



Week Behind/ Week Ahead

To the Parishioners of Saint Joseph Parish

From V. Rev. Felipe Pulido

Date: May 13-14, 2023

Visitors— On Saturday, May 13, Father Rex Familiar and Father Teodulo Taneo visited Saint Joseph Parish to celebrate a special Mass for Codi Orland Mateo. Mateo was killed on March 31 by a wrong-way driver on State Route 99 in Stockton California, where he was a student at UC Davis. He was a former Chiawana High School graduate, musician, and friend to many. His family thank you for your prayers.

Also, Father Ricardo Villarreal will be visiting Kennewick from Friday, May 13, through Saturday, May 20, staying at the rectory (old convent). Father Villarreal will be celebrating some daily and weekend Masses during his visit. Please extend a warm welcome to him.

The first annual St. Joseph's Legacy Golf Tournament benefitting St. Joseph's Catholic School was held on Saturday, May 13, at Columbia Point Golf Course in Richland. The St. Joseph's Legacy Golf Tournament was created to help raise funds for the academic success and formative growth of our students. All donations directly support St. Joseph Catholic School's continued commitment to *Excellence in Catholic Education*. Our school provides a challenging academic curriculum in a Christian environment and inspires our students to be servant leaders in our community and beyond. For this, we rely directly on the funds we raise through your support. With great participation by the community, this tournament was a successful event. I thank the parents and volunteers who worked many hours to make this event possible. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for donating to **St. Joseph's Legacy Golf Tournament**.

Parish Youth Field Trip— Our seminarian Danny Sanchez organized a field trip to Our Lady of Sorrows Grotto in Portland and to Mount Angel Abbey, east of Salem, for thirty young people from our parish and eight adult chaperones. The goal was to promote and inspire vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Some of our youth are discerning possible vocations to those calls by God. My thanks to Danny Sanchez, some Carmelite sisters, and the parents who accompanied the youth.

The Holy Rosary during May—May is the month traditionally devoted to the Holy Mother of God. On all the Saturdays of May we will be praying the rosary outside the Small Church for the intentions of the Holy Father: “that church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelization each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.” We will also pray for the youth of our parish, the sick, the elderly, and those who received the sacraments this Easter season. Please join us after the 8:30 am Mass next Saturday, May 20.

Mothers’ Day—During the weekend Masses of May 13-14, we celebrated Mothers’ Day. I thank all mothers for saying yes to life with special thanks to my mother and my grandmother, who is 98 and still looking for a boyfriend.

Knights of Columbus—On Sunday, May 14, the Knights of Columbus prepared and served a wonderful breakfast after the 9 am and 11 am Masses. Knights’ breakfasts are great times to meet other parishioners and build up our community. Proceeds from this breakfast will be donated to our parish youth group.

Principal Search Committee – As you know, Perry Kelly, the principal of St. Joseph School, informed me that he will not be retuning next school year. Therefore, I have assembled a team to review applications and interview applicants. The position is posted on the Yakima Diocese website. <https://www.applitrack.com/yakimadiocese/onlineapp/>

Religious Education Program—Please register your child (ren) for the 2023-24 year of Religious Education classes. We have opened up registration during May. As we plan for the upcoming fall, *I encourage you to register as soon as possible.* Advance registration is very helpful, as we will be ordering our curriculum materials soon. Parish Office hours are Monday through Friday from 9:00-4:00 pm (closed 12:00-1:00 pm). If you are unable to come during our office hours, please call and make appointments with Doris Rosenow or Maria Rodriguez: 509- 586-3820.

I like to keep my cell phone on vibrate or silent far more often than I have the ringer turned on. Turns out, I’m not alone. Another thing I’m not alone in is the sensation of feeling the phone vibrate... even when it isn’t doing so! Even though I could have sworn I felt those vibrations for a call or text, it was just my mind playing tricks on me. Sometimes I don’t even have my phone in my pocket, but my body just decides I “got a call.” Strange! There’s a name for this phenomenon – [phantom vibration syndrome](#) or PVS. This is most often associated with excessive mobile phone use and is described as a “tactile hallucination” as the brain perceives a vibration that is not present. As early as 2017, 90% of college undergraduates indicated they were experiencing this phenomenon. Is anyone surprised?

Typically, when I notice this occurring, I know it’s time to take a break from my phone – or at least change the pocket I’m storing my phone in. Have you ever felt this? If so, maybe it’s time for a “phone fast” or, at the very least, turn off the vibration function until you feel normal again. A few weeks of lessened phone use should do the trick!