# Christ the King Catholic Church

# 1111 Stevens Drive, Richland, WA 99354 (509) 946-1675

Emergency Number: 539-9972 Website: <u>www.ckparish.org</u>

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Deacons: Dor Collado, Alfredo Jocson, and Ross Ronish

#### **Parish Office**

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m., M-F Phone: 946-1675 ext 2019 Fax: 946-9940

#### Schedule of Masses

#### Livestream Masses

Monday—Friday: 8:00 a.m. Sunday Vigil: Saturday at 4:00 p.m.

#### Livestream available on

https://www.youtube.com/channel/ UCWYLtrNaJO2CuwdxYVbEJMw

#### Masses

Saturday: 8 a.m. & 4:00 p.m. (Sunday Vigil) Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, and 11:30 a.m. 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday: 6:30 and 8:00 a.m.

#### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

8:30 a.m. to noon and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 2:00 p.m. in the church, or by appointment



### Religious Education Office 946-1154

Religious Education Coordinator Early Childhood (ages 3—grade 1) Elementary (grades 2—5), 940-1011 Middle School (grades 6—8), 940-1012 High School (grades 9—12), 940-0101 LIFE TEEN, 940-0101 Adult, 940-1021

#### Youth Ministry 946-1154

Middle School Activities, 940-1012 High School Activities, 940-0101

#### Christ the King School 1122 Long Ave. Richland, WA 99354

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. — 3:30 p.m.
Phone: 946-6158 Fax: 943-8402
Website: www.ckschool.net
Kris Peugh, Principal

Music Ministry 946-1675

Visitation Ministry 946-1675

**Welcome!** If you are new in the parish, please introduce yourself after Mass and arrange to register with us; online at <a href="https://www.ckparish.org">www.ckparish.org</a> or in the office during business hours. We're glad you're here!

Sacrament of Baptism: is scheduled by appointment only; parents must have been registered members of the parish for at least 2 months and must participate in Baptismal Instruction (offered on the 1st Wednesday of the month in the Bride's Room).

**Sacrament of the Sick:** In the event of serious illness or medical emergency, Anointing and Eucharist may be arranged. Call the parish office during office hours, or the emergency number after hours. Contact the Visitation Ministry Office to arrange for home visits.

**Celebration of Christian Funeral:** After the death of a loved one, you may contact the Parish Office at your earliest convenience to arrange for a date and time for the funeral liturgy.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Engaged couples requesting information about matrimony must contact and meet with one of the priests or deacons at least 4 months before the proposed wedding date and should expect to participate in a marriage preparation program.

**Christian Initiation of Adults:** Adults requesting information about full initiation into the Roman Catholic Church (the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation) may contact the RCIA Coordinator at 371-0994.

**Christian Initiation of Children (CIC):** We offer a program for older children who have not been baptized or received their First Communion. Call the Religious Education Office at 946-1154 for information.

# Christ the King Catholic Church

# he 4th Sunday in Advent December 22, 2024



#### Welcome to Christ the King Parish

Whether you are a visitor, a devoted parishioner, or one who is looking for a faith family and home,

#### we're glad you're here!

If you are not registered in Christ the King parish, please call the parish office at 946-1675 or fill out the forms at www.ckparish.org. We can better serve you by having your name, phone number, address, email, and family information in our data base.

#### <u>If you move or change your phone number, please</u> call the parish office at 946-1675 to let us know.

Bulletin Information—the bulletin deadline is 4:30 p.m. Thursday evening, 10 days before the requested **Sunday.** Please fax, email, or deliver your input, in writing, to the parish office. Our email is bulletin@ckparish.org. All notices are subject to available space and may be edited.

#### Mass Readings for the Week Divine Office: Week 4 in Advent (week 4); Octave of Christmas (week 1)

Dec. 22: 4th Sunday in Advent

Mi 5:1-4; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4); Heb 10:5-10;

Lk 1:39-45

Dec. 23: Monday of the 4<sup>th</sup> Week in Advent

St. John of Kanty
Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
Dec. 24: Tuesday of the 4<sup>th</sup> Week in Advent

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79 **Dec. 24: Vigil of Christmas** 

Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25;

Mt 1:1-25

Dec. 25: Christmas Day

Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Ps 98:1-6; Jn 1:1-18

Dec. 26: St. Stephen

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3-4, 6, 8, 16-17; Mt 10:17-22

**Dec. 27: St. John**1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97: 1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1, 2-8

