August 25, 2019 ~ Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pastoral Team
Rev. Jason U. Grisafi, Pastor
Rev. Ethel Anarado, Associate Pastor
Rev. David Atanasio, In Residence
Rev. Francis A. Samuel, O.I.C. Resident/Associate
Deacon Michael J. Leyden
Deacon John F. Sullivan
Deacon Julio Marillo
Deacon Stephen Yusko
Dr. Marie Drohan, Music Director
Mrs. Barbara McNulty, Pastoral Associate
Ms. Claire Moulé, Faith Formation
Ms. Anna Rose Regan, Business Manager
Mrs. Patricia Taggart, Nursery School
Mrs. Sigrid Villalobos A., Parish Social Ministry

We Celebrate the Eucharist
Sunday Mass Schedule
Saturday Vigil - 5:00pm Church
Sunday Church - 7:00am, 8:45am, 10:15am, 12:00pm, 5:00pm
Nolan Hall - 9:30am- Family Mass 11:30am (en Espanol)

Weekday Mass Schedule
Mon. to Fri. - 7:45am, 9:00am Church
Saturday - 9:00am Church

Our Parish Mission Statement
The Parish of St. Joseph is a Roman Catholic Community of Christ’s Disciples:
We Welcome. We Worship. We Witness.

We Celebrate the Sacraments

Baptism
Parents are requested to call the Parish Office at least two months before child’s birth to make arrangements. New Parents’ Instruction Class will be held on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 7:30pm to 8:30pm in Room 257. Baptism is celebrated every Sunday of the month at 1:45pm.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)
Anyone who wishes to join the Catholic Church should call the Parish Office.

Reconciliation (Confession)
Saturday 4:00 to 4:45pm in the Church or call the Parish Office for an appointment.

Matrimony
Couples are requested to call at least six months before the wedding for an appointment with a Priest or Deacon to set the date and make arrangements. No arrangements can be made by phone.

Anointing of the Sick
Fourth Saturday of the month at the 9:00am Mass or call the Parish Office.

We Assemble for Prayer
Rosary
Every Monday at 8:20am we pray the Patriotic Rosary.
Before the 9:00am Eucharist Tuesdays through Saturdays we pray the Rosary.

Miraculous Medal Novena
We pray this at the 7:45am & 9am Mass every Tuesday.

Men's Spirituality Group:
Witness and grow in Faith. Meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the Church.

Nocturnal Adoration
A Holy Hour with the Blessed Sacrament is offered on the First Friday of each month, from 9:00pm to 10:00pm in the Chapel.
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This week we will pause in our Summer reflection on the Creed, possibly picking it up next June. The reason is that I would like to get an early start on a new theme that will be with us throughout the next months. That theme is, generally, planning out the future of our parish. To state this in a slightly less general way: we will consider the call of each one of us to be faithful stewards of God's gifts and effective witnesses to His truth through evangelization and a missionary spirit.

Let's begin with a story of something that happened to me last week. A priest friend of mine came to visit the parish. He will return soon to his home country after spending time in the United States for seminary formation and priestly ministry. I was showing him around the church and he was so impressed with its beauty, which is no surprise; it's a beautiful church. Thinking about the new ministry he will be starting back in his home country, he reflected that in his diocese there are no church buildings that could match the beauty of our church. The people have very little in the way of capital goods. He himself had never owned a pair of shoes until he was 14, never slept on a mattress until he was 17, and many people must walk two hours to get to Mass on Sunday, and that's just in one direction! His parish has 43 mission churches and only three priests to cover them all. He wondered: after spending the initial years of his priesthood in parishes here on Long Island, where we have a wealth of resources, how will he be able to shepherd his people who have so little?

I brought him a few steps into the nave from the sanctuary, and pointed up to the dome. I said to him, "Have you seen this marvelous dome that we have? It is a particularly impressive part of this church. But can you see around the middle the white circle of plaster? That's where parts have fallen down. This church may be beautiful, but it will not last forever. That is why our ministry is not about building up structures, but building up the faith of our people, which is certainly present back home."

