

Saint Andrew

Catholic Church

LOVE

Fourth Sunday of
Advent

December 19th, 2021



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*“Blessed are you
among women.”*

LUKE 1:42

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Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30am
Monday-Friday 7:30am
Holy Days: Vigil 4:00pm
7:30am & 6:00pm

Confession:

Saturday: 2:30pm
Those wishing to receive the sacrament should be here at 2:30

First Friday

7:30am Mass followed by confessions

First Saturday

7:30 Mass followed by confessions

Pastor

Reverend John Barrow

Retired Assisting Clergy

Monsignor Blase Gintoli
Monsignor James Moore
Reverend Charles E. Notabarotolo
Reverend Michael Bova Conti

Deacons

Deacon Louis Romero
Deacon Matthew Bartlett
Deacon Andre Boucher

Office Hours:

Monday-Friday
9am-12Noon
Saturday 2-4pm
Sunday
9am-12Noon

Youth Activities

DRE: Mrs. Donna Hernandez



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| Dec. 18 | Sat. | 7:30am | Christmas Novena |
| Dec. 19 | Sun. | 7:30am | Christmas Novena |
| Dec. 19 | Sun. | 9:00am | Frank Norcia+ |
| Dec. 19 | Sun. | 10:30am | Barbara Zumstag+ |
| Dec. 20 | Mon. | 7:30am | Christmas Novena |
| Dec. 21 | Tues. | 7:30am | Christmas Novena |
| Dec. 22 | Weds. | 7:30am | Christmas Novena |
| Dec. 23 | Thurs. | 7:30am | Christmas Novena |
| Dec. 24 | Fri. | 7:30am | Christmas Novena |
| Dec. 24 | Fri. | 4:00pm | Paul Tonra+ |
| Dec. 24 | Fri. | 11:00pm | Michael Magi+ |
| Dec. 25 | Sat. | 7:30am | Christmas Novena |
| Dec. 25 | Sat. | 9:00am | Rev. Edward Olszewski(Liv) |
| Dec. 25 | Sat. | 10:30am | Rev. Patrick O'Leary+ |
| Dec. 26 | Sun. | 7:30am | Rose Gorecki+ |
| Dec. 26 | Sun. | 9:00am | Constance Norcia+ |
| Dec. 26 | Sun. | 10:30am | Lynn Gonnello+ |
| Dec. 27 | Mon. | 7:30am | John & Kathleen Sullivan(Liv) |
| Dec. 28 | Tues. | 7:30am | Danny Dyrirt Jr.+ |
| Dec. 29 | Weds. | 7:30am | Lucy & Joseph De Bartolomeo+ |
| Dec. 30 | Thurs. | 7:30am | Danny Menton(Liv) |
| Dec. 31 | Fri. | 7:30am | Eric Frew+ |
| Jan. 1 | Sat. | 7:30am | Patricia Betters+ |
| Jan. 1 | Sat. | 7:30am | Sbordone Family |
| Jan. 2 | Sun. | 7:30am | Tonra Family |
| Jan. 2 | Sun. | 9:00am | Kenneth Englebrecht+ |
| Jan. 2 | Sun. | 10:30am | Gintoli & Ahyong Families(Liv & + |

“ A single act of pure love pleases me more than a thousand imperfect prayers.” Jesus (According to St. Faustina)

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Please join us in praying the Chaplet on Mondays after the daily 7:30am Mass in room C We pray for our Country, our Priests and for the Sanctity of Life.



