



April 4, 2021

Easter (B)

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8

Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

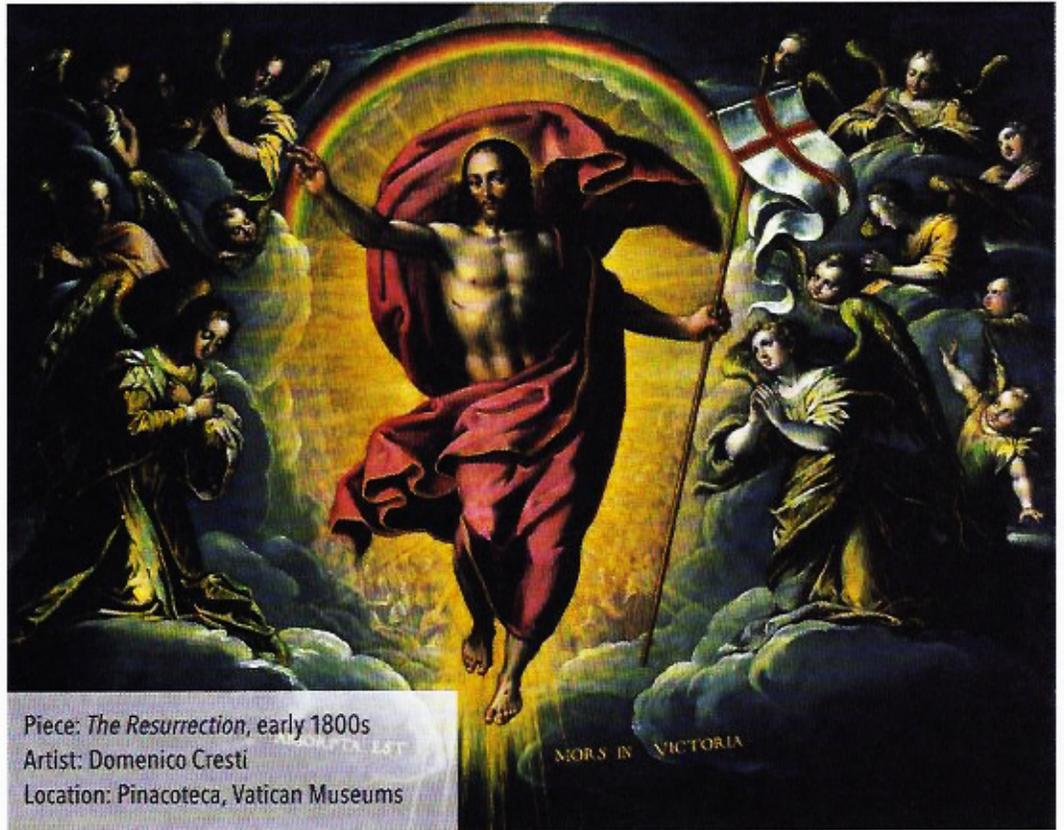
## Victory!

Fr. Lorenzo Ricci, SJ, placed this painting in the chapel commemorating the spot outside Rome where Ignatius had a vision confirming his desire to ask the pope to found the Jesuit order. It's significant because Fr. Lorenzo enthroned this painting as a symbolic act just before the order was suppressed throughout the Portuguese and Spanish Empires. It was one of their darkest hours.

We all have dark moments in our histories. It seems death will swallow us; that God has abandoned us, and there is no solution. The darkness in the painting suggests just that—the world of darkness and despair without the light of Christ. The soldiers sleep, the cold world waits below, and a once-strong trunk is dry and sapped of vigor.

Above, the beautiful Christ figure is surrounded in light, while he hoists the victory standard: the blood-red cross of martyrdom set upon the pure white of resurrection. He, like a new Moses, is leading them into the promised land of eternal life.

These contrasting scenes of darkness and light are the message of the painting and of the resurrection itself. Peter, John, and Mary Magdalene had locked themselves at home, engulfed in darkness, fear, and sadness. The next morning they arrive to the tomb only to find it open and the body of their beloved



Savior gone. Victory was being won even as they slept.