I share this event with you as a type of memento mori that can refocus our hearts and minds on central and eternal things. Yes, it is important to have a space for worship. Yes, the architecture and furnishings of that space can help, or hinder, faith during times of prayer. Yes, we have a duty to maintain the inheritance of our ancestors, including the property of the parish, so that it might produce an abundant harvest. But we must never forget the foundation of our parish, of our faith, so that all things can be put in proper perspective. "[Lord,] you are my rock and fortress," says Scripture (Ps. 71:3 among many other places). God is our foundation, and Christ is "the cornerstone" (Acts 4:11). Along and upon Him run the courses of stones of the Apostles (cf. Revelation 21:14), the prophets (Ephesians 2:20), and other holy men and women, as the Church is built up through the centuries. Our faith is built upon the faith of Jesus Christ, it stands strong when it rests upon the teachings of the apostles, and it is protected when it stands within the walls of the Church (not the building). There it can truly grow and be rooted in the one who is the source of all life. There it is nourished by the Sacraments and the other blessings which God bestows. When we build a physical building, it is to strengthen this mystical building. When we engage in particular activities, it is to serve the central activities of worship, salvation, and the evangelical, missionary proclamation of that salvation.

No matter what trials we face in history we do not deviate from this course, just as a building, once it has its foundation and first stories, cannot become other than what it was planned to be. As we reflect upon our parish (I speak here of the general area we're in, not just the property we own), and our personal activity in and around it, let us never lose sight of the central vision of who we are and what our mission is.

In Christ,
fr. Jason
The Sacraments of Life

Newly Baptized
Everly Thea Cerny, Noah Jacob Lopresti, Callie Joyce Mirra & Mikayla Ann Squiciarino.

For Our Deceased
Please pray for the families and souls of our deceased members including Rosaria Pellegrino.

Preparining for Marriage
Banns Posted

First Time ~
No Banns

Second Time ~
Douglas Lucania & Jillian Rothman

Third Time ~
Joseph Danisi & Jacqueline Frazier

For Our Sick
Please remember the sick of our Parish in your prayers:
Nancy Ruff, Anna Marcellus, Jeannette Levasseur, Attracta Roche, Charles Chertiza, Joseph Hovanec, Frank Peterson, Steve Peterson, Diana Peterson, Martin Kennedy, Judythe Picini, Annie Caputo, Michael Hayden, Terrence McGoldrick, John Pat Costello, Michael Marano, Michael Schauer, Raymond Diaz, Christian Lavoie, Patty Orzano, Maria Azicri, Monica Restrepo, Evelyn Scalise, Madison Millo, Christine Lynn, Lisamarie Hulsen, Edward Henry, Raymond Watt, Stephanie Diaz, Michelle Diaz, Aidan Peña, and Viola.

Altar Rose
In Memory of Sally Shutt

Mass Schedule & Readings For The Coming Week:

At this Mass, we remember

Monday, August 26
1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22
7:45 Jessica Deane
9:00 Lynn Whitney

Tuesday, August 27
1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-3, 4-6; Mt 23:23-26
7:45 Rosalie Manetta
9:00 Pat Wood

Wednesday, August 28
1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12b; Mt 23:27-32
7:45 Joseph Burderi
9:00 Rose Cerone

Thursday, August 29
1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17: Mk 6:17-29
7:45 Koshy Samuel & Deceased Members of the Samuel Family
9:00 Betty Genovese

Friday, August 30
1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25: 1-13
7:45 James K. Hildebrand
9:00 Charles W. Bezold

Saturday, August 31
1 Thes 4: 9-11; Ps 98: 1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30
9:00 Kathy Sherman

Weekend Celebrations (barring last minute changes)
4:00 Confessions Today Fr. Dave
5:00 Vincente A. Casim Fr. Erno Felicisma David-Quines Carol Kaletcher

Sunday, September 1 ~ Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sir:3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68: 4-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14: 1, 7-14
7:00 People of St. Joseph Fr. Francis
8:45 John J. Roche Fr. Jason
9:30 (NH) Walter McFadden Fr. Dave
10:15 Thomas C. Feeney Fr. Jason
11:30 (Español- NH) Fr. Jason
12:00 Francis J. O’Handley Fr. Dave
5:00 Joseph Thomas Demyen Fr. Dave

Eucharistic Minister Teams:
Weekend of August 24/25 - Team A
Weekend of August 31/ September 1 - Team B
Sacrificial Giving

Thank you for your generosity in returning to God and God’s work some of what God has given to you.

