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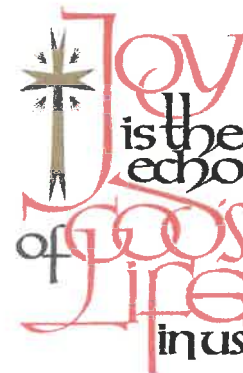
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Due to the recent outbreak of COVID-19, and in accordance with the April 2 Order from the Governor's Office and guidance from the Washington State Department of Health, parish offices and buildings are **closed** to the public until further notice.

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

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

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 pastor for a list of upcoming Baptism dates and to receive registration forms for classes. (735-8558)



On Being Married at Holy Spirit ...



Holy Matrimony

Couples engaged to be married and who wish to be married at Holy Spirit are asked to contact the parish priest 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 contact the pastor before making arrangements with the funeral home to ensure that the church is available at the desired time. (735-8558)

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 9, 2020

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

Sunday, August 9:
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass outdoors at 9:30 a.m.

Mass outdoors at 11:00 a.m.



Saturday, August 15:

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary [NOT a holy day of obligation this year, but we WILL have a morning livestream Mass.]

Readings: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Live-stream Mass at 10:00 a.m. on Holy Spirit Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/HolySpiritParishCommunity>

Live-stream Sunday Vigil Mass at 4:00 p.m. on Holy Spirit Facebook page:

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

Monday, August 10:

Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

Readings: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26

Live-stream Mass at 10:00 a.m. on Holy Spirit Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/HolySpiritParishCommunity>

Sunday, August 16:

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass outdoors at 9:30 a.m.

Mass outdoors at 11:00 a.m.



Tuesday, August 11:

Saint Clare, Virgin

Readings: Ez 2:8—3:4; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Live-stream Mass at 10:00 a.m. on Holy Spirit Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/HolySpiritParishCommunity>

MASS OUTDOORS

If you would be interested in attending Mass outside on our church grounds, registration for each Mass is required for contact tracing purposes. There are two options for signing up:

- Use the SignUpGenius app at the following link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054eafab2daaf58-outdoor>
You may also access the above link from our parish website or Facebook page.
- Call the parish office at 509-735-8558.

Wednesday, August 12:

Weekday

Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

Readings: Ez 9:1-7, 10:18-22; Mt 18:15-20

Live-stream Mass at 10:00 a.m. on Holy Spirit Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/HolySpiritParishCommunity>

Please provide the first and last name of at least one adult in your family, the number of Mass attendees in your family, and a phone number where you may be reached. Also include your preference of the 9:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. Mass.

Governor Inslee's guidelines allow for a total of 100 people in attendance at each outdoor Mass. Social distancing of 6 feet must be maintained. Face coverings will be required, and parishioners will need to bring their own chair. Restrooms will not be available.

Thursday, August 13:

Weekday

Saints Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

Readings: Ez 12:1-12; Mt 18:21—19:1

Live-stream Mass at 10:00 a.m. on Holy Spirit Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/HolySpiritParishCommunity>

Please do not plan to attend any public Mass if you are ill, part of a vulnerable, at-risk population, or are concerned about the risk of contracting or spreading the COVID-19 virus. Remember that a general dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains in place until further notice. Mass will continue to be livestreamed Monday through Friday and Saturday afternoons.

Friday, August 14:

Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

Readings: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63; Mt 19:3-12

Live-stream Mass at 10:00 a.m. on Holy Spirit Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/HolySpiritParishCommunity>

Readings—Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28



JOB OPPORTUNITIES

St. Patrick Catholic School in Pasco is seeking full-time lead Pre-3/Pre-K teacher and part time assistant teachers for both morning (7:45-11:45 am) and afternoon (11am-3pm).

Times are approximate and will depend on cleaning of rooms for COVID plan between the sessions. The ideal candidate will be a practicing Catholic and who has a degree and/or experience in Early Childhood Education, preference will be given to a candidate with teaching certification and who has knowledge/experience with developmental approaches to teaching and learning. An ideal applicant is willing to work collaboratively to establish routines and procedures and willing to plan age appropriate day-to-day activities and work toward long-term plans and goals. Please indicate in your cover letter your grade preference. Salary/hourly rates are based on the Diocesan Salary Schedule depending on experience and education.

