

## Week Behind/ Week Ahead

To the Parishioners of Saint Joseph Parish

From V. Rev. Felipe Pulido

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## Week Behind

**Annual Catholic Appeal**--We are most grateful to our loyal donors and the new donors who have pledged to the Diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal. Our parish goal, as always, is 100% participation. Can you imagine the additional good works that could be accomplished across the diocese with just a 10% increase in donors? To achieve this goal, each of us is asked to prayerfully open our hearts to the needs of our diocese and make a gift as our individual circumstances allow. If you were not present or prepared to make a pledge last weekend, we invite you to do so today. Your gift is essential to sustaining the many ministries of the Diocese of Yakima. Extra envelopes are available in the vestibule. If you would like to donate online, please visit [www.yakimadiocese.org](http://www.yakimadiocese.org) or scan the QR code.



**Annual Catholic Appeal Prayer:** God, Father of all gifts, we praise You, the source of all we are. Teach us to acknowledge the many good things Your infinite love has given us. Help us respond with generous gratitude through our support of the Catholic Church in Central Washington. Open our hearts to follow Your call. Make us messengers of the Gospel in love and service, so that all may come to know You and become Your disciples. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

**Bianca Medina, Parish, School, and Child Center Bookkeeper**—On Thursday, November 3, I accepted Bianca's resignation as bookkeeper for Saint Joseph Parish, School and Child Center. She is very grateful for the experience of working in our parish for the last 7 months. She told us that she has an opportunity to return to the City of Kennewick and has accepted the offer of a position within the finance department. Her last day with us will be November 18. We will start advertising the bookkeeping position in our bulletin this coming week.

**Altar of the Dead Exhibits**—I thank members of the following ministries— Knights of Columbus, St. Joseph School, Guadalupanas, Arcoiris Marriage Encounter—who worked so hard on the displays of the Altars of the Dead. *El Dia de Los Muertos* reminds us of Catholic teaching on the Communion of Saints. There are different members of the Body of Christ: the ones in Heaven, the ones that are still on their way to the gates of Heaven, and those of us here on earth. We all still commune together as one Church. **During the month of November we are remembering our parishioners, friends, loved ones, and family members who have gone before us.** *"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace."*

**Veterans' Day**—On Thursday, November 10, Saint Joseph School honored 15 local veterans who served our country in the Armed Forces. Thanks, Perry Kelly and David Drollman, for organizing the event.

**Five-Week *Dawn of the Messiah* Advent Study**— I am very grateful for the regular attendance of parishioners to the morning and afternoon sessions. These are held in the upstairs rooms of the Parish Office on Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11:00 am or 7:00 pm to 8:30pm.

### **Week Ahead**

**Faith Formation Program 2022**—On Thursday, November 17, **Monsignor Robert Siler** will teach via Zoom on the topic of *Bioethics* from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. ZOOM LINK: <HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/84116935317> This is a great opportunity for all of us to learn more about bioethics, a broad and interdisciplinary field that addresses the *right and wrong* of scientific and medical knowledge and practice. The fields of genetics, science, and technology are changing rapidly. As they do, conflicts arise about what constitutes the *right or wrong* use of this new knowledge.

In addition, on Saturday, November 19, **Becky Gates** will be teaching on the topic of *True Happiness—Anchoring Science in our Faith*. She will be on Zoom from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. ZOOM LINK: <HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/84116935317> This presentation will help our schoolteachers, catechists, and parishioners learn that faith and science do not contradict, but are fundamentally intertwined.

***The Chosen, Season 3, Episodes 1, 2***—*The Chosen*, Season 3, begins in theaters on November 18 with episodes 1 and 2. Season 3 picks up where Season 2 left off. After Jesus completes a sermon that turns the world upside down, all twelve disciples (including newcomer Judas) are ready to follow Him to the ends of the earth. However, problems remain. Do not miss this unique theatrical experience, launching the most emotional and consequential season of *The Chosen* to date.

Please come and enjoy this film with your church family **on Friday, November 18, at 7:00 pm** at AMC CLASSIC Kennewick 12 – 1331 North Center Parkway, Kennewick. At 6:30 pm, I will be at the entrance of the movie theater to direct those parishioners who would like to sit together in the same area.