Adult Education (RCIA) & Lectors
Christine Michaelian
Thursday 6:30pm-8:00pm

Adoration

M-F 8:00am-12m in Church
Mo Wallace
TWINONEMO@AOL.COM
772-285-2688

Servants of the Eucharist & Care of the Sick
Kathleen Sullivan

Annulments

John Ginnetti

**Men of Saint Andrew
Dave Olio**

Monday evening 6:30-8pm
davidolio333@gmail.com

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Norma Olio
1st Wednesday of each month
10:30 am

Pro-Life Ministry

Michele Williams

Bible Study

Tuesday 10:00am
Tuesday 6:30pm

**Ignation Spirituality
Prayer Group**

Gerri Murray

Disciples of Prayer

Camille Lascari &
Bob Greeson

Parish Website

saintandrewcatholic.org
Webmaster;
Michael Brennan

Community Outreach

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Please call for an appointment
772-291-0002

Rosary Maker's Ministry

Kathleen Sullivan
Wednesday 10:00am

Ushers

Jane Engelbrecht
ejanybrainy@yahoo.com

Prayers Before Mass

December, 19th 2021 Fourth Sunday of Advent

All of the information needed for today's liturgy is found in this bulletin, including Readings, and Responses.

St. Andrew Christmas Novena

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold. In that hour, vouchsafe, O my God! To hear my prayer and grant my desire, through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother. Amen.

(It is piously believed that whoever recites the prayer fifteen times a day from the feast of St. Andrew (30th November) until Christmas will obtain what is asked.)



Forever Forgiving

One of the hardest things to do in life is to pray for those who persecute you and to treat them with the utmost respect and compassion. But what benefit is there in hating them or lashing out at them? Doing this "harm" to them is far more damaging to your own soul than to theirs. Forgive, forgive, and forgive again. In fact, forgiving another is a form of God's justice in that it reveals that another is in need of forgiveness and dispels the vicious power of their malice in your life. Forgive them, pray for them and entrust them to the Mercy of God. By doing this you will have great peace in your soul (See *Diary* #1628).

Is there anyone in life that you hate? Or anyone that you are at least tempted to have much anger toward? If so, reflect upon this person today and make the conscious choice to forgive them. Though your feelings may not immediately follow this choice, you will begin to find peace in this decision. Forgive them over and over as long as anger remains and the Lord will prune that vice from your life replacing it with His joy.

Lord, in Your great Mercy You have forgiven me for my sins. I am unworthy of such a gift but I thank You for it. Help me to show the same depth of mercy and compassion to others, especially those who have hurt me. I forgive them, dear Lord. I forgive them a thousand times and more. Jesus, I trust in You.

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, **All bow at the words that follow, up to and including** 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 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.



Prayer to St. Michael

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and the 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, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

Mary, Queen of the Apostles, and Patroness of Our Diocese, pray for us.

Penitential Act: A

The Confiteor

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Mary's Song
Millie Rieth

Gathering Hymn

1. My soul doth glory in your love, O Lord.
My soul doth glory in your love, O Lord.
For you gazed on your servant with compassion,
And you reached out and took me by the hand.

2. Great are you, God, and holy is your name.
Your mercy reaches to the end of time.
Ah, the lowly you raise to the heavens,
And the proud-hearted have no part with you.

3. Ah, how you fill the hungry with your love.
With empty hands the rich are sent away.
You will always be mindful of your mercy,
As you promised your people long ago.

4. My soul doth glory in your love, O Lord.
My soul doth glory in your glory, O Lord.
For you smiled on your servant with compassion,
And you reached out and took me by the hand.

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FIRST READING

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Micah

Micah 5:1-4a (12c)

Thus says the LORD:

You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah too small to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel; whose origin is from of old, from ancient times. Therefore the Lord will give them up, until the time when she who is to give birth has borne, and the rest of his kindred shall return to the children of Israel. He shall stand firm and shepherd his flock by the strength of the LORD, in the majestic name of the LORD, his God; and they shall remain, for now his greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth; he shall be peace.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Incarnation

"By his incarnation the Son of God has united himself in some fashion with every human being" (Vatican II, GS 22). This saving event reveals to humanity not only the boundless love of God who "so loved the world that he gave his only Son" (Jn 3:16), but also the *incomparable value of every human person*. The Church, faithfully contemplating the mystery of the Redemption, acknowledges this value with ever new wonder. She feels called to proclaim to the people of all times this "Gospel", the source of invincible hope and true joy for every period of history. *The Gospel of God's love for man, the Gospel of the dignity of the person and the Gospel of life are a single and indivisible Gospel*" (Pope John Paul II, *The Gospel of Life*, n.2).

