

# CHURCH OF CORPUS CHRISTI

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Parish Office is open 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.  
Monday-Thursday  
Friday 7:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

*For Sacramental Emergencies after office hours,  
please call 701-425-1483 and leave a voicemail.  
We will return your call in a timely manner.*

## WEEKLY LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday (Vigil of Sunday) .....4:00 p.m.  
Sunday ..... 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.  
Monday-Friday.....12:10 p.m.

*(Holy Days as scheduled)*

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

***As disciples of Jesus, we live our faith  
through Word, Sacrament, and Service.***

Msgr. Patrick Schumacher, S.T.L., Pastor ..... 255-4600  
Rev. Logan Obrigewitch, Parochial Vicar..... 975-9802  
Tracy Kraft, Parish Manager..... 975-9803

## **PASTORAL MINISTERS**

Cindy Anderst, Adult Formation ..... 975-9810  
Sarah Bengtson, Pastoral Care ..... 975-9805  
Sebastian Haboczki, Music Ministry..... 975-9806  
Cole Jones, Youth Ministry..... 255-4600  
Melanie Konieczka, Faith Formation ..... 975-9809  
Tammy Schafer, Pastoral Care..... 975-9816  
Sr. Ivo Schoch, Outreach Ministry ..... 975-9808

**DEACONS:** Bob Wingenbach, Brian Lardy, Michael Fix,  
Lonnie Grabowska, Rex McDowall (Retired)

## **PARISH SUPPORT STAFF**

Jane Bosch, Kitchen Manager..... 255-4600  
Niel Heinze, Maintenance Technician ..... 975-9815  
Colleen Reinhardt, Food Pantry, Music Assoc.... 975-9807  
Beverly Everett, Organist in Residence ..... 255-4600



## March 17, 2024

## **SACRAMENTS**

**Reconciliation** - Reconciliation is offered, behind a screen, weekdays from 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and from 3:00-3:30 p.m. on Saturdays. Or by appointment by calling the parish office at 701-975-9803. No Reconciliation prior to Communion Services. Also, schedule may change on Holy Days or Special Liturgies.

**Baptism** - The Baptism Preparation Program and Schedule are by arrangement. Please call the office at 701-255-4600 to register or do so online at [corpuschristibismarck.com/baptism](http://corpuschristibismarck.com/baptism) prior to your delivery date and the program coordinator will return your call. Parents must be registered at Corpus Christi or have permission from their parish.

**Marriage** - Couples planning to be married should contact the parish office at 701-975-9805 at least **12 months** in advance for completion of Diocesan requirements.

**Natural Family Planning Classes** are offered by the Bismarck Diocese. The methods offered are Billings Ovulation Method, Creighton Model Fertility Care System, Marquette Model and Sympto-Thermal Methods. If you have questions about NFP please contact the Diocese of Bismarck at 701-222-3035 or [www.bismarckdiocese.com/nfp](http://www.bismarckdiocese.com/nfp).

**RCIA Classes** - Persons wishing to learn more about the Catholic faith may call Tracy Kraft at 701-975-9803.

**PARISH BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Articles must be received by noon on Tuesdays (*typed format*).

**PRAYER TREE:** 255-4600



## **CORPUS CHRISTI APP:**

Download the app for any smart device.  
Text the word *App* to 55321.  
Or scan the QR Code.

## Livestreaming Schedule:

### WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Friday: 12:10 p.m.

### WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 10:45 a.m.

### Weekly Mass Intentions

**Mon., Mar. 18** (12:10 p.m.) - ✠Albert & ✠Phyllis Dallman

**Tues., Mar. 19** (12:10 p.m.) - ✠Gloria Hatzenbuehler

**Wed., Mar. 20** (12:10 p.m.) - **Collective Mass Intention:**

✠Deacon Joe Mathern

✠Ted Renner

**Thurs., Mar. 21** (12:10 p.m.) - ✠Al Wolf

**Fri., Mar. 22** (12:10 p.m.) - ✠Bobbie Ann Schauer

**Sat., Mar. 23** (4:00 p.m.) - ✠George Volk

**Sun., Mar. 24** (8:30 a.m.) - ✠Alois Wangler

(10:45 a.m.) - ✠Martin Morrell

(5:30 p.m.) - *Pro Populo*

### **Corpus Christi Holy Week Schedule:**

#### Monday, March 25:

**No Confession, Mass, Communion Service, or Lenten Lunch  
due to the Diocesan Chrism Mass at the Cathedral**

**Confessions** (3 Priests) - **5:00-8:00 p.m.**

#### Tuesday, March 26:

**Confessions** (2 Priests) - 11:00 a.m. - Noon

**12:10 p.m. Mass**

Adoration following Mass until 7:00 p.m.