Please send resume and cover letter to: Arlene Jones, Principal, St. Patrick Catholic School, 1016 N. 14th Pasco, WA 99301 or email to principal@stpatspasco.org.

St. Patrick Catholic School in Pasco is seeking full time teachers for both middle school and elementary grades. The ideal candidates will: be practicing Catholics; hold a current Washington State Teaching certificate with K – 8 certification; have the ability to provide differentiated and individualized instruction and varied methods of assessment; be prepared to integrate technology into classroom instruction; have references indicating the ability to build relationships with families; and be flexible and committed to ongoing professional growth. Please indicate in your cover letter your grade preference. Salary is based on the Diocesan Salary Schedule depending on experience and education.

Please send resume and cover letter to: Arlene Jones, Principal, St. Patrick Catholic School, 1016 N. 14th Pasco, WA 99301 or email to principal@stpatspasco.org.

St. Patrick Catholic Church in Pasco is hiring a Music Director. This is a 30-hour per week exempt position. Incumbent is responsible to prepare and present liturgical celebrations in which the assembly can express their relationship with God, and their baptismal commitment to one another through sacred psalms, hymns, and songs. Demonstrated musical, organizational, liturgical, professional and other skills required. To apply, send your resume and application to Rev. Robert Turner at rturner@stpatspasco.org or drop off in person at 1320 W. Henry Street in Pasco. The application may be found at https://d2y1pz2y630308.cloudfront.net/6397/documents/2018/8/generalapp_082018_web.pdf.

CENTRAL WASHINGTON CATHOLIC

Two 'Sons of Ireland' Mark 60 Years of Priesthood in Yakima Diocese

In a harrowing journey, in August 1960, seven sons of Ireland made their way to Central Washington. This summer, Father Seamus Kerr and Father John O'Shea, the only surviving priests of that original, newly ordained group, celebrate 60 years of

service to the Diocese of Yakima.

It was quite an experience, that first trip to America, recalls Father Kerr, 91.

For starters, the flight to New York City was considerably delayed. The people who were designated to meet the arriving priests in New York gave up and went home. So, when the

English-speaking Catholics for our Diocese, about seeing all of the "Quaker State" signs along the roadside when he first arrived in the Diocese. How was a Catholic priest going to get with so many Quakers around, he wondered?

However, he had earlier been inspired by another sign on the door of All Hallows' Benches in Dublin on the day of their ordination: "Go teach all nations," the sign said.

Father O'Shea has served as pastor or associate pastor for St. Joseph, St. Patrick, St. George, St. Paul Cathedral and Holy Family, Yakima, Christ the King, Richard, and Holy Spirit, Kennewick. He also has been spiritual director for the

Mass in an old YMCA building in Ellensburg for 14 years before the present church was built.

"I've been very happy," he concluded. "I've enjoyed all of the years I've spent in this Diocese. ... I enjoyed everywhere I went. ... I would live my life over again, I'd probably do the same thing."

Looking back through the years, Father O'Shea recalled that he was never told that he would need to speak Spanish when he came to the Yakima Diocese, so he arrived not knowing a word of the language. A translator would assist him at Mass in a farm worker camp.



Father John O'Shea



Father Seamus Kerr

Check out the July issue of the **Central Washington Catholic** for a great article about Fr. O'Shea's sixty years as a priest in the Diocese of Yakima. There is also an article detailing new priest assignments in the diocese and a message from Bishop Tyson. Find the newsletter at the link on the right hand side of the main page of our parish website. Click on "Central Washington Catholic."

Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) Rebate News

Thanks to the generosity of the parishioners of the Parish of the Holy Spirit, we recently received our first ACA rebate (for 2020) from the Diocese of Yakima. The rebate was in the amount of **\$30,686** and that's just the first installment! Rebates are given to parishes when the amount of the assigned ACA goal has been exceeded by paid pledges. These rebate funds are available for our own parish's use now—to keep our many ministries ongoing and thriving.

