 for a full list of accepted items. Thank you.

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, September 3 at 11:00 a.m!**



A **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** is a time to rejoice in the beauty of your marriage, family and faith. It's a great way to

rekindle your romance, learn new communication tools and enjoy a weekend away from distractions. The next Spokane Weekend will be **October 6-8** at Immaculate Heart Retreat Center. For more information call Ken & Cheryl at 509-922-9813 or sign up at www.wvme.org.



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 at the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturdays.** Please call Judy Urrutia at 509-628-2361 to volunteer.



The Jesus Question

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

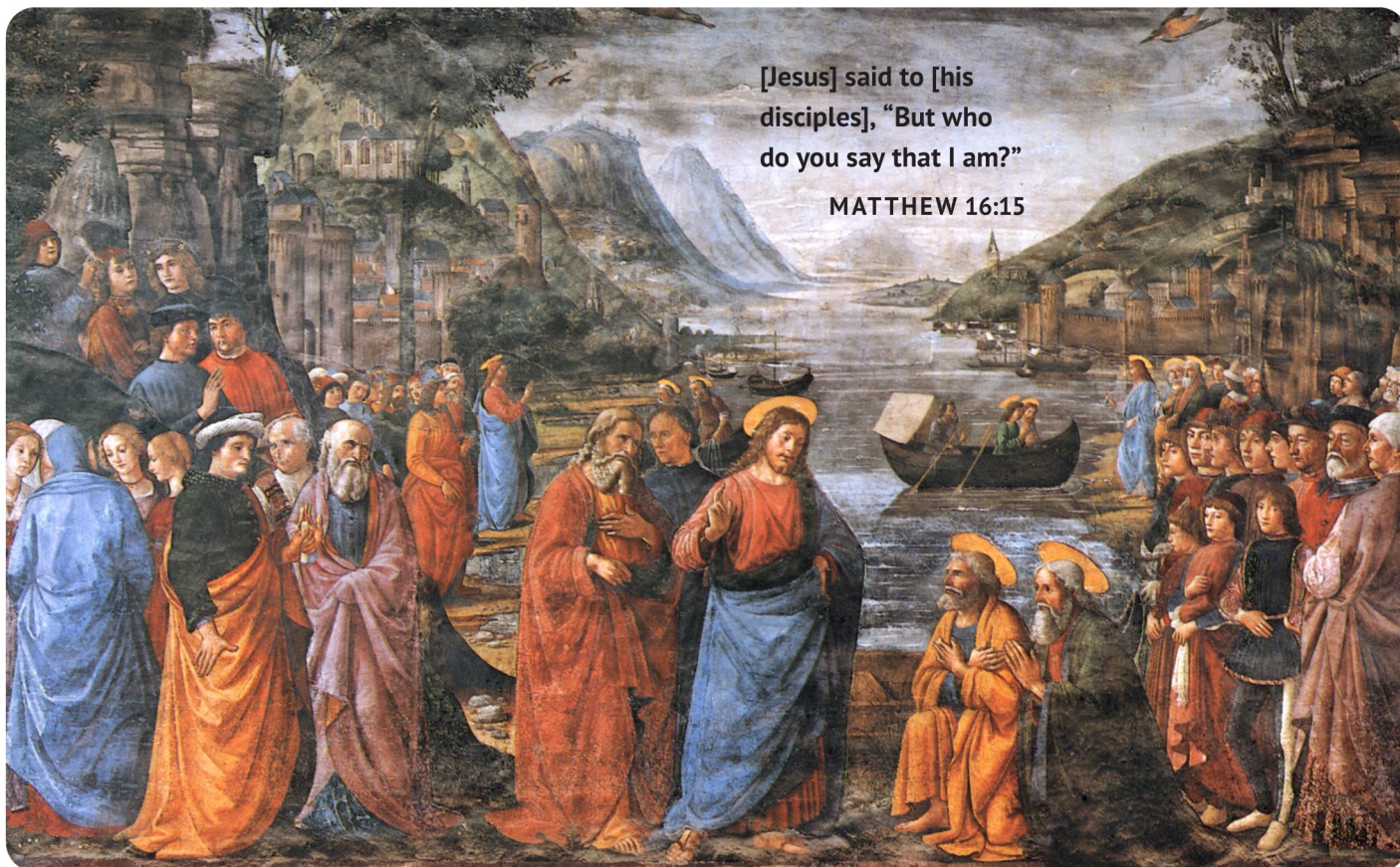
Over the years I've asked many people what they believe about Jesus and who he is for them. I've always nudged them away from the expected answer simply because I was interested in who he was for them down deep in their spirits. It's been a whole wheelbarrow full of answers, yes it has, a full and varied garden.