Entrust your ways to the Lord and he will act. God is at work winning your salvation! Do not let hope be vanquished! Hold on. Trust in him. Victory is right around the corner!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

### *For Reflection*

*Do I trust in Christ's power, which I cannot see, more than the problems that I can see?*

*Do I believe God is a good Father and only permits that which leads to greater glory for both of us?*

*Think of what is above, not what is on earth.*

*Colossians 3:2*

**Parish of the Visitation  
and St. Raymond  
St. Andrew's Church**

Fr. Garry Giroux, Pastor Office: 315-384-4242  
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Dcn. Lawrence Connelly, Retired 315-384-4879  
Dcn. John Levison at SA, PVSR 518-594-7610  
Dcn. Phil Regan at SA, PVSR 315-353-9917

**Masses:** Saturday: St. Andrew's~ 4:00pm  
Sunday: Church of the Visitation~ 10:30am  
**Confessions:** Saturday: St. Andrew's Church from 3:15pm to 3:45pm

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE**

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| Sat. Apr. 3 –  | <u>HOLY SATURDAY</u><br>8:00pm <b>ST. ANDREW'S</b> – <i>Easter Vigil &amp; Mass</i>  |
| Sun Apr. 4 –   | <u>EASTER SUNDAY</u><br>8:30am <b>ST. PATRICK'S</b> – Intentions of the People of the Parishes<br>10:30am <b>CHURCH OF THE VISITATION</b> – Intentions of the People of the Parishes   |
| Mon Apr. 5 -   | 7:45am <b>ST. ANDREW'S</b> – Paul Cutler by the Cutler Family<br>Gertie LaBaff by Ernie LaBaff   |
| Tues Apr. 6 –  | 8:30am <b>ST. PATRICK'S</b> – Margaret Hammill by the Altar & Rosary Society<br>8:30am <b>CHURCH OF THE VISITATION</b> – Charles & Winnie Beaulieu by the Estate of Winnie Beaulieu<br>11:00am <b>ST. ANDREW'S</b> – <i>Funeral Mass</i> |
| Wed Apr. 7 -   | 9:30am <b>CHURCH OF THE VISITATION</b> – Cora Paige (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniv.) by Lynda  |
| Thurs Apr. 8 – | 8:30am <b>CHURCH OF THE VISITATION</b> – Thomas Rheaume by Ted & Kathie Ashley   |
| Fri. Apr. 9 –  | 8:30am <b>CHURCH OF THE VISITATION</b> – Souls in Purgatory by Ron LaRue   |
| Sat. Apr. 10 – | <b>Sacrament of Penance</b> 11:30am – 12:00pm <b>ST. PATRICK'S</b><br>3:15pm – 3:45pm <b>ST. ANDREW'S</b><br>4:00pm <b>ST. ANDREW'S</b> – Terry Besaw by George & Debbie Lamb  |
| Sun Apr. 11 –  | 8:30am <b>ST. PATRICK'S</b> – Jim Peets by Kim Toomey<br>10:30am <b>CHURCH OF THE VISITATION</b> – Intentions of the People of the Parishes  |



“My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart ... I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.”

**SANCTUARY LAMP**  
The Sanctuary Lamp burned this week at The Church of the Visitation for George Molnar by Nina.  
You can memorialize the sanctuary candle for an offering of \$10.00.  
Please contact the parish office.

**GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING – TITHING**  
*How much time have you spent this week in prayer for others and for the work of the Church?*

**Parish of the Visitation and St. Raymond**  
**March 27-28, 2021** – \$1,362.00  
Adult Env. \$985.00/Plate \$177.00  
Maintenance \$20.00, Sanctuary Light \$10.00  
Holy Land \$20.00, Bishop's Fund \$120.00  
Easter Flowers \$10.00, Easter \$10.00

**St. Andrew's Church**  
**March 27-28, 2021** – \$1,574.00  
Adult Env. \$1,194.00/Plate \$20.00  
Maintenance Env. \$125.00  
Fuel Plate \$50.00, Holy Land \$5.00  
Catholic Relief \$10.00  
Easter Flowers \$110.00, Sanctuary Light \$10.00  
NCC Subscriptions \$50.00,



## Easter 2021

***“This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad!”***

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

Psalm 118 is the Church’s great Easter hymn of thanksgiving. It is the Responsorial Psalm for Easter Sunday Mass and from it comes the great Easter shout: *“This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.”* The last several months we have been told what we cannot or should not do in combatting COVID- 19. Pandemic or not, this Easter festival we must shout out, unrestrained, what our God has done and continues to do for you and me.