8/18/2019

Collection       $ 17,061.00
Last year        $ 18,327.00

God Bless You!

We continue to pray for the following military personnel and their families:

**U.S. Navy:**
- Lt.Cdr. Michael Catalano
- Lt. John T. Izzo
- Lt. Caroline Mayer
- Lt. Dylan Kelly
- MA2 William S. Martha
- PO1 Rasheen Tice
- PO2 Kristen Tice
- PO3 Matthew Waldron
- F3 Nicholas Ruf

**U.S.M.C.:**
- Capt. Matthew Witcofsky
- 1stLt Marc Anthony Parrino
- 1stLt R.J. Parrino
- Sgt. Lauren Colanturopo
- Cpl. Alyssa E. Grimaldi
- PFC Joshua J. Coughlin
- Malik Rodriguez
- Nelson Sanchez, Jr.

**U.S. Coast Guard:**
- Capt. Matthew W. Sibley
- CPO Benjamin Flad
- J.F.A. Madison Mulders

**U.S. Army:**
- LTC John Ballo
- LTC Jon J. Uebel
- Capt. Stephen Scuderi
- 1LT Mark Barbera
- 2LT Anthony C. DiBiasi
- LT Joseph A. Vanderveld, III
- SSG Joshah Insull
- SSG David C. Ray
- Sgt Edwin Zambrano
- SPC Elliot Chodkowski
- PFC Dominick Pitiito
- PV2 Danny Bornschein
- PV2 Alexandra Diaz
- Eric Stein

**U.S.A.F.:**
- MSGT John Hatzidakis
- SSGT Brandon Ward
- AB Christopher Signoretti
- AB Eric Benzing
- AB Vincent E. Berger

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**Office Hours/Parish Office**
(631) 669-0068
E-mail: secretary@stjosephsbabylon.org
Mon. to Friday 9:30am - 7:30pm
Sat. 9:30am to 4:00pm  Sun. 9:30am -1:30pm

**Cemetery Office**
(631)669-0068 Ext. 107
Monday to Thursday 9:00am to 12:30pm
Please call in advance for an appt. during these hours.

**Faith Formation Office**
(631)587-4717
Mon. to Fri. 9:00am to 4:00pm

**Hispanic Office**
(631)669-0068 x131
Friday 7:00 to 9:00pm and Saturday 9:00 am to 12:00 noon

**Outreach Office**
(631)669-4544
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday
9:30am to 1:30pm
Other times by appt. (631-669-4544)

**Food Pantry**
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday
9:30am to 1:30pm
Other times by appt. (631-669-0068 x 201)

**Thrift Shop**
(631)669-5574
Monday, Wednesday & Thursday
10:00am to 3:00pm
Nursery School - (631)661-4559
Youth Ministry - (631)669-0068 x 108
Parish Office Fax - (631)669-9175
WebSite: www.stjosephsbabylon.org

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**Mass for Hearing Impaired**

Hearing impaired parishioners may enjoy
Signed Mass at 12:30 PM each Sunday
at Our Lady of Lourdes Church,
455 Hunter Avenue, West Islip

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**HOTLINE NUMBERS**

Crisis Pregnancy Center           (631) 243-2373
Post-Abortion Counseling          1-888-456 HOPE
(Project Rachel)
National Human Trafficking          1-(888) 373-7888
Domestic Violence (Nassau County) Safe Housing (516) 542-0404 (24/7)
Domestic Violence (Suffolk County) Hotline & Shelter (631) 666-8833 (24/7)
Victims Information Bureau of Suffolk County (631) 360-3730
Office for Protecting Children/Young Adults-Dioceese of Rockville Centre (516) 594-9063
Suicide Prevention (Nassau County) (516) 679-1111
Suicide Prevention (Suffolk County) (631) 751-7500
Porn Addiction www.reclaimsexualhealth.com

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Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Deacon’s Corner

**GOD’S LOVE IS LIKE….**  
(HEBREWS 12:5-7, 11-13)

Is God’s love more like motherly love or fatherly love? Is God’s love unconditional or conditional? Is it more accepting or more demanding? In biblical language, is God a God of law or a God of grace? How does God love? This is a huge question isn’t it? If we knew the answer, how much easier life would be! Throughout the Bible the evidence is mixed. Even Jesus’ words sometimes reflect incredible compassion and other times seem full of hard demands. How does God love?

