

# Our Lady of Victories Church

(serving Harrington Park, River Vale and the Pascack/Northern Valley)  
Harrington Park, New Jersey

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## WELCOME

Sunday, January 17, 2021 A.D.  
In the Year of Saint Joseph

To the Parish Family of  
**OUR LADY OF VICTORIES**

(THE LITTLE CHURCH WITH THE BIG HEART)

**Parish Office 201-768-1706**

### COME WORSHIP WITH US

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Novenas prayed after 8:00 a.m. Mass:

**Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal:** Monday

**St. Jude and St. Anthony:** Wednesday

**Infant of Prague:** 25th of the month

**St. Peregrine:** First Friday of the Month

**Rosary:** Recited M - Sat after 8:00am & after 12:00Noon Mass

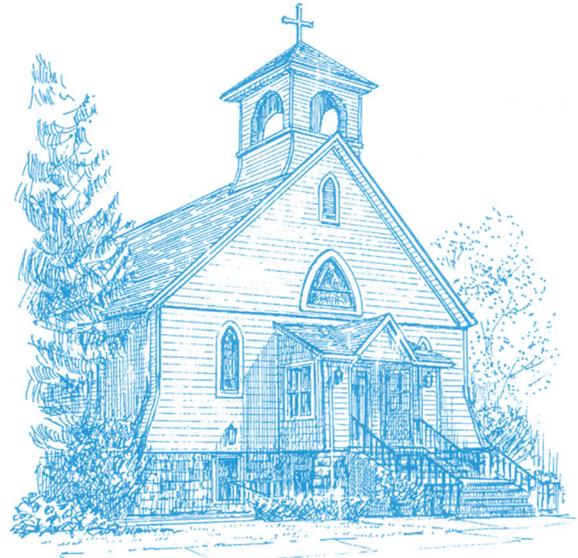
**Jesus: What do you seek?**

**Disciples: Where do You Live?**

**Jesus: Come and See.**

**John 1:38-39**

**Come follow me**



### ATTENTION !

**no more sign-ups** for  
Saturday evening / Sunday Mass.

Seating for Mass will be on a "first-come, first-served" basis,  
with the assistance of the ushers.

**Weekend Mass Schedule:**

Saturday evening 4:00PM and 5:00PM

Sunday 7:00AM, 8:00AM *Latin*, 9:30AM - also live-streamed,

10:45AM, 10:45AM Family Mass in OLV GYM

12:00Noon, 1:00PM *Spanish*, 6:00PM. No 7PM Sunday Mass

### THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION:

Mon.-Sat.: 7:30-7:50am. Saturday: 11:00-11:50am; 3:00-3:45pm

### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

To register for Baptismal preparation and Baptism, call the rectory.

### THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:

Call the Religious Ed Office for requirements/class schedule.

### THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:

Please call the rectory for an appointment.

### THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK/LAST RITES:

Sick calls at any time in emergency.

### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS AND VOCATIONS:

Anyone contemplating a vocation to the Priesthood or Religious Life should contact the Vocations Office at 973.497.4365.



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### **Fr. Wojciech's Corner**

This week (January 22) marks the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. **MARCH for LIFE is January 29 this year.** I strongly encourage all those who are able, to join us for the public prayer of the **HOLY ROSARY and Prolife Novena on January 22 after 12:00PM Mass** in front of Our Lady of Victories statue outside the Church. It will be our small "parish march" to show that we treasure ALL LIFE and ALL LIVES. **A child is not an entitled right (either to have or not to have).** We treasure all stages: "before" pregnancy (and we say NO to contraception, tubal ligation, vasectomy); "during" the pregnancy, (and we say NO to abortion); "after" the pregnancy, (and we say NO to infanticide, NO to murder, NO to "dumping" children or the elderly, and we say NO to euthanasia).

This week we start the 2021 Annual Appeal Campaign; please see more info below or visit the link on parish website. Materials will be also available inside the Church. Thank you for your generosity.

