

# 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John;  
you will be called Cephas" – which is translated Peter.

Jn 1:42

*Saint Joseph Catholic Church*  
Church: 400 East Simpson Street  
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-6507  
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**MISSION STATEMENT: Saint Joseph Parish, Mechanicsburg PA**

Like our Patron, Saint Joseph, the Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we are called to foster the presence of Christ in all that we say and do. Our mission is to grow disciples for the Lord Jesus Christ.



Reverend Thomas J. Rozman, Pastor  
Reverend Timothy J. Sahd, Parochial Vicar  
Deacon Jack Paruso  
Deacon Steven Auchey  
Seminarian Andrew Kappenhagen  
Rudy Geisler, Parish Manager  
Rebecca A. Bamberger, School Principal  
Mark Rebuck, Coordinator of Religious Education  
Mary Vukelich, Adult Education Coordinator  
Justin Myers, Pastoral Musician  
Suzanne Bruzga, Evangelization Coordinator  
Reagan "Issy" Stence, Communication Coordinator  
Parish Advisory Council, [pac@stjosephmech.org](mailto:pac@stjosephmech.org)

**Sacrament of Penance**

Saturday: 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM

Please notify the parish office when you or a family member has been admitted to the hospital or healthcare facility.

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Please contact the parish office, 717-766-9433, to schedule.

**Common Policy for Baptism:** Parents are encouraged to call the Parish Office to receive a copy of the Parish Baptism Policy containing essential information regarding the required instruction workshop and requirements for sponsors.

**Sponsor Certificates:** Letters of recommendation for sponsors of the Sacraments can be issued only to active members of the Parish who are registered in the Parish and receiving the Sacraments.

**Sacrament of Matrimony (Marriage)**

**Common Policy:** It is necessary for a couple to contact the priests NINE TO TWELVE MONTHS prior to the anticipated time of the wedding. (It is recommended to contact the parish priest as soon as a formal engagement is decided.)

**Sacrament of Anointing:** Call any parish priest as soon as there is any serious illness.

**Holy Communion to the Sick:** When a parishioner is confined to home because of illness, advanced age, or infirmity, please call the office and arrangements will be made to take Holy Communion to the person.

**Masses:** Saturday: 4:00 PM (fulfills Sunday Obligation)  
4:15 PM Gazebo  
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 9:45 AM (ASL), 11:30 AM  
9:45 AM Gazebo  
Weekday: See inside; Masses for the Week

**Parish Office:** 410 E. Simpson St.  
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-6507

**Telephone Numbers:**

Parish Office:	717-766-9433
Video Phone for the Deaf:	717-610-0326
Mass & Confession Times:	717-766-8032
Parish Office FAX:	717-795-9123
School:	717-766-2564
School FAX:	717-766-1226
Religious Education:	717-766-2472
Trinity High School:	717-761-1116

## Masses & Events for the Week

### VIGIL - SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 4:00 PM † Theresa Harcarik (Harcarik)  
4:15 PM Gazebo Mass – Special Intention

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 17 - SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20; John 1:35-42)

- 8:00 AM People of the Parish Living and Deceased  
9:30 AM RCIA (Zoom)  
+9:45 AM † James Nguyen (Nguyen)  
9:45 AM Gazebo Mass - Special Intention  
11:30 AM † Hope DeFrayne (Schwalm)  
6:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)

### MONDAY, JANUARY 18 - WEEKDAY

(Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 2:18-22)

- 9:00 AM † Martha Esposito (Franco)

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 19 - WEEKDAY

(Hebrews 6:10-20; Mark 2:23-28)

- 9:00 AM Special Intention  
1:30 PM Alpha (Zoom)  
7:00 PM Alpha (Zoom)

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20 - WEEKDAY; SAINT FABIAN, POPE AND MARTYR AND SAINT SEBASTIAN, MARTYR

(Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17; Mark 3:1-6)

- 9:00 AM Special Intention  
10:00 AM Bible Study (Zoom)

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 21 - SAINT AGNES, VIRGIN AND MARTYR

(Hebrews 7:25—8:6; Mark 3:7-12)