Some said they thought he was a very good human being, though they hedged when I asked if they thought he was also of God. Others thought he was a prophet, though they also backed away from anything that hinted of the divine. For some, Jesus was God dressed in human skin, as if he were simply playing at being human. Some labeled him a reformer and others a teacher. None of them dismissed Jesus as irrelevant or a remnant of the past. And for many, Jesus is the truth professed by Peter, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." He is the Word made flesh, the wisdom of God among us, the one who lives.

In one way or another all of us must answer the question Jesus asks of his disciples in today's Gospel: "Who do you say that I am?" The question is just as relevant today as it was when Jesus asked it. For some, their yes is without doubt. For others, it is a questioning journey of coming to faith. All of us are faced with that question: Who is Jesus for us today in the way we live our life? ●

Reflect

**Who do you say
Jesus is and how
does your answer
make a difference
in your life?**



[Jesus] said to [his disciples], "But who do you say that I am?"

MATTHEW 16:15

UNACCOMPANIED REFUGEE MINOR PROGRAM



History of our program

With the help of international resettlement agencies, we place refugee youth ages 14-17 in local Columbia Basin area foster homes. As with traditional foster care, the goal of this program is to provide a safe home and a network of support for youth in need. This program serves minors seeking refuge from various overseas and Central American countries, who entered the resettlement process without a parent or guardian to care for them.



Our foster families and program staff work together to help youth heal from past trauma, learn English, continue their education and prepare for a future of independence. Though a youth's placement in a foster home may only be for their teenage years, we ask our foster families to make a long-term commitment to a relationship with the child placed in their home.



What is URM status?

UNACCOMPANIED - There is no adult who can legally care for this youth

REFUGEE - Any person fleeing their country due to persecution

MINOR - Youth under the age of 18



Ways you can support Foster Care

Our foster care licensor will take you through the process of becoming a licensed foster home, where a refugee youth may be welcomed into your home and family.

Rent a Room

This option does not require you to be a licensed foster home. Instead, our independent youth will pay an affordable rent for a room in your home.

Interested in knowing more?

Contact us:
theirhope@lcsnw.org
509-747-8224

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WHAT IS URM STATUS?

OUR FOSTER CARE PROGRAM

Our Spokane URM program opened in 2016 and has grown significantly. Today, we have 35 youth in our program from Afghanistan, The Congo, Eritrea, Burma, Mexico, Guatemala, Honduras, Venezuela, and El Salvador. The youth we serve typically range from age 14-17 when they arrive in our program.

Our foster care team is able to support youth from arrival through age 26, walking along side the youth and foster family as they navigate a new education system, language and culture. We love what we do and the youth we serve!

WAYS YOU CAN SUPPORT A REFUGEE YOUTH

FOSTER CARE



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September 2023

Parish of the Holy Spirit

One Minute Meditations

St. Padre Pio

Born to farmers in 1887, in southern Italy,

Francesco Forgione joined the Capuchin Friars at the age of 15, taking the name "Pio." In 1918, St. Pio received the five wounds of Our Lord's Passion, called the stigmata, in his body. Renowned for his preaching, holiness, and charity, thousands flocked to him for Confession and spiritual direction. Amidst his suffering, he continued to labor for the spiritual and physical well-being of others, founding a hospital that still operates today.



Perfect is possible

Jesus said, "... be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Matthew 5:48). Perfection to Jesus means loving God with all our hearts, praying for our enemies, and taking care of the poor. Love and service is the true measure of perfection.

"Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor" Romans 12:9-10.

12:9-10.



