

Week Behind/ Week Ahead

To the Parishioners of Saint Joseph Parish in Kennewick

From V. Rev. Felipe Pulido

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Week Behind

Saint Joseph Catholic School-- From Monday, February 22, to Saturday, February 27, our Catholic school had its 25th Annual Art and Wine fundraiser event titled TOGETHER *We Rise*. Even though this year's event was held virtually, our community rose to the occasion. Thanks to Saint Joseph School parents and the school commission for organizing the on-line auction. Moreover, thanks to our parishioners who continue to support our students and our school.

Bible Study during Lent—On Wednesday, February 24, we started our Bible study titled *Repent and Believe in the Gospel*. We had over 30 people in Dillon Hall and some people joined us during the livestream. I am so grateful for Father Riccardo who is the main presenter of the Bible study. Father Cesar and I will be giving some presentations as well. Thanks to all the volunteers who are helping us with logistics and livestreaming. Special thanks to Nancy Trinidad, Deacon Herman Farias, and Ken Marsh. If you did not register but you still want to come in person or join us on-line, you are always welcome. Just bring a Bible, a notebook, a pen, and the desire to learn about our liturgy and the Bible.

Annual Catholic Appeal 2021—Our parish goal for the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal is \$147,114.00. Thanks to all parishioners who have already made pledges. The amount pledged so far this year is \$122,857.00 and the amount collected so far is \$69,527.36. Presently, the number of ACA donors is 325 individuals and families. We need *everyone's* participation. Remember, no contribution is too small. Thanks to your generosity last year, we met our goal. Please be generous this year as well. Your giving makes a difference!

Knights of Columbus— On Friday, February 19, members of the Knights of Columbus had their first Fish Fry fundraiser event this year. Due to COVID 19 restrictions, people are not allowed to dine in Dillon Hall. Many people came to pick up their delicious meals via the Knights' drive-through system. The Knights appreciate your support. The next Fish Fry is going to be Friday, March 5. A member of the Knights will be selling tickets after Masses on Sundays.

Saint Joseph Montessori Preschool and Children's Center— On Tuesday, February 23, and Saturday, February 27, our Preschool and Children's Center staff hosted open houses. New families interested in enrolling children for the 2021-2022 school year toured the facilities. Thank you, Trisha Osborn, for your dedication and hard work, especially in introducing new families to our school's opportunities for their children. The next open house will be Tuesday, March 23, from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. If you have a child ready for preschool or childcare, please make an appointment on <https://sinup.com/go/NASCQWD> or by visiting the Saint Joseph School website-www.sjske.org

Week Ahead

Parish Council- On Wednesday, March 3, the Parish Council will meet. The Parish Council is an advisory board. Members assist the pastor in decision-making regarding the parish's vision and mission. We will be formulating a 5-year plan for the parish and the school beginning this summer. One of the key responsibilities of the Parish Council is consultation. *Consultation* is understood here in the best sense of the word: *the pastor will take to heart and prayerfully consider the suggestions and recommendations of the Council.* The Council will look to the good of the Church in its advice to the pastor. Thank you to all the Parish Council members for sharing their time and talents.

Devotions during Lent-- To help you grow closer to the Lord during the Lenten season, I propose the following devotions:

1. Attend daily Masses on Monday through Friday, 6:30 am and 8:30 am, and Saturday at 8:30 am in the Small Church.
2. Pray the Liturgy of the Hours Monday through Friday, 6:00 am, in the Small Church.
3. Visit the Small Church which is open every day from 6:00 am to 5:00 pm for prayer.
4. Adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, exposed on the altar on Thursdays from 9:00 am to 6:30 pm in the Small Church.
5. Come to the Sacrament of Penance on Thursdays from 5:00 pm to 6:15 pm in the Small Church and Saturdays from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm in the Big Church.
6. Pray the Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 5:30 pm in English and 6:30 pm in Spanish.