- 9:00 AM † Rose Marie Brommer (Reilly)  
11:00 AM Abiding Together Women's Group (Zoom)  
7:00 PM Abiding Together Women's Group (Zoom)

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 22 - DAY OF PRAYER FOR LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN (Hebrews 8:6-13; Mark 3:13-19)

- 9:00 AM † Elizabeth Lodeski (Barkofsky)  
7:00 PM Holy Hour with Prayers, Night Prayer, Benediction  
8:30 PM Candlelight Procession & Prayers to Our Blessed Mother  
Public and Livestreamed (Sanctuary)

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 23 - BVM, SAINT MARIANNE COPE, VIRGIN; SAINT VINCENT, DEACON AND MARTYR

(Hebrews 9:2-3, 11-14; Mark 3:20-21)

- 6:15 AM That Man is You (Zoom)  
2:30 PM Confessions (Parish Life & Ed. Ctr.)

### VIGIL - THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 4:00 PM In Honor of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of  
Mary and Marc Migala  
4:15 PM Gazebo Mass – Special Intention

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 24 - THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20)

- 8:00 AM † Betty Husic (Husic)  
9:30 AM RCIA (Zoom)  
+9:45 AM † Celestine Jordan (Bianca)  
9:45 AM Gazebo Mass - Special Intention  
11:30 AM People of the Parish Living and Deceased  
6:00 PM Bible Study (Zoom)  
REP Pre-School and Kindergarten (Online)

+ Mass in American Sign Language (ASL)

# WELCOME

All of our Masses are open to the public! Join us in Church or at the Gazebo for an outdoor Mass. Join us virtually from our Church via livestream. It is available on our website: [www.stjosephmech.org](http://www.stjosephmech.org), Facebook Page, MyParishApp and our YouTube Channel! Our Weekend Masses can also be heard from our campus parking lot on your car radio: FM 95.5. All are welcome!!!

### We Remember

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** For the Living and Deceased members of the Simon and Staub Family.

**TABERNACLE FLOWERS:** For the Living and Deceased members of the Simon and Staub Family.

**RED SANCTUARY CANDLE:** Special Intention.

**TABERNACLE CANDLES:** Special Intention.

**ALTAR CANDLES:** Special Intention

**PRO-LIFE ROSE:** Special Intention



\$140 Donation for Tabernacle, \$70 Altar, Ambo, & Divine Mercy Flowers, \$10 Donation for candles, \$5 Donation for Pro-Life Rose  
Information on our website: [www.stjosephmech.org](http://www.stjosephmech.org) or call the parish office: 717-766-9433.

Confessions are held every Saturday from  
2:30 - 3:30 PM, in the Parish Life and Education  
Center (our school).

All are welcome.

**2020 End of Year Tax Statement:** If you would like a year-end donation statement for 2020, please email David Macciko at [finance@stjosephmech.org](mailto:finance@stjosephmech.org) or call him at 717-766-9433 ext. 106. Thank you to everyone who supports the efforts of Saint Joseph Parish in any way. We are truly blessed by your prayers and your generosity.

Our Friday Holy Hour on January 22 will begin at 7:00 PM with special prayers for Respect Life. All are welcome.

### Rest in Peace

Please pray for those who have recently died, may they rest in peace. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let thy perpetual light shine upon them. And may the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

#### PARISHIONER:

John Brennan, husband of Susan Brennan

William Bricker, husband of Elaine Doran

Walter Drescher, husband of Mary

Ninh Thi Tran, mother of Father Pang Tcheou

#### WE ALSO REMEMBER:

Emanuel Starvaggi, father of Michael Starvaggi



# PARISH TRANSFORMATION

THE YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH  
DECEMBER 8, 2020 to DECEMBER 8, 2021



There is an insert in this bulletin, provided by the Office for Divine Worship of the Diocese of Harrisburg, that includes ways to observe this year dedicated to this special saint, our patron. We also have this posted on our website at [www.stjosephmech.org](http://www.stjosephmech.org).

