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**March 19
FEAST OF
ST. JOSEPH,**
Spouse of the
Virgin Mary

The Bible pays Joseph the highest compliment: he was a “just” man. The quality meant a lot more than faithfulness in paying debts. When the Bible speaks of God “justifying” someone, it means that God, the all-holy or “righteous” one, so transforms a person that the individual shares somehow in God’s own holiness, and hence it is really “right” for God to love him or her. In other words, God is not playing games, acting as if we were lovable when we are not. By saying Joseph was “just,” the Bible means that he was one who was completely open to all that God wanted to do for him. He became holy by opening himself totally to God. It is no contradiction of Joseph’s manly holiness that he de-

cidated to divorce Mary when she was found to be with child. The important words of the Bible are that he planned to do this “quietly” because he was “a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame” (Matthew 1:19). The just man was simply, joyfully, wholeheartedly obedient to God—in marrying Mary, in naming Jesus, in shepherding the precious pair to Egypt, in bringing them to Nazareth, in the undetermined number of years of quiet faith and courage. The Bible tells us nothing of Joseph in the years after the return to Nazareth except the incident of finding Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:41–51). Perhaps this can be taken to mean that God wants us to realize that the holiest family was like every other family, that the circumstances of life for the holiest family were like those of every family, so that when Jesus’ mysterious nature began to appear, people couldn’t believe that he came from such humble beginnings: “Is he not the carpenter’s son? Is not his mother

named Mary...?” (Matthew 13:55a), “Can anything good come from Nazareth?” (John 1:46b). St. Joseph is the Patron Saint of Fathers, Happy death, Social Justice, Travelers, Universal Church, Workers

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**JUST SO YOU KNOW
LADIES**

When we choose to wear lipstick we may not be aware of the results. Some consider leaving lipstick on holy objects to be offensive, disrespectful or irreverent. We could try to remember to wipe off our lipstick before receiving the Precious Blood at Mass. Nowadays lipstick is intended to stick, and it is really difficult for ministers to wipe it off the Chalice in preparation for the people behind us. Also, think of the volunteer who cleans the linens for us. Removing lipstick from the purificators is a serious challenge. These are also considerations when venerating, for instance, a Cross, statue or icon by kissing it.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

3/18– St. Vincent De Paul
3/30– (Good Friday) Holy Land

FRIDAYS DURING LENT

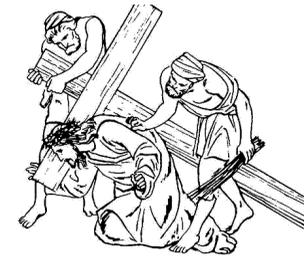
Each Friday during Lent we abstain from meat together. This is intended to be a religious experience and so we need to explore it and prepare for it. How meaningful and powerful the experience is, depends upon how reflective we are about it, and the kind of choices we make, to ensure that there is some sacrifice and some experience of solidarity in our Lenten Fridays.

<http://onlineministries.creighton.edu>

This year’s **Chrism Mass** will be celebrated Tues. **March 27** at 10:30 a.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Parish in Austin. All are welcome to attend.



**"God loves each
of us as if
there were only
one of us."
- St. Augustine**



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays during Lent after our 12:30pm Mass in the Chapel led by Fr. Craig or Deacon Cris and ending with Benediction. (Spring Break week March 16th there will be no Stations or Benediction)

**LENTEN PENANCE
SERVICES**

Be spiritually prepared for Easter!
St. Anthony’s in Kyle on Tue. March 20th
All Penance Services begin at 7pm.



Fr. Craig will host an evening of reflection on the *Seven Last Words of Christ* Friday March 23rd from 5-7pm in the Chapel. All parishioners and students are invited to attend!

THIS FRIDAY!



HOLY WEEK 2018

March 25th-April 1st

Palm Sunday
MASS 10am, 5pm and 7:30pm
Holy Thursday
MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER 6:30pm

Good Friday
LIVING STATIONS THROUGH CAMPUS Noon

PASSION OF THE LORD 3:00pm

Holy Saturday
EASTER VIGIL MASS 8:30pm

Easter Sunday
EASTER SUNDAY MASS 10:00am, 5pm and 7:30pm

PALMS from previous years to be burned at the Easter Vigil Mass may be placed in the basket in the Lobby before Saturday, March 31st.