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 80:2-3,15-16,18-19

R. (4) **Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

O shepherd of Israel, hearken,
from your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth.

Rouse your power,
and come to save us.

R. **Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

Once again, O LORD of hosts,
look down from heaven, and see;
take care of this vine,

and protect what your right hand has planted
the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

R. **Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

May your help be with the man of your right hand,
with the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

Then we will no more withdraw from you;
give us new life, and we will call upon your name.

R. **Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first Letter to the Hebrews

Hebrews 10:5-10

Brothers and sisters:

When Christ came into the world, he said: "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; in holocausts and sin offerings you took no delight.

Then I said, 'As is written of me in the scroll, behold, I come to do your will, O God.'"

First he says, "Sacrifices and offerings, holocausts and sin offerings, you neither desired nor delighted in."

These are offered according to the law.

Then he says, "Behold, I come to do your will."

He takes away the first to establish the second.

By this "will," we have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.
May it be done to me according to your word.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 1:39-45

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**
A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord.

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

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

Eucharistic Adoration

In the Church M-F 8:00am-12:00pm

"I desire to unite Myself with human souls; My great delight is to unite Myself with souls. Know, My daughter, that when I come to a human heart in Holy Communion, My hands are full of all kinds of graces which I want to give to the soul." Yet, in response to all His gifts, He adds that "souls do not even pay any attention to Me; they leave Me to Myself and busy themselves with other things. Oh, how sad I am that souls do not recognize Love! They treat Me as a dead object" (Diary, 1385)



Will you spend one hour with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament?

Christ, Be Our Light (Easter Vigil Text) **Closing Hymn**
Bernadette Farrell

1. This is the night of new beginnings.
This is the night when heaven meets earth.
This is the night filled with God's glory,
promise of our new birth!

Refrain

Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

2. This is the night Christ our redeemer
rose from the grave triumphant and free,
leaving the tomb of evil and darkness,
empty for all to see.

3. Now will the fire kindled in darkness
burn to dispel the shadows of night.
Star of the morning, Jesus our Savior,
you are the world's true light!

4. Sing of the hope deeper than dying.
Sing of the pow'r stronger than death.
Sing of the love endless as heaven,
dawning throughout the earth.

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The Eucharist is the secret of my day. It give strength and meaning to all my activities of service to the Church and to the world." Pope Saint John Paul II

Last Will and Testament



Please Remember your
Church

St. Andrew
In your Last Will and Testament

Praying for Others

Do not underestimate the power of your prayers. The greater your trust in the Mercy of God, the more powerful will your prayers be for those who need them. The Lord knows all things and He knows who needs what. But He wants to dispense His grace in union with those who ask for it. Your prayers for others are the most powerful way that you can bring the Mercy of God into this world (See *Diary* #1603).

Do you pray for others? If not, resolve to do so. Your prayer may be for a specific need or a struggle that another is enduring. But we should always leave the specific result to the Mercy of God. Offering others to God and trusting that He knows the best outcome for any situation pleases our Lord and wins an abundance of grace for those in need.

Lord, I offer You, this day, all who are troubled and burdened. I offer You the sinner, the confused, the ill, the imprisoned, the weak of faith, the strong of faith, the religious, the laity and all Your priests. Lord, have Mercy on Your people, especially upon those in most need. Jesus, I trust in You.

Weekly Announcements



The Sanctuary
Candles are for
the intention of
**Cinalli & Lucente
Families**



The Candles at the Shrine of Our
Lady of Perpetual Help are for the
intention of
Gabriella & Trevor Deggeller



The Candles are burning during
Adoration in the Church for the
intention
of
Claudia Spinelli

Weekend Marriage Builders

Spiritual Growth



When one spouse is experiencing more rapid spiritual growth, there's a danger of putting pressure on the other partner: "She should say grace at meals" or "He should lead the family devotions." Most people resist being told what to do! If one person is uncomfortable with something, then the spouse who is spiritually ready should go ahead to initiate and lead those activities. The point is not to nag, but to encourage one another. Encouraging literally means "putting the heart into people" -giving someone a heart of desire for something. A spouse may get encouraged as he sees the Holy Spirit work in his partner. That's a better way of encouraging each other than imposing your desires on your mate. It all begins in being responsible for our own growing love for God. As we're absorbed in the Lord, it should be catching! It makes our partners hungry for that experience, but it does so with out admonishing our pushing.