Seven virtues for successful Catholics

Practicing virtues – habitual and firm dispositions to do good – leads to long-lasting interior freedom, joy, and peace. The following seven virtues, with God's grace, can help you do that:

Faith enables our belief in God and all that He has revealed through Scripture, Tradition, and the Church's teachings. Reciting the Creed, especially at Mass, is an act of faith.

Hope is the desire for Heaven and trust in God's promises to us. Trusting in the Lord even in trials and asking for forgiveness for sins are acts of hope.

Charity enables us to love God above all things and our neighbors as ourselves. True love is when we wish – and act for – the authentic good of others.

Prudence is the virtue that helps us to discern our true good in every circumstance and to choose the right means of achieving it.

Justice helps us respect others' rights and give to each his due. We owe God our worship. We are made in His image, so we owe each other respect.

Fortitude strengthens us to follow Christ in the world, even if it's unpopular and uncomfortable.

Temperance properly orders our desire for pleasure, so that we appreciate earthly goods in moderation and value heavenly goods most. Observing the one-hour fast from food before receiving the Eucharist is an act of temperance.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics attend Mass on holy days of obligation?

Throughout the year, the Church celebrates six feasts that honor a central mystery of our faith with extra enthusiasm. These days are so important that all Catholics are required to attend Mass to celebrate. They are listed on the US Conference of

Catholic Bishops' website, <http://www.usccb.org>.

All Sundays are also holy days of obligation. We live the third commandment to honor the Sabbath by attending Mass every Sunday.

Celebrating these holy days is a reminder that we belong firstly to God.

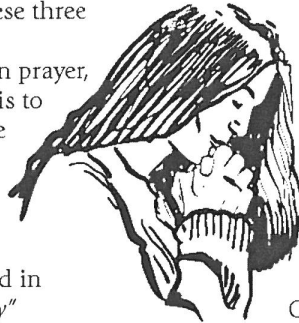


Finding time for powerful prayer

If you struggle to find time to pray, try these three tips:

Prioritize. Much unseen good depends on prayer, and it's as critical to our souls as breathing is to the body. Jesus corrected St. Martha because she lost sight of "the one thing...needful" (Luke 10:41-42). Reserve time for daily prayer. Treat it as an important appointment – because it is.

Set boundaries. Jesus dismissed the crowd in the evening and "went up into the hills to pray"



(Matthew 14:23). Give God your undivided attention in prayer for whatever time you can. Be fully present, minimizing distractions. Let the world wait while you spend time with the One who loves you most.

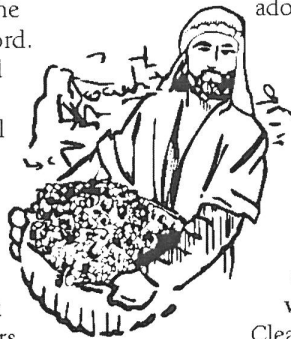
Activate your work. Few of us have the luxury of being able to spend all day in prayer but we can make a morning offering, giving our day to God's service. Entrust all the events, tasks, and concerns of the day to God's mercy and providence. This way, our work is made holy and can help bring souls to Christ.

from Scripture

Matthew 20:1-16a, The generous landowner

In this Gospel reading, Jesus told a parable in which He compared God's kingdom to a vineyard in the charge of a generous landlord. In the parable, the landlord hires groups of workers at various times of the day. All agree with the landlord to work for a "fair wage."

The vineyard is God's kingdom and God is the generous landlord. Some Bible scholars propose that the earlier groups of workers represented the Jewish people, who had followed God's laws for thousands of years, while the Gentiles were the latecomers. The workers also stood for



those whom God calls at various stages of life: from infancy, adolescence, adulthood, and old age.

Then the landlord paid the laborers, beginning with the five o'clock workers. It must have shocked Jesus' listeners to hear that the landlord paid those who worked one hour as if they'd worked for twelve hours.

Clearly, God's idea of a "fair" wage is not the same as ours. What is important is not how many hours we've served God, but if we answered Him when He called us.

Q & A What's the proper way to show reverence before I receive Communion?