Lenten Lunch - 12:40 p.m.

**\*\*City-wide Confessions at Our Lady of Victory Chapel (SMCHS), 6:30-8:30 p.m.\*\***

#### Wednesday, March 27:

**Confessions** (2 Priests) - 11:00 a.m. - Noon

**12:10 p.m. Mass**

Last Lenten Lunch - 12:40 p.m.

#### Holy Thursday, March 28:

(No Confessions or 12:10 p.m. Mass)

**5:30 p.m. Mass**

Adoration following Mass until 8:30 p.m.

#### Good Friday, March 29:

(No Confessions)

**12:10 p.m., 3:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m.**

#### Holy Saturday, March 30:

(No Confessions or 4:00 p.m. Mass)

**8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass**

#### Easter Sunday, March 31:

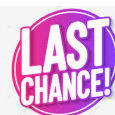
**7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.**

(No 5:30 p.m. Mass)

CONTRIBUTIONS (General Fund) - (2,465 households)	
Adult Envelopes (235 Envelopes) .....	\$14,717.83
Youth Envelopes .....	\$253.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED (Mar. 10) .....</b>	<b>\$14,970.83</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday .....	\$21,539.28
Online Giving Week 1 (Feb. 26-Mar. 3)....	\$6,700.15
Electronic Contributions .....	\$13,663.68
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday .....	\$14,970.83
Online Giving Week 2 (Mar. 4-10) .....	\$5,550.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday .....	\$0.00
Online Giving Week 3 (Mar. 11-17) .....	\$0.00
Electronic Contributions .....	\$0.00
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday .....	\$0.00
Online Giving Week 4 (Mar. 18-24) .....	\$0.00
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday .....	\$0.00
Online Giving Week 4 (Mar. 25-31) .....	\$0.00

**We are grateful for your generosity, which is part of  
being a faithful steward of Corpus Christi.**

**Stewardship Thought:** When Jesus heard about the illness of His friend, Lazarus, He responded, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Every aspect of our lives - our sufferings as well as our gifts - can, if surrendered to Christ, lead to blessings for ourselves and others. Whatever time we have is a gift from God and we are asked to use it wisely, to serve God and others. Have you made your will? The State of North Dakota has made one for you - which may not distribute your estate according to your wishes. For your protection and security of your heirs, consult an attorney about making out your will.



### **LAST LENTEN FISH FRY: March 22**

5:00 - 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall

Adults: \$14, Children: \$8, Family: \$50

**Menu:** Baked & fried fish, fried shrimp, french fries, green beans, noodles, applesauce, coleslaw, beverages and homemade desserts.



**Helpers are needed:** fish cutters, servers, table setters, table cleaners, dishwashers, and desserts. Scan the QR Code or contact Melanie Konieczka, 975-9809, to help.



**Honor a loved one this Easter celebration  
and help beautify our worship space.**

**Easter Flower Offering** envelopes are available by the Church entrances, in your monthly envelope packet, or you can scan this QR Code to donate online. Donations received by March 27 will be included in a special bulletin insert.



## Corpus Christi Lenten Reconciliation Schedule:

**Regular Confession Schedule:**

**Monday-Friday: 11:30 a.m. - Noon**

**Saturday: 3:00-3:45 p.m.**

**Additional Times for Lent:**

**Monday, March 18 & Monday, March 25: 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday, March 26 & Wednesday, March 27: 11:00 a.m. - Noon**

## Bismarck Parishes Lenten Reconciliation Night:

**Tuesday, March 26: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. (12 priests)**

**Our Lady of Victory Chapel at St. Mary's Central High School**

*In the Parish Phase of the **USCCB's Eucharistic Revival**, the **Diocesan Office of Continuing Education**, under the direction of **Msgr. Patrick Schumacher**, welcomes:*

**DR. LAWRENCE FEINGOLD**

for a special **Eucharistic Presentation** for the lay faithful of the Bismarck Diocese

**Tuesday, April 9 - Corpus Christi Church  
7 - 8 p.m. - Free and open to the public**

*Dr. Feingold is an author, speaker, and a Professor of Theology & Philosophy.*

The Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit will be available.



