

Week Behind/ Week Ahead

To the Parishioners of Saint Joseph Parish

From V. Rev. Felipe Pulido

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Week Behind

Alumni, Friends, and Family--On Saturday, October 1, we hosted our first Saint Joseph School Alumni, Friends, and Family event at Dillon Hall. It was a huge success. We would like to thank the nearly 150 individuals who participated and supported the evening event. The organizers offer special recognition to Doug and Danette Hester for their tireless commitment, wisdom and help for the Saint Joseph School endowment. Without Doug and Danette's hard work along with that of their four daughters—Danielle, Trudy, Katie, and Erin— the event would not have been possible. In addition, I want to thank Billie Fort for her initiative to raise awareness of the Saint Joseph School endowment.

Saint Joseph Catholic School—The annual Fun Run took place on Sunday, October 2, at Kennewick High School grounds. It was an amazing event: most of our students participated and we were able to raise close to \$36,000.00. I want to thank Perry Kelly, the teachers and aides, and all the volunteers who made this event possible.

Father Felipe's Health Update—Last week I had further tests: an echocardiogram, an ultrasound of my carotid arteries, and a stress test. I am waiting for the results. In the meantime, I want you to know that I am feeling better, but I am not 100% yet. I can walk without getting dizzy or tired, but I am still experiencing some sporadic episodes of not feeling well. I am planning to celebrate one Mass each day this weekend. Once more, thanks for your care, concern, and prayers.

Called and Gifted Workshops—I thank those who attended our *Called and Gifted Workshops* on Saturday, October 8. The events were well attended, with more than 150 participants in Spanish and about 50 participants in English. Thanks to Deacon Mark Cesnik and Janet McLaughlin who gave a wonderful presentation in English and Koren Ruiz and his family who presented in Spanish. Moreover, I want to thank Deacon Bill Mich and the Parish Council for helping set up and clean up during the events. With this workshop we promoted unity among the different groups in the parish, and we deepened our understanding of our faith through culturally-appropriate means of formation and catechesis. The participants were invited to work in a specific parish ministry. My hope is that those who attended the presentations were helped to discern and discover their gifts and how they can best use them in the service of their parish community.

Saint Joseph Catholic School—On Friday, October 7, the children from our school participated in Mass at 8:30 am. Previously, the school Mass was held at 10:30 am, but starting on October 21, the schoolchildren's Mass will be every Friday with the parish community in the Small Church. This is a great opportunity to hear the children's choir and to make our school visible to our community.

Week Ahead

Wednesday Religious Education Program— I want to let you know that next Tuesday and Wednesday, October 11 and 12, St. Joseph School will be holding Parent-Teacher Conferences. This means that Religious Education classes will be canceled next Wednesday for the students in Building B. There will be no classes for Kindergarten through sixth grade students: K and first grade class, First Year Prep Communion Classes; First Communion Primary Class (second and third graders); First Communion Intermediate Class (fourth, fifth, and sixth graders; Post Communion Class (third, fourth, fifth grade classes.) **Please note that class is not canceled for the first year Confirmation class.** Those students will meet in the Big Church from 6:00 - 7:15 pm. In addition, **class is NOT canceled for the second year Confirmation class.** Second year students will meet in the upper room, second floor of the Parish Office as usual from 6:00 - 7:15pm.

Holy Mass and Anointing of the Sick—On Thursday, October 13, 2022, our parish will celebrate the Sacrament of the Sick within a special Mass in the Big Church at 11:00 am. The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered to all who are suffering from an ailment or undergoing medical treatments, as well as the frail and elderly. Please bring family members and friends to celebrate this sacrament of healing. Those involved in providing health care are also invited for this special morning Mass

In-Service Day and Diocesan Mission Congress— On Friday, October 14, the diocese will hold its Teacher Excellence in-service at Holy Family Catholic Church in Yakima. I am grateful to the many teachers and SJS principal Perry Kelly who will join other Catholic school staff members to learn about faith infusion resources and about Catholic social doctrine. In addition, on Saturday October 15, at Holy Family in Yakima our Religious Education teachers and coordinators will attend the Diocesan Mission Congress. All are invited to participate. The theme of the 2022 Congress will be *Synodality: Walking Together and Listening to One Another, but, Above All, to the Holy Spirit.*

World Mission Sunday Collection—The weekend of **October 15-16** this year we will take up the collection for the annual worldwide Eucharistic celebration of **World Mission Sunday** for Missions and missionaries of the world. With the theme **“You shall be my witnesses”** (Acts 1:8), Pope Francis reminds us of our shared baptismal call to mission. We encourage our parishioners to answer that call on that special weekend through prayer and generous sacrifice to the **Society for the Propagation of the Faith**. This October, the Holy Father gives us the opportunity to share our zeal. We can speak about our faith, about our passion for mission – and what support of this evangelizing work means for more than 1,100 mission dioceses. He reminds us, “as Christians, we cannot keep the Lord to ourselves,” as we “recall with gratitude all those men and women who by their testimony of life help us to renew our baptismal commitment to be generous and joyful apostles of the Gospel.” Thank you in advance for your generosity