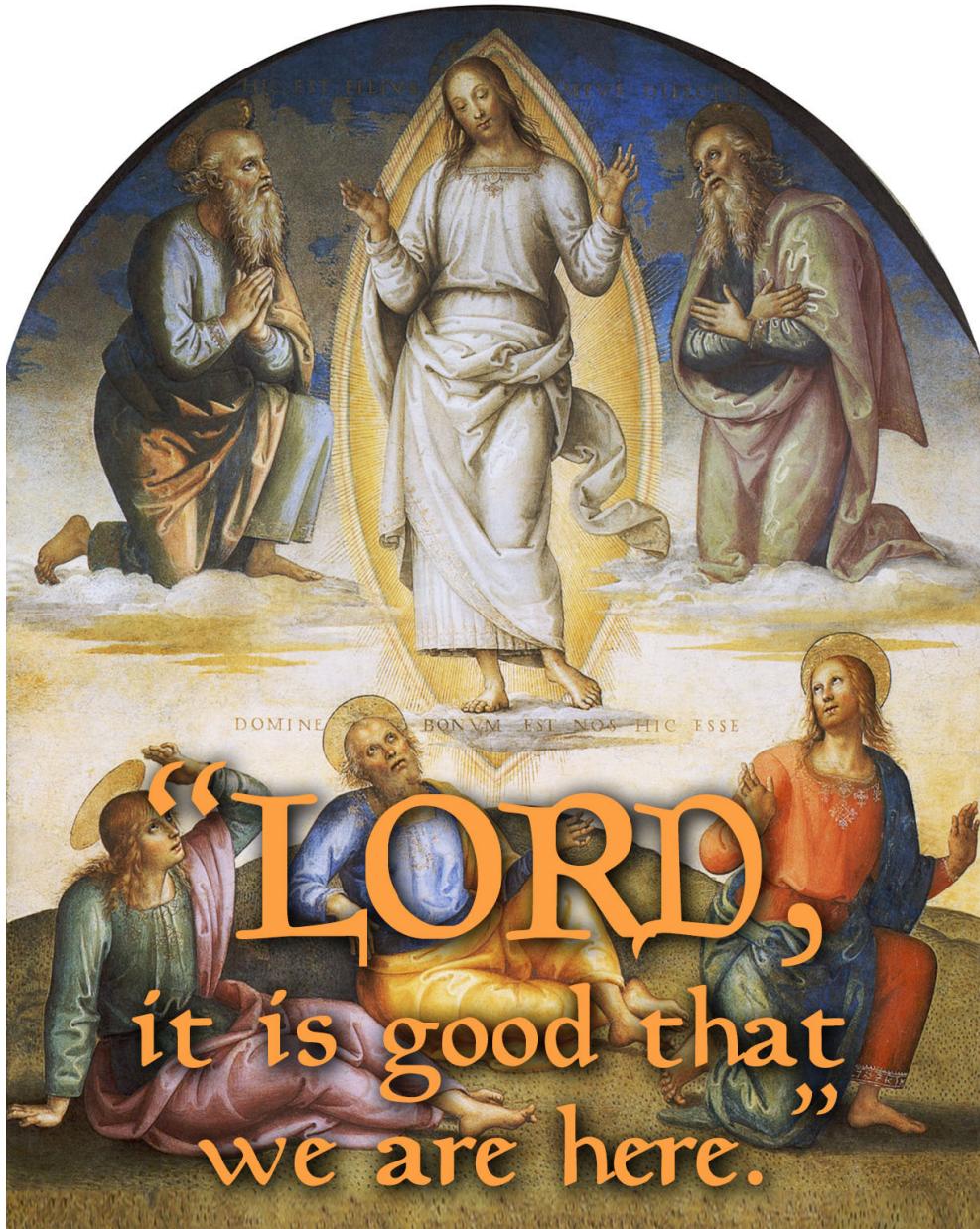


# 2nd Sunday IN LENT



Rev. Simon Peter Engurait

Deacon  
Stephen Brunet

Secretary  
Mr. Mark Olin

## Weekend Masses

Saturday, Vigil 4:00 pm  
Sunday 8:00 & 10:30 am  
*Sacrament of Reconciliation  
30 minutes prior to Mass*

