Dear parish family,

Lenten Greetings! Our journey as parish community through the liturgical cycle of the church continues, and we now find ourselves being called by our Mother Church into Lent; a 40 day journey of prayer, penance, fasting and almsgiving. Fr. Michael B., Fr. Mike I., Fr. Tom L., D. Jim K., D. John C., and I extend an invitation to all of you and your family to attend the different opportunities we as parish will have during the upcoming Lenten Season that will help us make this season a parish retreat in preparation for the celebration of the Paschal Mystery.

We begin our Lenten Journey with Ash Wednesday on Feb 10th; this year again we will have Taizé Prayer on all Tuesdays of Lent at 7:00pm, please join us for this meditative type of prayer; on all Fridays of Lent we will have Stations of the Cross at 6:00pm and “Soup and Bread” to follow, donations from this will go to our local St. Vincent fund; I want to thank the small communities and volunteers who signed up to sponsor one of the Fridays of Lent; Operation Rice Bowl is part of our almsgiving, again to show solidarity and help those who have less. The Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent is a great opportunity we have to make a really good preparation for the celebration of Easter, we will have the opportunity to come together as parish community and celebrate the Penance Services on Tuesday, March 8th at St. Joseph at 4:00pm and St. Paul at 7:00pm. On Wednesday March 9th at Holy Redeemer at 4:00pm and Holy Family at 7:00pm. You can find all this information and the schedule for Holy Week as inserts in the bulletin and on our web page at www.holyfamilyyakima.org. You will receive a brochure in the mail with all of this information. Please keep this for your reference.

This year Pope Francis continues to inspire us through his enthusiasm, his openness and the sincerity of his encounters with people. He continues to lift us up spiritually and make us feel that as Catholics in a world-wide church, we have something to offer to the world today. Pope Francis captured this spirit very well in his declaration for this year to be a Jubilee of Mercy.

Let us reflect more deeply and act in concrete ways that show God’s Mercy to others through The Corporal Works of Mercy: feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, sheltering the homeless, visiting the sick, visiting prisoners, burying the dead and giving alms to the poor; and through The Spiritual Works of Mercy: counseling the doubtful, instructing the ignorant, admonishing the sinner, comforting the sorrowful, forgiving injuries, bearing wrongs patiently, and praying for the living and dead.

Joy is the fruit of Mercy, I want to invite you to enter upon this forty-day journey with a sense of joy in your hearts and in your families. Joy – because we have come to know the Lord mercifully in our own personal lives and because we seek to live out the ideals and values of Jesus and the gospel through the merciful words and actions of our families and of our parish community. The experience of Mercy received and given expresses well the spiritual attitude of Lent that will prepare us to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday.

Please continue to pray for the Catechumen (un-baptized) and Candidates (baptized). During Lent our Catechumens and Candidates will come before the Church community asking for your support and prayers. These individuals are in their final stage of preparation for full membership into the Catholic Church, which will take place at Easter Vigil. If you know someone in your family or a friend who are interested in the Catholic faith invite them to think about the possibility of attending RCIA starting next fall.

Lastly, we your priests and deacons at Holy Family would like to urge each of you to answer the invitation of Holy Mother Church, to join all the faithful in the world, on our Forty-Day Lenten Retreat. Each of us are called to be part of the Eucharistic Community of believers, sent by Jesus, to live out our Baptismal promises in service to the Church; the body of Christ. On our Lenten spiritual journey may we hear this call and experience a conversion of heart and renewed strength in our journey towards our heavenly Father. After our Forty-Day retreat, may we all come together to celebrate the Holy Triduum and the glory of Our Lord’s Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Greetings and Blessings
Rev. Cesar Vega M.
Pastor
Reflection for First Reading

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

As Isaiah describes how God called him to be a prophet, he remembers the scene as though it had just happened. In a vision, Isaiah has "seen" the Lord on a magnificent throne in the Temple. Glowing angels called seraphim hover above the throne, and the Temple shakes with their praise. Isaiah is overcome with the reality of his own sinfulness and God's holiness. He protests that he cannot be a prophet because of his "unclean lips." But an angel purifies his lips with a glowing coal from the altar. This is a sign that Isaiah is now completely worthy to speak for God. Cleansed of his sin, Isaiah answers the Lord's call by saying, "Here I am, send me!"