## Pro-Life Activities this Month

January 18, is Martin Luther King Jr. day. Saint Joseph Respect Life Committee deals with all areas of Catholic social teaching including racial justice. We are currently studying the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' pastoral letter against racism, [Open Wide Our Hearts](#). If you're interested in participating, please join our next meeting on Wednesday, February 3 at 7:00 PM via Zoom. Contact Deacon Steven Auchey by email at: [deaconsteven@stjosephmech.org](mailto:deaconsteven@stjosephmech.org)

Our parish observance of 9 Days for Life begins on Thursday, January 21. Join us for special video presentations each day with prayers offered by members of our Respect Life Committee. To access these videos, go to [www.stjosephmech.org](http://www.stjosephmech.org). We will end this Novena on Friday, January 29 (More information on those parish activities will be in next week's bulletin).

Please join us on Friday, January 22, as we observe a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. We will have Mass at 9:00 AM, and that evening we will have a special time of prayer beginning at 7:00 PM, which includes Eucharistic Adoration. The evening will end with Benediction and our weekly candlelight procession in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 8:30 PM.



## Order of Worship Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Entrance Chant • GOD, WE PRAISE YOU

† INTRODUCTORY RITES

Singing at public Masses: We are told that singing is one of the easiest ways for transmission of the Corona Virus, since more air is pushed from our lungs in this action. We are asked to limit singing to only the Cantor, who is in the choir loft for the entire Mass, at a substantial distance from the congregation. Music is an integral part of the celebration of Mass and we know how much you look forward to participating in our sung worship. However, prudence demands that we limit the role of congregational singing for the present time. Instead, please sing with your heart, and enjoy the fine musical leadership that always comes from the choir loft!

## Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord, Jesus Christ, only begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

## † THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### First Reading • *1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19*

Samuel was sleeping in the temple of the Lord where the ark of God was. The Lord called to Samuel, who answered, "Here I am." Samuel ran to Eli and said, "Here I am. You called me." But Eli answered, "I did not call you, my son. Go back to sleep." At that time Samuel was not familiar with the Lord, because the Lord had not revealed anything to him as yet. The Lord called Samuel again, for the third time. Getting up and going to Eli, he said, "Here I am. You called me." Then Eli understood that the Lord was calling the youth. So he said to Samuel, "Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply, Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." When Samuel went to sleep in his place, the Lord came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Samuel, grew up, and the Lord was with him, not permitting any word of his to be without effect. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm • *Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10*

**R/. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.**

### Second Reading • *1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20*

Brothers and sisters: The body is not for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body; God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. Avoid immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the immoral person sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore glorify God in your body. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation • *Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia*

### Gospel • *John 1:35-42*

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" – which translated means Teacher --, "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah" – which is translated Christ. Then he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas" – which is translated Peter.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Homily

### Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true**

God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven, *(at the words that follow, up to and including "and became man," all bow)* and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and His kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Universal Prayer • Lord, Receive Our Prayer

### † THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

#### Hymn • HERE I AM, LORD

### † COMMUNION RITE

#### Communion Hymn • I RECEIVED THE LIVING GOD

Spiritual Communion Prayer: My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. 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. Amen.

### † CONCLUDING RITE

Prayer to Saint Michael: Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

#### Closing Hymn • GO MAKE OF ALL DISCIPLES

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### ACT OF THANKSGIVING AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

O good Jesus, We thank You with all our hearts for giving us Yourself, the Source of all graces, in Holy Communion. We thank You for all the blessings that we have received from You, especially through the Holy Eucharist, in which You are ever present to console us and to help us in our needs. In thanksgiving of all Your favors, we offer You all that we are and have. May Your Will be done in our family and through each of us now and forever. Jesus, receive this poor offering. What can I give you? I give myself to You, that I may always serve You. I give You my body, that it may be chaste and pure. I give You my soul, that it may be free from sin. I give You my heart, that it may always love You. I give You every breath that I shall breathe, and especially my last; I give You myself in life and in death, that I may be Yours forever and glorify You eternally.

AMEN.



All students and adults are invited to attend the annual March for Life event in Washington, D.C. on Friday, January 29. Join members from Saint Theresa Parish and Good Shepherd Parish on the bus.

