

Week Behind/ Week Ahead

To the Parishioners of Saint Joseph Parish

From V. Rev. Felipe Pulido

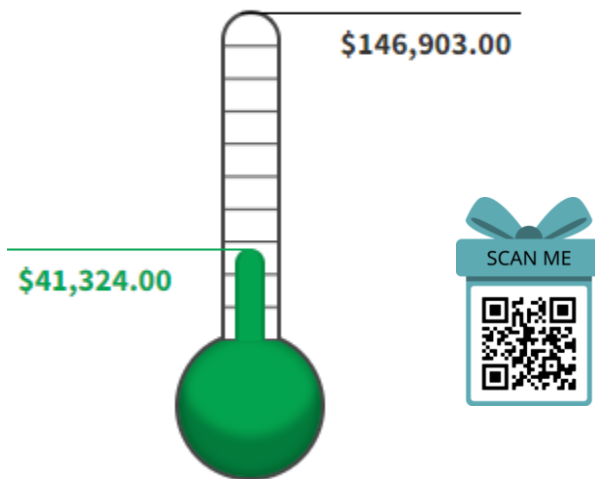
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Week Behind

The Annual Catholic Appeal—Again, we are most grateful to our loyal donors and the new donors who have pledged to the Diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal. If you were not present or prepared to make a pledge previously, we urge you to do so today. Your gift is essential to sustaining the many ministries of the Diocese of Yakima. If you would like to donate online, please visit www.yakimadiocese.org or scan the QR code in the bulletin. Remember: it is important that every parishioner (or household) support the ACA in some way, either with a pledge or a one-time donation. This is the only way that we will be able to exceed our assigned goal this year.

When you give to the Annual Catholic Appeal, you educate future priests and deacons. You bring Christ to students at Central Washington University. You nurture the literary growth of migrant children through Literacy Wagon. You make it possible for people who could not otherwise attend Mass to receive the sacraments through Migrant Ministry. You help the Spanish and English communities grow closer together through joint programs such as *Magnificat*. You enable training and development of our parish Religious Education staff and volunteers. You provide the opportunity for our parish to receive a rebate to use locally. You are the face of Christ for others! Thank you for your generosity.

Parish of St. Joseph ACA Progress towards the goal



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Bookkeeper—On November 11, we began to receive applications for our new bookkeeper position. Since it takes time to do the interviews and complete the selection process, Carrie Peterson, a bookkeeper from our diocese, will be doing our books. I am sure that she will help us have a smooth transition. Carrie will be coming twice a week starting Monday, November 21. I am very grateful to our outgoing bookkeeper Bianca Medina and looking forward to our new bookkeeper.

Volunteers—A group of volunteers meets once a week to count the Sunday collections. I am grateful to all for donating their time to this important task. In addition, I thank Tina Daily for organizing and training new volunteers to count the weekend donations.

Catholic School Confessions— On Wednesday, November 16, the children and youth of our school celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It was beautiful for the students to experience the mercy and love of God as they prepare for the season of Advent. I thank Father Cesar and, from Christ the King Parish in Richland, Father Edgar Quiroga who came to help us. Moreover, I appreciate the Saint Joseph School teachers who prepared the students to receive the Sacrament of Confession.

Visitors—On Friday, November 18, a beautiful funeral Mass for Charles Edward Loosveldt, a long-time parishioner of Saint Joseph Parish, was celebrated by Father Richard Sedlacek. I thank Father Richard for traveling from his parish, Our Lady of Lourdes in Selah. I also am grateful to the funeral committee for a wonderful reception after the Mass. *May Chuck's soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.*

In addition, I want to inform you that Reverend Severinus Torwoe of the Diocese of Ogdensburg, who is currently Parochial Vicar of Saint Peter's Parish in Massena, New York, will be visiting Washington from November 22 through 28. He will be concelebrating some of the weekend Masses in our parish. If you see him, please say hello.

Devotional Resources for Advent—Each year our parish orders devotional booklets to help us grow in faith, hope, and love during the Advent and Christmas seasons. This year we purchased *The Word Among Us* with Mass readings and daily meditations, distributed this weekend, the last of this liturgical year. *Holy Moments, A Handbook for the Rest of Your Life* by Matthew Kelly is available as well. In addition, Father Riccardo (the holy man in yellow who will soon switch to purple for Advent) continues to present excellent **reflections** on the upcoming Sunday readings every Wednesday, available for viewing in person as well as on Facebook. As always, I thank Father Riccardo for sharing with us his wisdom and understanding of the Holy Scriptures and the liturgy.

Week Ahead

Annual Mass for Deceased Clergy of the Diocese of Yakima—The annual Mass to remember, raise up, celebrate, and pray for the deceased clergy who have served our Diocese since its foundation in 1951 will be offered in St. Paul Cathedral, Yakima, on November 22, beginning at 5:30 pm. Bishop Joseph Tyson and attending priests will be assisted by our permanent deacons. All are most welcome to attend this Mass. If you are not able to attend, please pray the rosary or another prayer for the repose of the souls of all the deceased priests who have served this diocese.

Advent Penance Services—On Monday, November 21, the priests of our local area will be meeting to discuss dates and times for Advent penance services. As you know, the last time we had penance services in our local parishes was 2019 before the global COVID-19 pandemic began. As soon as we decide on the dates, I will let you know, probably in my next letter.

Saint Joseph Catholic School—Saint Joseph School is planning an in-person Art and Wine fundraiser to be held in February, 2023. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, this popular event was held online in 2021 and 2022. The Art and Wine Committee will be holding a donation drop off December 6 and 7. If you would like to participate, please call the School Office for more information, 509-586-0481.