



### **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's Art and Wine Fundraiser** —On Saturday, February 25, we had our annual Art and Wine fundraiser in Dillon Hall. Many thanks to all the volunteers who worked countless hours before, during, and after this fundraiser. Special thanks to our principal Perry Kelly and the parents who organized the event. It was a great success! We raised close to \$90,000 gross. If you did not have the opportunity to participate in this fundraiser, you can still donate via the school website. When you give to Saint Joseph School, you are helping create a bright future for our Church, our country, and our world.

**Saint Joseph School**— Open enrollment began Monday, February 13. Enroll your child for next school year now. Enrollment forms are available on the admission page on the school website [www.sjske.org](http://www.sjske.org). Saint Joseph Catholic School is a great place where students flourish and prepare for great futures and parents can feel secure that their students are respected and treated as children of God. The mission of our school is to educate the whole child: that is mind, body, and spirit. I thank our principal Perry Kelly and all the teachers who give their time, talent, and treasure to their vocations of educating children.

**Fridays during Lent**—Thanks to our deacons and all volunteers who helped coordinate the Stations of the Cross on the first two Fridays of Lent--- February 24 and March 3. Many people came to our church to pray this beautiful devotion. Please join us to pray the Stations every Friday of Lent at 6:30 pm, in both the Big Church (English) and the Small Church (Spanish.)

**Lenten Soup Suppers**— On Thursday, March 2, our parish community participated in the second soup and bread supper after the bilingual mass at 5:15 pm in the Small Church. I thank the the ministries who organized the first soup and bread supper last Thursday, February 24, and the

ministries this week on Thursday. Our next Lenten soup and bread supper will be on Thursday, March 9. Please come and enjoy this supper with friends.

**Father Riccardo's Reflections on the Upcoming Sundays' Scripture Readings**—During the rest of Lent, Father Riccardo Keolker will present his reflections on Facebook live at 2:00 pm every Wednesday. After Easter he will return to his usual time of 9:15 am on Wednesdays. In addition, he will continue to offer Pondering Points for the daily Mass readings on the parish Facebook page. Again, I thank Father Riccardo for sharing his wisdom and understanding of Holy Scripture and the liturgy with us.

**Perpetual Adoration**—December 8, 1997, marks the first day of Perpetual Adoration in our parish. Since then, our parish has received so many blessings and graces that have flowed from the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus. Those who wish to visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament may call Carol (509-582-5011 English) or Delmi (509-528-8896 Spanish) to obtain personal codes for entry. May our Eucharistic Lord continue to bless our parish with His merciful love and those committed adorers who through their faith and fidelity make Adoration possible. As St. John Paul II said, "*May our Adoration never cease.*" I thank Carol LeCompte and Juanita Reina who donate their time and talent to organize the volunteers. They keep our Adoration Chapel always open and covered by adorers every hour and day.

### **Week Ahead**

**Lenten Penance Services**—Our parish's Lenten penance service will take place on Thursday, March 9 at 6:00 pm in the Big Church. There will not be a 5:15 bilingual Mass in the Small Church that evening but soup will be served after the penance service.

**Volunteer Appreciation Meal**—On Saturday, March 11, we will be celebrating the second annual volunteer appreciation meal from 2:00 to 4:00 pm in Dillon Hall. Volunteers are an essential part of the Saint Joseph parish family. I am fortunate to experience firsthand the many good deeds our volunteers perform on a daily basis. I am humbled by the unselfish natures I see in them. Volunteers play a critical role in educating and shaping our children, visiting the sick and homebound, helping young mothers, organizing fundraisers or events in our community, helping every day in our liturgies, and setting and cleaning up after all the funeral, quinceanera, and wedding Masses. Thank you, all volunteers! You are appreciated and essential to our mission.

**Faith Formation**— On Sunday, March 19, during the 9:00 am Mass we will have the first scrutinies. The readings will be taken from Cycle A. The scrutinies are mainly for the elect (catechumens.) But the faithful are encouraged to join in the scrutinies because we are all in need of conversion throughout our lives. We join with the elect in scrutinizing our lives and pray for the grace to overcome the power of sin that infects our hearts. Please join me in praying for the elect as they progress in their perception of sin and their desire for salvation.