



+ April 6-7, 2024

*To the Parishioners of
Sacred Heart Parish, Battle Ground
St. John the Evangelist Parish, Vancouver
St. Joseph the Worker Mission, Yacolt
St. Mary of Guadalupe Mission, Ridgefield
St. Philip Parish, Woodland*

Dear Friends,

I am happy to greet all of you in the name of the Risen Lord Jesus!

As archbishop, I have the important responsibility and honor of providing you with ongoing pastoral care and sacramental ministry in your parish community.

Today, I write to inform you that your parish will be entering a time of transition in pastoral leadership beginning July 1, 2024. I am pleased to announce that, after consultation with the Priest Personnel Board, I have appointed Father Temo Ramírez Briseño as your new pastor and Father Nick Kayongo and Father Vu Tran as your parochial vicars. As many of you know, Father Temo is currently the priest administrator of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Vancouver and Father Nick Kayongo is the priest administrator for Sacred Heart Parish in Battle Ground and St. Joseph the Worker Mission in Yacolt. Father Vu Tran is currently the pastor of St. John Mary Vianney Parish in Kirkland.

This is a wonderful group of men who will diligently and faithfully serve you and your parish family. Be assured that they will receive all the necessary support and assistance from the Archdiocese of Seattle to ensure quality pastoral care for your parish family.

At the same time, I want to personally thank Father Arulanandu David for his wonderful service and leadership these last three years as the priest administrator in Woodland, Ridgefield and Kalama. I ask you to please keep him in your prayers as he moves forward in responding to God's call in his new assignment as parochial vicar of Holy Innocents Parish in Duvall, St. Anthony of Padua in Carnation and St. Jude Parish in Redmond.

Times of transition can be challenging, especially as we prepare to say goodbye to a familiar presence and welcome new pastoral leaders. However, if embraced in an open and positive way, this can be a time of blessing for the entire parish and the Catholic Church of Western Washington. I am confident that will be the case as you welcome Father Temo, Father Nick and Father Vu to your parish family. As always, I remain,

In The Heart of Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Paul D. Etienne'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a blue ink color.

Most Rev. Paul D. Etienne, DD, STL
Archbishop of Seattle