Maybe it is not an “either/or” situation. Is it not possible that God is characterized by both kinds of love? For instance, God is pictured in the Bible as the original law giver, which has never been God’s most popular role! But was it not God’s gift of laws to human beings essentially an act of love and grace? Any law that does not grow out of love is heartless and inhuman legalism. Good parents give children rules and restrictions, not to be cruel, but out of love and concern for their well-being. The law is God’s good gift to children who sometimes lack the maturity to live without laws.

Jesus referred to God in parental terms more than any other. Jesus called God “Father.” Sometimes Jesus used the word more formally, as in “Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.” Other times intensely intimate as in “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me.” This suggests that God is the perfect parent, the only, the complete parent. God is the true source of both motherly and fatherly love, even when it comes to us through other people. It is always God’s love we are receiving. And it is always love, even when, because we are still children, it seems like a reproach.

**LOVE ONE ANOTHER**

Deacon Mike

Reflections

**A SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY**

I have followed from afar the remarkable saga of Sister Rose Marie of the Queen of Angels who resides in the Monastery of the Poor Clares in Manassas, VA. Earlier reflections revealed before becoming Sister Rose Marie, she was Shelly Pennefather, in her prime, the highest paid women’s basketball player in the world. After earning $100,000 a year in the late 1980s in Japan and being offered a new contract at double the amount, Shelly decided her calling was to the Poor Clares, one of the strictest religious orders in the world. They sleep on straw mattresses, in full habit, and wake up every night at 12:30 a.m. to pray, never resting more than four hours at a time. They are barefoot 23 hours of the day, except for the one hour in which they walk around the courtyard in sandals.

Obviously, there are virtually no updates on Sister Rose. The order allows family to speak with her once a year through a screen, but, on the 25th and 50th anniversaries of taking final vows, she is allowed physical contact with her family for a few hours. Such was the case in June, when Sister Rose embraced her mother, perhaps for the final time, as well as other family members, some for the first time.

Over the years those who may have wondered why Shelly took such a leap of faith and gave up seemingly so much, now understand that she simply responded to the calling God had for her. Raised in a very religious family, Shelly knew each of us is called in a special way to be a source of God’s Grace.

Perhaps the words of J.M. Barrie may help us understand:

“The reason birds can fly and we can’t is simply because they have perfect faith, for to have faith is to have wings.”
**Save the Date!**

*The 59th Chrysanthemum Ball*

_is being held on_

_Friday, October 18, 2019_

_at the_

Chateau La Mer, Lindenhurst.

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**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**Coordinators**
Josephine: (631) 940-7280
Cell: (631) 214-9736
Claudia: 516) 203-5221

**Hours of Adoration**

- **Monday 7 AM - 9 PM**
- **Tuesday 8 AM - 9 PM**

**Thursday 8 AM through Friday Midnight**

We have Holy Hour every Wednesday at 5pm & Friday 3pm in the Divine Mercy Chapel. All are welcome to join us for a beautiful hour of sung prayer of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, The Holy Rosary, Stations of the Cross & other prayers and devotions.

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**St. Joseph’s Parish Catholic Ministries Appeal 2019 as of August 20, 2019**

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Make checks payable to: *Catholic Ministries Appeal*

Pledge: $________________________
Down payment: $___________________

Parish  
St. Joseph Parish, Babylon, NY

Name __________________________________________
Address _______________________________________
City, State, Zip: __________________________________
Phone: ____________________________
Signature: ____________________________ Date: ___________
The Faith Formation Office will be closed for the summer and will reopen on Monday, August 26th @ 9am. The office will be open periodically for limited hours.