**Men's Group Breakfast**

**Wednesday, March 20**

**6:30 a.m. - 7:45 a.m.**

Breakfast followed by discussion. *All men are invited!*

## **WEEKLY LENTEN SCHEDULE**

### Monday-Friday:

**Confessions - 11:30 a.m. - Noon**

**Daily Mass - 12:10 p.m.**

**Lenten Lunch - 12:40 p.m., Parish Hall (Free-Will donation)**

### Friday Evenings:

**Fish Fry - 5:00-7:00 p.m.**

**Stations of the Cross**

**March 22 - Living Stations of the Cross presented by the High School Youth Group, 7:00 p.m. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** No Stations of the Cross on March 22 at 5:30 p.m.**

## **LENTEN ALMSGIVING**

**Corpus Christi Food Pantry Needs:**



**Week 5: March 17** Peanut Butter & Canned Fruit

**Week 6: March 24** Instant Potatoes & Cold Cereal

*Place items in the boxes in the upper or lower gathering spaces.*



## **Easter Outreach Program**

Our holiday basket program allows families in need to experience a true Easter meal. The Easter Meal basket includes everything you would need for a special meal. Scan the QR code to sponsor our Easter Outreach Program.



## **What's Going on Here This Week**

**Sun. 3/17** Knights of Columbus Breakfast, 9:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.  
Living Stations Practice, 5:00-6:30 p.m., Room 140  
SNAC, 6:30 p.m., Room 140

**Mon. 3/18** Lenten Lunch, 12:40 p.m., Parish Hall  
Lenten Confessions, 5:00-8:00 p.m. (2 Priests)  
RCIA, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

**Tues. 3/19** Quilters, 9:00 a.m., Community Room  
Lenten Lunch, 12:40 p.m., Parish Hall  
Eucharistic Adoration, 12:45-7:00 p.m.

**Wed. 3/20** Men's Breakfast, 6:30-7:45 a.m., Parish Hall  
Lenten Lunch, 12:40 p.m., Parish Hall  
Family Table Meal, 4:45-5:30 p.m., Parish Hall  
Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., Choir Room  
Faith Formation **Group F**, 5:30-6:45 p.m.  
**6th Grade** Faith Formation, 7:00-8:30 p.m.  
Middle School Youth Ministry (**Grades 7 & 8**), 7:00-8:30 p.m.

**Thurs. 3/21** Lenten Lunch, 12:40 p.m., Parish Hall

**Fri. 3/22** Lenten Lunch, 12:40 p.m., Parish Hall  
Fish Fry, 5:00-7:00 p.m., Parish Hall  
*\*\*No 5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross\*\**  
Living Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m., Church

**Sat. 3/23** Knights of Columbus Caramel Roll Sale, after 4:00 pm Mass,  
Lower Gathering Space

**Sun. 3/24** Knights of Columbus Caramel Roll Sale, after All Masses  
(8:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.), Lower Gathering Space  
Faith Formation **Group A**, 9:30-10:45 a.m.  
Children's Liturgy of the Word, 10:45 a.m. Mass  
SNAC, 6:30 p.m., Room 140

## **Corpus Christi Youth Ministry:**

### **High School SNAC (Grades 9-12)**

SNAC: Sunday Nights After Church

Sunday, March 17: 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Topic: Living Stations Dress Rehearsal



### **Middle School Youth Ministry**

Wednesday, March 20: 7:00-8:30 p.m. (**Grades 7 & 8**)

Topic: Holy Week



*Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Are you an adult Catholic who would like to receive Reconciliation, Eucharist, and/or Confirmation? **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** might be for you. Classes are held Sunday evenings from 4:00-8:00 p.m. (this will include a short supper break). Classes begin April 7<sup>th</sup> and continue for 6 weeks. For questions, contact Tracy in the Parish Office, 701-975-9803. You can sign up online by visiting our website, <https://corpuschristibismarck.com>, and clicking on the rolling slide.*





