

Last Sunday we celebrated the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity. Appropriate to the Feast Day, we had beautiful sacramental celebrations: **Baptisms** at the 5 p.m., and 9:30 a.m. Masses and First Communion at our noon Mass. The picture below shows one of the baptisms – Pieter Caruso with his parents, Vince and Anna, along with grandparents, Chris and Jan Kloeck and Laura (aunt & godmother). Congratulations and prayers also go to the parents, godparents and family members of Daisi Sarai Luna, Miguel Adrian Limón and Margaret Vilchis.

The **First Communion** picture shows some of the beautiful children who received the Eucharist at the noon Mass. If anyone has a picture that encompasses the entire group, I would appreciate it for our parish archives. Meanwhile, we pray for these children, their parents and all who support them in their faith journey.

Last week one of our faithful parishioners completed her life journey. On Tuesday, June 1, **Audrey Federico** died. Her funeral will take place on Monday, June 7, at 11 a.m. **Fr. Joseph Petosa** (who was pastor here in the late sixties) will celebrate the Mass of Christian Burial for Audrey. All parishioners are cordially invited to attend and to support the Federico family.

On Monday morning I will be on a plane headed for Rome. I of course will pray for Audrey's eternal rest and for her family. **I will take your intentions with me as I go to Rome for the conclusion of this Year for Priests.** I appreciate all who wrote names of priests you especially want me to remember. I will take those intentions with me, especially as I visit the Tomb of St. Peter and the other sacred places in Rome.

One priest for whom I am particularly praying is **Fr. Ken Haydock**, pastor of Holy Rosary in Edmonds. Fr. Haydock will be undergoing a rather serious operation on Monday morning. I was present with Archbishop Brunett, Bishops Elizondo and Tyson and some other priests on Wednesday evening for the Anointing of the Sick for Fr. Haydock. As you can imagine, we all felt a deep emotion as we prayed for the healing of a brother priest. I also ask you to join in prayers for Fr. Haydock.

I have made my own list of priests whom I particularly want to remember. I began by listing my predecessors here at St. Mary of the Valley, and then wrote down names of my classmates and priests whom I have worked with in the Archdiocese of Seattle and in Peru. The list is hardly complete, and I will be adding names while on the plane and when I get to Rome.

I appreciate your prayers for me and other priests. Many of you took the Vocation Cross and Prayer for Priests to your home. Even though the Year for Priests officially concludes on June 19, I know that many will continue to say that prayer.

We need to pray particularly for our young priests, for our seminarians and for young men whom God is calling to the priesthood. To them I extend an invitation to **Quo Vadis Days** (June 27 to 30). I have brochures for young men, aged 13-18, who have an interest in attending. All costs for Quo Vadis Days are covered by generous donors, including Serra Club and Knights of Columbus. St. Mary of the Valley parishioner Aaron Howard has attended past Quo Vadis Days and can give more information.

Speaking of young people, I am delighted that so many have expressed interest in attending **World Youth Day** (August 2011 in Madrid). On June 17 at 7 p.m. (room 7) we will have a meeting to discuss preparations, including fundraising.

Next weekend **Fr. Ramiro Casale, O.C.D.**, Director of the Carmelite Institute of Spirituality in Stanwood, will be here for Confessions and Masses. I know you will give Fr. Ramiro a warm welcome. I will be returning from Rome late Sunday evening and will spend Monday on Camano, returning here on Monday evening. Again, my prayers with all of you, and I ask your prayers for me and the other priests who are making this pilgrimage.