Dec. 28: The Holy Innocents

1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7-8; Mt 2:13-18 **Dec. 29: The Holy Family** 

1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10;

1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

#### **Announcements**

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#### Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Mass Schedule

#### Christmas Eve (Tuesday, Dec. 24)

4:00 p.m. in the church and school gym

6:00 p.m. in the church

8:00 p.m. in the church

10:00 p.m. in the church

Christmas Day (Wednesday Dec. 25)

8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

#### Stewardship

December 8, 2024 \$30,469 St. Vincent de Paul \$15,220 **CKC School Scholarships** \$1,059 Msgr. Sweeney Endowment Fund \$100 Angels of Mercy CK PreSchool Scholarship \$190 \$25 **Online Giving** \$11,984

Thank You!!

God Bless You For Your Generosity!

If you no longer need contribution envelopes, please call us to discontinue them.

**2025 ACA:** This campaign to support the work of the Bishop across the Diocese of Yakima continues. We need your support! The ACA benefits parishes in the diocese and us as well! You can donate using the envelopes in the pews, or online.

**Christmas Collection for Catholic Charities**: Each year, throughout the Diocese of Yakima, our collections on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are given to Catholic Charities. Our assistance helps them reach out all year to those in need across central Washington. Bless you for your generous support.

*Note: if you intend your donation to support Christ the* King parish, please make it at a time other than Christmas Eve or Day.

Online giving: To use online giving, click the Online Giving Icon on www.ckparish.org.



For technical support, call 1-800-348-2886.

Please remember the parish and school in your will!



#### **More Announcements**

#### Deck the Halls!

We need help decorating the church for Christmas! Join us

#### Monday, Dec 23 starting at 9 a.m.

To volunteer or for more information contact Tiff Eyre at <a href="mailto:CKFlowerGroup@gmail.com">CKFlowerGroup@gmail.com</a> or 509-205-5072.



#### **Christmas Choir News:**

There will be a short musical celebration immediately preceding the 10:00 p.m. Mass Christmas Eve, with a few special Christmas songs performed by our choir.

Please come early to hear them!

There is still time to join choirs for either the 4:00 p.m. or 10:00 p.m. Masses on Christmas Eve.

If you are interested, please email or text Cathy Exarhos, <a href="mailto:cathyex@gmail.com">cathyex@gmail.com</a>, 509.554.4798.

#### From our St. Vincent de Paul Society

Jesus was born during the night of the year when darkness is the longest. The Savior of the world comes for the people in dark places. The real, lasting, and deep joy is that the Light shines there.

Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, "Light" has shown, bringing real, lasting and deep joy to the heart of a single father caring for his daughter and niece. The father was short of funds when his annual military training pay wasn't received due to payroll problems. He was about to start a full-time job, but didn't have the money needed to pay his utility bill. Your generous donations bought him the time needed to resolve his military pay problems or receive his first paycheck.

For more information, contact Bruce, the CK SVdP President, at (509) 627-7295 or email him at bruce@svdpck.org.

Learn more about our conference at our website: www.svdpck.org

The Christmas Baskets and Sharing Tree tradition of Christ the King Parish, School and St. Vincent de Paul Society is in need of the help of two or more tech proficient parishioners to implement our application and list making process for 2025 and beyond. Proficiency in Google Work Space would be helpful. If you are interested in joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul by serving your neighbors in this way, please call Bruce at 509 627 7295 for more information.

#### **Sunday Reflection**

#### The Hidden Truth

If you have ever been visibly pregnant, chances are that someone, somewhere, whom you do not know, has reached out to touch your stomach.

I've had this happen to me, and sure, it's a little strange. Generally, I prefer people to ask before they touch me. But it's also very sweet, this great mystical excitement inspired by a pregnant belly. We know that belly is special. We know enclosed within it is hope and potential — the very future of our world. Hidden, but real. How can we help but venerate it?

It's why the pregnant Madonna is my favorite devotional image. I even prefer it over the depictions of the Madonna and Child because I find in the sight of Mary's swollen belly more to meditate upon than I find in the unveiled face of the Christ Child. Salvation and redemption, enclosed in flesh, moving, and growing and breathing, but I cannot see it. It's real and it's true and it's there.

And it is hidden.

There is much about God that we know with certainty. But there is so much that remains beyond our sight, beyond our comprehension. Questions of evil and sorrow. Pain and tragedy. Life and death. Why don't we have all the answers? We grow very impatient about this. We're like teenagers who want to be trusted with all the family secrets. We hate feeling left out of the loop.