## Lenten Practices

*Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving*  
Daily Mass  
Monday-Thursday  
8:00 am

## Fridays

5:30 pm Way of The Cross,  
6:00 pm Holy Mass

Please pick up your  
Meditation Booklet

*The Lenten Season provides  
the stirring reminder of our  
mortality and begs for the  
blessings of forgiveness.*

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## Mission Statement of St. Bridget Catholic Church Parish

We the community of St Bridget Catholic Church Parish, as members of the Mystical Body of Christ, are dedicated to living out our faith and belief as Christian people. Through our words and actions we strive: to promote and live the Gospel teachings of Christ; to recognize, develop, and encourage the unique gifts and talents given to each person by the Holy Spirit; to unite as a Parish family in the Eucharist; to witness, to share, and to empower one another's spiritual growth.

Hello Everyone,

Greetings from Rome where my sabbatical experience continues to go very well. It is Monday morning February 20, 2023 and I am glad to provide you a quick update and overview from the last two weeks.

I will begin with last week (February 13-19). The focus of the week was on the great Apostle Paul, one of the pillars of the Church and the city of Rome. The man who wrote most of the New Testament! We had classes all week by a Jesuit priest, Father Scott Brodeur, SJ who is a professor of Sacred Scripture at the Pontifical Gregorian University here in Rome. The classes opened with a dive into St Paul, the man and his mission. It was very insightful to learn about the person of St Paul and how his background and personality influenced his mission. I was for example struck by the fact that by the time he did his missionary work and letter writing, he was a ‘young’ man. Then we had an overview of his letters but ended up focusing more on the letter to the Romans. This was for the obvious reason that, it was a letter to the Christian community here in Rome (which unlike the others, he had not founded or visited before the letter writing).

The week of classes ended with Fr Vivian Boland, OP coming back to make a presentation on Preaching St Paul, how best for us not only to be like St Paul, but more importantly how to share the major themes in the teachings of the apostle. The classes were spiced up by tours and excursions. The first was a visit to the Major Basilica of St Paul (outside the walls) on Tuesday (2/7). After celebrating Mass at the chapel of St Lawrence, we had a guided tour of this major basilica which contains the tomb of the apostle as well as the chains used on him. The tour was led by the famous Benedictine Monk Fr Edmund Power, O.S.B. I had visited the basilica several times before, but this was exceptional because Fr Edmund had served for ten years as the Abbot of the Benedictine community that administers the basilica and as such had very unique perspectives. You will be pleased to know that one of the special features of the basilica is the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. **In it is the crucifix that spoke to St Bridget in 1370. St Bridget lived in Rome at the time and was a regular visitor to the Basilica.** Then on Thursday (2/9) Fr Scott led us on a two-fold trip; first to the famous Jewish Synagogue in Rome. Pope St John Paul II made history as the first Pope to visit a synagogue and during the visit recognized the Jews as our elder brothers and sisters. As you know, both Jesus and Paul were Jews and regular visitors to the Synagogues.

It was therefore an eye-opening experience to visit and to learn about their manner of worship as well as some of the things we have in our churches today that we got from the Synagogue (e.g. the Sanctuary Lamp which signifies the presence of the Blessed Sacrament is derived from a lamp

in a synagogue signifying the presence of the Word of God- Torah – the Old Testament). As you will see from the pictures, you may not readily realize that it is not a Catholic Church or Basilica. The second part of the trip was a visit to the Church built over the house where St Paul was imprisoned (San Paolo Alla Regola). **This was the place where he wrote the Letters to the Philippians, Ephesians, Colossians and to Philemon!** During the visit, we actually got to read the short Letter to Philemon.

This was a powerful experience. Then over the weekend, I had the opportunity to visit the beautiful and historic Island of Malta because of its connection to St Paul. As we read in Acts of the Apostles about his perilous journey (from Jerusalem to Rome for trial) they were shipwrecked and managed to swim to a nearby Island and later learned that it was called Malta. The natives of the Island showed them kindness and hospitality.