**St. Mary's Academy Open House: March 20**  
**Tours at 6:30 p.m. & Presentation at 6:45 p.m.**  
**Grades 6-7-8 - 1025 N 2nd Street**

New and prospective middle school students and families for the 2024-25 school year are invited to attend an Open House event at St. Mary's Academy. Join us for a short presentation, meet our teachers and staff and take a quick tour. This is a great time for you to learn more about our school, ask questions and see what it will be like for your student as they move to the Academy next year. This event is open to the public and open to all students in grades 6-7-8 next school year. Personal tours are also available during the school day – please contact Shannon: 701-354-7067, or via email: sindovina@lightofchristschools.org or visit online at: lightofchristschools.org/enrollment.

**Employment Opportunities:**

**Bismarck Diocese:** Full-time Fiscal Office Accountant  
 Visit <https://bismarckdiocese.com/job-openings>.

**Pro-Cathedral of St. Mary:** Full-time Director of Faith Formation. Visit <https://bismarckdiocese.com/job-openings>.

**Light of Christ Catholic Schools:** Part-time Pre-K Teaching Position; Full-time Theology Instructor; Full-time Business Education Instructor; Elementary Teaching Positions; Full-time Lead Food Service Worker; Full-time Custodian; Director of Mission Advancement. To apply, visit [lightofchristschools.org/employment](http://lightofchristschools.org/employment). For more information please contact Randy George at [rgeorge@lightofchristschools.org](mailto:rgeorge@lightofchristschools.org).

**Children's Liturgy of the Word:**

**March 24 at the 10:45 a.m. Mass.**

For children in Preschool - 2nd Grade.

*Lessons are geared for this age group.*



**Spring 2024 40 Days for Life Campaign**

**February 14 - March 24, 2024**

**7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the State Capitol**

Praying can be done at home or at the capitol grounds. Signs are available to use while you pray or to place in your yard. Call Diane at 701-527-3265 with questions or to sign up or visit [www.40daysforlife.com/bismarck](http://www.40daysforlife.com/bismarck).

**Electronic Giving**

Corpus Christi offers the option of Electronic Contributions as a simple way to contribute.

This allows you the freedom from worry or concern whether you are out of town, on vacation, or wondering how to budget your contributions.

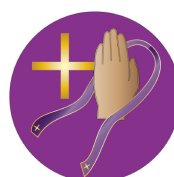
Please stop by the Parish Office to fill out the form.

**Easy. Secure. Convenient.**

**Your stepping stones back into life...**



**Tuesday, March 26, 2024:** Speaker Sandra Gallegher will present, "Dealing with Loneliness, Emptiness and Depression" at both 1:00 and 7:00 p.m., at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway, Bismarck. This presentation is for all Grief Groups (**LOTUS, Healing Hearts, SOS**) and is also open to the public.



**Holy Week Confessions at the Our Lady of Victory Chapel:** The Sacrament of Confession will be offered on the Tuesday of Holy Week (Tuesday, March 26th) at the Our Lady of Victory Chapel

on the campus of St. Mary's Central High School in north Bismarck. Beginning at 6:30 p.m., 12 area priests will be available for confession. The event is open to the public. Please use the main chapel entrance, which is located in the front courtyard of the school.

**Holy Thursday Lock-In**

**OUT OF HIDING**

**CORPUS CHRISTI**

**MARCH 28/29**



SCAN OR CODE TO SIGN UP



HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WELCOME

Contact Cole Jones with any Questions

**Corpus Christi Knights of Columbus**

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**Knights of Columbus Breakfast:**

Sunday, March 17

9:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m., Parish Hall



**Caramel Roll Sale:**

Saturday, March 23 & Sunday, March 24

After all Masses, Lower Gathering Space

You are invited! The **4th Annual Spring Fling** will be held on Saturday, April 20 at St. Joseph Catholic Montessori School, 410 Collins Ave, Mandan. There will be a free-will Pasta Dinner served from 4:30-6:00 p.m., carnival games, music, cash bar, bingo, music, gift card wall, raffle, silent auction and a live auction. The live auction, which begins at 7:00 p.m., will feature a dinner prepared by Msgr. Patrick Schumacher at the Corpus Christi Rectory.