Reflection for Second Reading

Acts 10:34-38

Often when we want to convince others of an important truth, we point to the testimony of the experts who believe that same truth. Paul wants to be sure that the Christians of Corinth believe in the resurrection of Jesus. If they fail to grasp that central truth, their faith will be without meaning. So Paul lines up all the important "experts," or witnesses, from Peter (Cephas) on down to himself. Paul is probably the most convincing witness of all, because Christ himself converted Paul from being a persecutor of Christians to a zealous apostle.

Reflection for Gospel


We can be sure that Peter remembered the scene in today's gospel story as clearly as Isaiah recalled his own vision of God. Even though Simon is convinced that there are no fish available, he tells Jesus, "At your command, I will lower the nets." His trust is rewarded not only by a huge catch of fish, but by Jesus' call to become a disciple. Peter, James, and John, overwhelmed by the presence of Jesus, drop everything and follow Him.

Discussion Questions-Reading 1

God's providence sends us little and big challenges. How do you meet them? Do you say, "Oh, God, do I have to?" or do you say, "Here I am, God. Send me!" Sometimes life is like a game. When the ball comes your way, isn't it your instinct to hit it, kick it, catch it, or do whatever the game requires you to do with the ball? When God sends a "ball" (a new responsibility, a new challenge, a little annoyance) your way, get in there and say, "Here I am, God. I got it!" God does not ask that you handle every ball perfectly. Like a good coach, he just wants you to try. And you do not do this alone. You are part of a team. Who will you ask for help when you need it?

Discussion Questions-Reading 2

Have you ever seen a picture or an icon of the resurrection? Usually it shows Jesus in blazing white robes, surrounded by light. The picture is trying to tell us that Jesus is alive and full of light and love. His new life is now more "alive" that his earthly life was. He is no longer confined to his human body. His life and love can be, and are, anywhere and everywhere. How do we "see" the resurrection of Jesus today? Where do we find his light, life, and love? Where is the living Jesus today? How can we be witnesses to his resurrection?

Discussion Questions - Gospel

For Peter, this catch was a wonderful surprise. He was so overwhelmed that he said to Jesus, in effect, "This is too much! I shouldn't be hanging around with someone like you!" When have you been wonderfully surprised by God? How did you feel? When Jesus says, "Do not be afraid," he is preparing Peter for what is to come. "You think this is something?" Jesus could have said, "What until you see all the good we can do for God's people!" So Peter left everything and became a disciple.

You are a disciple. How can you "leave everything" to follow Jesus in prayer and service this week?
A heartfelt conversion leads to Christ

During Lent, the Church invites us to purify our souls so we can begin again at Easter. We do this in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and by converting our hearts, our goods, and our time to God’s purposes.

Convert heart. Jesus spark renewal in a contrite heart, one that acknowledges its weaknesses and sins and is prepared to change. True conversion is demonstrated when we put new heart into our work or study and in the way we care for our family or friends. When we make life more pleasant for those around us and make our work more effective, we strengthen our conversion.

Convert goods. Earthly goods are not bad in themselves, but we can’t focus on acquiring goods and still be dedicated to holiness. Christ can’t fill a heart bogged down with earthly distractions. Instead, convert your possessions into instruments for God’s purposes. What God can’t use, give away.

Convert time. Picture Lent as a time when Christ is calling each of us to draw closer to him again. If we stay close to Christ, we will always find the strength to overcome the weaknesses and defects in ourselves that we can’t conquer on our own. Use whatever free time you may have this season to pray, meditate, and read about Christ to learn and love him better.

One Minute Meditations

St. Josephine Bahkita

Born in Darfur, Sudan around 1869, she was kidnapped and sold into slavery. Her captors gave her the name Bahkita, which means “fortunate.” After several years of serving under cruel masters, she was bought by Augusto Michieli. The Michielis sent Bahkita with their daughter to Italy, where Bahkita encountered Catholicism. Overjoyed, she was baptized and took the name Josephine. In 1893, instead of returning to Africa with the Michielis, she decided to enter the Institute of St. Magdalene of Canossa.