The day begins with Mass at Mount Saint Mary's at 7:30 AM. Cost is \$25 for adults, \$10 for students and \$50 for a family of four or more. The bus leaves from the parking lot of Good Shepherd Church, 3435 E Trindle Rd, Camp Hill at 6:30 AM. Please contact Barbara Keffer at 717-514-9551 to register. Payment must be submitted to Saint Theresa Parish, 1300 Bridge St., New Cumberland, PA 17070. For more information, please contact Barbara Keffer at 717-514-9551.

#### Abiding Together Women's group **Daytime & Evening via ZOOM!**

Each Thursday morning and again in the evening, amazing women like you are gathering via Zoom to accompany and support each other as we grow in faith. We discuss an episode of the Abiding Together podcast, and how the ideas presented help us draw closer to Christ. The topics are all stand-alone, so you can participate as your schedule permits.

Contact Mary at [adultformation@stjosephmech.org](mailto:adultformation@stjosephmech.org) to learn more!  
**Want a preview?** Listen to the podcast for free using your favorite podcast app (iTunes, Stitcher, Spotify, etc.) or by visiting [www.abidingtogetherpodcast.com](http://www.abidingtogetherpodcast.com).





**Congratulations to these middle school students who achieved honor roll status for the first trimester of the school year!**

**HONOR ROLL, 1<sup>st</sup> TRIMESTER, 2020-2021**

**SIXTH GRADE**

**1<sup>st</sup> Honors**

William Alcaro, Noah Aubert, Kayleigh Baker, Emily Bamberger, Sonal Chima, Isabella Cho-Currier, Sophie Deibler, Kiana Dietrich, Rocco Fetsko, Anna Gasaway, Amanda Gerdes, Morgan Gillespie, Henry Hussey, Kevin Kerstetter, Jacob Kertes, Andrew Notarfrancesco, James Schaedler, Allison Schiffer, Benjamin Snyder, Colton Sprow, Sophie vander Velden, Ethan Vereb, Rachel Yeager, Benjamin Zambotti

**2<sup>nd</sup> Honors**

Mario Arena, Kevin Azubike, Xavier Boone, Lucas Dougherty, Avery Ewer, Blaise Falkenstein, Anthony Green, Marialuisa Lio, Emma Lunney, Kaitlin Magel, Anastasia Ness, Wesley Schindler, Braeden Semones, Elizabeth Silva, Mason Steiner, David Yang

**SEVENTH GRADE**

**1<sup>st</sup> Honors**

Lauren Aschenbrenner, Noah Dominguez, Evelyn Dryden, Kendra Gill, Kathleen Maney, Sophie Manning, Kennedy Paul, Francesca Puig, Chloe Scanish, Nora Scanish, Juliana Serafin, Brady Sprengle, Adaure Uchendu, Jackson Walker, Quentin Warford, Katherine Warner

**2<sup>nd</sup> Honors**

Saoirse Bilodeau, Ian Brennenman, Elias Cooper, Lily Dryden, John Paul Durlle, Madison Facius, Leo Ferraro, Zarifa Gamble, Emma Kostelac-Lauer, Gavin Mann, Bridget Schalk, Lilyan Shetrom

**EIGHTH GRADE**

**1<sup>st</sup> Honors**

Maria Maureen Arguelles, Ryan Burick, Sienna Chirieleison, Lea DeAngelo, Natali Downey, Ann Frisch, Natalia Herchelroath, Ignatius Hussey, Dominic Iacone, Riley Jackson, Cassidy Montgomery, Brendan Palmer, Kenny Pham, Michelle Porter, Stephen Root, Ava Tran, Sophia Zambotti, Alessandra Zimmerman

**2<sup>nd</sup> Honors**

Gretchen Arnold, Brooklyn Bernarding, Lucas Caicedo, Nicholas Chirieleison, Carlyn Clouser, Nicholas Davis, Maya Erby, Kieran Finegan, Liberty Greer, Paul Gunther, Cooper Horne, Lily Johnston, Hayley Kielbasa, Rachel Kim, Gemma Najdek, Jackson Seivard, Alexander Whitley, Tyler Whitley



**Saint Joseph School has the following employment opportunity available.** Candidates are expected to uphold the values of the Catholic Church and our Saint Joseph School.

