

## **Week Behind/ Week Ahead**

To the Parishioners of Saint Joseph Parish in Kennewick

From V. Rev. Felipe Pulido

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## **Week Behind**

**Adoration Chapel** — On May 1 at noon, on the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker, our parish resumed Perpetual Adoration in our Adoration Chapel. Unfortunately, due to the current COVID restrictions, only those adorers with scheduled Holy Hours and codes will have access to the Chapel. We cannot accept visitors now, but we still have hours without scheduled adorers. We look forward to signing you up for the *best facetime ever*, an hour with Jesus, present in the Blessed Sacrament! Please call Carol at 509-582-5011 or, for Spanish, Delmi at 509-528-8896. Thursday, April 29, was the last day for Adoration in the Small Church. Thanks to all those who made Thursday Adoration possible for the past few months, especially our priests. May God bless them for their support, prayer, and service.

**Perpetual Adoration** — “What is Eucharistic Adoration?” That is a question we often hear from those new to the faith or searching for ways to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ. Adoration is a way to be present with the Lord and to focus on actively listening to His word through prayer.

During Perpetual Adoration, as practiced in our parish, the Eucharistic Host, exposed in a monstrance, is in the constant company of the faithful, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Perpetual Adoration started at St. Joseph Parish about 25 years ago. Over the past years, we’ve heard from many adorers how grateful they are for this intimate time with Jesus. They value the opportunity for reflection in the prayerful atmosphere of our Adoration Chapel. We’ve also heard how much they missed that time during the pandemic. This time of personal prayer and Adoration has helped community members discern what God wants for them. And it has helped men and women discern their vocations in life. As the fruit of Eucharistic Adoration at Saint Joseph, our diocese has been blessed with three priests and one current seminarian from our community. One person said “Perpetual Adoration is amazing! St. Joseph Parish really works hard to provide opportunities for everyone to grow in faith.”

**The Holy Rosary during the month of May**---on Saturday May 1, our parish family will have the opportunity to pray the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgen Mary right outside the small church at 9:00am. The rosary will be multilingual we will start with the first mystery in English, the second mystery in Vietnamese, the third mystery in Spanish, the fourth mystery in Tagalog and the fifth mystery in Burmese. We will continue to pray the rosary every Saturday during the month of May at 9:00am outside the small church. May is the month traditionally devoted to the Holy Mother of God and all are invited and encourage to honor the Blessed Virgen Mary by participating in this great devotion. We will be praying for the intentions of the Holy Father during the month of May “that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers. On May 29 the intention for this Holy

Rosary, is for all our men and women of our Armed Forces who have sacrificed so much to maintain America's freedom. God bless them all. Each month

**Vacation-** Father Cesar is on vacation. He is visiting his mom in San Luis Potosi Mexico. He will be coming back May 7, 2021. Please keep him in your prayers.

**Confessions** — We have updated our hours for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confessions will now take place from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm every Saturday inside of the Big Church. If you are unable to join us at that time for whatever reason, please contact the Parish Office at 509-586-3820 to make an appointment with one of our priests for Confession.

**Saint Joseph School** — We are now enrolling students for next school year. Currently we have openings in Preschool, and grade 6. If your student is already enrolled for next school year, please invite another family to enroll and you will receive a \$100.00 discount on your tuition.

**Yard Sale** — On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, a beloved parish tradition returned: the Spring Giant Yard Sale. Thank you to all those who helped with setting up, organizing, selling, bagging, and cleaning up. We could not have done it without you! Thank you so much to the Women of Saint Joseph team and all the volunteers who helped during the event. It was a great success!

**Pope Francis** — Pope Francis is asking us to pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental human rights. Last month Pope Francis said: *“Defending fundamental human rights demands courage and determination. I’m referring to actively combatting poverty, inequality, lack of work, land and housing, and denial of social and labor rights. Often, in practice, fundamental human rights are not equal for all. There are first-, second-, and third-class people, and those who are disposable. No! (Rights) must be equal for all! In some places, defending people’s dignity can mean going to prison, even without a trial. Or it might mean slander. Every human being has the right to develop fully, and this fundamental right cannot be denied by any country. Let us pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes, and even in democracies in crisis, that they may see their sacrifice and their work bear abundant fruit”.*

## **Week Ahead**

**Visitors** — On Thursday, May 6 and Saturday, May 8, Deacons Michael Kelly and Lalo Chavez will be visiting, staying in the new rectory (old convent). Deacons Michael and Lalo will be doing on-line work and finishing their studies before they are ordained to the priesthood in our Diocese of Yakima. Their ordinations will take place Friday, May 28, at 7:00 pm at Holy Family Parish in Yakima. Please extend a warm welcome to them if you see them at Mass or around our parish campus. Please continue to pray for our deacons as they prepare for ordination to the priesthood.