

DEVOTION FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH: ST. JOSEPH

Pope Francis announced a Year of St. Joseph, in honor of the 150th anniversary of the saint's proclamation as patron of the Universal Church.

Pope Francis said he was establishing the year so that "every member of the faithful, following his example, may strengthen their life of faith daily in the complete fulfillment of God's will."

Here's what you need to know about the Year of St. Joseph:

Why does the Church have years dedicated to specific topics?

The Church observes the passage of time through the liturgical calendar - which includes feasts such as Easter and Christmas, and seasons such as Lent and Advent. In addition, however, popes can set aside time for the Church to reflect more deeply on a specific aspect of Catholic teaching or belief. Past years designated by recent popes include a Year of Faith, Year of the Eucharist, and Jubilee Year of Mercy.

Why did the Pope declare a year of St. Joseph?

In making his declaration, Pope Francis noted that this year marks the 150th anniversary of the saint's proclamation as patron of the Universal Church by Pope Pius IX on Dec. 8, 1870.

Pope Francis said the coronavirus pandemic has heightened his desire to reflect on St. Joseph, as so many people during the pandemic have made hidden sacrifices to protect others, just as St. Joseph quietly protected and cared for Mary and Jesus.

"Each of us can discover in Joseph -- the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence -- an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble," the pope wrote.

He also said he wanted to highlight St. Joseph's role as a father who served his family with charity and humility, adding, "Our world today needs fathers."

When does the Year of St. Joseph begin and end?

The year begins Dec. 8, 2020, and concludes on Dec. 8, 2021.

What special graces are available during this year?

As Catholics pray and reflect on the life of St. Joseph throughout the coming year, they also have opportunities to gain a plenary indulgence, or remission of all temporal punishment due to sin. An indulgence can be applied to oneself or to a soul in Purgatory.

An indulgence requires a specific act, defined by the Church, as well as sacramental confession, Eucharistic Communion, prayer for the pope's intentions, and full detachment from sin.

Special indulgences during the Year of St. Joseph can be received through **more than a dozen different prayers and actions**, including praying for the unemployed, entrusting one's daily work to St. Joseph, performing a corporal or spiritual work of mercy, or meditating for at least 30 minutes on the Lord's Prayer.

Why does the Church honor St. Joseph?

Catholics do not worship saints, but ask for their heavenly intercession before God and seek to imitate their virtues here on earth. The Catholic Church honors St. Joseph as the foster father of Jesus. He is invoked as the patron saint of the Universal Church. He is also the patron of workers, father, and a happy death. CNA Staff, Dec 10, 2020 / 05:46 pm MT ([CNA](#)).

EVENTS / HANDOUTS / FUNDRAISER POLICY

If you would like to post or donate, flyers, pamphlets, books, magazines, or other materials, please bring them to the church office.

DO NOT put items on the bulletin board or tables. Items need to be approved and posted by office staff.

Activities held on church property must be preapproved by the appropriate committee and Fr. Mark. Please come to the church office during the week for an activities form.



SACRAMENTS / SACRAMENTOS:

Baptism: Call parish office to register for preparation classes. Expectant parents are encouraged to attend.

Bautismo: Llenar el formulario, después padres y padrinos asistir a dos pláticas de preparación. Ver a Eduardo Guerrero Miércoles y Viernes de 6:30 a 8:30 pm en la oficina.

Reconciliation: Tuesday/Wednesday at 1 pm and Wednesday 6:00-7:00 PM or by appointment.

Confesión: Martes/Miércoles a la 1 pm y Miércoles de 6:00 a 7:00 pm o llamar a la oficina para hacer una cita.

Marriage: Call or email for an appointment at least 6 months prior to wedding.

Matrimonio: Llamar o mandar un correo electrónico por lo menos 6 meses antes de las fecha de la boda, ver a Eduardo Guerrero.

Ministry with the Elderly: Homebound parishioners who would like to receive communion at their home, contact the parish office.

Religious education and Youth Ministry: Call Sandra Ruiz at (276) 638-4779 Monday-Thursday 9:00 am-4:00 pm

Religion Education: Adults (RCIA) we will resume at Monday, October 19 at 6 ppm in St. Joseph's library. More information call Jim Reaghard at (276)638-1427

Ministerio con los ancianos: Feligreses que no pueden salir y quisieran recibir la comunión en sus casas, llamar a Jesus Sánchez al (276) 806-5065.



