

Week Behind/ Week Ahead

To the Parishioners of Saint Joseph Parish

From V. Rev. Felipe Pulido

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Week Behind

Parish Yard Sale – On Friday, September 17, and Saturday, September 18, we had our annual Saint Joseph’s Fall Yard Sale. Despite the rain on Saturday morning, many people came to buy our products. The sale was a great success, raising over \$20, 000. All proceeds will benefit our parish and school. Once again, I thank all the volunteers, especially those who set up and cleaned up. Special thanks to Theresa Thomas and John Ryther.

The 50/50 raffle —At the 11:00 am Mass on September 19, a child drew the winning ticket for the 50/50 raffle. Congratulations to Ben Stewart who had the winning ticket (\$1150). Proceeds from the raffle will assist our Confirmations candidates to pay for their retreat.

Religious Education— Religious Education classes in English (grades K-6) began on Wednesday, September 22, from 6:15 pm to 7:15 pm in the school classrooms. Each week parents are invited to Dillon Hall during the class time for fellowship and a short presentation on the upcoming Sunday’s Scripture readings. Parents, please come meet other parents. On Saturday, September 25, Religious Education classes in Spanish continued with its second session, from 10:00 am to 11:00 am, also in the school classrooms. Parents, I am grateful for your commitment to the faith formation of your children.

Deacons and their Wives Celebrate – Friday, September 24, Deacons Juan Garcia and his wife Yolanda, Gustavo Valdivia and his wife Irma, Herman Farias and his wife Maricela, Bill Mich and his wife Margot, Father Cesar, and I had dinner in town to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of Deacon Bill’s ordination to the permanent diaconate. The generosity and kindness of the deacons and their wives make possible the many hours of service they donate to the parish. The Lord has blessed Saint Joseph Parish with the support of these generous men and woman.

Prayers- On Saturday, September 18 Fr. Reilly shared with the community his current health condition. Unfortunately, his cancer has taken a turn for the worst. On Wednesdays morning, Fr. Riccardo also had a severe headache that made him loose his vision, after various test at the clinic he was told it was a severe migraine. Please keep all our Priest in your prayers.

Week Ahead

Saint Joseph Parish Survey – On Monday, September 27, Parish Council members and I will have a Zoom meeting with Jeffry Odell Korgen to share the data his company has gathered from our survey. I thank all of you who participated in our Saint Joseph Parish Survey. We had a great response from parishioners, with over 700 participants.

Priests Convocation – From Tuesday, September 28, through Friday, October 1, Fathers Cesar, Riccardo, Reilly, and I will be meeting with the other priests of the Diocese of Yakima and Bishop Tyson for our annual convocation at the Holiday Inn in Richland. This year the priests will explore and consider servant leadership and liturgy in a post-COVID world. Our guest presenters will include Mr. Jeffrey Korgen and Msgr. Kevin Irwin. Additionally, we will have opportunities to discuss important diocesan business matters, share priestly fraternity, pray together, and congratulate our brother priests who are celebrating anniversaries of their ordinations.

October, the Month of the Rosary — By tradition the Catholic Church dedicates each month of the year to certain devotions. The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, one of the best known of all Catholic devotions. October 7 is the Feast of our Lady of the Rosary. We will pray the rosary as a community every day before the 8:30 am Mass, Monday through Saturday, in the Small Church. On Sundays we will pray the rosary before the 9:00 am and 1:00 pm Masses. If you are unable to come to church to pray the rosary, please do so at home during the month of October. Let us pray together:

1. for the intentions of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, that all baptized people may be engaged in evangelization by being witnesses to the Gospel with their lives
2. for an end of the Covid 19 pandemic.
3. for the success of the five-year pastoral plan in our parish
4. for the protection of human life from the moment of conception to natural death and for respect for the dignity of the human person.

Respect Life Month -- Every October is also Respect Life month in our diocese and throughout the United States. The mission of this special month is to consider more deeply why every human life is valuable and reflect on how to build a culture that protects life from conception to natural death. Respecting life is multi-faceted, including the issues of abortion (beginning of life), assisted suicide (end of life), foster care, homelessness, human trafficking, migration, care for creation, and the death penalty.

Healing Light Retreat – On Saturday, October 2, our parish will host a Healing Light Retreat in the Small Church from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm. The one-day retreat offers a supportive, confidential, and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release, and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing.