Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I can’t thank YOU enough for the extraordinary impact we have accomplished together in our ministries and the mission of our parish. I pray that you and your loved ones are staying safe and healthy during this unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic.

As we prepare to launch the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) Pledge Weekend on

November 6 and 7, I express my gratitude to you for your 2021 donations to the ACA. Thanks to your generosity, we reached our goal and we were able to help support the education of Danny Sanchez, a seminarian from our community and Mike Palmieri, enrolled in the Deaconate program. Your contribution also helped develop our religious education staff and volunteers and our St Joseph Catholic School. We enjoy many blessings in the Diocese of Yakima because of your commitment and financial generosity to the Church in Central Washington. The Holy Spirit is truly at work through you!

We have a special opportunity each year to answer Christ’s call in a unique way through our

Annual Catholic Appeal. On Pledge Weekend, we renew our personal commitment to participate as good stewards in His mission for the Church. What a blessing! Through the ACA, we share Christ’s message by serving countless people in ways we may not realize. All of us enjoy the fruits of the work of the Diocesan ministries and programs funded by the ACA. When we use God’s blessings to make our annual pledges to the ACA, we join with all of our sisters and brothers in 39 other parish communities throughout the Diocese to do the Lord’s work — work that no one individual or parish can do alone. This year, our parish goal is $136, 575.00. Your financial support will assist us in reaching that goal. All funds collected in excess of our goal will be returned to our parish for use in our own Building Fund.

I personally support the ACA and encourage you do so as well. My hope is that every household in our parish will make some pledge or gift this year. I urge you to prayerfully consider your financial situation and make the most generous pledge your circumstances will allow. If it is more convenient, consider the suggested pledge plan and spread your payments over 5 or 10 months.

Thank you for your generosity. Be assured of my prayers for you and for your loved ones.

V. Rev. Felipe Pulido, pastor

**Week Behind/ Week Ahead**

To the Parishioners of Saint Joseph Parish

From V. Rev. Felipe Pulido

Date: October 30, 2021

**Week Behind**

**Visiting Priests --** On Thursday, October 28, the parish community celebrated the life of long- time parishioner James McConnell. I thank Father Richard Sedlacek who celebrated a beautiful Mass for Jim. Thanks to all the parishioners who attended the Mass and all the volunteers who created the reception for the family. May Jim rest in peace.

**Saint Joseph Catholic School** – On Friday, October 29, our school community enjoyed a popular Trunk or Treat evening. School parents decorated their cars and handed out candy. I thank the members of the PTO who spent so many hours planning and hosting the event. I also thank all the volunteers who donated their time setting up and cleaning up between 4 and 8 pm. It was a safe and fun night for kids!

**Cornerstone Catholic Conference** – On Saturday, October 30, some parishioners attended the virtual *Cornerstone Catholic Conference* presented by the Bishops of Washington State. The theme was Forming Disciples for Life and Justice. The information and insights the bishops provided were very useful for our pro-life community. Let us continue to pray for the dignity of the human person and for respect for life from the moment of conception until natural death.

**Week Ahead**

**The Blessing of the New Saint Joseph Statue** – On All Saints’ Day, Monday, November 1, we will be offering the following Masses: 6:30 am, 8:30 am 10:30 am (school mass,) 12:05 pm, 5:30 pm in English and 7:00 pm in Spanish. Please join us for the blessing of the new Saint Joseph Statue after the 8:30 am, 5:30 pm and 7:00 pm Masses. The new statue was donated by a parishioner. As we continue our life of faith, we invite Saint Joseph to be a father to each one of us, guiding us ever closer to his adopted son, Jesus. May he teach us how to be faithful disciples, constantly adoring the face of Christ. Saint Joseph, pray for us!

**All Souls’ Day** – On All Souls’ Day, Tuesday, November 2, we will remember and pray for all the faithful departed. During one Mass at 6:00 pm in the Big Church, we will especially commemorate those parishioners who have died in the last two years. The Mass will be tri-lingual with some hymns in Latin and the prayers of the Mass in Spanish and English. Our Catholic faith holds that the prayers of the faithful on earth can help cleanse the souls of those who have died, assisting them to see God in heaven. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.