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Parish Mission Statement: To foster and deepen faith in the Holy Trinity through the celebration of the Eucharist and the Word of God & to be active disciples of our Savior, Jesus Christ, in our community and throughout the world.

Declaración de la misión parroquial: Queremos fomentar y profundizar la fe en la Santísima Trinidad a través de la celebración de la Eucaristía y la Palabra de Dios y ser discípulos activos de nuestro Salvador, Jesucristo, en nuestra comunidad y en todo el mundo.

MARCH 07, 2021 ~THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT~



3rd Sunday in Lent

While he was in Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, many began to believe in his name when they saw the signs he was doing.

JOHN 2:23

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Tuesday-Friday 9:00 am-4:00 pm.

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Jim Grandinetti -Chair; Suzanne Steele- 1st Vice Chair; Irma Harrison -2nd vice Chair; John Korff, Alicia Lantz, Larry Wylie. Eduardo Guerrero, Sandra Ruiz (staff).

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St. Joseph's Mass Schedule

Sunday 10:30 am English

Sunday 1:00 pm Spanish

Tuesday 12:00 Noon

Wednesday 12:00 Noon

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Confessions

Tuesday/Wednesday 12:30pm-1:30pm

Wednesday 6:00 pm-7:00 pm

Adoration

Tuesday/Wednesday 12:30 pm- 1:30pm

Wednesday 6:00 pm-7:00 pm

Please remember, all those over the age of 5 must wear a face mask.

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SUNDAY MASS READING

Sunday Mass, March 07: Ex 20:1-17, 19:8, 9, 10, 11, 1 Cor 1:22-25, Jn 2:13-25

Livestreamed Mass At:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/224435460908088>

FATHER'S CARLOS CORE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

In today's Gospel we read about how Jesus overturned the tables of the merchants and the moneychangers in the Temple at Jerusalem. In order to understand the relevance of Jesus' action, we must learn more about the activities that were going on in the temple area. Worship at the Temple in Jerusalem included animal sacrifice, and merchants sold animals to worshippers. Moneychangers exchanged Roman coins, which bore the image for the temple coins that were needed to pay the temple tax.

After clearing the Temple of the merchants and the moneychangers, John's Gospel tells us that the people asked for a sign of Jesus' authority to do such an audacious act. In response, Jesus predicted his death and Resurrection. Throughout John's Gospel, the language of signs is distinctive. Jesus' miracles are called signs, and the people look to these signs for proof of his authority. Here we learn that the sign par excellence will be Jesus' passion, death, and Resurrection.

During Lent we reflect upon the meaning of this sign for us and for our world. We might take this opportunity to consider the quality of our prayer and worship. In our prayers we seek to deepen our relationship with the person of Christ. In our worship with the community, we gather to experience anew the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus and its significance in our lives. Christ promises to be present with us when we gather for prayer.

How is prayer life? How often do you pray to the Lord seeking signs of compassion, love and forgiveness? When you pray, you recognize Jesus in others?

In our worship and Eucharist would you see the goodness of the Lord in others? Or you would participate because it is commitment not fill your heart with Jesus Christ's love?

Let's pray for our community and families that our gathering in the table of the Lord helps us to find strength and courage to do God's will in our midst. O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who is fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PADRE CARLOS REFLEXION TERCER DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

En el evangelio de hoy leemos acerca de cómo Jesús volcó las mesas de los comerciantes y cambistas en el Templo de Jerusalén. Para comprender la relevancia de la acción de Jesús, debemos aprender más sobre las actividades que se estaban llevando a cabo en el área del templo. La adoración en el templo de Jerusalén incluía el sacrificio de animales y los comerciantes vendían animales a los adoradores. Los cambistas intercambiaban monedas romanas, que llevaban la imagen por las monedas del templo que se necesitaban para pagar el impuesto del templo.