On his part, St Paul performed miracles including curing those who were sick (Read Acts 27:25 – 28:10). This little Island that honors St Paul is said to have more than 360 Catholic Churches!

\*More next week, or browse [St Bridget's webpage](#) (select Sabbatical).

### PRAYERS FOR REST AND RENEWAL



O Jesus, our great High Priest, hear our humble prayer on behalf of your priest Simon Peter. Give him a deep faith, a bright and firm hope and a burning love that will increase during the course of his priestly life.

In times of loneliness, comfort him.  
In times of sorrow, strengthen him.  
In times of frustration, remind him that it is through trials and suffering that the soul is purified. Show him how best to serve Your Church and minister to souls.

O most pure and Blessed Mary, ever virgin, Mother of us all, take your son Simon Peter to your Immaculate Heart. Keep him close to you. Be his comfort, Be his joy. Be his strength. Help him in his commitment to live a life of consecrated celibacy, prayer and obedience; and help him to defend the ideals of the One, Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church, Amen

March 4 &amp; 5

**Bishop Mario Dorsonville, on his upcoming Installation**

## READINGS AND MASS INTENTIONS

**March 4 4:00 pm vigil +Olema & Ida Darcey,  
+Anthony "Rod" Rodrigue,  
+Charles Darcey;  
+Paul Hebert by Children**

**March 5 8:00 & 10:30 +Arthur Landry by Dee,  
Arthur Jr. & Samantha  
Landry Ralph Melancon  
by Roger & Lisa Dupre**

**March 6 Parishioners of St. Bridget**

**March 7 8:00 am Saints Perpetua & Felicity**

**March 8 Saint John of God**

**March 9 Saint Frances of Rome**

**March 10 Saint Marie-Eugenie de Jesus**

**March 11 4:00pm vigil +Olema & Ida Darcey,  
Anthony "Rod" Rodrigue;  
Charles Darcey; +Guy Richard  
by family.**

**March 12 8:00 & 10:30 +Elsie Gauthreaux & Andrew  
Gauthreaux by Karen Dufrene;  
+Arthur Landry by Dee, Arthur Jr  
& Samantha Landry; +Betty  
Bourgeois by Bonnie Daigle;  
+Alicia Weimer by Cindy Poencot**

**Scripture Readings  
For the Week of March 5, 2023**

**Sunday Second Sunday of Lent**  
Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22;  
2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

**Monday** Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 & 13; Lk 6:36-38

**Tuesday** **Memorial of Perpetua and Felicity,  
Martyrs** Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17,  
21 & 23; Mt 23:1-12

**Wednesday** **Saint John of God, Religious** Jer 18:18-20;  
Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Mt 20:17-28

**Thursday** **Saint Frances of Rome, Religious**  
Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Lk 16:19-31

**Friday** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-17,  
18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43. 45-46

**Saturday** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10,  
11-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**Sunday Third Sunday of Lent**  
Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9;  
Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42



*May the God of Hope fill us with all joy and  
peace in believing, so that we may abound in  
Hope by the Power of the Holy Spirit (Rom 5:13)*

## PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

**In the Charity of your prayers**, remember the sick in our Parish Family — Alisa Frederick; Alvin & Gail Blanchard; Alvin Blanchard; Avery "Brother" Fonseca; Bethany Moore; Betty Falgout; Blaze Templet; Brenda Sonnier; Bryce Comeaux; Cheryl Henderson; Chester Sanchez; Connie Hymel; Daniell Samanie; David Cannon; David Prejean; Delores Bourgeois; Donnie Aucoin Jr; Dorothy Didier; Edith Theriot; Elaine Ables; Elvin Babin; Emile Charles Nelson; Emily LeBoeuf; Eric Olivier; Gladys Richard; Gordon Rhodes; Gwen Larson; Huey "Pat" Porche; Huey Cortez Sr; Jackson LaFleur; Jacob Aucoin; James Benoit; Jean Tregre; Jeannie Aucoin; Kenneth Pitre; Kip Pierce; Lawrence Coig; Lisa Filardo; Louis Stevens; Lowell Larson; Mary Allemand; Mary Louviere, Mary Theriot; Melissa Fontana; Melissa Tardiff; Michelle Rogers; Mike Stegall; Mila Marsala; Pewee Monson; Pierre Theriot; Ronnie Bourg; Sara Aucoin; Shirley Rodrigue; Sonia Fonseca; Stephanie W. Sneeze; Tammy Babin Loney; Tanya, Maggie & Max Martin; Toni Pollet; Trish Templet; Webster Bertinot.