On **September 30** (on the feast of St. Jerome - 160 years after his death), Pope Francis issued an Apostolic Letter, *Motu proprio "Aperuit illis"*, establishing thus, that **"the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is to be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God"**. Saint Jerome devoted his entire life to study the Scripture that he even learned its original language, Hebrew. He translated most of the Bible into Latin, coming from a strong belief that: "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ". The title of the document, "*Aperuit illis*", is equally important. They are its opening words, taken from St Luke's Gospel, where the Evangelist describes how the Risen Jesus appeared to His disciples, and how "He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures".

To show our love for scripture I invite those who wish to bring their family or personal Bibles to the Church next Sunday; we will have a **special blessing at each Mass for the Holy Spirit to open Scriptures** to us and to our families. It is a great opportunity to start reading the dusted bible again and also so many beautiful commentaries of so many saints.

### **FAILURE LIST**

- Albert Einstein was 4 years old before he could speak.
- Isaac Newton did poorly in grade school and was considered unpromising.
- Beethoven's music teacher once said of him, "As a composer, he is hopeless."
- When Thomas Edison was a youngster, his teacher told him he was too stupid to learn anything. He was counseled to go into a field where he might succeed by virtue of his pleasant personality.
- F. W. Woolworth got a job in a dry goods store when he was 21, but his employer would not permit him to wait on customers because he "didn't have enough sense to close a sale."
- Michael Jordan was cut from his high school basketball team. Boston Celtics Hall of Famer Bob Cousy suffered the same fate.
- Walt Disney was fired from a newspaper because he "lacked imagination and had no good ideas."
- Winston Churchill failed the sixth grade.
- Babe Ruth struck out 1,300 times - a major league record.

A person may make mistakes, but he isn't a failure until he starts to blame someone else. We must believe in ourselves, and somewhere along the road of life, we must meet someone who sees greatness in us, expects it from us, and lets us know it.

### **2021 Annual Appeal**

This weekend starts the 2021 Annual Appeal Campaign. Please prayerfully consider giving to this appeal, which supports programs/ministries including: *Proclaiming the Gospel* (Evangelization & Family Life, Ministry with the Deaf), *Caring for the poor & vulnerable* (Catholic Charities, hospital/prison chaplaincy, Ministry with Persons with disabilities), *Passing on the Faith* (Youth/Young Adult Ministry, Catechetical Office, Campus Ministry, Catholic Schools), *Forming future priests & supporting retired clergy*. For more info -Visit: [2021 Annual Appeal | Archdiocese of Newark \(rcan.org\)](#)

### **Prayer for Reverence for Life**

Almighty God, giver of all that is good,  
We thank you for the precious gift of human life:  
For life in the womb,  
coming from Your creative power,  
For the life of children,  
making us glad with their freshness and promise,  
For the life of young people,  
hoping for a better world,  
For the life of people who are disabled,  
teaching us that all life has value,  
For the life of the elderly, witnessing  
to the ageless values of patience and wisdom,  
Like the Blessed Mary, may we always say  
"yes to your gift".  
May we defend it and promote it  
from the conception to its natural end.  
And bring us at last, O Father,  
to the fullness of eternal life  
in Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.  
- composed from the words of a homily of Pope John Paul II