Después de limpiar el templo de los comerciantes y cambistas, el evangelio de Juan nos dice que la gente pidió una señal de la autoridad de Jesús para hacer un acto tan audaz. En respuesta, Jesús predijo su muerte y resurrección. En todo el Evangelio de Juan, el lenguaje de los signos es distintivo. Los milagros de Jesús se llaman señales, y la gente busca en estas señales una prueba de su autoridad. Aquí aprendemos que el signo por excelencia será la pasión, muerte y resurrección de Jesús.

Durante la Cuaresma reflexionamos sobre el significado de este signo para nosotros y para nuestro mundo. Podríamos aprovechar esta oportunidad para considerar la calidad de nuestra oración y adoración. En nuestras oraciones buscamos profundizar nuestra relación con la persona de Cristo. En nuestro culto con la comunidad, nos reunimos para experimentar de nuevo la pasión, muerte y resurrección de Jesús y su significado en nuestras vidas. Cristo promete estar presente con nosotros cuando nos reunamos para orar.

¿Cómo es la vida de oración? ¿Con qué frecuencia ora al Señor buscando señales de compasión, amor y perdón? Cuando oras, ¿reconoces a Jesús en los demás?

En nuestro culto y Eucaristía, ¿verías la bondad del Señor en los demás? ¿O participarías porque es compromiso no llenar tu corazón con el amor de Jesucristo?

Oremos por nuestra comunidad y familias para que nuestra reunión en la mesa del Señor nos ayude a encontrar fuerza y valor para hacer la voluntad de Dios en medio de nosotros. Oh Dios, autor de toda misericordia y de toda bondad, que el ayuno, la oración y la limosna nos han mostrado un remedio para el pecado, mira con gracia esta confesión de nuestra humildad, para que nosotros, que estamos abatidos por nuestra conciencia, siempre podamos ser levantados por tu misericordia. Por Cristo, nuestro Señor. Amén.

Daily Mass Readings

Readings for the week of March 07:

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab, 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4, Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43, 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9, Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9, 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20, Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28, 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9, Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10, 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17, Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6, 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab, Lk 18:9-14

Or visit daily readings at www.usccb.org

MASS Intentions

Sunday, March 07: Maria Pham Vy+

Tuesday, March 09: Nockolas Laurain

Wednesday, March 10: Maria Pham Vy+

+ Indicated the Mass Intention is for the repose of the soul of the person(s) listed.

Prayer Requests

Carolyn Eanes, Mike Kelly, Ann White, Lewis Drane, Teresa Biggs, Ricky East, Mark Szulecki, Rita M. Brozowski, Theresa McGarry and Jim Reaghard.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED.

William "Bill" Hurst Barbour
July 22, 1933 – February 12, 2021

(To add or remove prayer requests, please call the church office. Para quitar o poner una peticion, por favor llamar a la oficina de la iglesia)

Unless otherwise requested, names will remain on the prayer list for 4 weeks. If you would like to add a name to the prayer network phone chain, please call Betty Gillispie or Ann Gunter.

Sick, homebound, hospitalized? / ¿Enfermo, Confinado en casa u hospitalizado?

If you, or someone you know, would like to receive Communion or anointing of the sick, please call the office. Outside of office hours, please call Barbara Kurtz (276) 647-1906

Si usted o alguien que usted conoce quisiera recibir los Sacramentos, por favor llamar a la oficina de la Iglesia. Si llama fuera del horario de oficina por favor llama Jesus Sánchez al (276) 806-5065.

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like a Mass offered for a loved one, please call the church office or fill out a Mass intention envelope completely and place it in the offertory basket. **Make checks payable to St. Joseph Catholic Church.** Specific dates may not be available. Please include a contact number to arrange an alternate date if

COVID-19 INFORMATION

Disclaimer: Due to COVID-19, Mass is being live streamed for use on various Diocesan digital media accounts of the Catholic Diocese of Richmond, including, but not limited to, the websites of the Catholic Diocese of Richmond and The Catholic Virginian, and social media platforms of the Catholic Diocese of Richmond. Photography and/or screenshot images from the livestream may be used for The Catholic Virginian print edition. If you do not wish to be captured by live streaming, please refrain from attending that particular Mass time. For more information visit our website page.