*May the peace of God that surpasses all understanding  
guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen*

TO YOU, O LORD, I MAKE MY PRAYER FOR MERCY.

## Pope Francis offers Fasting Advice for Lent

Fast from hurting words and say only the Good Things people need to hear.

Fast from sadness and become filled with gratitude for all that you have in life.

Fast from anger, become filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries –Trust in God.

Fast from complaining and contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and become prayerful.

Fast from bitterness and resonate joy.

Fast from selfishness and offer compassion.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from too many words, begin to listen.

Father Simon Peter traces the footsteps of St. Ignatius of Loyola



## Save the Date

*The Mass of Canonical Installation of His Excellency*

*The Most Reverend  
Mario E. Dorsonville  
as Fifth Bishop of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux*

**Wednesday, March 29, 2023**  
*The Cathedral of St. Francis de Sales  
Houma, Louisiana*

*All to be seated by 1:30 PM  
Procession begins at 1:45 PM  
Mass of Installation begins at 2:00 PM*



St. Bridget Parishioners are welcome to watch the Live Stream Mass and Installation of our New Bishop. *Please gather in the Annex to Pray Together and Be Present on this new beginning.*

**Nunc Coepi (With God's Help, We Begin)**  
Let us Pray for the Diocese of Houma/Thibodaux.

## The Liturgy of the Day

As we continue this forty-day journey through Lent, we do not want to lose sight of what the future holds-for Jesus in the gospel and for us in our lives. Jesus will suffer greatly and will be put to death and laid in a tomb. But on the third day he will be raised and will ascend to the Father in glory, opening the way to eternal life for us all. We mark this season with prayer and fasting, almsgiving and repentance, knowing that our destiny lies in eternal life with the Lord. Let us worship him, for he has transformed our destiny.

Whoever gives up his life for my sake in this world will find it again for ever in the next, says the Lord

"START FROM WHERE YOU ARE, AND FROM THERE,  
TRY TO JOURNEY TOGETHER," POPE FRANCIS.



**FAITH AT WORK**

Dear St. Bridget  
Catholic Church,  
Peace with you!

Thank you on behalf of the staff and clients of Catholic Charities for your gift of \$1216.25 received Feb 6, 2023 to benefit the Thibodaux Good Samaritan Food Bank. Catholic charities of the Diocese of H/T takes to heart their mission which is to provide comfort and assistance to others. We are inspired to put our Faith into Action as we are reminded by the birth and life of Jesus Christ.

As we continue to encounter the faithful of the diocese, we are continually moved by the great generosity shown by so many people like you and others who have come together from far and near to help "build the Kingdom of God" here in the Bayou Region. You have made visible for us the "power" in which Saint Paul speaks about as he writes, "For the Kingdom of God does not consist in talk but in power" (1Cor 4:20).

While we can never repay you for your kindness toward us through your gift of financial donations, well wishes and prayer, we offer you our gratitude and prayers in thanksgiving to Almighty God for your generosity as we truly are "One Body in Christ" moving forward together!

*Sincerely yours in the Lord,*  
Chamon Williams  
Executive Director of Catholic Charities

**Let us live our Christianity for the sake of the World. Check out these sites for teachings.**



**On the USCCB website:**  
Daily Prayers, Reflections and access to Papal Documents throughout church history.

Pope Benedict XVI said:  
"True wisdom gives meaning to life amid darkness."

**WORD  
on FIRE**

Put on the cloak of Christianity.  
Forgiveness must be practiced before it is felt.

