

## **Week Behind/ Week Ahead**

To the Parishioners of Saint Joseph Parish

From V. Rev. Felipe Pulido

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### **Week Behind**

**Saint Joseph School** — Last week the Tri-City Herald made a short video about our Catholic school. In the video a member of the Student Council, Fionnoula St. Hilaire, mentioned that collecting non-perishable food items for people in need in our community is something each class does during Lent. After the food items were blessed, the students and our principal, Perry Kelly, filled two pickup trucks. The donations were then taken to Sozo Food Bank in downtown Kennewick. I thank our school teachers for promoting solidarity with the less fortunate in our community, especially during this pandemic.

**Saint Joseph Parish First Communions** — On Saturday, April 24, we celebrated First Communions. The Rite of Baptism says that parents are the primary educators of their children. In our parish I have seen the parents teaching their children the Catholic faith by being present during the classes, by bringing their children to Mass on Sundays, and by teaching them the basic prayers of our Catholic faith. Great job, parents! Keep up the good work. Next Saturday we will celebrate a second Mass for First Communions.

**The Catholic Home Missions** — On Saturday, April 24, and Sunday, April 25, the Catholic Home Mission appeal will be taken up in our parish. Four out of ten dioceses in our country and its territories are considered home mission territories. This appeal helps our brothers and sisters here in the United States who do not have access to basic pastoral services such as Mass, the sacraments, and religious education. Through your support, the Catholic Home Missions Appeal helps mission dioceses form vibrant faith communities and strengthens the Church at home. Please be generous.

### **Week Ahead**

**Parish Staff** — On Tuesday, April 27, Jeffrey Odell Korgen, M.A., M.S.W., president of Korgen Associates, L.L.C., will be offering some feedback to our parish staff and some key volunteers who have been part the *Servant Leadership* program. I am grateful for the participation of our staff and volunteers in this important program that will help us become better leaders in our parish community, following the model of our Lord Jesus Who came not to be served, but to serve.

**The Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker** — On Saturday, May 1, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, Bishop Joseph Tyson will be presenting a virtual catechesis on Saint Joseph. Last year Pope Francis released an apostolic letter about Saint Joseph and declared a Year of Saint Joseph from December 8, 2020, to December 8, 2021. In the apostolic letter *Patris Corde (With a Father's Heart)* Pope Francis recalled the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of Saint Joseph as the universal patron of the Church. The Bishop invites catechists, teachers, and lay leaders of our parish to join the presentation virtually.

**Zoom Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89703290674>

**Meeting ID:** 897 0329 0674

**Yard Sale** — On Thursday, April 29, Friday, April 30, and Saturday, May 1, we will have a big yard sale in our parish. This wonderful fundraiser benefits both our Catholic school and the parish. I want to thank the Women of Saint Joseph who have worked tirelessly putting this event together. I also want to acknowledge the many volunteers who have come in the last two weeks to organize the donated items. Come and see! And invite someone to come with you.

**Eucharistic Adoration** — Thursday, April 29, 2021, will be the last Eucharistic Adoration in the Small Church following the 8:30 am Mass. On Saturday, May 1, the Adoration Chapel will once again be open to individual scheduled adorers. Thanks to Carol LeCompte who organized the adorers on Thursdays and made sure every hour was covered during the day. It is she who has been very instrumental in re-opening the Adoration Chapel on May 1 for Perpetual Adoration.

New adorers may sign up by phone: 509-582-5011 or by email: [adorationsjc@gmail.com](mailto:adorationsjc@gmail.com)  
Sign-up sheets are also available on the bulletin board in the foyer of the Big Church; please, after you sign up, place the sheets in the collection baskets. We will follow the COVID protocols and guidelines issued by Benton County and by the Diocese of Yakima. Only one person or family members from one household will be allowed in the Chapel at a time. Each adorer will be given a password to open the door. We ask that you do not share the password with other people. Thank you.