

## **Week Behind/ Week Ahead**

From V. Rev. Felipe Pulido

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### **Week Behind**

**Bookkeeper** — On March 11 we began receiving applications for the open position of parish bookkeeper. Since it takes time to complete the interview and selection process, Carrie Peterson, a bookkeeper from our diocese, is doing our books. Carrie did the books for one of my previous parishes, and I know she is an excellent bookkeeper. I am sure she will help us assure a smooth transition. Carrie began work here on Tuesday, March 23, and she will be coming two times a week. I am very grateful to Belen Rosas, our former bookkeeper, and I am looking forward to hiring our new bookkeeper.

**New Re-opening Guidance Allows 50% Occupancy** — On Monday, March 22, all counties in Washington State moved to Phase 3 of the re-opening plan until at least April 12. On Wednesday, March 24, Washington State released new guidance for Religious and Faith-Based Organizations that will allow up to 50% occupancy for Mass and other religious gatherings including weddings and funerals. While masks are required and six feet of space must be maintained between groups, groups of up to 15 are allowed and there is no requirement that members of groups be from the same households. This could allow significantly more people to attend Mass. Here are some of the key points: “Hold indoor services at a place of worship with up to 50% of room (or building) capacity with a recommended maximum of 400 people, if the space is less than 100,000 square feet, and 600 people, if the space is more than 100,000 square feet, so long as six feet of physical distancing can be achieved between each group in all directions. A group may include a maximum of 15 individuals. It is recommended, but not required, that each group consist of individuals from no more than two households. Face coverings are required for all participants.”

**Catholic Charities** – We received a note from Catholic Charities thanking you for supporting its mission with your generous donation to the 2020 Christmas collection. Our parish donated a total of \$7,451 to help Catholic Charities strengthen families, embrace people in need, and empower them to thrive. During the pandemic, Catholic Charities has reached out to so many people who are struggling because of the effects of COVID 19. Thanks to all of you for responding to Christ’s call to serve one another by supporting the work of Catholic Charities.

**Boys Scouts** -- On Saturday, March 27, Julian Mercado a parish Boy Scouts presented twelve crosses to the parish. The crosses will be displayed on the lawn next to the PAC during Holy Week to remind us of our Lord’s Passion and Death as we await His Resurrection with great anticipation. My thanks to Peter Wilhelm for his leadership and good work with our Boy Scouts and to Deacon Bill for his involvement and spiritual guidance to the Scouts.

### **Week Ahead**

**Saint Joseph School** -- On Tuesday, March 30, our Catholic school will have an open house for grades K-8. Please schedule your open house time by calling the School Office at 509-586-0481. Saint Joseph Catholic School is a great place for learning: students flourish and prepare for great futures and parents know that their students are respected and treated as children of God. The mission of our school is to educate the whole child— mind, body and spirit. Thank you, Principal Perry Kelly, and all the teachers who give their time, talents and treasure to educate our SJS students.

**Bible Study** -- The final Lenten Bible study class in the *Repent and Believe in the Gospel* series will be Wednesday, March 31. We have had good participation both on-line and in person. Thank you, Father Riccardo Keolker and Father Cesar Izquierdo, and all the volunteers who have set up and cleaned up Dillon Hall. Special thanks to Ethan Pfeifer and Nancy Trinidad for the technology support.

### **Holy Week Liturgy Schedule**

#### **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord:**

March 27: 5:30 pm Mass in English and 7:00 pm Mass in Spanish

March 28: 9:00 am, 11:00am, and 5:30 pm Masses in English and 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm Masses in Spanish

#### **Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper**

April 1: **NO** 6:30 am & 8:30 am Masses

5:30 pm Mass in English

7:00 pm Mass in Spanish

#### **Friday of the Lord's Passion and Death**

April 2: **NO** 6:30 am & 8:30 am Masses

3:00 pm Divine Mercy (BC)

3:00 pm Divina Misericordia (SC)

3:45 pm Stations of the Cross (BC)

3:45 pm Via Crucis (SC)

5:30 pm Lord's Passion and Veneration of the Cross (English)

7:00 pm Pasión del Señor y Veneración de la Cruz (Spanish)

#### **Easter Vigil in the Holy Night**

April 3: **NO** 8:30 am Mass

No Confessions

1:00 pm Blessing of Easter Baskets

8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass in English and 11:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass in Spanish

#### **Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection**

April 4: 9:00 am, 11:00 am, and 5:30 pm Masses in English and 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm Masses in Spanish

All liturgies in the Big Church.

SC = Small Church; BC = Big Church

A blessed Holy Week and Easter from the priests, deacons, and staff of Saint Joseph Parish!