In days past, everyone approached the altar, knelt at the altar rail and received the host on our tongues. That was prescribed as a posture of reverence to show respect and adoration for the Body and Blood of our Lord.

The bishops in the United States have decided that we may approach the altar and stand to receive Communion. When we approach, we are to bow as a gesture of reverence before we receive the consecrated host from the priest, deacon, or extraordinary minister of Holy Communion.

Today we can receive the host either on the tongue or in the hand. To receive in the hand, we place one hand, palm up, on top of the other to form a "throne." We can also receive Holy Communion in the form of precious Blood. When Holy Communion is offered under both kinds we repeat the bow of our heads before receiving each one.

Genuflection is appropriate at other times. For example, we genuflect before the tabernacle containing the Blessed Sacrament.

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Feasts & Celebrations

September 1 – St. Giles (710). Shrouded in mystery, St. Giles was a hermit who lived near the Rhône River in France. His fame as a miracle worker drew crowds and disciples to him. Eventually, St. Giles became abbot of a monastery.

September 8 – Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mary's birth brought her parents joy, and we are joyful too – because Mary brings salvation to all of us with the birth of Jesus.

September 14 - The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (c.326). St. Helena, mother

of Emperor Constantine, discovered what is believed to be the Cross of Christ while on pilgrimage in Jerusalem. Constantine built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher on the site.

September 28 – St. Wenceslaus (929). Raised by his devout grandmother, St. Ludmilla, "The Good King" St. Wenceslaus worked to end Christian persecution in Bohemia, encouraged German missionaries, built churches, and cared for the sick and poor. He was martyred by a group of dissatisfied nobles, led by his brother, Boleslaus.



Dear Padre,

Why do Catholics believe they are the only true Church?

Roman Catholics believe our Church has historical continuity with St. Peter and the apostles who were present on the day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit gave birth to the Church. Catholics believe the work begun by Peter and the other apostles continued under men they appointed and on whom they laid hands—giving them apostolic authority to carry their work into the next generation. Apostolic authority, understood by Catholics to be historical and traceable, is a mark of authenticity and continuity of the Church. For Catholics, this essential mark of the Church is missing if a Christian community rejects apostolic authority and Peter’s leadership of the other apostles—carried on by their successors in the persons of bishops and popes—over the last 2,000 years.

Nevertheless, “numerous elements of sanctification and truth” are present in separated Churches and ecclesial communities, and “the Spirit of Christ has not refrained from using them as instruments of salvation” (*Responses to Some Questions Regarding Certain Aspects of the Doctrine on the Church*, by the Vatican Offices of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, 2007).

Dialogue with other Christians continues, and we hope the love and respect we have for one another can grow over time. While our Church leaders have the role of conserving the faith we have received, all Christians should remember that the Law of Love must prevail. If we violate that principle, we fail to comprehend an essential truth of our faith. ●



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Even today, so many people think Jesus may be a great prophet, knowledgeable teacher, a model of justice.... And even today Jesus asks his disciples, that is, all of us: “Who do you say that I am?”... Let us pray that God grants us the grace to respond..., “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”

ANGELUS, ROME,
AUGUST 24, 2014

MONDAY

August 28
St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
1 Thes 1:1–5, 8b–10
Mt 23:13–22

TUESDAY

August 29
Passion of St. John the Baptist
1 Thes 2:1–8
Mk 6:17–29

WEDNESDAY

August 30
Weekday
1 Thes 2:9–13
Mt 23:27–32

THURSDAY

August 31
Weekday
1 Thes 3:7–13
Mt 24:42–51

FRIDAY

September 1
Weekday
1 Thes 4:1–8
Mt 25:1–13


SATURDAY


September 2
Weekday
1 Thes 4:9–11
Mt 25:14–30

SUNDAY

September 3
Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jer 20:7–9
Rom 12:1–2
Mt 16:21–27

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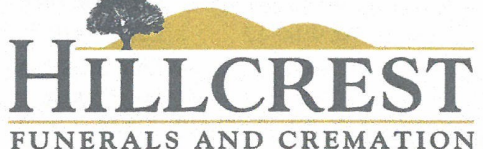
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