But truth, like life, does not come to us showing its face. Perhaps this is because we could not bear its terrible beauty. Perhaps it's because we would not recognize it if it was laid bare for us to see.

But it's there, right in front of us. We can reach out and touch it. We may not see it. We may not understand it. But we can know it.

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

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#### **More Announcements**

**COMING HOME**: As the holidays draw closer and families gather, remember the COMING HOME Program starting January 27, 2025. Please invite any of your friends or family members who might be thinking about taking another look at the Catholic Church. Designed for inactive Catholics, COMING HOME offers the opportunity for questions to be explored in a respectful environment, meeting once a week for 8 weeks. For more information, contact Meggin Sanner at 541-571-8402 or ckadultre@qmail.com.

#### **Comings and Goings**

**Congratulations** to those recently baptized: Veronica Jane Cmelik, Bridget Riley Glatt, Clare Camilla Glatt, and Mason Joachim Glatt



#### **Faith Formation**

For more information about our religious education programs, please contact

- Anna LeMieux at <u>anna@ckparish.org</u> or Mariah Vincent at <u>mariah@ckparish.org</u> for Early Childhood
- Inez Reilly at 940-1011 or reelementary@ckparish.org for Elementary
- Jessie Wagnon at <a href="mailto:cic@ckparish.org">cic@ckparish.org</a> for Christian Initiation of Children (grades 4 to 12)
- Sarah Moore at 940-1012 or <u>sarah@ckparish.org</u> for Middle School
- Melissa Montenegro at 940-0101 or <u>melissa@ckparish.org</u> (also <u>cklifeteen@gmail.com</u>) for **High School/confirmation**
- Jessie Wagnon at <u>cic@ckparish.org</u> for First Communion.

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**Early Childhood Religious Education**: no classes until Sunday, Jan. 5. Merry Christmas! Contact Anna or Mariah (info above) for more information.

#### **Elementary and Middle School Religious Education**

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Elementary Religious Education classes will resume on Wednesday, Jan. 8. For more information, contact Inez Reilly or Sarah Moore, info above.



#### Life Teen and Confirmation:

No Life Teen or High School Bible Study this week or next week. Have a Blessed Christmas Break!

For more information, contact Melissa Montenegro or Sarah Moore, into above.



#### **Christ the King Catholic School**

#### It's Christmas break for our staff and students!

Thank you Jesus for some time to rest and recharge. Before students left they enjoyed a few spirit days with different clothing themes (always a hit for kids who usually wear uniforms!) and the cutest Kindergarten Nativity Mass. Our boys' basketball teams had incredibly successful seasons, and we are grateful for our community members who stepped up to coach!

Please pray for our families and staff who are traveling during the break, for those who have a hard time adjusting to a new schedule, and for those families who are grieving during this season. As Catholics, it is a privilege to walk in the Joy and sit in the grief of our community members. We pray you have a blessed three days of the 3rd week of Advent!



#### **FORMED**



We encourage you to take a look at FORMED!

Visit <a href="https://formed.org/">https://formed.org/</a>, create a login profile with your email and a

password, then select 'Diocese of Yakima" and you now have free access to all kinds of Catholic content: kid's shows, Bible studies, Saint of the day videos, daily Bible reading reflections, Eucharistic Revival online sessions, movies, and audiobooks.

Questions? Contact Meggin Sanner at 541-571-8402 or <a href="mailto:ckadultre@gmail.com">ckadultre@gmail.com</a>.

#### **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**

Thinking about becoming Catholic? Baptized Catholic, but never received confirmation? Looking for a way to increase your knowledge of the Catholic faith? Looking for a way to deepen your spiritual life within the Body of Christ?

Consider attending RCIA. Our sessions meet on Thursdays from 6:30-8:30~p.m. in the Gathering

Contact Deacon Ross at 509-371-0994 or at Ronish@aol.com for more information.



#### **Spiritual Practices**

#### Ignatian Spirituality:

Merry Christmas and blessed New Year from SEEL Tri-Cities! In his first Sunday Angelus, Pope Francis said, "Mercy is the Lord's most powerful message." Then he declared a year of Mercy for 2015-16. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy tells us that when Jesus died, an "ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world." Although the Year of Mercy has ended, we are called to continue to live out God's mercy and show it to others. This coming week, as you make New Year's resolutions, consider how you might bring God's mercy and love to others.