A note for your consideration: If you haven't made a pledge to this year's Annual Catholic Appeal, now is a great time to do so. Why? Because every dollar you pledge now **WILL COME BACK—100%**—to the Parish of the Holy Spirit! You may make a pledge or a one-time gift to the ACA at www.yakimadiocese.org [See the "Donate Now" tab on the right hand side of the web page.]

JOB OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL IN KENNEWICK

Substitute teachers and paraeducators are needed. It is preferred that teacher subs have a degree in education and paraeducators should have experience and/or a 2 year degree.

Applicants should contact St. Joseph's Catholic School at 509-586-0481 or secretary@sjske.org.



Our Outdoor Sunday Masses: Too Hot for 5:00 P.M.

With afternoon temperatures now in the mid 90s and sometimes exceeding 100°F, it is too dangerous to continue our 5:00 p.m. Sunday evening Mass outdoors. This decision is being made out of concern for your physical and spiritual health. If you're like me, you just can't pray well when you're too hot.

And so the following schedule for our weekend Masses will remain in effect until further notice:

Saturday evening **4:00 p.m.** Non-public Vigil Mass

[This will be our live-streamed weekend Mass, which may be viewed live or watched at any time on Saturday evening (after 6:00 p.m.) or Sunday on our Facebook page.]

Sunday morning **9:30 a.m.** Public Outdoor Mass (Sign-Ups required)

Sunday morning **11:00 a.m.** Public Outdoor Mass (Sign-Ups required)

Let's continue to pray for cooler temperatures on the weekends, and for permission to resume our public Masses inside the church. Thanks for your willingness to adapt and improvise given the present situation with COVID-19.



Fr. Michael

Did You Know?



Our live-streamed Masses may be accessed on Holy Spirit's Facebook page at any time after that Mass has been celebrated. For your viewing pleasure, our daily Masses remain posted for 24 hours. Our weekend Mass remains posted for at least 2 days. If you are not able to join us for a streaming Mass in real time, please consider this option for attending a virtual Mass.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) inquiry sessions begin Thursday, September 3. If you have never been baptized or were baptized in another faith tradition, or if you were baptized Catholic and never received Eucharist or Confirmation, these sessions are for you! We meet Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in PCC room 7. To register, contact Dru Squires at 509-551-2112 or dru.squires@hotmail.com, or call the parish office at 509-735-8558.

FOOD DRIVE: The Tri-Cities Food Bank is in great need of more non-perishable food during the ongoing pandemic. The food collection baskets will be available at the greeter's tables at both the north and south entrances to our outdoor Masses, and outside the parish office door each weekday.



WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

All dates are tentative.

Tuesday	August 11	David Johnson RIP
Wednesday	August 12	Sister Jane Coles RIP
Thursday	August 13	Deacon David Olsen RIP
Friday	August 14	Tran Thi Tai RIP
Saturday	August 15	Zena Vaz

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.

FIND IT ON FORMED!

Brother Francis the Barefoot Saint of Assisi

Sometimes I have to travel for work. During these long drives in the car there are areas without radio reception. I needed to find another way to keep entertained so I turn to Formed audio books on my cell phone. Last year I decided to listen to a historical drama about the life of Saint Francis called *Brother Francis, the Barefoot Saint of Assisi*.

This is a dramatized biography of his life and journey starting from a position as a well-off son of a merchant to the saint we know today. The "acting" is very well done. The voices of the actors fit the characters well. You can hear the curiosity and passion of St. Francis along with the anger of his father. Listening to his story in this format brought me into his life and times which helped me understand more about who he was as a person. I think anyone would enjoy this audio book on Formed.

- Deacon Mike Gaulke

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STEWARDSHIP: Elijah recognized the voice of God not in the strong and heavy wind, not in the earthquake, and not in the fire, but in a tiny whispering sound. May we find enough quiet in our clamorous world to hear His voice and discern what He is calling us to do and be.

August 2: \$8,864 Recorded givers: 75

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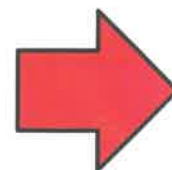
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Thank you for maintaining your financial support of our parish as you are able. The link for online giving is above, if you'd prefer to mail an offering, please send it to **Parish of the Holy Spirit, 7409 W. Clearwater Ave., Kennewick, WA 99336**. Thank you.