Forgiveness

The advice, “forgive and forget” isn’t easy to follow. Forgiveness means letting go of your anger so you are free to heal. Do you need to forgive anyone? Pray for the grace to forgive as God forgives you: freely, totally, and quickly.

“...He who knows how to forgive prepares for himself many graces from God. As often as I look upon the cross, so often will I forgive with all my heart.”

St. Faustina

Why do Catholics gesture during the Confiteor?

Prayers involve the mind, heart, voice, and body. When our bodies also participate, we tend to pray with greater attention. For this reason, during the Confiteor, we strike our breasts at the words, “through my own fault.” Striking one’s breast is an ancient symbol of repentance and sorrow. In the Confiteor, we recognize and profess sorrow for our sins by word and deed. This helps prepare us for a more holy participation in the sacred Eucharistic celebration that itself can affect reparation for sins.

Holy Family Catholic Church
Rev. César Vega M., Pastor

Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

February 2016
God’s mercy is real

Pope Francis recently said, “Mercy is real. It is the first attribute of God.” How can we experience God’s mercy ourselves in a powerful and personal way?

Practice it. Jesus taught us to pray, “Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.” In order to receive mercy, we must offer it ourselves. Release your debtors, whether it is a material, emotional, spiritual, or psychological debt they owe to you. Then learn to ask for mercy from others. You will find that kindness is contagious and God’s mercy will flow through you.

Open the door to it. The door of your parish church is the door to the path of salvation. Use it at least weekly to attend Sunday Mass.

Ask for it. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is the offer of mercy God never withdraws. We may be afraid to ask. To return to the embrace of our Father, all we need do is recognize our wrongs, ask his pardon, and to seek his love in the Sacrament.


from Scripture

In Jesus’s time, it was thought that physical suffering and death were the punishment for sin. If someone suffered, neighbors wondered what he did to deserve his ill fate. Jesus explained that tragedy and death are part of life and he referred to two senseless tragedies to illustrate.

In the first, Pilate’s soldiers killed Jews offering sacrifices. The second tragedy was a collapsed tower. Jesus explained that not every tragedy signifies a sin. The real tragedy, Jesus pointed out, would be if the people had died without repenting for their sins.

Life is temporary. Heaven is eternal.

Luke 13:1-9,
Sin is a tragedy

God is always ready to offer forgiveness to repentant sinners. Jesus told a parable about a barren fig tree. A tree without fruit should be cut down but it was given more time at the gardener’s request. Jesus said that God, like the merciful gardener, wants to give us more time to repent and follow him more faithfully. The tree may still respond to care. While God’s love, grace, and mercy are freely given to us, they should not be taken for granted.

Feasts & Celebrations

Feb. 2 - Presentation of the Lord.

Today, we celebrate when, in accordance with the Law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple to make the prescribed offering forty days after his birth. Simeon tells Mary of the anguish she would experience at Jesus’ crucifixion.

Feb. 11 – Our Lady of Lourdes (1858).

A heavenly “lady” appeared to St. Bernadette Soubirous, a poor and sickly girl from a small village in France. Soon after the first vision, a spring with miraculous, healing waters emerged from a nearby cave. The “lady” revealed herself as the “Immaculate Conception” – the Blessed Virgin Mary. Pilgrims still flock to Lourdes today.


Baptized Alessandra Ramoala, St. Catherine was born in 1522 to a prominent banker. Against her father’s wishes, Alessandra joined the Dominicans in 1535. She is known for the visions of the Lord’s Passion, which she experienced every week, beginning on Thursday night and ending on Friday afternoon for several years.

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Una conversión sincera lleva a Cristo

Durante la Cuaresma la Iglesia nos invita a purificar el alma a fin de emprender un nuevo comienzo en la Pascua. Hacemos esto mediante el sacramento de la reconciliación y al transformar nuestros corazones, nuestros bienes y nuestro tiempo para seguir los designios de Dios.

