



+ April 6-7, 2024

*To the Parishioners of
Queen of Angels Parish, Port Angeles
St. Anne Parish, Forks
St. Joseph Parish, Sequim
St. Mary, Star of the Sea Parish, Port Townsend
St. Thomas the Apostle Mission, Clallam Bay*

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 Jacob Maurer as your new pastor and Father Naresh Gali and Father Ed White as your parochial vicars. Presently, Father Maurer is the pastor of St. Mark Parish in Shoreline. Father Gali is currently the parochial vicar for the Parishes of Clallam Catholic. Father Ed White is currently the pastor of St. Stephen the Martyr Parish in Renton.

These men are wonderful priests 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 Randy Guarino and Father Peter Adoko-Enchill for their wonderful service and leadership. I ask you to please keep them in your prayers as they move forward in responding to God's call. Father Guarino will return to the Archdiocese of Capiz in the Philippines as his religious worker visa expires this June. Father Adoko-Enchill will be the parochial vicar for St. Brendan Parish in Bothell and St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish in Woodinville.

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 Maurer, Father Gali and Father White to your parish family. As always, I remain,

In The Heart of Christ,



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