There is a cart outside the Faith Formation Office with new registration and re-registration forms for those who still need to register and for any correspondence you may need to leave. Claire will be in at least once a week to return any messages and to update registrations. You may either leave a note on the pad in the hallway or leave a message on the FF answering machine.

**New Family Registration** – Please bring the original baptismal certificate for each child you plan to register, even if your child was baptized here at St. Joseph. The annual registration fee is $150 for one child, $215 for two children and $270 for three or more. All families need to be registered in the parish before coming to register in the Faith Formation Program.

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**Attention Ladies & Gentlemen**

Are you able to give approximately 1 hour per week to share your faith with a child who needs one on one tutoring in Faith Formation?

**Tuesdays 5 – 6:15 pm in the O’Connell Room**

Training, curriculum and supplies are provided for you and begins in September.

**Teens can earn community service hours** as well as this being a great internship for High School and College students interested in future teaching or medical careers.

**Contact Faith Formation Office 631-587-4717 or Sharon Saragnese 631-321-8986**

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The Contemporary Music Group is seeking a keyboard/piano player with strong accompaniment skills. Knowledge of contemporary Christian popular music is necessary for the Sunday Noon Liturgy with rehearsals each Wednesday evening from 7 pm to 9 pm.

Please contact Deacon Steve through the Parish Office at (631) 669-0068 OR via email Deacon.Steve.Yusko@gmail.com.

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**Did You Know…**

In 2007, St. Joseph’s Parish established the Angels and Saints Choir (serving the 9:30 am Mass in Nolan Hall, mid-September to mid-June). We’ve been so very blessed to see many of our young people serve our Faith community in song over these many years.

Young people (Grades 1-12) are most welcome to join us at the start of our Music Season at the 9:30 am Mass in the Nolan Hall on September 15. Make new friends! Enjoy some laughter! Watch the bulletin for upcoming news.

**Contact Ann Marie at (631) 277-0523 or email at amp7amp@aol.com.**

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Please see our website for current information on Parish activities at www.stjosephsbabylon.org
CATEQUESIS 2019 / 2020

Para la catequesis de Primera Comunión, los niños y niñas pueden inscribirse a partir del 1er grado.
Para mayor información llamar al teléfono (631) 587-4717 oficina de Faith Formation.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas - Court Bishop McDonnell #1403

We welcome all our Catholic sisters to add their names to the roster of the largest Catholic women’s organization in the world through Court Bishop McDonnell #1403

Tell a friend!

Our next meeting is Thursday, September 12 at 7:00 pm in the O’Connell Room.

Come and visit and mingle with our members and learn how we work in UNITY and CHARITY to help others less fortunate.

For more information, contact Terry Hoffmann at (631) 669-0198

Saint Joseph the Carpenter # 14771
Membership organization of Saint Joseph Parish

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to men 18 years of age and older.

Did You Know?

· In 2018, the Knights of Columbus charitable donations were more than $189 million.
· The Knights of Columbus provided over 76.7 million hours of charitable service in 2018.
· The Knights of Columbus provides scholarships and grants to children of its members who attend Catholic high schools, colleges and universities.
· Scholarships and Grant applications are available NOW.

Meetings are normally held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 8 pm in the O’Connell Room.

For information contact Larry Dell’Erba at (631) 539-8565

stjosephs Babylon.org/knights-of-columbus

Junior Catholic Daughters of the Americas

The members of the Junior Catholic Daughters wish everyone a happy rest of summer. We have been enjoying our time planning for the fall while having fun. We look forward to welcoming new members to our first meeting of the year on Tuesday, September 17 in Room 257.

Doors open at 7:15 pm and the meeting will begin at 7:30 pm. All girls ages 10 and older are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Laura at 631-704-0035.
We are truly blessed!

Thank you for the generous contributions of gift cards for school supplies. We were able to help about 128 children and their families start off the school year on a positive note.

We would like to send a special thank you to the Knights of Columbus, Catholic Daughters and the Pilot Club for their annual financial contributions and also school supplies, gift cards and for the winter coats. We thank Saint Vincent de Paul members for their unconditional support. Our special thanks to all those who responded to sponsor a child for the back to school program, and in the very special way to our Parish Social Ministry’s volunteers for their unwavering cooperation, love and dedication. Thanks to all of you, many children will have a happy and fresh start this year.

