

Hello Mary, Queen of Heaven family! ☺

Praised be Jesus Christ!

I have some great news to share - our parishioner Deacon Joe Rielage will be ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Foys on January 29<sup>th</sup> at our Cathedral! ☺

Joe is in his last year of studies at St. Vincent Seminary. He was scheduled to be ordained in late May or early June, but because of various issues due to Covid-19, Bishop Foys has decided to ordain Joe early - what a glorious day for our Parish and Diocese! After his ordination, Joe will return to seminary to complete his studies and he'll return to our Diocese after his graduation in May.

Because of Covid, Joe's ordination at the Cathedral will be by invitation only, but the Ordination Mass will be live-streamed on the Cathedral website. The Mass begins at 6pm.

As a seminarian, Joe has been assigned to St. Henry Parish the last couple years. He will be celebrating his First Mass as a priest at St. Henry on January 30 at 6pm. That Mass is open to the public and no reservations are required - the Mass will also be live-streamed on St. Henry's Parish website.

When Joe returns to our Diocese after graduation, he's greatly looking forward to celebrating a Mass of Thanksgiving here at Mary, Queen of Heaven - his home Parish!! ☺ I'll keep you posted as to when that will happen.

Please keep Joe in your prayers as he prepares to be ordained to the sacred priesthood of Jesus Christ and as he completes his studies at seminary.

God bless & stay safe!! ☺

Fr. Kevin