Convertir el corazón. Jesús provoca la renovación en un corazón arrepentido, uno que reconoce sus debilidades y pecados y que está dispuesto a cambiar. La conversión verdadera se demuestra cuando ponemos un corazón renovado en el trabajo o en el estudio y en la forma en la que cuidamos de nuestra familia o nuestros amigos. Cuando hacemos más agradable la vida de los que nos rodea y nuestro trabajo más eficaz, fortalecemos nuestra conversión.

Convertir los bienes. Los bienes terrenales no son malos en sí mismos, pero no podemos centramos en adquirir posesiones y al mismo tiempo dedicarnos a la santidad. Cristo no puede llenar un corazón enredado en distracciones terrenales. Transformen su corazón en herramientas de los designios de Dios. Desháganse de lo que no le sirva a Dios.

Convertir el tiempo. Imaginen la Cuaresma como el tiempo en el que Jesús llama a cada uno de nosotros para que nos acerquemos a él de nuevo. Si estamos cerca de Cristo siempre encontraremos la fuerza de vencer las flaquezas y los defectos que no podemos derrotar solos. Úsenn el tiempo libre que tengan durante este tiempo litúrgico para rezar, meditar y leer sobre Cristo para conocerlo y amarlo mejor.

¿Por qué hacen gestos los católicos durante el Confiteor?

Las plegarias implican a la mente, el corazón, la voz y el cuerpo. Cuando nuestros cuerpos participan solemos rezar con más atención. Por esta razón, durante el Confiteor, nos damos golpes en el pecho al decir las palabras “por mi culpa”. Golpear el pecho simboliza desde tiempos antiguos el arrepentimiento y el pesar. En el Confiteor reconocemos y profesamos pesar por nuestros pecados de palabra y obra. Esto nos ayuda a prepararnos para participar más santamente en la celebración de la santa Eucaristía la cual contribuirá a la reparación por nuestros pecados.

Santa Josefina Bahkita

Nacida en Darfur, Sudán, alrededor de 1869, fue raptada y vendida como esclava. Sus captores le pusieron de nombre Bahkita que significa “afortunada”. Tras varios años de cautiverio sirviendo a dueños crueles, fue comprada por Augusto Michieli. Los Michieli enviaron a Bahkita a Italia con su propia hija y allí Bahkita descubrió el catolicismo. Llena de alegría fue bautizada y tomó el nombre de Josefina. En 1893, en lugar de regresar a África con los Michieli, decidió ingresar en el Instituto de santa Magdalena de Canossa.

Perdón

El consejo “perdonar y olvidar” no es fácil de seguir. Perdonar significa abandonar la ira para tener la libertad de sanar. ¿Tiene que perdonar a alguien? Recibe para recibir la gracia de perdonar como Dios lo perdona a usted: libremente, totalmente y rápidamente.

“Quien sabe perdonar se prepara para las infinitas gracias de Dios. Con la misma frecuencia con que contemplo la cruz, así de frecuentemente perdonaré con todo mi corazón”. Santa Faustina
La misericordia de Dios es real

El papa Francisco recientemente dijo: “La misericordia es real. Es el primer atributo de Dios”. ¿Cómo podemos experimentar nosotros la misericordia de Dios de forma intensa y personal? Practiquenla. Jesús nos enseñó a rezar: “Perdona nuestras ofensas como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden”. Para recibir misericordia debemos ofrecerla nosotros. Perdone a sus deudores la deuda que le deben tanto si es material, afectiva, espiritual o psicológica. Luego aprenda a pedir misericordia a los demás. Descubrirá que la bondad es contagiosa y que la misericordia de Dios fluye por usted. Ábranle la puerta. La puerta de su parroquia es la puerta al camino de la salvación. Usela por lo menos cada semana para asistir a la misa dominical.

Pidanla. El sacramento de la reconciliación es la oferta de misericordia que Dios nunca retira. Quizá nos dé miedo pedirla. Para regresar al abrazo de nuestro Padre todo lo que hay que hacer es reconocer nuestros errores, pedirle perdón y buscar su amor en el sacramento. Las Bienaventuranzas pueden parecer contradictorias o confusas. Pero Jesús nos las dio como formas infalibles para conseguir la felicidad aquí y en el cielo. Cuando nos creó, Dios puso en nuestros corazones el deseo de la felicidad (Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica, n° 1718). Saber leer el plan de las Bienaventuranzas es clave para esa felicidad.

