



Week Behind/ Week Ahead

To the Parishioners of Saint Joseph Parish

From V. Rev. Felipe Pulido

Date: April 29-30, 2023

Week Behind

Principal Search Committee--As you know, Perry Kelly, the principal of St. Joseph School, let us know that he will not be returning 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 will open registration to all families during the month of May. ***I encourage you to register as soon as possible*** as that will help us order our curriculum materials for next school year now. Please know that the Religious Education teachers gave registration forms to their students. I hope those forms got to you. If you did not receive the registration forms, please stop by the Parish Office to pick them up. Parish Office hours are Monday-Friday from 9:00-4:00 pm (closed 12:00-1:00). If you are unable to come during office hours, please call and make appointments with Doris Rosenow or Maria Rodriguez: 509-586-3820.

Visitors--On Monday, April 24, Father Richard Sedlacek celebrated a beautiful funeral mass for Bobbi Hobbs, a long-time parishioner who loved St Joseph's Church and lived a life of service in the parish. I thank Father Richard for coming from Selah to celebrate the Mass for Mrs. Hobbs.

Yard Sale—On Friday, April 28, and Saturday, April 29, we had our annual Spring Yard Sale. Thank you to all those who helped with setting up, organizing, selling, bagging, and cleaning up. We could not have done it without you! 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.

First Communion—Congratulation to the 134 children and young teens who are celebrating their First Holy Communion this weekend. The Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith. May our First Communicants truly fall in love with our Lord in the Eucharist and share the joy of Jesus's Presence and grace with others. This is always a time of great joy and thanksgiving in our Saint Joseph community. A special thank you to Doris Rosenow, Maria Rodriguez, and the various volunteers who helped form the children in their Catholic faith.

St. Vincent de Paul Collection—Thank you for your generous donations to Saint Vincent de Paul this weekend. This wonderful organization of parishioners assists needy members of our community.

Week Ahead

First Friday of the Month— On Friday, May 5, we will have our First Friday Devotion Mass at 7:00 pm in the Small Church. Confessions will be heard beginning at 6:30 pm. I thank Elma and Nic de Leon who have been helping with this beautiful devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in our parish for many years.

The Holy Rosary during the month of May—On Saturday May 6, our parish family will have the opportunity to pray the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary outside the Small Church at 9:00 am. The rosary will be multi-lingual, with the first mystery in English, the second mystery in Vietnamese, the third mystery in Spanish, the fourth mystery in Tagalog, and the fifth mystery in Burmese. We will continue to pray this rosary every Saturday during May at 9:00 am, praying for the intentions of the Holy Father. May is the month traditionally devoted to the Holy Mother of God. All are invited and encouraged to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary by participating in this great devotion.

Cinco de Mayo Celebration—On Saturday, May 6, the parish will celebrate Cinco de Mayo. Tickets are on sale after each Mass. They are also available in the Parish Office. I am sure this celebration will be a great community-builder.

Mother Teresa Meal Ministry—The Mother Teresa Meal Ministry will make 200 lunches on Sunday, May 7, at 10:15 am in Dillon Hall for the Union Gospel Mission to distribute. Again, I thank Angele St. Hilaire and all the volunteers who bring ham, cheese, and bread or make monetary donations for the sandwiches. To see a list of donations needed or to volunteer to help, please visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040548aaab2fa3f94-volunteer/>