*Rich teachings from [WordonFire.org](http://WordonFire.org)*

**Wisdom is an indestructible seed.**



**Rosary Center  
& Confraternity**

Browse  
[FORMED.org](http://FORMED.org)  
To access more  
reflections during this  
Lenten Season.  
Be prepared to  
answer, when  
someone asks Why?



*What is your why—?  
Who is your Why?*

3/4/23	4:00 pm	3/5/23 8:00 am	10:30 am
Lector	Bernadette Mabile	Joan Bourg	Pauline Monnier
Commentator	Anne Naquin	Jeanette Schexnayder	Lillie Brunet
<b>3/11/23</b>	4:00 pm	<b>3/12/23 8:00 am</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
Lector	Sue Chauvin	Annie Breerwood	Fred Duplechin
Commentator	Faye Seal	Lynette Lawless	Melissa Pierce
<b>3/18/23</b>	4:00 pm	<b>3/19/23 8:00 am</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>
Lector	Linda Hernandez	Dawn Koetting	Leslie Naquin
Commentator	Steve Mire	Jeanette Schexnayder	Lillie Brunet

*\*\*Please check in with the Celebrant in the Side Chapel 5 minutes before Holy Mass*

BE MERCIFUL, O LORD, FOR WE HAVE SINNED



## PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

**Altar Servers**-needed for weekend masses, please check with Deacon Stephen before Mass.

**Catholic Daughters**-Thur, March 9th, in the Annex, 6:30 pm.

**Children's Liturgy**- During the Sunday Morning Masses

**Choir**-Wednesday evening practice

**Decorating Committee**-seasonal help needed.

**Homebound Ministry**-extraordinary ministers, call the office

**Knights of Columbus**-Wed, March 22, Annex, 7:00 pm.

**Lectors/Commentators** -schedule is on page 5

**Office Volunteers**-serve at the request of the secretary

**Social Committee**-greeters, servers at events, and clean up

**Ushers** -needed for all weekend masses,

### Last Week's Collections

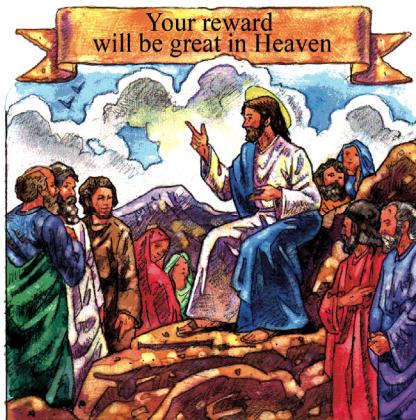
**Weekly Envelopes** \$ 2,891.00

**Weekly Loose** \$ 1,949.00

**Ash Wednesday** \$ 1,517.00

**Online** \$ 675.00

*Thank you for your financial support to St. Bridget Church.*



**"The Sacramental Effectiveness of our life in the church is made present by the witness of our lives."** John Paul II

### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

**Come Lord Jesus**—a scripture study focusing on the weekly readings is held on Monday's from 9 AM –10:30 AM. Call 446-9096 to inquire.

**The Rosary** is prayed every Wednesday and Friday after the daily 8 am Mass. All are invited to join in this experience.

**Choir Practice**—Wednesdays at 6:00 pm.

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES

**1st Communion Retreat is Saturday, March 18, 2023**  
**The Sacrament of First Communion will be celebrated Sunday, March 19.**

**Youth Rally—April 1 at ED White High School, \$55.** Registration fee includes a t-shirt and meal, for youth in grades 8-12. Public school students have their information, any Catholic School Student who wishes to participate should contact Miss Bernadette. *Parents responsible for transportation.*

**Students, Mass Attendance slips** are to be placed in the collection basket at the Mass you attend. YF Office has more.

**Vacation Bible School** is scheduled for June 5-9, all volunteers should contact the office for planning meetings.

### Children's Liturgy

Offered during Sunday Morning Mass in the Side Chapel of St. Bridget Church. *The Sunday Gospel is unpacked and illustrated to children in pre-K through second grade.*

Safe Environment Training is required to volunteer. Contact Wanda LeBlanc.