Why do we shout it out? Maybe we are not in the mood. We might feel that we have had nothing but nervous tension, misery and sorrow these last few months. We shout it out because we are an Easter people, and in a world that is increasingly deaf, even hostile, to the Godly, we must call attention to the fact that our God was born, suffered and died for every person and HE HAS RISEN FROM THE DEAD. Out of immense gratitude for such a Gift, we desire, we are compelled to share this Good News and express resurrection joy, yes, even in the midst of life’s trials and tribulation.

How do we shout it out? We will not allow any facial covering to mask our Resurrection Faith. Shouting it out is not about volume but is about an unashamedly confident witness of joy and hope. Our daily witness shouts out an attitude of gratitude fed by fervent prayers and heart-filled joy as we serve the needs of our neighbor. We shout it out in worship and praise as we come to Mass as a family of faith and are nourished by His very Body and Blood, food for the journey.

Who should shout it out? All those who have reason to thank God for the gift of His Son who has won eternal life for all who would believe. No one is excused. Everyone is a recipient of the Good News. Everyone has reason for hope. Yes, we shout ***“This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad!”***

Happy and Blessed Easter to you and all your loved ones!

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Terry R. LaValley  
Bishop of Ogdensburg

## **ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP - Fast to Feast**

May Christ Easter in us! Spring is a permanent word of hope. It always comes. No matter how long or fierce the winter, Spring forces its way through the tons of ice and snow. Creation never dies, nor does Christ, nor do we. After all the savage cold and shattering wind, the earth grows green with hope.

No matter how horrible the death, how unbearable the pain or absolute the rejection, despite the tons of stone and dirt against the tomb, Easter happens and life grows green as all the forces of death are exhausted. (Joyce Rupp) What 'new life' are you experiencing around you and within you this Easter?

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## **CRUISE NORWAY IN JULY OF 2022**

Join Fr. John Yonkovig of St. Agnes in Lake Placid for a wonderful 14-day cruise on Holland America's new "Rotterdam," setting sail on July 9, 2022. For more information check the website:

[www.stagneslakeplacid.com](http://www.stagneslakeplacid.com)

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## **VIRTUAL UPDATES**

### **St. Mary's Cathedral Livestream Calendar**

St. Mary's Cathedral livestreams the 8 a.m. Mass each Sunday morning. The livestream begins a few minutes prior to Mass. You can find the calendar to livestream Masses, other liturgies and events from Saint Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg or past Masses, messages from Bishop LaValley and other events by going to [Livestream calendar | Saint Mary's Cathedral | Ogdensburg, NY](#).

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## **2021-2023 FORMATION FOR MINISTRY PROGRAM**

The Formation for Ministry Program is a two-year program that prepares men and women to serve in their parish. More information as well as application forms are available on our diocesan website at: <https://www.rcdony.org/formation/candidate.html>. Join us for the virtual informational sessions offered via Zoom by registering at [www.rcdony.org/infosos](http://www.rcdony.org/infosos). You may also contact Cathy Russell, Formation for Ministry Director at: [crussell@rcdony.org](mailto:crussell@rcdony.org).

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## **SUMMER CAMP GUGGENHEIM**

### **The summer 2021 registration is now open!**

We are excited and hopeful to be able to offer the opportunity for our youth to attend summer camp in 2021. Although it may look a bit different because of the anticipated COVID protocols, we feel that it will still be a wonderful experience for all.

Please contact Tom Semeraro, Director for the Office of Youth Ministry with questions or inquiries. 1-315-393-2920 ext. 1415

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## **LET US DREAM**

The Laudato Si Committees of the Diocese of Syracuse and the Diocese of Ogdensburg are planning a joint project with virtual presentations via Zoom to address and discuss our responsibilities to See + Choose + Act for a better future on God's Earth inspired by Pope Francis' book Let Us Dream. Save the dates to be able to join the discussion: May 25, 26, and 27 from 7pm-9pm.

## **PVSR PRAYER LINE – LET US PRAY**

Please remember in your prayers all of our parish family and friends who suffer emotionally, spiritually, or physically especially for Marcel Gonthier, Lawrence Ashley, Donald "Smiley" LaBarge, Rick Jessmer, and for *ALL who have been affected by Covid-19*. If you wish to have someone listed for one month, please contact the Parish office at 315-384-4242.