- ◆ As you turn your attention to your own spiritual life, what is one area in which you'd like to see growth?
- ◆ Can you think of a concrete way your spouse could encourage you as you grow in that area?

1 Peter 3:1-2; Romans 15:1-5

ST. NICHOLAS TREE



**May St. Nicholas Inspire you that
"it is more blessed to give than
to receive!"**

*We would like to suggest a gift card from
either Publix, Walmart or Aldi to
distribute to the needs of the members of
our parish community.*

Suggestions

Family of 2 \$50.00

Family of 3-4 \$75.00

Family of 5-6 \$100.00

Kindly include the dollar amount **\$\$**
on the outside of the envelope.

Please return your envelope by

December 19th, 2021

**May our Lord reward you and
your loved ones for your
generosity!**

The Apostles of John Paul II

**Not Living
Happily Ever
After? Try
MARRIAGE
BOOTCAMP**



Marriage Boot Camp is a Biblically focused program designed specifically to renew your relationship with not only your spouse, but with our Lord as well.

This is an intense 12-week process that will challenge you and your spouse spiritually and emotionally and reacquaint you both with God's plan for a joy filled marriage.

This program is currently under development, for more information:

Contact Deacon and Mrs. Louie Romero at
561-775-9557
or email lromero@diocesepb.org



The Rosary Ministry Celebrates Three Years Of Making Rosaries

In the past three years we have made over 30,000 rosaries for our Paishioners, Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Assisted Living, Prisons and Countries throughout the World.

We meet every Wednesday from 10 AM to Noon in Classroom C. Please drop by to see if you would like to join our Ministry. We supply all materials and training.

We thank the Apostles of John Paul 11 for their continuing support of our Ministry



We love having you as part of our Flock! Keep in touch with us via email and text!

Text 4ANDREW to 84576 or connect with us online at saintandrewcatholic.org/stay-in-touch



Disciples of Prayer

St. Andrew's Church has established a ministry of prayer, "St. Andrew's Disciples of Prayer".

If you or a loved one, friend or neighbor, has a need of prayer or, if you have a generous spirit and can spend 5 to 10 minutes a day praying for special intentions, please contact ;

Camille at qtcaccl@gmail.com

or

Bob at cobra12220@aol.com

to place someone on the prayer list, or if you are called by the Holy Spirit to pray.

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**Advent Wreath Prayer for the Fourth Week of Advent
Come to Our Aid, O Lord**

In this Fourth Week of Advent, our final days of preparation before Christmas, we ask Christ to forgive us for our sins and, through His grace, to create us anew when He comes. This week is also a time to recollect, to reflect on our Advent journey. If we have let the hustle and bustle of the season get in the way of our spiritual preparations for Christmas, we have one last chance to refocus—and the light of the candles on the Advent wreath can be a symbol of our focus, as well as a symbol of the light of Christ.

Traditionally, the prayers used for the Advent wreath for each week of Advent are the collects, or short prayers at the beginning of Mass, for the Sunday of Advent that begins that week. The text given here is of the collect for the Fourth Sunday of Advent from the Traditional Latin Mass; you could also use the Opening Prayer for the Fourth Sunday of Advent from the current missal. (They are essentially the same prayer, with different English translations.)

Advent Wreath Prayer for the Fourth Week of Advent

Bestir, O Lord, Thy might, we beseech Thee, and come; and with great power come to our aid, that, by the help of Thy grace, that which is hindered by our sins may be hastened by Thy merciful forgiveness. Who livest and reignest, with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen.

