

Week Behind/ Week Ahead

To the Parishioners of Saint Joseph Parish

From V. Rev. Felipe Pulido

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Week Behind

Ill Priests—Last weekend Father Riccardo and I were unable to celebrate Masses due to illness. Father Riccardo was fighting a bad cold. I was having symptoms of lightheadedness and near syncope. Father Riccardo stayed home and I went to the hospital. The results of a blood test showed that my vital organs looked good. The doctor's recommendation was to rest and drink lots of liquids. I hope that Father Riccardo and I will be present at the Masses this weekend. I thank Perry Kelly and Deacon Bill for taking me to the hospital. In addition, Father Riccardo and I thank all of you for your prayers and the heart-felt messages we have received. We feel loved and appreciated by the parishioners of Saint Joseph Parish.

Visiting Bishop and Priest— On Sunday, September 18, 2022, Bishop Tyson celebrated the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Masses and Monsignor Robert Siler celebrated the 5:30 pm and 7:00 pm Masses. I thank Bishop Tyson and Monsignor Siler for their willingness to come to Kennewick to help Father Cesar and me with the Sunday liturgies.

Week Ahead

Father Cesar— Father Cesar will be out of the office from September 26 through October 7 visiting his mother in Saint Luis Potosi, Mexico. We wish Father Cesar safe travels.

Bishop Joseph Tyson will be serving Saint Joseph Parish from Monday, September 26, to Monday, October 3, taking Father Cesar's place while he is in Mexico. We welcome Bishop Tyson to Saint Joseph Parish.

Father Reilly—National Clergy Appreciation Day is the second Sunday in October. I appreciate all the clergy who minister at Saint Joseph Parish, but especially I want to recognize Father Reilly. Through his faith, stewardship, and compassion, he, although ill, continues to help us during Saturday and Sunday liturgies.

Father Felipe and Deacon Bill—On Wednesday, September 28, Deacon Bill and I will be attending the Annual Catholic Appeal Training Day at **Holy Family Parish** in Yakima. This event is mandatory for priests and parish staff who assist pastors in coordinating the ACA. I thank Deacon Bill and all the volunteers who help me with the ACA.

Called and Gifted— In her book, Fruitful Discipleship, Sherry Weddell, Executive Director and co-founder of the Catherine of Siena Institute, tells the story of a nineteenth century woman, Margaret Haughey, who, despite never having learned to read and write, became a successful businesswoman. She gave away vast sums to feed the poor, while founding and supporting

homes for orphans and widows. She is known to this day simply as Margaret, the Bread Saint of New Orleans. Ms. Weddell reflects: "The greatest riches of the Church are not found in our gorgeous legacy of art and architecture, our brilliant philosophical and scientific heritage, or even our nearly 700,000 institutions that currently serve the dignity and eternal destiny of human beings on this planet. All these treasures, wonderful and critical as they are, are fruit borne by human beings who, like the unlikely Margaret Haughery, freely responded to and cooperated with the grace of God in their time and place. Our greatest earthly treasures are our Margarets: the 1.272 billion immortals and potential fruit-bearers who currently bear the surname *Catholic*."

The Church invites us to respond to God's call in our time and place. Charisms, spiritual gifts given to us at Baptism and Confirmation, are clues to the individual, particular call God has for each of us. They empower us to stand in the place of Christ today with our family, our friends, our neighbors, our community. As with Margaret, for whom God had a unique work of love only she could do, no one can take your place in God's purposes for His world. I invite you to prayerfully consider participating in an initiative that will be offered in our parish by teachers from the Catherine of Siena Institute: the *Called & Gifted Discernment Process*.

The process begins with a one-day workshop on Saturday, October 8, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm in the second floor rooms of the Parish Office. Once completed, you will have the opportunity to sign up for a personal gifts interview as well as to join a group of parishioners exploring more deeply what charisms God has given each of them. We have 10 people registered now. We need to have at least 50 people. The \$25 fee includes a workbook and lunch. If, for any reason, you cannot pay the fee, please come anyway. We have scholarships.

Deacon Bill and a member of the Parish Council will be in the foyer this weekend after Masses to answer questions and register parishioners for our Called and Gifted Program.

I hope you will seriously consider taking the first step in learning about your particular call from God: attending the workshop. Please call or e-mail Deacon Bill, 509-586-3820, or Deaconwilliammich@stjoseph-kennewicki.org for more information and to register. I hope to see you at the workshop! Thank you.