

**I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE,
SAYS THE LORD; NO ONE COMES TO THE
FATHER, EXCEPT THROUGH ME.**

JOHN 14:6

Week Behind/ Week Ahead

To the Parishioners of Saint Joseph Parish

From V. Rev. Felipe Pulido

Date: May 6-7, 2023

Yard Sale — Last weekend we had our annual event: the Spring Giant Yard Sale. Thank you to all those who helped with setting up, organizing, selling, bagging, and cleaning up. We raised over \$32,000. Thank you so much to the Women of Saint Joseph team and all the volunteers who helped during the event. It was a great success!

The Holy Rosary during the Month of May—On Saturday, May 6, our parish family prayed a multilingual Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary outside the Small Church at 9:00 am. May is the month traditionally devoted to the Holy Mother of God. On all the Saturdays of May we will be praying 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 13.

Adoration Chapel—We are so blessed to have perpetual adoration in our parish. This is a great way to grow in our friendship with Jesus. Come spend time with the Lord! We still need regular adorers for some hours : Monday, midnight (after 11 pm hour Sunday) and 2:00 am, Tuesday, 2:00 pm, Wednesday, 2:00 pm, Thursday, 3:00 pm, Friday, 10:00 am, and Saturday, 1:00 am. Some people have been faithful adorers for many years. I thank them for their faithfulness, as well as the more recent adorers who have signed up for an hour, and those adorers who drop in whenever they can. They keep the Adoration Chapel safe and beautiful. Special thanks to Carol, 509-582-5011, and Delmi, 509-528-8896, for their stewardship of this place of prayer. Please call the Parish Office, 509-586-3820, for more information about available hours.

Serra Club of the Tri-Cities—Serra Club’s first Saturday Mass for vocations was celebrated on Saturday, May 6, at the Parish of the Holy Spirit in Kennewick. Mass was at 9:00 am followed by refreshments and a meeting in the Parish Catholic Community Hall. Please join all Serrans in praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

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 put 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 to all families 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.

Danny Sanchez Farewell--Our seminarian Danny Sanchez's last day here at St Joseph Parish was Sunday, May 7. He attended all the Masses to say "goodbye and see you soon" to our parishioners. During June, Danny will be taking some time off and also coordinating a field trip to Mount Angel for our youth. Starting June 5, he will begin his Clinical Pastoral education in Bellingham, Washington. At the end of August he will return to Mundelein Seminary in Illinois to continue his studies. Next May, God willing, he will be ordained to the transitional diaconate for the Diocese of Yakima. Please continue to pray for Danny and all our diocesan seminarians.

Week Ahead

Father Riccardo Keolker, Father Cesar Izquierdo, and I will be attending our annual diocesan priests' retreat at Archbishop Brunett Retreat Center at the Palisades-Federal Way from **Monday, May 8 to Friday, May 12.** Please keep us in your prayers. Our retreat will be directed by the Most Reverend Gustavo Garcia, MspS, who has been Archbishop of San Antonio, Texas, since the fall, 2010. He earned a Master's degree in Theology and Divinity from Saint John's Seminary in Camarillo, California, and received a Master's in philosophy from Guadalajara, Mexico. I thank the deacons of our parish who will be conducting Communion services during our absence. If, for any reason, you do need a priest during our retreat, do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office.

Teacher Appreciation Week--May 8 through 12 is Teacher Appreciation Week. St. Joseph School family is working hard to make it a great one! Teacher Appreciation Week will highlight the hard work and impact of our schoolteachers and the ways they help shape the future of our society. Teachers play critical roles driving the success of our children's education and lives. They are the ones who inspire and guide our students to become future leaders, innovators, problem solvers, and saints. I encourage our faith community to pray for all our schoolteachers and staff. If you happen to see Perry Kelly, our principal; our schoolteachers; paraprofessionals; or staff members, please show them your appreciation.

Visitors—On Friday, May 12, through Saturday, May 20, Father Ricardo Villareal will be visiting Kennewick, staying at the rectory (old convent). Father Villareal will be celebrating some daily and weekend Masses during his visit. Please extend a warm welcome to him. As ever, I ask our Saint Joseph community to continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Mothers' Day—During the weekend Masses of May 13-14, we will celebrate Mothers' Day. The priests will give beautiful roses to all the mothers at Mass. Mothers' Day is a celebration honoring all mothers and their influence in our society. 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 will prepare and serve 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.