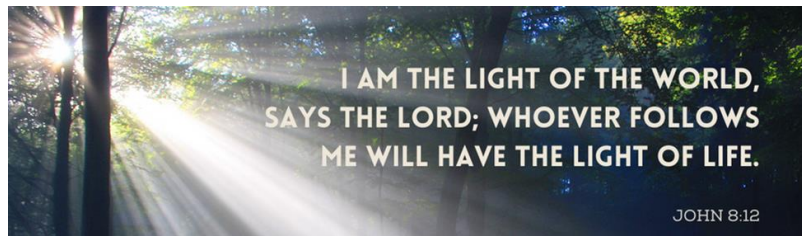


Week Behind/ Week Ahead

To the Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish

From V. Rev. Felipe Pulido

Date: March 18-19, 2023



Week behind

Liturgy Committee Meeting—On Wednesday, March 15th I had a meeting with the Liturgy Committee to prepare for the upcoming Holy Week. As you know, special preparation is required for the Easter Triduum. Thank you to all the members of the committee who so generously donate their time and talent to enhance our worship.

Perry Kelly—On Friday, March 10th I received a letter from Perry Kelly resigning from the position as principal at Saint Joseph School. He will remain through the end of the fiscal year and will work hard to assist in the school's transition to a new principal. He thanked the parish for the opportunity to be part of the Saint Joseph School community. He said, "I have learned much from this experience and appreciate the blessings of the work I have done here with the amazing students, teachers, and families of Saint Joe's. My goal is to return to the music room and teach music as I did for over 25 years prior to coming to Saint Joe's". On behalf of the parish, I thank Perry for his leadership and dedication to the school.

The Knights of Columbus- On March 17th the Knights of Columbus had a Saint Patrick Dinner in honor of Monsignor Dillon. We had over 200 parishioners. Thank you to the Knights who worked so hard before the event. It was a great success.

Father Felipe – Starting March 18th to 31st I will be leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Eternal city. During this time, I will not be able to write the Week Behind and Week Ahead letter. I want to ask you to keep the 30 pilgrims and me in your prayers.

Parish community building—This weekend we will start advertising our first **Cinco de Mayo** parish celebration. The event will include dinner, folklore dance, dance contest, live music, DJ, and much more. The event will start at 6:00pm on Saturday May 6, 2023 in Dillon Hall. Further information will come in the bulletin.

Week ahead

The Saint Joseph's Montessori Preschool -Teachers and childcare invite you and your family to our open house on Tuesday March 21, 2023 from 6 to 7:30pm. Our Montessori Preschool staff believes in the education of the whole child. Each area of your child's development is of equal importance. We offer a stimulating environment where caring adults nurture intellectual, social, emotional, spiritual, and physical growth, through an integrated curriculum. I want to thank the teachers and the staff for their hard work in our preschool and child programs.

Confirmation Retreat- On Saturday March 25th and Sunday March 26th we will have our second confirmation retreat. This year NET ministries will be leading the retreat. NET Ministries is a group of young men and women whose mission is to bring youth to Christ. During the retreat, the youth will celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation, pray before the Blessed Sacrament, hear small presentations about the Church and the sacraments and play games. This year we are going to have, more than 100 youth received their sacrament of confirmation. We are grateful to Doris Rosenow and Maria Rodriguez for helping during the first and second retreat.

Scouts, Scout Families, Adult Leaders and Friends of Troop 168 –On Saturday, March 25 at 3:00pm, Troop 168 will hold an Eagle Court of Honor at Dillon Hall. Our Troop has a very good record of retaining Scouts and seeing them achieve the Eagle Rank. This Eagle Court of Honor will recognize six Scouts in one event. Definitely a big achievement! Antonio Nicacio, Pablo Nicacio, Isaac Hickman, Peyton Leckelt, Peter (PJ) Wilhelm
All Scouts (past and present), Scout Families, Adult Leaders and friends of Troop 168 are invited to attend. Scouts and Adult Leaders should be in full uniform. I want to thank Peter M. Wilhelm who is the committee Chair of Troop 168, for his leadership and his commitment to the boy's scouts.

Holy Land Artwork- On Saturday, March 25th and Sunday, March 26th the Holy Land Art group will be in our parish promoting their Olive woodcarvings. They will have a display in the foyer as you enter the church.

Annual Chrism Mass—On Tuesday March 28, at 7:00pm Our Bishop Tyson joined by the priests of the diocese at Saint Paul Cathedral in Yakima will celebrate the annual Chrism Mass. As we get closer to Holy Week, one of the great mysteries the Church calls us to reflect upon is the nature of the priesthood. The Chrism Mass held at the cathedral has a special place in the Hearts of the Priests. During the Mass, the priest will renew the promises they made at ordinations. This year please pray for our priests, who are serving at Saint Joseph and in the Tri-Cities area in a special way that we may respond courageously to the Call God has given us.

Rev. Fr. Joseph Kyaw Thet- Fr. Joseph Kyaw Thet, a student priest from the Archdiocese of Yangon, currently studying at the Liturgical Institute in Mundelein, Chicago, IL. will be visiting the Burmese Community in Kennewick from Wednesday April 5th to Sunday April 9, 2023. He will concelebrate the liturgies during Holy Week at Saint Joseph Parish and he will celebrate the Holy Mass for our Burmese Community on Easter Sunday at the small church (April 9, 2023). We welcome Father Joseph to our parish.

Schedule of Masses Holy Week

Monday 6:30am and 8:30am

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Wednesday 6:30am and 8:30am

Holy Thursday

April 6, 2023 --- No morning Masses

Mass of the Lord's Supper—English 6:00pm – Spanish 8:00pm

Good Friday

April 7, 2023—No Morning Masses

Stations of the Cross at 3:00pm--- Bilingual – we will meet outside the PAC

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion –English 6:00pm and Spanish 8:00pm

Holy Saturday

April 8, 2023—No Morning Masses

Easter Vigil (Mass of the resurrection of the Lord)—Bilingual 8:00pm

Sunday (Easter)

April 9, 2023

English 9:00 and 11:00am--- Spanish 1:00pm

No evening Masses

Have a blessed Easter celebration with your family and friends!