*Anyone from **Our Catholic Parishes** may request to have a person included in the bulletin for prayers. We will adhere to the practice of including a name for one month before removing it. Prayer can always be requested again at any time.*

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## **ST. ANDREW'S PRAYER LINE**

Members of our Parish who would like a member of their family or a close friend put on our Prayer Line are asked to call either Doreen Valade @ 315-212-5729 or Ann Miller @ 315-353-2950. Please be sure the person we will be praying for agrees to this before you call. Everything you share with us is kept confidential.

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## **SWITZERLAND & GERMANY WITH OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY**

Experience the grand cities of Europe's Alpine region and be part of history in the making when you enjoy a performance of the legendary Passion Play in the Bavarian village of Oberammergau. You'll view the picturesque pinnacles and turrets of Neuschwanstein Castle, and then overnight in Bavaria's mysterious Black Forest, where popular souvenirs include authentic cuckoo clocks and wood carvings. In Switzerland, highlights include a visit to the Chateau de Chillon on lovely Lake Geneva and a walking tour in Lucerne. June 12-20, 2022. For more information contact Lisa Reed at 518-332-8414, email [happytravelswithlisa@gmail.com](mailto:happytravelswithlisa@gmail.com) or visit the website at <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1053562>.

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## **MATER DEI COLLEGE FOUNDATION**

### **Attention High School Seniors**

Are you a Catholic High School Senior who currently resides in the Diocese of Ogdensburg and is planning to attend a Catholic College or University in the Fall? The Mater Dei College Foundation is pleased to offer a Scholarship opportunity to qualifying students going on to study liberal arts and sciences at a degree granting Catholic College or University. To request an application form, please email Valerie Mathews, Mater Dei Foundation Scholarship Chair at [vmathews@rcdony.org](mailto:vmathews@rcdony.org). Application deadline is June 1, 2021.

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## **FAITH FORMATION CLASSES 2020 – 2021**

### ***Happy Easter!***

#### **Upcoming Events -**

Confirmation April 22<sup>nd</sup>

Catechists are available to help and guide you as well as answer any questions you may have. Please reach out to them if you have any questions or concerns, or you can contact

Carol Gonthier, Director of Faith Formation, [cgonthier@twcny.rr.com](mailto:cgonthier@twcny.rr.com). Thank you!

## PRIESTHOOD DISCERNMENT

WHAT Priesthood Discernment Almost Live, WHEN Sunday, April 18, 3:00pm-4:00pm, WHERE YouTube Channel "Ogdensburg Fishers Club"

High School Juniors and older men are invited to join Fr. Marty Cline & Fr. Howard Venette as they livestream from St. Bernard's, Saranac Lake, to discuss vocation discernment and the Priesthood...with you! Participants can be "almost" live by forwarding comments and questions to [ogdiscern@gmail.com](mailto:ogdiscern@gmail.com) during the broadcast. Please use this email for more info.

## CARE & PREPARE - END OF LIFE EDUCATION YouTube Video from NYS Catholic Conference

Kathleen Gallagher and Ed Mechmann discuss what our Church teaches regarding end-of-life decision making, broken into 4 components: Core Values, Ethical Principles, Euthanasia/Assisted Suicide, and Advance Directives. For more information, contact the Respect Life Office ([cminer@rcdony.org](mailto:cminer@rcdony.org))

## RETURNABLES

Stepping Stones is still collecting returnables and appreciate those who have continued to drop them off at the rectory garage. If you need them picked up please let us know. Keep them coming!



Starts April 5

Do you know anyone with questions about Christianity? Someone who has been on the fence or has drifted away from the faith? Invite them to Alpha.

Alpha is a place to explore the Christian faith with others. It's a series of conversations focused on the questions of life, faith, and meaning.

Each session includes a time to connect with others, hear a talk on some element of faith, and then a chance for people to share their own questions and perspectives with the group.

The Diocese of Ogdensburg is running an online Alpha starting **April 5** from **6:30pm-8pm** via Zoom. Guests can join from the comfort of their own home. All that they need is a computer with a mic/camera or a smart phone.