**YOUTH FORMATION OFFICE:**

**985-446-1985**

**CONTACT: BERNADETTE MABILE**

**DIOCESAN  
OUTREACH LINE**  
**WE ARE HERE TO HELP:**

**(985) 873-0026 or**

**(985) 850-3172**

**For more info, visit:**

[www.htdioocese.org/safe-environment](http://www.htdioocese.org/safe-environment)

O LORD, I TRUST IN YOUR MERCIFUL LOVE. MY HEART WILL REJOICE IN OUR SALVATION. I WILL SING TO THE LORD WHO HAS BEEN BOUNTIFUL WITH ME.

## Faith Practices

When praying the Rosary, we encounter Holy Mary Mother of God and enter into the Mysteries of Christ.

### Relevant today, it's not just for the very religious.

There is much more going on when we repeat the prayers or count beads. We in fact strengthen our relationship with God—and open the door for profound, intimate, and personal encounters with Christ through this devotion.

Instituted by St John Paul II, 2002, his Apostolic Letter of Rosarium Virginis Mariae states that: "the Rosary has all the depth of the Gospel message in its entirety."

### Let us Pray the Sorrowful Mysteries:

**1st Sorrowful Mystery, AGONY;** an angel came to comfort Him. Loneliness—the feeling that one is without comfort or understanding from others—was the lot of Jesus Christ throughout His public life. "He came unto His own, and they received Him not." Even those who did receive Him often deserved to hear Him say: "O slow to believe! Ye of little faith! Do you not understand yet? Have I been with you so long you do not know who I am?"

**2nd Sorrowful Mystery, SCOURGING;** Take Him yourselves; Judas was happy to be away from the Supper Room; Annas, unsettled by Christ's calm dignity amidst insults, quickly sent Him away. The Sanhedrin passed Him to Pilate. Pilate, afraid to condemn a Man so manifestly more innocent than His judges, ordered Him off to Herod. Herod soon tired of Him, and sent Him back. Then the bitter climax—the crowds yelled for His death, beating.....

**3rd Sorrowful Mystery, CROWNING;** Love was the whole reason for the Incarnation. Christ's life was one of loving service—healing, teaching, preaching to the poor. He called Himself the good Shepherd, who would die for His sheep; He is as close to His friends as a vine to its branches. When He was about to leave the world, His love found a way for Him to remain—hidden under the appearances of bread. But on Good Friday, when Pilate pointed Him out to the crowd, they forgot His goodness. The sheep demanded the death of the Lamb.

**4th Sorrowful Mystery, WAY OF THE CROSS;** Noble-hearted women are found on nearly every page of the gospel. There is, of course, the incomparable Mother of God, the Virgin Mary. There are the old Elizabeth and the ancient Anna and the young Magdalen,

"who loved greatly"; the Canaanite woman who begged like a dog for Christ's help; the woman whose touch drew healing power from Jesus; the widow whose farthing enriched God's house "above gold and precious stone"; and Pilate's wife, Our Lord's only defender in His Passion. And there were the women who made the **Way of the Cross** with Him to comfort His heart with their tears. To console others, to relieve their loneliness with our sympathy, is a great virtue.

**5th Sorrowful Mystery, CRUCIFIXION;** It was inevitable that our Lord's friends should not understand Him. He was a perfect Man among proud, unspiritual men; and He was God, whose ways are not ours. Even His most Holy Mother didn't always understand His words and actions, and had to puzzle over them in her heart. One alone understood Jesus Christ completely, His Heavenly Father. Our Lord's chief delight was to spend His nights in prayerful intimacy with His father. But, on the cross, if Jesus can feel abandoned by His Father, so can I.

*And if He continues to pray, so will I.*



## Devotion

St. Joseph's Altar set up will be from 3:00pm -5:00pm on Friday, March 17, for baked goods to be delivered. The Church will remain open all day Monday, March 20 for devotions.

*Saint Joseph, Pray for us.*

