



IF TODAY YOU HEAR HIS VOICE,
HARDEN NOT YOUR HEARTS.
Psalm 95:8

Week Behind/ Week Ahead

To the Parishioners of Saint Joseph Parish

From V. Rev. Felipe Pulido

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Week behind

Big Church sound system- Last weekend *Ted Brown Sound Company* and Deacon Herman were working on the sound system. They adjusted the audio settings so that we can have better sound. I am hoping that these changes will help us hear the readings and the prayers better during our weekend Masses.

Visitors- *Msgr. Pedro Ramirez* who is a retired priest from the Diocese of Spokane celebrated a special Mass for one of our deceased parishioners on Wednesday March 8. He will be celebrating the Saturday Vigil Masses on March 25, 2023, when I will be away. We are grateful for his support and willingness to help us when our priests take vacation or are away. Please extend a warm welcome to him.

Lenten Penance Service- On Thursday, March 9 the Saint Joseph Community participated in a Lenten Penance Service at 6:00pm in the big church. The Penance Service provided an opportunity to prepare our hearts and minds for the celebration of Easter. I am grateful to Fathers Riccardo, Cesar, Edgar, Tom, John, Mike, Juan, and Francisco for coming to hear confessions at Saint Joseph. Many people experienced the mercy of God through the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Volunteer Appreciation Meal- On Saturday, March 11 we hosted the second annual appreciation celebration for all the volunteers in our parish. I am grateful to the many people who do ministry and work so hard behind the scenes at our parish and school and make possible our vision and mission. Moreover, I am grateful for their service and dedication. This is always a time of great joy and thanksgiving at Saint Joseph. Please keep all our volunteers in your prayers. A special thank you to the seminarian Danny Sanchez who spoke about the spirit of service in our parish. May God continue to bless us.

Parish Youth Ministry—Seminarian Danny Sanchez and I have been meeting with the youth from our parish. Danny Sanchez and some youth leaders from our parish spoke at all the Masses this weekend. They invited our youth to the parish youth group who will start meeting on Friday March 17, 2023 at the PAC. In addition, Arcoiris at diocesan youth movement meet on Thursdays at 8pm in the conference room in the Big Church. Our bishop Joseph Tyson told us that the findings of the diocesan Synod showed that the number one priority is the youth. Therefore, I am grateful to Danny Sanchez and the youth coordinators who are willing to work hard to bring youth to Christ and to his church.

Week ahead

Saint Joseph Parish deacons and their wives—On Friday, March 17, the deacons, and their wives will attend a 3-day retreat in Chelan. We are grateful to their service to the parish especially the many contributions they have made to Saint Joseph, which includes helping at Sunday liturgies, bringing communion to the homebound and their constant presence in different events in our parish. We are also fortunate to have Deacon Bill as part of the parish staff.

Knights of Columbus- On Friday, March 17 the Knights of Columbus will host the Saint Patrick's dinner celebration to remember Monsignor Desmond Patrick Dillon. If you have not had a chance to buy your ticket, do it this weekend. A member of the Knights will be selling tickets after all the weekend Masses.

Father Felipe- I want to let you know that starting March 18 to March 31, 2023, I will be leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and the Eternal City. Deacon Beto, Sister Blanca and twenty-eight pilgrims from all over the Diocese of Yakima will be traveling with me. Please keep us in your prayers as we travel and do pilgrimage in Israel and Italy. During this time, I won't be able to write the weekly letters when I am away.