An Explanation of the Advent Wreath Prayer for the Fourth Week of Advent

In the Advent Wreath Prayer for the Third Week of Advent, we asked Christ to enlighten our minds through His grace. This week, we ask Him to grant us that same grace so that we can be prepared to accept the salvation that He brings to us through His Incarnation.

Definition of Words Used in the Advent Wreath Prayer for the Fourth Week of Advent

Bestir: to stir up, rouse, bring into action

Thy might: the power of God

Beseech: to ask with urgency, to beg, to implore

Great power: in this case, the grace that Christ offers us

Hindered: delayed or obstructed; in this case, our salvation is being prevented by our sins

Hastened: moved more quickly; in this case, the forgiveness offered by Christ can remove the obstacles to our salvation that our sins have created

Merciful forgiveness: forgiveness that is undeserved, because our sins merit punishment; Christ in His mercy offers forgiveness because He loves us, not because we have earned His forgiveness

Holy Ghost: another name for the Holy Spirit, less commonly used today than in the past
Scott P. Richert



The Lord tells us to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Light a candle for your neighbor and make this **love** known.

Religious Education

Grade:1,2,3,4,5 Sunday 9:00-10:15am
 Grade: 6,7,8,9 Wednesday 6:30-8:00pm

December Schedule

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| Sat | Dec-11 | 4:00 MASS | CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE |
| Sun | Dec-12 | CCD | CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE (CHURCH DECORATING) 11:45AM |
| Wed | Dec-15 | CCD | ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE DURING CLASS |

Dec-19 22, 26 & 29 NO CCD

Spirit filled last minute gift ideas

- ◆ Jesse Romero tickets
- ◆ Gifts of prayer for a year (St. Joseph Candle or St. Theresa Candle)
- ◆ Sanctuary Candle or Adoration Candle or Our Lady of Perpetual Help Candle
- ◆ Christmas Ornaments, Nativity Statues
- ◆ Rosary or Special Novena Rosary
- ◆ Bible or Devotional Books
- ◆ 1 or 2 hours in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

A Spiritual Bouquet for You

A Spiritual Bouquet is an Offering of prayer and/ or sacrifice for the benefit of the soul of another person.
 Intercessory Examples are: Masses. Holy Hours. Communions. Alms Giving . Novenas. Acts of Personal Sacrifice .Rosaries. Chaplets. Litanies & Other Prayers.

To: _____
 Fr: _____
 To be completed by:(M/D/Yr) _____
 Today's Date: _____
 +Fill in your prayerful Gift Below+

Masses _____ Visits to the Blessed Sacrament _____
 Rosaries _____ Chaplets _____ Novenas _____
 Litanies _____ Stations of the Cross _____
 Remembrance at Mass _____ Acts of Penance _____
 Other _____

+May this Spiritual Treasure, committed to God's care in your name, bring you abundant Graces and enrich your Soul+

Our 2021 Christmas Schedule

Advent Reconciliation Service

Wednesday, December 15th

6:00pm Confessions

Saturday, December 18th

2:30pm

Christmas Vigil Masses

Friday, December 24th

3:00pm Holy Rosary followed by Mass;
 10:00 Holy Rosary followed by Mass

Christmas Day Masses

Saturday, December 25th

The Holy Mass will be celebrated at
 7:30am 9:00am & 10:30am,
NO 4:00pm Vigil mass or Confessions

Sunday Dec. 26th

Regular Sunday masses
 7:30am, 9:00am & 10:30am

Friday, December 31st

7:30am only

Saturday, January 1, 2022

(New Year's Day)

Not a Holy Day

7:30am , 9:00am & 10:30am,

NO 4:00pm Vigil mass or Confessions

Sunday January 2, 2022

Regular Sunday masses
 7:30am, 9:00am & 10:30am

Saint Andrew Catholic Church's Respect Life Vision

Our Respect Life Team will speak out and educate our Parish families and Friends utilizing our Catholic faith based on St John Paul II teachings: The Gospel of life is at the heart of Jesus saving message to the world. Every human person is a " manifestation of God in the world..." Our Respect Life Team will stay informed of the Church's teachings, such as abortion, end of Life decisions and The Corporal Works of Mercy. We will be aware of laws and policies that impact our values. We will be aware of local, state and national positions. Engage our youth Leaders with Students for Life. We will promote Prayer, Adoration, Corporal Works of mercy and defend life at all stages. Every gift we are given from God is meant not just for us but meant to Shape how we speak and act so that we become stronger witnesses to His Word. If interested please contact David Olio 772-919-2555.