Por ejemplo, Jesús dijo: “Bienaventurados los pobres de espíritu, porque de ellos es el Reino de los Cielos” (Mateo 5:3). Esto no significa que tengamos que ser infelices para entrar en el Cielo. Más bien significa que en lugar de vivir la vida solos, podemos someternos a nuestra dependencia de Dios y él nos llevará al Cielo. Jesús nos demostró cómo vivir las Bienaventuranzas. Cuando contempló el sufrimiento lo lloró y no cedió a la tentación de “sentirse a gusto”. Era puro de corazón y vivía según la ley de Dios. Cuando lo insultaron se negó a reaccionar con violencia. Demostró misericordia perdonando a sus torturadores devolviendo bien por mal.

Lucas 13:1-9, El pecado es una tragedia

En tiempos de Jesús se pensaba que el sufrimiento físico y la muerte eran el castigo por el pecado. Si alguien sufría los vecinos se preguntaban qué había hecho para merecer esa mala suerte. Jesús explicó que la tragedia y la muerte son parte de las grandezas sin sentido para ilustrarlo.

En la primera, los soldados de Pilatos mataban a los judíos que ofrecían sacrificios. La segunda tragedia fue una torre que se derrumbó. Jesús explicó que no toda tragedia conlleva un pecado. La verdadera tragedia, arrepentirse de sus pecados. La vida es temporal. El cielo es eterno.

Dios está siempre dispuesto a ofrecer el perdón a los pecadores arrepentidos. Jesús contó la parábola de la higuera estéril. Un árbol sin fruto debería cortarse, pero a la higuera se le concedió más tiempo a petición del viñador. Jesús dijo que Dios, como el viñador compasivo, quiere darnos más tiempo para que nos arrepintamos y lo sigamos más fielmente. El árbol puede responder a los cuidados. Pero aunque Dios nos da sin reservas su amor, su gracia y su misericordia, es importante que no lo subestemos.
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time—February 7th, 2016

WELCOME TO HOLY FAMILY CHURCH
If this is your first time at Holy Family, welcome and be sure to pick up a registration card at the Welcoming Desk or call the Parish Office at 966-0830 and we will be glad to assist you. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to become a member of Holy Family.

Special Announcements

Lenten Opportunities

Ash Wednesday
Wednesday, February 10th, 2016
7:00 am, 12:15 pm, 7:00 pm

Daily Mass During Lent
Monday-Friday 7:00 am
Monday-Friday 12:15 pm
Saturday 8:15 am

Communal Penance Services
Tuesday, March 8th, 2016
4:00 pm St. Joseph
7:00 pm St Paul
Wednesday, March 9th, 2016
4:00 pm Holy Redeemer
7:00 pm Holy Family

Solemn Chrism Mass
St. Paul Cathedral
Tuesday, March 15th, 2016 7:00 pm

Stations of the Cross
Led by various groups in the Parish
February 12th, 19th, 26th
March 4th, and 11th
Every Friday during Lent, 5:30 pm in the Chapel.
Followed by Soup and bread in the Fr. Murtagh Gathering Hall.

No Soup and bread on:
February 12th Please join us for the Crab Feed
(from 6-8 in the Gathering Hall.)

Adoration
Adoration is on Tuesdays starting at 8:00 am ending with Benediction at 5:45 pm

40 Hours of Adoration for our Priests
Annual 40 hours of Adoration prayer for our priests is Wednesday March 23rd from 9:00 am through Midnight of Holy Thursday, March 24th. Sign up sheets will be available in the foyer as we approach Holy Week.

Operation Rice Bowl
As part of our communities observance of Lent, we ask all families to participate in Catholic Relief Services’ Operation Rice Bowl, a program of prayer, fasting, learning and giving. Please be sure to take a Rice Bowl from the entrances and return to the office at the end of Lent.

PREPARES
Preparesforlife.org.
PREPARES is an initiative of the Catholic Bishops here in Washington State with our Catholic Charities as well as trusted partners such as the Knights of Columbus to PREPARE young women and their families as they walk the journey of life with their unborn and newborn child to their fifth birthday.

