

## **Week Behind/ Week Ahead**

To the Parishioners of Saint Joseph Parish

From V. Rev. Felipe Pulido

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## **Week Behind**

**Two New Bookkeepers**—Please welcome Melissa Nichols and Philline Go to our Saint Joseph community. Melissa is our new bookkeeper for St. Joseph School. She will be part-time and her office will be in the Conference Room at the school. Philline will be our new bookkeeper for the parish and the Children’s Center. Her office will be in the Parish Office building. She is also part-time, working two days of the week. We are happy to have you here, Melissa and Philline. Thank you for joining our staff at St. Joseph.

**Father Riccardo Keolker**— Father Riccardo is taking a short vacation from January 2 through 12. He’s off to get some vitamin D, visiting friends in Hawaii. Please keep Father Riccardo in your prayers.

**Annual Catholic Appeal**—Thanks to your response to our in-church promotions of the ACA in November, we are nearly 35% of the way to achieving our goal! *As of January 7, 215 households from our parish have pledged to the ACA.* Thank you! In order to achieve our parish’s goal, we need the participation of every parishioner. Envelopes are available in the church foyer for those of you who wish to mail in your pledges. Pledges can also be made online at <https://yakimadiocese.org> under Annual Catholic Appel. Please designate Saint Joseph Parish, Kennewick, when you make your pledge. Your generosity supports 45 priests serving our parishes, 6 seminarians studying for our diocese, a variety of ministries, Catholic schools, parish needs, catechesis, lay formation, and much more. There are over 2000 registered families in our parish. Let us work together to make the ACA a success by increasing our percentage of participation. We can do better!

**Baby Bottle Campaign**—This weekend we kicked off our annual Baby Bottle Campaign benefiting **Hope Medical**. Baby bottles to fill with change can be picked up after each Mass. Envelopes will also be available for those who wish to write checks and/or mail in a donation. Contributions can always be made online at [www.hopemedicalwa.com](http://www.hopemedicalwa.com). Your generosity allows us to positively impact mothers, fathers, and unborn children through ultrasounds, pregnancy testing, education and much more.

**Knights of Columbus**— On Sunday, January 8, the Knights of Columbus are preparing a wonderful breakfast after the two morning Masses. Please join us. This is a great time to get know other parishioners and build up our community.

**Tri-Cities Prep**—Our Catholic college prep high school in the Tri- Cities began accepting applications for new students on January 3. To begin the application process, please visit