The next meeting of the Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life (SEEL) will be January 11 at 9 a.m. at the Parish of the Holy Spirit and on Zoom online. The theme will be the Two Standards. To learn more about SEEL, please visit https://seeltc.com.

#### Benedictine Spirituality:

In his Commentary for Benedictine Oblates, G.A. Simon writes: 'What St. Benedict desires for his children is peace, not only exterior but interior.

May peace suffuse your celebrations of Christ's birth! Merry Christmas!

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For more information about Benedictine spirituality, contact Betsy at 509-430-1962.

#### Carmelite Corner

The Lay Carmelites of Christ the King invite you to ponder the Collects and portions of the Prefaces to the Eucharistic Prayer to help you enter more fully into the Advent/Christmas season.

#### Preface II of the Nativity of the Lord

For on the feast of this awe-filled mystery, though invisible in his own divine nature, he has appeared visibly in ours; and begotten before all ages, he has begun to exist in time; so that, raising up in himself all that was cast down, he might restore unity to all creation and call straying humanity back to the heavenly Kingdom.

#### **Collect for Christmas Vigil Mass:**

O God, who gladden us year by year as we wait in hope for our redemption, grant that, just as we joyfully welcome your Only Begotten Son as our Redeemer, we may also merit to face him confidently when he comes again as our Judge.

#### Collect for The Holy Family of JMJ

O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards.

For information about the Lay Carmelites, contact Rebecca Moak at 509-460-1608.

#### **Please Pray For:**

All of the sick members of our **parish** — especially these:

Wilson Alvarez Victor Armijo Msgr. Perron Auve **Audra Baroni**, niece of Eva Baroni Carole Bowles Mike Brooks Alex Burkos, grandson of Marci Burkos Mike Burns, brother of Kitty Bryan Carma Buss, mother-in-law of Chris Buss **Larry Byrne,** brother of Sharon Pahl and Pat Wildenborg Gary and Joanne Carter Benoit Cassin, friend of Segolene and Xavier Hubert Gianna Coulter, grandson of Abbas and Cindy Mostala Aaron Davis, son of Bill and Margaret Davis Khrystal and Hunter Davis **Peter Franckowiak**, brother of Fran Wolfe Priscille de Guenyveau, niece of Segolene and Xavier Hubert Arianna Roze Hernandez. friend of Karina Lopez-Rangel Carter Hoag, son of Brian & Kara Hoag; grandson of Laurie Noles Pat Wildenborg Kara Hoag Clark Jodoin Johnny Jurgilewicz

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The repose of the souls of all our beloved dead, especially Jim Stoffels.

Thank you for your prayers for those listed above. In many cases, chronic illness keeps names on the list for a long time.

To add or remove a name, email <u>bulletin@ckparish.org</u> or call the parish office (946-1675).

Note: because our bulletin is posted on our website and that of Parishes Online, this list is in the public domain. If you'd like prayer but prefer not to be listed here, contact our prayer chain ministry at https://www.ckparish.org/197/v3-life-at-ckrayer-request.htm or contact prayerchain@ckparish.org or 509-554-4798.

Please pray the Rosary every day!



#### **Eucharistic Devotion**

We offer **Exposition**, a time for **Adoration**, and **Benediction** after the 8:00 a.m. Mass, until noon, on Thursdays.

The Blessed Sacrament is also exposed during the Confession hour on Thursday evenings, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.





#### Jubilee Year 2025

#### Jubilee Year 2025 Opening Mass

You are invited to join our Bishop and priests of the Diocese of Yakima for the solemn opening of the Jubilee Year, a Year of Hope, on Sunday, December 29, at

St. Paul Cathedral in Yakima. Masses are at 11:00 a.m. (English) or 1:00 p.m. (Spanish).



We'll process from the Cathedral school gymnasium (weather permitting) or the Assembly Place into the Cathedral for enthronement of the Jubilee Cross, Solemn Mass, and a reception. Bishop Tyson will grant the Jubilee Year Plenary Indulgence, a Jubilee Grace, to all participants at the Mass (after saying the Lord's Prayer, a profession of faith, and prayer honoring our Blessed Mother).

Special Holy Year Masses with the same indulgence granted will be offered the 1st Tuesday of each month (beginning January 7) at 5:30 p.m. (English) and 7:00 p.m. Spanish, in our Cathedral. All are invited for one or more of the Holy Year Masses.

#### **Jubilee Year Prayer**

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

#### **Parish Resources**

Website: www.ckparish.org.

Bulletin address: locate and bookmark!

http://www.ckparish.org/Content/142.htm



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Parish Library Contact the parish office to check library hours, etc.