## From the Desk of Msgr. Patrick A. Schumacher, S.T.L., Pastor

As I write this article, it is the 11th anniversary of Pope Francis' pontificate, elected on March 13, 2013, the second day of the 2013 Conclave. I have a few things to share: • First, a couple follow-ups to my homilies from last weekend. You might find it interesting that during the pandemic lock-down, I had Johnny Van Zant on my cell phone and when I put it on speaker he sang Sweet Home Alabama to priests. Also, regarding Tim Tebow, I recommend watching *Untold: Swamp Kings* on Netflix, which is a 2023 documentary about the 2005-2010 Florida Gators. • A few weeks ago, I directed Tracy to mandate First Aid and CPR training for all of our parish staff, which was conducted last week. Our own Melanie Konieczka presented the sessions and exams and I'm grateful to her. We had training a few years ago and I believe it is important for all of our staff to be familiar with basic First Aid, CPR, and the AED should anyone be in any need. • As announced on our Corpus Christi App (MyParish App) on Monday morning, I congratulated Fr. Logan Obrigewitch on his first appointment as Pastor. As I've publicly said before, we knew it wouldn't be long before he was assigned his own parish and we now know it will be this summer. I look forward to welcoming and introducing our two new priests assigned to Corpus Christi on the weekend of July 06/07. There will now be four priests in residence in the Rectory, leaving only one room available for a fifth priest or an occasional guest. As promised, here is a full list of the assignments (I have indicated those that directly affect Corpus Christi):

Fr. Patrick Cunningham (Pastor of Underwood/Washburn/Turtle Lake), granted retirement

**\* Fr. Logan Obrigewitch, Pastor of Underwood/Washburn/Turtle Lake**

Fr. Brian Gross (Pastor of Watford City/Alexander), to serve as a member of the faculty of Saint Paul Seminary

Fr. Jacob Degele, Pastor of Watford City/Alexander

**\* Fr. John Paul Gardner, Parochial Vicar for Corpus Christi, Bismarck**

**\* Fr. Francis X. Denoy, Parochial Vicar for Corpus Christi, Bismarck**

Fr. Jolly George, Parochial Vicar for Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Bismarck

Fr. Patrick Ojedeji, Parochial Vicar for the Catholic Indian Mission at Fort Yates

Fr. Joshua Hill, Chaplain for Bishop Ryan Catholic School and Parochial Vicar for St. Leo the Great, Minot

Reverend Mr. Eric Artz (upon ordination to the Priesthood), Parochial Vicar for Our Lady of Grace, Minot

Reverend Mr. Ryan Martire (upon ordination to the Priesthood), Parochial Vicar for Queen of Peace, Dickinson

• Finally, I hosted the staffs of Eastgate Parkway Funeral Home and Bismarck Funeral Home, Tuesday and Thursday respectively, in the Rectory for a meal. March 11 is Funeral Director Appreciation Day and we at Corpus Christi work consciously to foster good relationships with them as we work together to serve the faithful in times of grief and need. During the meals, I reminded all the staff members that their work is a special calling and the time they spend with families often leaves a lasting impression.

*~ Have a great week! Msgr. Patrick Schumacher*

Date: Mar 23-24	March 23, 2024	March 24, 2024	March 24, 2024	March 24, 2024	March 24, 2024
	4:00 PM	8:30 AM	10:45 AM		5:30 PM
Hospitality	1 Evelyn Spangler	1 Helen Werlinger	1	1	
	2	2 Kort Krebsbach	2	2	
	3	3 Abbie Krebsbach	3	3	
	4	4 Jason Krebsbach	4	4	
Ushers	1 Helen Berger	1 Jerome Werlinger	1 Donald Williams	1 Darcy Neigum	
	2 Mary Barbere	2 Jim Volk	2	2 Denver Jorgenson	
	3	3	3	3 Bobbi Jorgenson	
	4	4	4	4	
	5	5	5		
	6	6	6		
Lectors	1 Jackie Mrachek	1 Dustin Fritel	1 Jane Link	1 Jim Luptak	
	2 Sarah Bengtson	2 Brennan Quintus	2 Rose Krukenberg	2 Geri Weisgerber	
Servers	1 Mason Mrachek	1 Kasen Fitterer	1 Lyla Erhardt	1 Evan Hinnenkamp	
	2 Sienna Mrachek	2 Kanin Fitterer	2 Rose Erhardt	2	
Eucharistic Min	BODY OF CHRIST	BODY OF CHRIST	BODY OF CHRIST	BODY OF CHRIST	
	R-1 William Kopp	R-1 Catherine Williams	R-1 Craig Schaaf	R-1 Darcy Neigum	
	2 Father	2 Father	2 Father	2 Father	
	3 Evelyn Spangler	3 Bill Knudson	3 Cec Reetz	3 Margie Schiff	
	4 Curt Carik	4 Kathy Knudson	4 Rachelle Massemo	4 Bobbi Jorgenson	
	5 Mary Winbauer	5 Bess Deutsch	5 Kay Williams	5	
	6 Vicki Conner	6 Tammy Heick	6 Rita Mastel	6	
	7 Deacon	7 Deacon	7 Deacon	7 Deacon	
	8 Judy Kopp	8 Colleen Fyelling	8	8	
	9	9 Gerard Mathern	9		
	10	10 Pam Mathern	10		
	11		11		
At 4:00*	D12		12		
	LG	LG	LG	LG	

