

Week Behind/ Week Ahead

To the Parishioners of Saint Joseph Parish in Kennewick

From V. Rev. Felipe Pulido

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Week Behind

Parish Professional Day – On Saturday, March 20, our youth ministers and religious education coordinators attended a Zoom meeting with Dr. Fernando Ortiz. Doctor Ortiz is currently the Director of Counseling Services at Gonzaga University. His presentation featured timely topics: How can we better serve youth with the challenge of addictive behaviors? What is going on with the adults, especially the parents? How can the parish be a link to professional help? Thanks to all the youth ministers and religious education coordinators who attended this meeting. Special thanks to the many volunteers in our parish who dedicate their time and talent to help our youth draw closer to Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Parish Yard Sale – On Thursday, March 18, a group met for the first yard sale planning meeting. We tentatively have a date – Friday, April 30, and Saturday, May 1— to bring back our annual spring Yard Sale. This is a great fundraiser that promotes community within our parish. All the guidelines and protocols given by the Benton Health Department and Diocese will be followed. I hope you can participate. Thank you to all the people who have been donated items throughout the year.

Generous Parishioners – As a pastor, I am very humbled by the generosity of our parishioners. Last week we received a donation to upgrade our livestream equipment and to buy two new chasubles to be used by our priests in the Big Church. In addition, someone donated a new cover for the Book of the Gospels. The Lord has blessed Saint Joseph Parish with the support of many generous men and women.

Bishop Joseph Tyson – On Friday, March 19, our parish community celebrated its patronal feast, the Feast of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, in the year of Saint Joseph. Bishop Tyson presided at the 5:30 pm and the 7:00 pm Masses. We are grateful that Bishop Tyson joined us on such a special occasion. We give special thanks for Saint Joseph for his protection of our parish and diocese, and we ask for his continued guidance as we follow Jesus as His faithful disciples.

Youth Orchestra — On Sunday, March 21, at the 11:00 am Mass a group of students from Saint Joseph School performed during our Sunday liturgy. Thanks to Giovanni, our music director, for initiating this opportunity for our students. The school students had been practicing for almost 5 weeks, and they were very excited to finally play at Mass. My hope is that this Sunday Mass will regularly be served by students from Saint Joseph School providing music, lectors, ushers and altar servers.

Week ahead

Annual Chrism Mass — On Tuesday, March 23, at 7:00 pm, Bishop Joseph Tyson will be joined by the priests of the diocese at Saint Paul Cathedral in Yakima to celebrate the annual Chrism Mass. During this time in Lent, the Church calls us to reflect upon one of Christ's great mysteries: the nature of the priesthood. The Chrism Mass held at the Cathedral has a special place in the hearts of priests for it is there that we renew the promises we made at our ordinations. This year, please pray for our priests who serve at Saint Joseph and in the Tri-Cities, that we may respond courageously to the call God has given us.

Bible Study – Join us for the last two classes of the Bible Study *Repent and Believe in the Gospel* on Wednesday, March 24, and Wednesday, March 31, at 9:15 am in Dillon Hall. We are grateful to Fathers Riccardo Keolker and Cesar Izquierdo for their dedication and hard work in preparing for the class. I encourage the community to take advantage of this opportunity either in person or on-line.

Have a great week!