*Thank you and May God fill your home with blessings and happiness.*

**Parish Outreach news:**

Maureen & Tom Long made a donation to Outreach in the lovely memory of: **Ann Mc Ardle**

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**Saint Vincent de Paul Society**

In addition to monthly food cards, the St. Vincent de Paul Society is assisting families with Back to School supplies for this Fall. This expense to a family in need can be quite overwhelming! We will be providing some of these things in conjunction with Outreach, so that the school aged children will be prepared for a new school year. We could not do this without the help of our generous parishioners. God Bless you all. Enjoy the summer season with all God’s gifts that it brings!

The next meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is **Tuesday, September 3, 2019 at 9:45am in Room 256 of the Parish Center.** All are invited to attend.

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"This Fall, couples who have been married fifty years will be honored at a Mass on **Sunday, November 3, 2019 at Maria Regina Roman Catholic Church in Seaford.** Mass will begin at 2:00 pm, Bishop Andrzej Zglejszewski will preside. Registration forms and complete instructions can be obtained at the Parish Office. Space is limited, registration will be accepted on a first come first served basis. The forms can also be found on DRVC website [www.drvc-faith.org](http://www.drvc-faith.org).

If you have any questions you may call 516-678-5800, extension 223.

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**Our Food Pantry is most in need of these items:**

- Apple Juice
- Coffee
- Cereal
- Mayonnaise
- Jelly
- Ketchup
- Mustard
- Pasta Sauce
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Large Toothpaste
- Large Shampoo
- Large Soap/ Body Wash
- Gift Cards from supermarkets are in demand and would be greatly appreciated.
Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo,

Esta semana, paramos nuestra reflexión sobre el Credo; posiblemente continuaremos el próximo Junio. Es porque quiero empezar un nuevo tema que estará con nosotros por unas meses. Este tema es, a decir generalmente, planear para el futuro de nuestra parroquia. En una manera un poco menos general: vamos a pensar en la llamada de cada uno para ser servidores fieles de los dones de Dios y testigos efectivos para proclamar la verdad a través de evangelización y una alma misionera.

Empezamos con un cuento de algo que sucedió la semana pasada. Un amigo sacerdote mío vino a la parroquia. Él va a regresar a su país pronto después de doce años aquí en formación y servicio sacerdotal. Yo le mostré nuestro templo principal y le gustó mucho la belleza de ese edificio. Pensando en su nuevo ministerio que va a comenzar en su país, él reflexionó diciendo que no hay nada iglesia en su diócesis tan maravilloso como nuestra. Allí, las personas no tienen mucho. Él mismo no había tenido zapatos hasta tenía 14 años, no había dormido en una cama hasta tenía 17 años, y los que viven en su aldea tienen que caminar por dos horas para asistir a la misa los domingos, y está es solo el tiempo para ir! Su parroquia tiene 43 capillas y solo tres sacerdotes para servir. Él se preguntó: ¿Después de tantos años sirviendo aquí donde tenemos mucho, como puede guiar a su pueblo que tiene tan poco?

Yo señala a él a seguirme un pocos pasos del santuario entre la nave y indicé a la cúpula. Yo le dije, "¿Has visto nuestra cúpula grande? Es un parte de la iglesia que es muy especial. Pero, ¿puedes ver alrededor del centro un círculo de enlucido blanco? Allí, el techo se ha caído. Sí, esta iglesia es linda, pero no va a permanecer por siempre. Por lo tanto, nuestro ministerio no es para construir edificios, pero edificar la fe de nuestro pueblo. Su gente tiene esta fe."