SEWING MINISTRY
CAN YOU SEW? WE ARE BADLY NEEDED YOU ON TUESDAY MORNINGS TO HELP MAKE THE ALTAR LINENS AND VESTMENTS FOR OUR PRIESTS. PERHAPS GIVING ONE YEAR TO THIS MINISTRY COULD BE YOUR GIFT TO THE PARISH. THE SEWING MINISTRY MEETS ON TUESDAYS FROM 9:30 AM TO NOON IN THE BRIDES ROOM OFF THE CHURCH FOYER.

Pew Pad Contributions
We would like to begin work on finishing the church and Chapel with the Pew Pads.
The cost for the Chapel will be roughly $16,000.00 and the Church $65,000.00. If you would like to make a donation, please mark your check for this purpose.

Mass of Anointing & Luncheon
Will take place on Thursday, February 18th at 12:15 pm. Please make plans to join us and call the parish office for reservations to allow us to prepare adequately.

Thank you to all who were able to attend! It was a wonderful evening! We are looking forward to our next fellowship February 20th. All young Singles, Couples and Young Families are invited to come. We meet after 5:00pm Mass in the Gathering Hall. Hope to see you there. If you are interested in helping in any way, please contact Amy at the Office of Adult Faith Formation, 966-5344 or amy.baumgardner@holyfamilyyakima.org

FISH FRIDAYS
$12 Battered Cod Fillets, Chips, Coleslaw & Drink
$6 Mac n’ Cheese Meal
St. Joseph-Marquette Gymnasium
Fridays of Lent
5:00-8:00 pm
(Except Good Friday)
by Mark Hart

Do you ever wonder if Jesus’ followers got confused when He spoke?

I mean, when you hear Jesus said things like “He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for my sake will find it” (Matthew 10:39), do you think Peter and Andrew were a little confused but too embarrassed to admit it?

How about when Jesus said, “He who is least among you all is the one who is great” (Luke 9:48)? You could almost envision St. Bartholomew raising his hand and shyly saying, “Um, excuse me, but what does that mean, exactly? You lost me.”

Jesus was the king of the supposed paradox... offering teachings and statements that appear almost self-contradictory yet turned out to be anything but. For God reminds us – frequently – that “His thoughts are not our thoughts” (Isaiah 55:8). Jesus doesn’t think like we do.

It’s with this in mind that Ash Wednesday might seem paradoxical and contradictory, too. For right after we hear a Gospel telling us not to do anything outward for others to see... we have ashes smeared all over our foreheads.

How’s that for irony?

Here are a few of the lines from the Gospel we hear proclaimed on Ash Wednesday:

- “And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret...” (Matthew 6:5-6)
- “And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men... but when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face...” (Matthew 6:16-17)

One of the things I love most about being Catholic is that we don’t pretend to be something we are not. What’s the first thing we do at Mass? We acknowledge our sins! Ever said this phrase: “I confess, to Almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters...” ?

And then we pray for mercy: “Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.”

We don’t gather to talk about how great we are or to revel in our sin — we gather to talk about how bad we’ve been and beg God for help to get better. In the same way, we don’t show up to Mass just for free ashes.

The ashes are not meant to draw attention to ourselves but to the one who died for us!

"All High School students in grades 9 - 12 and Incoming Freshmen are welcome, 6:30-8:30"

February 10th– Ash Wednesday (All H.S. meet in Church at 6:45PM)

February 17th, 2016– Regular Group

February 24th, 2016—Regular Group
Children’s Ministries: PRESCHOOL THRU GRADE 5
Middle School Ministries: GRADES 6, 7 & 8 - Middle School

Today’s Gospel is in a boat on a lake. It is a familiar setting for Peter. We hear that Peter has been fishing all day with nothing to show for it. Jesus enters Peter’s boat and asks him to throw the net into the lake once again. Peter listens to Jesus. They let down the net and what a catch they get! The miraculous catch of fish is Peter’s encounter with the presence of God. This encounter is so powerful that Peter gets on his knees before Jesus. Jesus tells Peter, “Do not be afraid, from now on you will be catching people.” Peter accepts Jesus’ call to follow him. He leaves everything and follows Jesus.