MASS TRANSIT CARDS

This resource helps your whole family reflect on each week's Mass readings, and see the way these scripture passages relate to your own family life. Each week, the card for the following Sunday Mass may be found by clicking on "Mass Transit Card, click here" on the right hand side of the home page of our parish website. This weekend's version of the *Mass Transit Card* appears on the following page.



For information about or to apply for **job opportunities** in the Diocese of Yakima, visit <http://www.applitrack.com/yakimadiocese/onlineapp>. For openings with **Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Yakima**, visit www.ccyakima.org.

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER: FOR OUR SICK: **B.J. Bacon** (relative of Troy and Emma Bacon); **Vilda Mazarello** (mother of Zena Vaz); **Carmel O'Shea** (relative of Fr. O'Shea); **Aidan Rombaugh** (grandchild of Fran Rombaugh); **Ray Eberth** (parishioner, husband of Julie); **Jenny Davis** (daughter of Jane Hertelendy); **Ron King** (parishioner); **Kathy Cox** (parishioner); **Eleanor Ferreira** (parishioner); **Kathleen Zimbehl** (parishioner); **Virgil Warren** (parishioner); **Elizabeth Ashby** (parishioner); **Alex Windsor** (nephew of Beth Brown); **Ann Marmo** (mother of Pat and Dee Marmo); **Valorie Sampson** (sister of Belinda Roberts); **Des and Julia Cronnelly** (brother-in-law and sister of Jim Cummins); **Quintin and Sage Caldier** (granddaughters of Deacon Ron Mertens); **Serina Walter** (niece of Rebecca Mitchell); **Rick Kippes** (parishioner); **Karin Blomberg** (parishioner); **Beth Brown** (parishioner); **Lorraine Ramirez** (niece of Dru Squires), **Fran Rombaugh** (parishioner); **Theresa Barnaby** (parishioner); **Andy Ziegler** (brother of Bill Ziegler); **Danika Whitsett** (daughter of Dan Whitsett); **Jim Gazewood** (parishioner); **Marlin Friedrich** (parishioner); **Debbie Tavernaro** (parishioner); **Mary Jane Royack** (parishioner); **Sr. Mary Clair Boland**; **Mardi Williams** (parishioner); **Mary Beth Casazza** (parishioner); **Chelsea Schuster** (relative of Pam Thurman); **Leonard Hamilton** (parishioner); **Harold Williamson** (parishioner); **James Ellis** (son of Deacon Ken and Cindy Ellis); **Ella Sears** (parishioner); **Spenser Heaton** (nephew-in-law of Fr. Michael); **David Brazier** (relative of Sr. Mary); **Tyler Stevens** (grandson of Rose Stevens); **Phil Johnson** (brother in law of Bill Ziegler); **Clarence Nalewaya** (brother of Doris Berneck); **Eileen Sobotta** (parishioner); **Linda Garner** (parishioner); **Stella Squires**, (sister-in-law of Dru Squires).

If you wish to add a prayer need to this list, please call the parish office at 735-8558.

MASS TRANSIT CARD

August 9, 2020

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a ♦ Romans 9:1-5 ✦ Matthew 14:22-33

*At once [Jesus] spoke to them,
“Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid.” —Matt. 14:27*

Have you heard the slogan, “Seeing is believing”? It means that you will not believe something unless you see it for yourself. That’s generally a good way to measure if something is real, but not necessarily if something is *true*. For instance, in today’s Gospel, we read about Jesus walking on water. We can understand why his disciples have a hard time believing their eyes. Jesus invited Peter to try walking on water and to Peter’s surprise—so long as he kept his eyes on Jesus—he succeeded. To us, this seems unreal. But it is revealing a truth that cannot be denied: Jesus is God and with God all things are possible. Even if we can’t understand how or why God does things, we can trust that he has our best interest in mind. His plans for us are always good; if we keep our sights set on Jesus, we will eventually see God’s plans revealed.

Lord, help me to trust you. There are so many ways you have shown me that you are Almighty God. Remind me again, Jesus, so my faith will grow strong enough to believe even what seems impossible.

Look at nature. How many things do you see that could only have been created by God?