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Please review the schedule and contact the office to let us know if you are willing to serve as a minister next weekend.

If you are not scheduled and would be willing to help, call Tracy Kraft at 701-975-9803.





Invest time each week to  
expand your vocabulary and  
deepen your faith.

17 March 2024

## WORD OF THE WEEK

### Veneration \və-nə-'rā- shən\

Respect or awe inspired by the dignity, wisdom, or dedication of a person. Specifically, honor shown to Mary, the apostles, martyrs, saints, and others viewed as faithful witnesses to Christ by telling their stories, celebrating their feast days, praying for their intercession, displaying their likeness, and performing acts of devotions, including visits to shrines and pilgrimages to a holy sites. **Veneration** is distinct from the homage we give to God.

Pronunciation: <https://tinyurl.com/Take5-veneration>

### CONTEXT

**Veneration** of the saints, respect mingled with awe of these spiritual giants, is a recognition of the supernatural excellence of those who substituted their own ideas for those of Christ.

—James McGrath

**Venerating** the memory of the saints, we hope for some part and fellowship with them.

—Pope Paul VI, *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy*

### WHY IT MATTERS

Our present culture too often celebrates the vulgar, the cynical, and the rude. **Veneration** is an exercise in humility as it honors those holy ones whose virtues invite us to reach higher, whose lives are signs of faithfulness and hope.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church: The Christian **veneration** of images is not contrary to the first Commandment which proscribes idols. Indeed, whoever **venerates** an image **venerates** the person portrayed in it. . . . Images [lead] us to God incarnate (2132).

### RELATED WORDS

Adoration | Hyperdulia | Honor | Worship | Devotion

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

### What do we know about Saint Joseph?

In terms of facts, almost nothing. Matthew alone highlights Joseph's role. Here we meet Joseph the dreamer who, like his namesake in Genesis, learns of heaven's purposes while he sleeps. The earliest gospel calls the adult Jesus "son of Mary" rather than "son of Joseph." Luke and John prefer to call Jesus "son of Joseph." However, Luke adds, "as was thought." Joseph's last appearance is when Jesus is 12. Jesus is called the carpenter's son, revealing his father's occupation. Tradition says Joseph died when Jesus was 18 with the art of the Eastern Church depicting the death of Joseph.

Matthew describes Joseph as a righteous man who considers divorcing his pregnant betrothed. Then heaven intervenes. Joseph takes Mary home and gives her his full protection. It's an enormous concession to the divine will, especially crediting Mary's perpetual virginity. We always want more from Joseph. He's already given quite a lot.

—Alice Camille, from *Questions Catholics Ask* <http://tinyurl.com/QCA-saint-joseph>

## REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

SOLEMNITY OF JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE VIRGIN MARY  
(MARCH 19)

### The strong, silent type

Joseph never uttered a word in scripture. Instead, he let his actions speak for what was going on in his heart. By his actions we know that Joseph not only believed in God but listened for God's promptings and was willing to be led—even to some confusing and difficult places.

READINGS: 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Luke 2:41-51a (543 <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/031924.cfm>). "When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him."

### FAITH IN ACTION

If you have trouble keeping an open mind, look to Saint Joseph for guidance.