Family Questions:
- How can we as a family follow Jesus today?
- How do we learn about Jesus?
- What do we tell people about Jesus?

Baptism Preparation: Infant Baptisms take place on the 1st, 3rd & 5th weekends during Mass; and on the 2nd & 4th weekends in the chapel at 10:30. Parents requesting baptism for children are expected to attend two preparation sessions prior to your child’s baptism. Godparents are also encouraged to attend. Please register ahead of time, and if you need childcare you must call the office, 509-966-5344.

Next Classes: March 7th & 14th

RCIA: The RCIA is a process of conversion that involves personal prayer, support of the parish community, and learning about the Catholic faith. It prepares one to embark on a journey of faith that leads to a lifelong commitment as a Catholic. All Catholics are called to daily conversion and renewal – to be on the faith journey.

Please pray for those entering the RCIA and embarking on their journey of faith. We meet every Tuesday evening in the Parish Activity Center. If you or someone you know is interested in joining the RCIA process, or to request childcare, please call the office of Adult Faith Formation at 966-5344, email amy.baumgardner@holyfamilyyakima.org or call the Parish Office at 966-0830.

Valentine Boxes: Volunteer Chore Services

Each year with your help, VCS delivers a “Valentine Box” of food to help 70 of our low-income elders and low-income adults with disabilities deal with winter budgets. Next week there will be a decorated box to collect your generous donations of non-perishable food items (don’t forget to check the expiration date!). Cash donations to be used for purchasing fresh produce are also welcome and checks can be made out to Volunteer Chore Services. More Info?
Call Lou Ann at 965-7105.

Monthly Collection
1200 Households
Average Needed Weekly $16,000

January Collection 2016
Operating Funds Reserve
1. $14690.00 $1537.00
2. $13600.21 $360.00
3. $14600.00 $155.00
4. $11820.50 $130.00
5. $12448.00 $330.00
Total: $67158.71 $2617.00

KC Breakfast
Sunday, February 21st. Breakfast will be served from 7:30 to 11:00 am.
Donations at the door. Proceeds go for KC

CRAB FEED
February 12th, 2016
Tickets are NOW available for purchase in the Church Office, R.E. Office and Youth Ministry Office.
Prices: 12-59yrs $35 60+yrs $30

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EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
Chapel of Divine Mercy is sung on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 3:00 pm. Adoration: Tuesdays from 8:00 to 5:45 ending with Benediction.

HOLY FAMILY NURSERY:
Ages 4 and Under The Childcare Center at Holy Family church is available during the Saturday 5:00 pm Mass and Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am Masses. We invite all other children to attend Mass with their families.

PRAY AND PLAY!!
“Basketball - a decade of the Rosary- and reflection” Join us on Tuesdays from 6:00 to 7:00 a.m. Call Tom Kelleher for more information at 494-3738. All adults (22 and older) are welcome!!!!!

PRAYER INTENTIONS
Sister Janet Strong -Tel: 576-0931; email: annunciation@beitmery.org, our Diocesan religious Hermit, would like us to know that she is very happy to pray, before the Blessed Sacrament, for any intentions that might be referred to her.

HOLY FAMILY MOMS:
If you are interested in sharing ideas, talking about your children, connecting with other Catholic Moms or just hanging out, join our group. On the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month from 9:30 to 11:30 at the Holy Family Activity Center Room 14. Childcare is available. If you have any questions please call Rose Meyer at 966-0788.

FREE MEDICAL CLINIC
Union Gospel Mission together with St. Vincent De Paul presents a FREE Medical Clinic. Dr. Crafts, MD & Alondra Garibay ARNP, will be seeing patients on Thursdays from 5:00 to 8:00 pm in the Parish Activity Center, Rm 2. 5502 West Chestnut. All are welcome.
For questions you may contact: yugmcclinic@gmail.com
Doctorcrafts@yahoo.com
Facebook.com/yugmc
onequeen@live.com
or call 509-853-4327.