### **WOULD YOU CONSIDER ABORTION IN THESE SITUATIONS?**

1. A preacher and his wife are very, very poor. They already have 14 children. She now finds she is pregnant with number 15, and they are already living in tremendous poverty. Would you recommend an abortion? If you answered "yes," you would have recommended the death of John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist Church.
2. The father is ill with syphilis; the mother has tuberculosis. They have four children. One has already died, one is blind, one is deaf, and one has tuberculosis. The mother is pregnant again. Would you recommend an abortion? If you answered "yes," you would have recommended the death of Ludwig Von Beethoven.
3. A baby is born crippled and a dwarf. If the outcome had been predicted in advance would you have recommended an abortion? If you answered "yes," you would have recommended the death of the poet Alexander Pope.
4. A white man raped a 13-year-old black girl and impregnated her. Would you recommend an abortion? If you answered "yes," you would have recommended the death of gospel singer Ethel Waters.
5. A poor teen-age girl is pregnant and unmarried. Her father disowns her and her child. She would name the child after its father and raise the child herself, while bearing the disgrace of illegitimacy. Would you recommend an abortion? If you answered "yes", you would have recommended the death of Fr. Joseph Mohr, the lyricist and composer of "Silent Night".
6. A teenage girl is pregnant. She is not married, and her fiancé is not the father of the baby. Would you recommend an abortion? If you answered "yes," you would have recommended the death of Jesus Christ.

### **SPIRITUAL EXCERPT**

People are often unreasonable, illogical and self-centered; forgive them anyway. If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish ulterior motives; be kind anyway. If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies; succeed anyway. If you are honest and frank, people will cheat you; be honest and frank anyway. What you spend years building someone can destroy over night; build anyway. If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous; be happy anyway. The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow; do good anyway. Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough; give the world the best you've got anyway. You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God; it was never between you and them anyway. - **Mother Teresa**

**NEED BAPTISM, FIRST COMMUNION OR CONFIRMATION**

If you want to become a Roman Catholic or complete your Initiation into the Church, the RCIA is for you! For more information, phone the rectory. *Adult Catholics* who have not yet celebrated *Confirmation* should also contact the rectory for preparation class information.

**CONVALIDATION**

Best way to start your married life is with God. In Sacramental Marriage God's own divine life can be experienced and lived. Were you married only civilly by a mayor or justice of the peace and would now like to be married in the Catholic Church? Contact Fr. Wojciech for details.

**REQUIREMENTS for GODPARENTS**

Godparents play a very important role in your child's spiritual life as role models of the faith. They should support not only the child, but the parents as well. Additionally, in their role as godparent, they represent the larger Church community and this is a tremendous responsibility. The Church has provided guidelines to help parents choose the best possible godparents for their children. In recognizing the importance of the godparent and their duties:

- Godparent/Sponsor must be at least 16 years old.**
- Godparent/Sponsor must be in good standing with the Catholic Church.** Must be a practicing Catholic (*attend Sunday Mass weekly*). Must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation. If married, must be married in the Catholic Church. If single, not living with significant other, nor married civilly only.
- Godparent/Sponsor cannot be the candidate's parent. Each child only requires one Godparent. If you wish to have 2 Godparents, there must be one female and one male. (Canon Law 872-874)**

**Jesus asked one thing from us!!!**

On His last night of earth (Holy Thursday) Jesus asked His disciples one thing – to stay awake with Him for one hour. OLV has Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Tuesday and Thursday - 8:30AM to 11:50AM.

**CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION**

Our Lord told St. Margaret Mary Alacoque that individuals should go to confession at a minimum once a month. This sacrament is offered every weekday at 7:30AM, as well as First Friday at 6PM, and Saturdays from 11AM to Noon and 3-3:40PM. A Priest is also available to hear Confessions daily by appointment.