**Substitute Teachers:** An interested candidate must be a practicing Catholic and must possess at minimum a bachelor's degree. Candidates must be at least 21 years of age and will need to complete all diocesan clearances.

**If interested in the substitute teacher position, please send a cover letter and resume to Mrs. Rebecca Bamberger at [rbamberger@stjosephmech.org](mailto:rbamberger@stjosephmech.org)**

**Weekly Stewardship Report - January 10, 2021**

**Regular Sunday Offerings:**

<b>Weekly Goal</b>	<b>\$ 26,731.00</b>
<b>Actual Basket Offerings -</b>	
<b>Weekend Offerings (envelopes &amp; loose)</b>	<b>\$ 15,196.00</b>
<b>Electronic Check - Bill Payer</b>	<b>\$ 7,627.00</b>
<b>Online Thru WeShare</b>	<b>\$ 12,571.00</b>
<b>Total Offering</b>	<b>\$ 35,394.00</b>

**Comparison Prior Year - January 12, 2020** **\$ 31,070.00**

**Additional Offerings:**

<b>Central/Eastern Europe, Latin America &amp; Africa</b>	<b>\$ 1,238.00</b>
<b>Solemnity of Mary</b>	<b>\$ 876.00</b>
<b>Christmas Offerings</b>	<b>\$ 3,565.00</b>
<b>Christmas Flowers</b>	<b>\$ 208.00</b>
<b>Retired Religious</b>	<b>\$ 65.00</b>
<b>2020 DAC</b>	<b>\$ 750.00</b>
<b>Capital Improvements (PLEC Roof Savings Account)</b>	<b>\$ 1,365.00</b>

**"Building Disciples, Sharing Gifts"**

***Thank you for your continued generosity.***

Trinity is hiring a Head Varsity Football coach for the 2021 season. Successful candidates will have prior Varsity Football coaching experience and preferred candidates will have experience as a head coach. Interested candidates should forward coaching resume and coaching philosophy to Gary Bricker, Athletic Director - [gbricker@thsrocks.us](mailto:gbricker@thsrocks.us). Application Deadline: January 29, 2021

**Attention: Saint Joseph students and parishioners!**

Saint Joseph School and Knights of Columbus Council 12788 will be partnering together with R&K Sandwich and subs to help raise money to benefit both our school and council. All proceeds will be shared equally! Please save the date: **Super Bowl Friday, February 5, 2021**. This is the delivery date when the subs will be delivered to Brindle Hall in a refrigerated truck @ 11:30 AM. Orders can be picked up between 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM. Orders must be delivered to Clay Keefer by January 26 and to R&K subs by January 29. In business since 2005, R&K prides itself on its fresh Italian style 11 - 12" subs and pretzel sandwiches. The subs come refrigerated and are sorted by seller to make delivery so much easier. Our fundraiser number which is on our order form is 49005. The order form is on our website: [www.stjosephmech.org](http://www.stjosephmech.org). Checks payable to Knights of Columbus. Any questions, please call Clay Keefer at 717-939-6832.

**That Man is You!** The reality of God as a loving Father was revolutionary, completely new and blasphemous to every other world religion. Why does only Christianity believe this earth-shattering divine revelation? To find out, join us on Saturday morning for a free online meeting format that is open to everyone. We start every Saturday morning at 6:15 and are done by 8:00. Contact Tony Devlin at [thedevelinfamily@yahoo.com](mailto:thedevelinfamily@yahoo.com) for information.

**WE THANK OUR SPONSOR OF THE WEEK**

**Dairy Queen**

for sponsoring an advertisement in our parish bulletin.  
Please patronize the businesses that underwrite all of the publishing expenses of our weekly bulletin.

