## Week Behind/ Week Ahead

To the Parishioners of Saint Joseph Parish From V. Rev. Felipe Pulido Date: January 7-8, 2023

## 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! <u>As of January 7, 215 households</u> <u>from our parish have pledged to the ACA</u>. 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 <u>https://yakimadiocese.org</u> 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 <u>www.hopemedicalwa.com</u>. 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

<u>https://tcprep.org/</u> If you are interested in more information or a tour, please email Matt Potter at <u>mpotter@tcpre.org</u>

## Week Ahead

**Magnificat**—The *Magnificat* program of adult faith formation will be on Tuesday, January 10, at 7:00 pm on the Zoom app. Father Dan Steele's presentation will be on "spirituality." Use the following link to join the session by Zoom: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/i/84116935317</u> If you have any questions, contact Valeria Flores at 509-965-7117 or email <u>valeria.flores@yakimadiocese.org</u>

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults**—On Sunday, January 15, we will be celebrating the Rite of Acceptance at the 9:00 am Mass in English and the 7:00 pm Mass in Spanish. The Rite of Acceptance is an ancient rite that recognizes catechumens' decisions to continue in the process of becoming members of the Catholic Church through Baptism. Moreover, it welcomes candidates who have been validly baptized in another faith community or baptized Catholic as children, but not catechized in the Catholic faith. <u>I thank Danette Hester, Deacon Juan Garcia, Maria Rodriguez, Deacon Herman Farias and the RCIA formation team</u> who have been evangelizing by word and example the catechumens and candidates for full communion.

## Join us in a great New Year's resolution that will change your life – to read the entire Catechism in a year!

Saint Joseph Parish is excited to invite our parishioners and friends to join us in reading the entire <u>Catechism of the Catholic Church</u> together using *The Catechism in a Year* podcast with Fr. Mike Schmitz which began on January 1. You can easily catch up! We will:

Read the entire Catechism in 365 days

Understand the essentials of the Catholic Faith and why they

matter Transform our relationship with the Church that Christ

founded

Each of the daily episodes will be about 15-20 minutes long, making it easy to listen on your own, with your family, or with a small group. Don't miss out on this opportunity to understand what it means to be Catholic and allow truth to shape your life!



Saint Joseph Parish is here to support you on your *Catechism in a Year* journey!

Please click this link to learn more and join us on this journey through the Catechism: <u>www.ascensionpress.com/pages/ciy-registration-parish</u>