Help Stop Abortion!
Please join Greg Sherman and Nathan Stone in representing Holy Family’s crusade against abortion. Tuesday mornings from 9:11:00 and Wednesday mornings from 9-11:00, people committed to ending abortion walk with signs in front of the Planned Parenthood abortion clinic on 11th Ave & Tieton Dr. Please contact Nathan at 966-3216 for more information.

PRAISERCISE
Praise and Exercise to get strong for God Have fun getting faith fit and body fit! Out of shape, in shape, or over-shaped? Ladies...You are invited!
1:15-2:45pm-Mondays & Wednesdays
Right after the 12:15 Mass
Bring a mat, sneakers & a friend!
Where? In the Gym. Questions?
Call Cathy Schlieman at 833-9456

FLOWER REMEMBRANCE
Beverly Asbury, Diana Irwin & Barbara Irwin: In loving memory of Louie Irwin, husband and father.

Bill Hammett & family: In loving memory of Helen Hammett on the anniversary of her death, Feb. 10th.

If you have wondered about how to plan a vigil and funeral liturgy contact Deacon Jim at 945-5432 after 4pm

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS
We have low Gluten hosts available if you need them. Check with the Parish Office.

PRAYER HOTLINE:
For any prayer requests call Barb McKinney at 945-0477 or email: rbmckinney84@gmail.com
If you’d like to become a member of the prayer hotline please call Barb.

Sharing the Light Gift Shop
Normal hours are
Saturday 4:45-6:15 (closed for Mass) & Sunday, 8:00 am –11:45am.

Elizabeth Ministry is a wonderful ministry in our parish that takes time to congratulate new parents and welcome you new ‘lil’ one into our faith community. Do you know someone who is pregnant, or someone with a new baby? Please call Kathleen Silvermain at 972-0680 so that she can send an Elizabeth Ministry visitor to gift them with a gift bag filled with goodies and helpful information. Our calls have been few and far between this past year—let’s reach out & welcome our newest parish members!

Elizabeth Ministry Bereavement offers support for women who have suffered the loss of a baby to miscarriage. In this time of grief and questions please call Christine Levitan at 901-4995 to receive helpful information and resources. And if you wish, the opportunity to talk with someone who has been through this difficult experience.

If you are interested in volunteering with one of the Elizabeth Ministry teams, please contact Amy at the Office of Adult Faith Formation, 966-5344, for more information.

Knitting & Crocheting for Jesus: A prayer shawl ministry: Caring, Comfort and Celebration is what Knitting & Crocheting for Jesus does. Knitters & those who Crochet, knit & crochet at home and during our Prayer shawl gatherings twice a month (2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 9:30-11:00am). If you know someone who needs Caring or Comfort or has an event to Celebrate please call Mary Patrick 952-1974 or the parish office. More knitters & those who crochet are also needed. Come and Knit or Crochet for Jesus.

Helping Hands/Prayer Shells: We have available prayer shawls to visit Parishioners & those who have loved ones in the hospital. Call Katie Reynolds 509-399-1113 for more information.

If you are interested in learning how to knit or crocheting for Jesus does. Knitters & those who crochet are also needed. Come and Knit or Crochet for Jesus.

Holy Family Men’s Ministry
Please join the other men in the parish for one of our Men’s Ministry Programs. The Journey – Mondays at 7:00pm
The Journey is an opportunity to grow closer to Christ and in the process become in influencer to those in your life.
That Man is You! – Thursdays -7:00pm.
That Man is You! – Fridays - 6:00am.
That Man is You!
explores the true dignity of fatherhood and becoming a man after God’s own heart.
Please call the Parish Office for more information 509-966-0830.

The Yakima Diocese has a sexual abuse hotline for those who wish to report some incident concerning that issue as regards to a bishop, priest, deacon or diocesan employee or volunteer. Please call (888) 276-4490.

Holy Family Activity Center Room 14. Childcare is available. If you have any questions please call Rose Meyer at 966-0788.

FULL DAY ADORATION at Holy Family Church:
From 8:00 am to 7:00 pm ending with Benediction.

“Holy Grounds” after Mass Fellowship
Coffee and donuts every weekend. Coffee hours will follow the 7:00, 9:00 am Masses. Come visit and have a latte or coffee.