

Parish Office Communication

September 26, 2021

Good Sunday Morning All,

Divine Mercy Chaplet today in the Church at 3:00 PM

On Tuesday, XM Meeting at the Church - 7:00 PM

1. Today's Readings: [Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time | USCCB](#)

2. The RE Corner with Jan Heithaus: Our Sundays with St. Joseph series will feature our first icon found in the church, a simple one of St. Joseph. Your assignment, should you choose to accept it, is to locate the icon and then spend at least a few minutes praying with it. Look at the faces, the hands, anything that the people are holding, the colors, etc. What is it saying to you? How is it drawing you to God? As you finish, offer a short prayer to Our Lord and St. Joseph.

3. Quote of the Day:

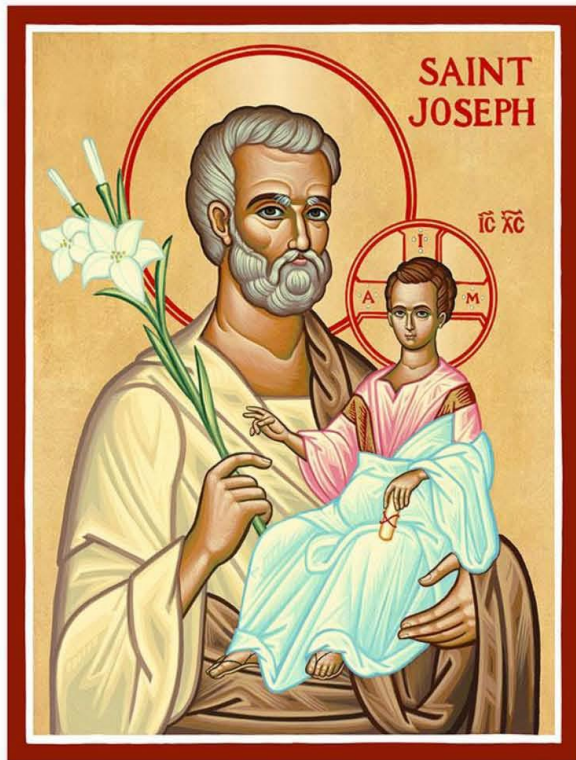
~ "Let us praise and thank Christ for having drawn so close to us, and for giving us Joseph as an example and model of love for him." **Pope Benedict XVI**

***St. Joseph, Pray for Us!***

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Joseph,  
son of David,  
you are the just man who blossoms  
like the lily,  
the prudent steward whom the Lord  
placed over  
His household.  
The Incarnate Word was pleased to  
dwell in your home;  
by your prayers,  
may we love and serve  
Him always.  
Amen.

Guardian of the Holy Family and also Guardian of the Church Universal for centuries, Saint Joseph has been one of the most beloved saints of the Church. In this saint icon, Saint Joseph holds a flowering staff that was the miraculous testimony that signaled God's choice of Saint Joseph as the betrothed of the Blessed Virgin.

Searching for a righteous man with whom they could entrust the youthful Virgin Mary in marriage, the priests of the Temple called all men of the tribe of Judah to bring their staves into the Holy of Holies. The staff of the righteous man Saint Joseph miraculously budded, as is depicted in the icon of the saint. And so, he was chosen to be the spouse of the Blessed Virgin.

Saint Luke's Gospel describes in detail Saint Joseph's important role in the eternal drama of Christ's birth, the flight into Egypt, and the finding in the Temple. The apocryphal "History of Joseph the Carpenter" records that, at his holy death, he was assisted by Christ and the Blessed Virgin.

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