St Joseph will be covering the lenses of the camera when the people step up to take the communion as a respect to privacy. Please remember when you come to the church you will be screened and must **be wearing a mask** all those over the age of 5. More information about guidelines for reopening visit https://d2y1pz2y630308.cloudfront.net/20349/documents/2020/7/Return-to-Mass-Guidelines-July-10-2020-FINAL_page1-1.pdf

Mass Guidelines:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ulnO0g6Qtg0>

<https://richmonddiocese.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Return-to-Mass-Guidelines-Nov.-16-2020-UPDATE-FINAL.pdf>

<https://richmonddiocese.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Return-to-Mass-Guidelines-SPANISH-November-16-2020-Update-FINAL.pdf>

Additional worship-related resources can be found at www.cdrworship.org/coronavirus.

Collections/ Colectas: 02/28/2021

Budget Amt. / Cantidad de presupuesto **\$ 4,129.00**

Collection/ Colecta: **1,915.54**

- **\$ 2,213.46**

Please support your parish using online. All proceeds from the donation page listed below will go directly to the parish of your choice. Please make sure to select the Saint Joseph – Martinsville 572. Thank you for your support.

<http://offertory.richmonddiocese.org/>

You may also mail your contribution to the parish office. Thank you for your generosity, especially during these difficult times.

The Second collection for March 14, 2021 will be for Reach Out. Which helps people with emergency needs of people in our community.

La segunda colecta para el Domingo 14 de Marzo del 2021 sera para el Fondo de ayuda para las familias necesitadas de nuestra comunidad.

The first collection is for payment of St. Joseph's daily expenses which include office supplies, salaries, sacramental materials, etc. **If absent, please make up your contribution.**

La primera colecta se utiliza para para el pago de los gastos diarios de San José. **Si estuvo ausente por favor, haga su donación.**

Thank you for your generous support of our parish

Reminder! Grocery shopping can earn money for our parish! Register your Kroger card and/or purchase a Food Lion gift card! See the back cover for details.

ST. JOSEPH'S LENT SCHEDULE 2021

Station of the Cross

Every Friday at 6 pm.

Sundays of Lenten

Talk followed by Solemn Vespers with Benediction, all Sundays of Lent at 4:30 pm at St. Joseph's

HOLY WEEK

- Holy Thursday, April 1 at 7:00 pm (Bilingual Mass)
- Good Friday, April 2
 - Station of the Cross at 3:00 pm
 - Celebration of Passion at 7:00 pm (Bilingual)
- Holy Saturday April 3, Easter Vigil Mass at 8:00 pm
- Easter Sunday April 4, Regular Mass
 - 10: 30 am English and 1:00 pm Spanish

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

This is also known as confession. In the Roman Catholic Church people go to confession to say sorry for the wrong (sin) in their lives and to experience God's healing through forgiveness.

Confession also permits reconciliation with the Church, which is wounded by the sins people commit.

Catholics believe that baptism removes original sin, the belief that all people are born tainted by sin. Therefore, baptism turns us back to God. Despite this, humans still commit sin. As a result, Catholics regularly confess their sins.

The act of confession is important because it allows Roman Catholics to put things right with God and to know that they have been forgiven.

Roman Catholics believe it is important to continue to confess sin (even though someone has already accepted Jesus as their Savior) because we continue to sin and to be damaged by its on-going power.

Benefits of frequent confession

Acknowledging the truth of your sinfulness before God and recognizing your need for His grace to help you become the person He wants you to be will really, truly set you free. Confession helps us to know better thyself St. Augustine and countless other saints and doctors of the Church talk about the importance of knowing ourselves well. Through coming to know ourselves better, we realized how fallen we are, and how badly we need God's help and grace to get through life.

Frequent Confession helps remind us to rely on God to help rid us of our sins. Confession helps us to overcome vice.

The grace we receive from the Sacrament of Confession helps us combat our faults and failings and break our habits of vice much more easily and expediently than we could otherwise do without the sacramental grace.

Confession brings peace

Guilt from the sins we commit can make us feel all mixed up inside and cause us to lose our peace and joy. When we hear God's forgiving words to us from the lips of the priest in Confession, a burden is lifted off our shoulders. Sins weigh us down and enslave us, often giving our passions power over us, instead of us having control over our passions. With the healing power of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we can again feel the peace of heart and soul that comes from being in a good relationship with God.