Yo les comparto este cuento como un *memento mori* que puede enfocar nuestros corazones y nuestras mentes en las cosas que son centrales y eternas. Sí, es importante para tener un espacio para alabar. Sí, la arquitectura y los muebles pueden apoyar o dificultar la fe en tiempos de oración. Sí, tenemos un deber a mantener la herencia de nuestros antepasados, que incluye la propiedad de la parroquia, para que pueda producir una cosecha abundante. Sin embargo, nunca debemos olvidar la fundación de nuestra parroquia, de nuestra fe, para que siempre tengamos una justa perspectiva. "[Tú, Señor] eres mi Roca y mi fortaleza," dicen las escrituras (Salmo 71:3 y otros lugares). Dios es nuestra fundación y Cristo es "la piedra angular" (Hechos 4:11). Encima de Él están las hiladas de piedras de los Apóstoles (cf. Apoc. 21:14), los profetas (Efesios 2:20), y otros hombres y mujeres santos. Por estos, la Iglesia está edificada por los siglos. Nuestra fe está construida encima de la fe de Jesucristo, está fuerte cuando esté sobre las enseñanzas de los apóstoles, y está protegida cuando esté entre los muros de la Iglesia (no digo del edificio). Aquí puede crecer y se arraiga en Él que es la fuente de la vida. Aquí está alimentada por los Sacramentos y las otras bendiciones de Dios. Cuando construyamos un edificio físico, es para fortalecer este edificio místico. Cuando hagamos nuestras actividades parroquiales, es para servir las actividades centrales: adoración, salvación, y la proclamación misionera del evangelio.

No importa lo que suceda en la historia si seguimos el camino de Jesús. En las meses que vienen, cuando pensamos en nuestra parroquia (aqui, hablo del área general, no solo nuestra propiedad), y nuestras actividades aquí, no perdamos la visión central de nuestra identidad y nuestra misión.

En Cristo,

p. Jason

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**BAUTISMO:** Tercer domingo de cada mes. *Clase:* Segundo domingo de cada mes. Venir a la oficina del Ministerio Hispano con dos meses de anticipación o llame @ (631) 669-0068, Ext. 131. Traer el certificado de nacimiento original del niño.

**RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS:** *RICA*; Les invitamos a una preparación espiritual de conversión a la fe católica. Llame al (631) 669-0068, ext. 131.

**MATRIMONIO:** Las parejas que desean casarse, deben inscribirse con seis meses de anticipación. Llamar al Padre Joe Arévalo al (631) 669-0068 ext. 104.

**RECONCILIACIÓN:** Sábado a las 4:00pm - 4:45pm, o llamar para una cita, al Tel. # 669-0068 ext. 104.

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**CURSILLO DE CRISTIANDAD:** Los invita a vivir un fin de semana con Cristo. Tenemos Últreya todos los domingos a las 12:30pm. en el Salón # 256. Mas información contáctese con el Sub-Vocal de Piedad Geremías Herrera @ gherreras29@gmail.com.

**MADRES ORANDO POR SUS HIJOS:** Todos los Miercoles de 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM. Para informacion, contactese con Ana Ramos at (631) 617-2129.

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**RENOVACIÓN CARISMATICA:** Les invitamos a experimentar el amor de Dios de una manera diferente al escuchar un mensaje de buenas noticias y esperanza para su vida y la de su familia. Todos los viernes @ 7:15 p.m. Para mas información contáctese con Jamie Duque al (631) 805-2654.

**COMUNIDAD DE MARIA:** Siguientes los mensajes de María Reina de la Paz - Lunes de 8:00pm-9:00pm. Comunicarse con Adriana Mascari. Room 259.

**COMITE:** El primer sábado de cada mes a las 10:00am en el salón # 256. Para la agenda, contáctese con Ana Ramos @ rosesformarybyana@live.com.

**ROSARIO:** Domingos a las 11:00am en la Capilla.

**HERMANAS UNIDAS:** Todos los segundos domingo de cada mes, en el salón # 256, después de la misa.

**EL APOSTOLADO DE LA CRUZ:** Todos los jueves de 7:00 - 9:00pm en el Salón # 256. Comunicarse con Adriana Mascari o Luz Marina López.

**INTENCIONES PARA UNA MISA:** Ver a Claudia Rodas después de la misa. Viernes de 7:00 PM.

**HORA SANTA:** Cuarto domingo del mes. 12:30pm

**MONAGUILLOS O ACOLITOS:** Contáctese con Claudia Rodas. Los niños deben haber recibido la Primera Comunión.
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