#### Christ the King Gift Shop

(Located near parish office downstairs)

Hours and days of operation are Sunday, Tuesday, and Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

> Questions? Call Sue Jones at 509-430-9858.

### **Parish Organization & Activity Contacts**

(all area code 509 unless noted)

Altar Servers Training: Fr. Juan Schedulina: Bryan Fulsom **Benedictine Spirituality** Elizabeth Owczarski 430-1962 **Cancer Support Group** Cathy Exarhos 554-4798 Caregiver Support Group Donna Cash/Pam Phillips 948-3516/539-9512 **Carmelite Spirituality** Rebecca Moak 460-1608 **Catholic Charities** 946-4645

Childcare

Christ the King Catholic School Kris Peugh, principal 946-6158 Church League Sports (Men's) Tom Reisenauer 581-8660 CK School Office Phone: 946-6158 Fax: 943-8402

School Advisory Commission: Development and Volunteerism: Caitlin Elder Couples for Christ Rongie&Winnie Magdangal 714-785-4545 Cursillo/Ultreya (English) Carl Zeamer 943-9991 Parish Office **Development Fund** 946-1675 **Elijah Family Homes** Lisa Godwin 943-6610 **Engaged Encounter** Frank and Tracy Becker 627-1076 **Extraordinary Ministers** Theresa Bergman 366-0617

**Fertility Awareness** Christine Disselkamp 628-8810 **Finance Committee** 946-1675 **Funeral Lunches** Parish Office 946-1675 Holy Angels Home School Christine Horner 901-1394 Hospitality Jessica Glover hospitality@ckparish.org

Ignatian Spirituality Abbas Mostala 627-3634 **KC Medical Equipment HELP** 212-0900 Knights of Columbus Carl Fies 308-1871

KPG Club (Children's Choir) Lectors Kevin Linn <a href="mailto:linn.kevin@gmail.com">linn.kevin@gmail.com</a>

Marriage Encounter **Master of Ceremonies** 539-2523 Yvonne Sherman Mental Health Ministry Sara Hall 392-9153

308-3051

Ministries Coordinator Emilia Jasen 627-3531 **Music Director** Gavin Duncan 946-1675 **Parish Council** Yvonne Sherman 539-2523

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or 735-7372 Boy Scouts — Eugenia Zito Serra Club 946-5782 Bill Davis St. Vincent de Paul Message Line: 509-946-1325 208-351-7628 Usher/Greeters Kathy Leonard Volunteer Chore Services — CF & CS Kelly Ramey 943-2590

Visitation Ministry Elizabeth Owczarski 946-1675 Weddings: 375-3023 Coordinator: Carol Geier-Melton Lovada O'Leary, membership YLI 531-3149 Cheryl Ledesma, president 943-5395

# Richland, Washington

#### A Christmas Blessing

May the God of infinite goodness, who by the Incarnation of his Son has driven darkness from the world and by that glorious Birth has illumined this holy time, drive far from you the darkness of vice and illumine your hearts with the light of virtue.

May God, who willed that the great joy of his Son's saving Birth be announced to the shepherds by the Angel, fill your minds with the gladness he gives and make you heralds of the Gospel.

And may God, who by the Incarnation brought together the earthly and heavenly realm, fill you with the gift of his peace and favor and make you sharers with the Church in heaven.

May the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you forever.

Amen.

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The Knights of Columbus! 7

#### A Note from the Serra Club

The author of the epistle to the Hebrews writes: "As is written of me in the scroll, 'Behold, I come to do Your will, O God." (from Hebrews 10: 5-10)

God also has a plan for your lives. If His will if for you to be a priest, permanent deacon, brother, or sister, will you say yes?

Unlike most in our society, we've waited a long time to celebrate Christmas, but now we have a whole season to rejoice. Have a truly wonderful Christmas Season!!

If you are considering a religious vocation, contact Father Lalo Chavez at Christ the King for the Yakima Diocese or Father Kyle Ratuiste at the Diocesan Office in Spokane for help with your discernment.

#### **Tri-Cities Prep News**

**Tri-Cities Prep seeks a new President for the 2025 school year.**To learn more about this position,



please visit tcprep.org and open the 'About Prep' tab.

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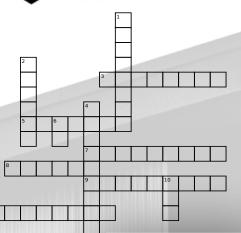
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