Registration form is available at  
<https://www.rcdony.org/alpha>.  
For more information contact Marika Donders,  
Office of Evangelization at [mdonders@rcdony.org](mailto:mdonders@rcdony.org)

## PLANNED GIVING

**Honoring Loved Ones Through Endowment Gifts**  
Establishing an endowment in the Foundation of the Diocese of Ogdensburg is a wonderful way to provide a lasting and meaningful gift in remembrance of a special person and at the same time support a purpose which that special person held dear. For more information, contact the Diocese at 315-393-2920 or Email [slalone@rcdony.org](mailto:slalone@rcdony.org)

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS "40 FOR 40"

Norwood and Norfolk K of C Councils would like to send sincere thanks to all who supported their annual "40 for 40" can and food drives during Lent. Collection baskets were located in each of our churches. All items will be donated to both the Norwood and Norfolk/Raymondville food pantries respectfully.

## SAFE ENVIRONMENT CORNER

Did You Know...**Prudence** is the virtue to which a person is disposed to discern the good and best action(s) and select the means to accomplish such outcomes. Prudence allows a person to know just what to do and how to put this knowledge into right action. Prudence helps us to plan our time and resources rightly. It helps us to balance our choices of leisure and self-care. Like other virtues, prudence often grows when there is a decision to foster its growth.

## **APRIL** Is Child Abuse Prevention Month

Every April, Catholic parishes and schools across the United States participate in National Child Abuse Prevention Month.



**Identify and Report Warning Signs of Child Abusers**

Grooming behaviors are the actions abusers take to protect the image that they are kind, generous, caring people, while their intent is to lure a minor into an inappropriate relationship. Offenders can be patient and may groom their victim, his or her family, or community for years.

Some abusers isolate a potential victim by giving him or her undue attention or lavish gifts, while others allow young people to participate in activities which their parents or guardians would not approve, such as watching pornography, drinking alcohol, using drugs, and excessive texting, such as sexting and sexting. Abusers also often try to isolate their victims from family or friends and encourage their victims to keep secrets from their parents or other caring adults.

### **The Effects of ABUSE**

When a child is abused, the effects are grave and can last a lifetime. Some of the most common effects of abuse include:

- Loss of faith and trust in God.
- Post-traumatic stress disorder, psychological distress, and other indirect signs of trauma, such as anxiety, trouble sleeping, chronic stomach pain, and headaches.
- A greater risk of developing behavioral problems, substance abuse, and suicide.

The sense of violation goes deep into a person's psyche and feelings of anger, shame, hurt, and betrayal can build long after the abuse has taken place.

### **Steps to Prevent ABUSE**

#### **Communicate with Your Children**

It is extremely important to communicate openly with your children. Let them know that they can talk to you about anything that bothers them. This will help you identify warning signs and grooming behavior perpetrated by offenders before they escalate to abuse.

#### **Educate Yourself and Your Children on Abuse**

Learning how to identify, prevent, and report abuse is key. Parents and guardians should empower their children to protect themselves from harm and to report abuse. Ask your diocesan safe environment coordinator or parish delegate about opportunities for safe environment training.

### **Holding Offenders ACCOUNTABLE**

To help hold offenders accountable, report all suspected abuse to local public authorities. You can also contact your local diocesan victim assistance coordinator to make a report and seek outreach for the abused.

In accordance with diocesan policy, when a single act of sexual abuse is admitted or established, the offender is to be removed permanently from ministry.

"Let it be clear that before these abominations the Church will spare no effort to do all that is necessary to bring to justice whomever has committed such crimes . . . To those who abuse minors I would say this: convert and hand yourself over to human justice, and prepare for divine justice."  
—Pope Francis, Dec. 31, 2018



## **DIOCESAN YOUTH RALLY**

### **Courage to Rise - Answering the call to love one another**

The Diocesan Youth Office is excited to offer the 2021 Youth Rally virtually. On April 17th, from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm, young people in grades 7 to 12 are welcome to “Zoom” into a fun, enriching, and engaging virtual rally centered on our 2021 theme, “Courage to Rise”- Answering God’s call to love one another.

Although there is no fee to attend this virtual event, registration is required. Please click the link below to access the registration page. After you complete the registration form, you will be directed to a “Photo/Video Release” form. Upon completion of both forms, we will send you an acknowledgement and instructions on how to access the Rally via a Zoom video link. Youth are welcome to attend the rally remotely from home or with their respective youth group if they have been safely gathering, following their Parish COVID protocols. All youth who register and participate will receive an activity/gift package in the mail.