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THE YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH  
2020 – DECEMBER 8 – 2021



Joseph found happiness not in mere self-sacrifice but in self-gift. In him, we never see frustration but only trust. His patient silence was the prelude to concrete expressions of trust. Our world today needs fathers. It has no use for tyrants who would domineer others as a means of compensating for their own needs. It rejects those who confuse authority with authoritarianism, service with servility, discussion with oppression, charity with a welfare mentality, power with destruction. Every true vocation is born of the gift of oneself, which is the fruit of mature sacrifice. The priesthood and consecrated life likewise require this kind of maturity. Whatever our vocation, whether to marriage, celibacy or virginity, our gift of self will not come to fulfilment if it stops at sacrifice; were that the case, instead of becoming a sign of the beauty and joy of love, the gift of self would risk being an expression of unhappiness, sadness and frustration.—Pope Francis, *With a Father's Heart*

*Prayer to Saint Joseph by Pope Francis*  
*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer.*

*Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

*To you God entrusted his only Son;*

*in you Mary placed her trust;*

*with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,*

*show yourself a father*

*and guide us in the path of life.*

*Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,*

*and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

## PLENARY INDULGENCE DURING THIS YEAR

According to the decree issued by the Apostolic Penitentiary on December 8, 2020, there are fifteen ways to receive an indulgence in the Year of St. Joseph:

- 1) Participate in a spiritual retreat for at least one day that includes a meditation on St. Joseph.
- 2) Pray for St. Joseph's intercession for the unemployed that they might find dignifying work.
- 3) Recite the Litany of St. Joseph for persecuted Christians. Byzantine Catholics have the option of an Akathist to St. Joseph.
- 4) Entrust one's daily work and activity to the protection of St. Joseph the Worker.
- 5) Follow St. Joseph's example in performing a corporal work of mercy. These include feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, clothing the naked, sheltering the homeless, visiting the imprisoned, visiting the sick, and burying the dead.
- 6) Perform one of the spiritual works of mercy, such as comforting the sorrowful, counseling the doubtful, instructing the ignorant, admonishing the sinner, bearing wrongs patiently, forgiving injuries, and praying for the living and the dead.
- 7) Pray the rosary together with one's family in order that "all Christian families may be stimulated to recreate the same atmosphere of intimate communion, love and prayer that was in the Holy Family."
- 8) Engaged couples can also receive an indulgence from praying the rosary together.
- 9) Meditate for at least 30 minutes on the Lord's Prayer, because St. Joseph "invites us to rediscover our filial relationship with the Father, to renew fidelity to prayer, to listen and correspond with profound discernment to God's will."
- 10) Pray an approved prayer to St. Joseph on St. Joseph Sunday, the Sunday after Christmas in the Byzantine Catholic tradition.
- 11) Celebrate the feast of St. Joseph on March 19 with an act of piety in honor of St. Joseph.
- 12) Pray an approved prayer to St. Joseph on the 19th of any month.
- 13) Honor Joseph with an act of piety or approved prayer on a Wednesday, the day traditionally dedicated to St. Joseph.
- 14) Pray to St. Joseph on the Feast of the Holy Family on Dec. 27.
- 15) Celebrate the feast of St. Joseph the Worker on May 1 with an act of piety or prayer.

## LITANY OF SAINT JOSEPH

Lord, have mercy on us. *Christ, have mercy on us.*  
 Lord, have mercy on us. *Lord, have mercy on us.*  
 Jesus, hear us, *Jesus, graciously hear us.*

God the Father of heaven, *have mercy on us.*  
 God the Son,  
     Redeemer of the World, *have mercy on us.*  
 God the Holy Spirit, *have mercy on us.*  
 Holy Trinity, one God, *have mercy on us.*

Holy Mary,	<i>pray for us.</i>
St. Joseph,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Renowned 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>
Diligent protector 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 strong,	<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 artisans,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Glory of home life,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Guardian of virgins,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Pillar of families,	<i>pray for us.</i>
Solace of the wretched,	<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 Holy Church,	<i>pray for us.</i>

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,  
*spare us, O Jesus.*

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,  
*graciously hear us, O Jesus.*

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,  
*have mercy on us, O Jesus.*

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

Let us pray:

O God, in your ineffable providence you were pleased to choose Blessed Joseph to be the spouse of your most holy Mother; grant, we beg you, that we may be worthy to have him for our intercessor in heaven whom on earth we venerate as our Protector: You who live and reign forever and ever. *Amen.*

*Saint Joseph, pray for us!*

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