If interested please add your name and information to RESPECT LIFE in Flocknote

ADVENT IS A PERFECT TIME TO PONDER ST. JOSEPH

Since the events surrounding Jesus' birth manifest the crux of our knowledge about St. Joseph in Scripture, the Advent/Christmas cycle is a perfect time to ponder his witness.

Though we do not know many details about him directly from Scripture, much can be inferred about him from what we do know. The litany of St. Joseph is a great place to get to know his characteristics. Among other things, it identifies St. Joseph as "most just."

The justice on display in a figure like St. Joseph is often missing from today's world. He offers a witness upon which we should meditate to learn the ways of God, who was fully alive in him.

To live as a man of justice, St. Joseph needed to be a man of faith, hope and charity. Take for instance the situation in which he found himself — betrothed to a young woman pregnant with a child not his own.

The justice of his day would have expected St. Joseph to abandon the young woman. More than that, it would have demanded the young woman be killed. While it's clear he wrestled about what to do, St. Joseph's action was definitive. He moved forward with his plans to welcome Mary into his home.

In God's justice, St. Joseph's heart was open to the truth. But this required great faith from him. The reality that Mary was expecting God's own son was something that defied human knowledge and reason. To embrace Mary in this vulnerable state opened up St. Joseph to vulnerability as well.

St. Joseph's faith informed his hope that God would provide for him because he was doing what was right, what was just. He knew it could cost him greatly, and for all we know it might have. That would only make sense according to the Christian logic of obedience and sacrifice. Consider what ramifications could flow from this small-town carpenter's acceptance and protection of a woman most believed was an adulterer.

It was primarily a heart full of love that enabled St. Joseph to endure whatever difficulty might come his way. He loved God above all and wanted to accept his role in God's plan for the salvation of mankind. In love, he laid down his life for his beloved Mary and the divine son she bore.

I often find myself imagining I was in St. Joseph's shoes. So many situations of life present similar circumstances like he faced. The qualities of his life should be those appropriated by anyone who wants to follow Jesus more closely. When life's darkest moments hover around us — akin to the dark days of December's Advent season — we can ask St. Joseph to help us. We can turn to his example for strength to persevere. We should desire and seek to emulate his faith, hope and love. In meditating on the life and witness of St. Joseph we can learn a fundamental truth described by St. Paul: "We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose" (Rom. 8: 28). *Michael R. Heinlein is editor of Simply Catholic.*

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Dynamic Catholic Speaker

Jesse Romero

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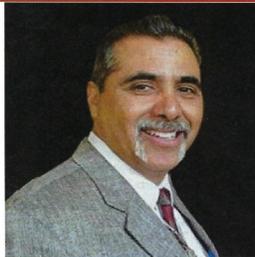
Jesse Romero is a full-time bilingual Catholic Lay Evangelist, who is nationally acclaimed for his dynamic, upbeat Christ centered preaching. His preaching apostolate is "On Fire Evangelizations" and his website is jesseromero.com

Jesse is a resident of Arizona and a retired Los Angeles Deputy Sheriff who has been married to his wife Anita since 1983, and is the parent of three children and grandchildren.

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Jesse has been on Catholic radio for over 15 years now hosting teaching and speaking in English & Spanish. He is currently on [Virginmostpowerfulradio.org](https://virginmostpowerfulradio.org), hosting "The Terry and Jesse Show," & "Jesus 911."

Jesse has been preaching since 1995. He also defended Holy Mother Church in several official debates with different Protestant Pastors, and on Spanish television against secular humanist.



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