Answer the following questions together after Mass:

What Mass did you attend this week? _____

What color were the priest’s vestments? _____

What was one new insight the homily gave you?

Was there something special you noticed at Mass today?

Family name: _____

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Who Are the People of God?

This is still an unresolved theological issue. For so long the resolute answer of many was: the Roman Catholic Church is the people of God. However, the Second Vatican Council's Decree on Ecumenism (*Unitatis Redintegratio*) opened the Church's understanding to include all Christian denominations, paraphrasing Ephesians 4:4–5: "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one Baptism" (UR 2). The council went even further in the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church (*Lumen Gentium*), "calling together a people made up of Jew and Gentile, making them one, not according to the flesh but in the Spirit. This was to be the new People of God" (LG 9).

To be united with Protestants is one thing; to be united with Jews is quite another. For centuries, many interpreted the New Testament to say that the Jews lost favor with God. Such thinking supported—even caused—various forms of anti-Semitism, ethnic and religious persecution, and killings. We realized how wrong this thinking was. Vatican II quotes

today's second reading and later states: "This sacred synod wants to foster and recommend...mutual understanding and respect which is the fruit, above all, of biblical and theological studies as well as of fraternal dialogues" (Declaration on the Relationship of the Church to Non-Christian Religions [*Nostra Aetate*], 4).

We may have corrected some grievous errors in this matter, but we have not gotten much further than Paul did in resolving the issue. However, he experienced "great sorrow and constant anguish in my heart" (Romans 9:2) because of the separation. Do we?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ *The original followers of Jesus were simply different kinds of Jews.*
- ★ *Much of our Christian religious tradition is grounded in the Old Testament.*

[Peter] became frightened; and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus stretched out his hand and caught him.

MATTHEW 14:30–31



Dear Padre,

The Bible is critical to our Christian lives, but why is it so hard to understand?

The Bible is a unique piece of literature—perhaps the most distinctive in the world. In fact, it is not just one publication. The word *Bible* derives from a word meaning “library.” The Bible is a library of books—seventy-two books, to be exact—dating from antiquity, written and edited by authors known and unknown. It contains, as any library would, a vast array of literary forms and expressions. It covers more than 3,000 years of history. Reading and understanding the Bible, and living up to its precepts, is indeed a formidable task and will take us all a lifetime to do.

The first key to the Bible is noting that this isn’t just the work of human authors; it is the word of God. We acknowledge the human element of the Bible, the authors’ lived experience, the historical circumstances that form the background of the revelation. But we believe unequivocally that the truth and meaning of the Bible is the inspiration of God. The Catholic view is that God was able to reveal truth through the work of sacred writers.

The Scriptures are layered accounts. They begin with historical facts, followed by years of oral tradition, and ending with the author’s final version.

The best way to familiarize yourself with Scripture is to find a good Bible-study program or group. This will acquaint you with the history of Israel, the times and culture in which the Bible was written, and its rich variety of literary forms. Enjoy your biblical journey.

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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

We must ensure that in the usual activities of every Christian community, in parishes, in associations, and movements, there actually be at heart the personal encounter with Christ who communicates himself to us in his word, because, as St. Jerome teaches us, “ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.”

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Calendar

Monday

AUGUST 10

St. Lawrence,
Deacon and Martyr
2 Cor 9:6–10
Jn 12:24–26

Tuesday

AUGUST 11

St. Clare, Virgin
Ez 2:8–3:4
Mt 18:1–5, 10, 12–14

Wednesday

AUGUST 12

Weekday
Ez 9:1–7; 10:18–22
Mt 18:15–20

Thursday

AUGUST 13

Weekday
Ez 12:1–12
Mt 18:21–19:1

Friday

AUGUST 14

St. Maximilian Kolbe,
Priest and Martyr
Ez 16:1–15, 60, 63
or 16:59–63
Mt 19:3–12

Saturday

AUGUST 15

The Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Rv 11:19a;
12:1–6a, 10ab
1 Cor 15:20–27
Lk 1:39–56

Sunday

AUGUST 16

Twentieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Is 56:1, 6–7
Rom 11:13–15, 29–32
Mt 15:21–28