Our keynote speaker for the rally will be Doug Tooke. Doug Tooke is a dynamic and energetic speaker with more than 20 years in Ministry. Doug’s presentations inspire and motivate people to seek a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Bishop Terry R. LaValley will round out the event with a Q&A/Discussion, and Blessing. Your host for the event will be Thomas Semeraro, the Diocesan Director for the Office of Youth Ministry.

Expect moments of laughter, music, prayer, reflection, a renewed Faith and the “Courage to Rise”, answering the call to love one another.

For more information, contact Tom Semeraro, [tsemararo@rcdony.org](mailto:tsemararo@rcdony.org) or 315-393-2920 ext 1415

### **SIDEWALK ADVOCATES FOR LIFE** **Virtual Training Available**

Would you like to learn how to help women in an unplanned pregnancy? Sidewalk Advocates for Life offers a peaceful way to reach a woman's heart and fill her needs so she can confidently choose life.

For more information, contact the Respect Life Office ([cminer@rcdony.org](mailto:cminer@rcdony.org)) or visit [www.sidewalkadvocates.org](http://www.sidewalkadvocates.org)

### **HEALING MASS** **Child Abuse Prevention Month**

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. In conjunction with CAPM, Bishop LaValley will hold a special Healing Mass on Sunday, April 11, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. (Divine Mercy Sunday). The Healing Mass will be held at St. Mary’s Cathedral in Ogdensburg. Please plan to attend and pray for all victims/survivors of child abuse. All are welcome to attend. The Healing Mass will be “livestreamed” on the Diocesan YouTube channel. For more information, contact the Safe Environment Office at (315) 393-2920.

## **LITANY OF ST. JOSEPH**

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| Lord, have mercy.                   | <i>Lord, have mercy.</i>           |
| Christ, have mercy.                 | <i>Christ, have mercy.</i>         |
| Lord, have mercy.                   | <i>Lord, have mercy.</i>           |
| Christ, hear us.                    | <i>Christ, graciously hear us.</i> |
| God, the Father of Heaven,          | <i>have mercy on us.</i>           |
| God the Son, Redeemer of the world, | <i>have mercy on us.</i>           |
| God the Holy Spirit,                | <i>have mercy on us.</i>           |
| Holy Trinity, One God,              | <i>have mercy on us.</i>           |
| Holy Mary,                          | <i>pray for us.</i>                |
| Saint Joseph,                       | <i>pray for us.</i>                |
| Noble Offspring of David,           | <i>pray for us.</i>                |
| Light of Patriarchs,                | <i>pray for us.</i>                |
| Spouse of the Mother of God,        | <i>pray for us.</i>                |
| Chaste Guardian of the Virgin,      | <i>pray for us.</i>                |
| Foster Father of the Son of God,    | <i>pray for us.</i>                |
| Zealous Defender of Christ,         | <i>pray for us.</i>                |
| Head of the Holy Family,            | <i>pray for us.</i>                |
| Joseph Most Just,                   | <i>pray for us.</i>                |
| Joseph Most Chaste,                 | <i>pray for us.</i>                |
| Joseph Most Prudent,                | <i>pray for us.</i>                |
| Joseph Most Courageous,             | <i>pray for us.</i>                |
| Joseph Most Obedient,               | <i>pray for us.</i>                |
| Joseph Most Faithful,               | <i>pray for us.</i>                |
| Mirror of Patience,                 | <i>pray for us.</i>                |
| Lover of Poverty,                   | <i>pray for us.</i>                |
| Model of Workmen,                   | <i>pray for us.</i>                |
| Glory of Domestic Life,             | <i>pray for us.</i>                |
| Guardian of Virgins,                | <i>pray for us.</i>                |
| Pillar of Families,                 | <i>pray for us.</i>                |
| Comfort of the Afflicted,           | <i>pray for us.</i>                |
| Hope of the Sick,                   | <i>pray for us.</i>                |
| Patron of the Dying,                | <i>pray for us.</i>                |
| Terror of Demons,                   | <i>pray for us.</i>                |
| Protector of the Holy Church,       | <i>pray for us.</i>                |

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,  
*Spare us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,  
*Graciously hear us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,  
*Have mercy on us.*

V. He has made him lord of his household,  
R. *And prince over all his possessions.*

Let us pray. O God, who, in your loving providence, chose Blessed Joseph to be the spouse of your most Holy Mother, grant us the favor of having him for our intercessor in heaven whom on earth we venerate as our protector. You, who live and reign forever and ever.

*Amen.*