**LIFE QUOTES:**

**ALL LIFE!  
ALL LIVES!**

**ABORTION:  
One heart STOPS  
at least two hearts BREAK**

**ABORTION: One dead; more than two wounded**

**PRO CHOICE: a choice to have children**

**No girl, no mother; ultimately no life**

**ABORTION: takes 10 minutes to do and  
a lifetime to forget**

**Mass Intentions**

- Monday, Jan. 18 - St. Volusian-Bishop of Tours & St. Deicolus - Abbot**  
8:00 William and Joseph Quinn R/b the Barrett Family  
12:00 Jamie Rose Quantmeyer R/b Joan Gaffney
- Tuesday, Jan. 19 – St. Wulstan-Benedictine Monk-Bishop in England**  
8:00 Michael Ramig R/b Cathy Ryan  
12:00 James Gaffney R/b Joan Gaffney
- Wednesday, Jan. 20 – St. Fabian-Pope & St. Sebastian-Martyr**  
8:00 Benjamin Mattesich R/b the Izzo Family  
12:00 Domenica Scrivanich R/b the Busanic Family
- Thursday, January 21 - St. Agnes of Rome-Virgin & Martyr**  
8:00 Frank Muggeo R/b Susan Muggeo Polles  
12:00 Ivan Busanic R/b the Busanic Family
- Friday, Jan. 22 - Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of Unborn Children**  
8:00 Intentions of Florence Brady R/b Dan and Karen Brady  
12:00 Mary Ceccon – First Anniversary R/b the Dunn Family
- Saturday, January 23 - Saint Vincent, deacon and martyr**  
8:00 Connie Roccanova R/b Dennis and Kathleen Falotico  
12:00 Antonia and Martino Busanic R/b the Busanic Family  
4:00 Dominick Avitabile R/b Jeanne Avitabile  
5:00 Vito Russo R/b Kevin and Susan Olsen
- Sunday, January 24 - St. Francis de Sales, bishop and doctor**  
7:00 Maria Sideris Chapis R/b Joe Tobia  
8:00 Nancy Bertini R/b the Evanelia Family  
9:30 Dorothy Millett R/b Peter and Linda Wayne  
10:45 Robert Mancinelli R/b New Hope  
10:45 Gym Edward McCarthy R/b the Coulter Family  
12:00 Alex Amendola R/b Bob and Sue Muggeo  
1:00 People of the Parish  
6:00 Salvatore Cusimano R/b Lisa Unanue and Family

**SANCTUARY MEMORIALS**

The Sanctuary Lamp, the Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp and the Saint Joseph Votive Lamp will burn this week for the **Quinn Family**, r/b the Barrett Family.

**My Parish - COVID-19 - My Responsibility**

We thank all those who so generously continue to support our parish by mailing in your donations. At the same time, we understand that some have been laid off from their work or experiencing decreased income and are unable to continue their donations at this time.

*Donations/offering envelopes may be mailed to:*

**OLV Rectory, 81 Lynn Street, Harrington Park, NJ 07640.**

*Thank you for your generosity.*

**Clothing Bins:** . Please donate clothes, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels, knickknacks, toys, and children's books. Please place your donations **INSIDE** the bins (sometimes you have to push it in). Do not leave items outside

**Did you know ...**

...that the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals predates any organized effort to protect children from abuse?

**-Caitlin Bootsma in Animals Traditionally More Important than Children**

**VIRTUAL VOCATION VISIT - January 30, 2021**

For Catholic women ages 18-40 discerning a religious vocation.

Dominican Sisters of Hawthorne

“Servants of Relief for an Incurable Cancer”

Register by emailing or calling Sr. Catherine Marie

vocationdirector@hawthorne-dominicans.org - 845-745-1319

### Pray for Those in the Military

#### US Army

Captain Ben Clemente  
RRT Specialist James Crumb  
Specialist Peter Dippolito  
Major Michael Franson  
Sergeant First Class Charles Greene  
Private First Class Sean Keohane  
Captain Shawn Linn  
Lieutenant Gigi McElroy  
Colonel John McLaughlin  
Captain John G. Miele

#### US Air Force

Chief Master Sergeant Shawn Llewellyn

#### US Marine Corps.

Corporal Shanna Bennett  
Corporal Matthew Brady  
1st Lieutenant Ryan Colomeo  
Lance Corporal Thomas Iafraite  
Corporal Joseph Levine  
2nd Lieutenant J.P. Maher

#### US Navy

Lt. Commander Julia Cheringal  
Ensign Jon Clemente  
Lieutenant Joseph Jaeger  
Lieutenant Andrew Jaeger

### Did you know?

The name **Agnes** (also word **Agnus** in Liturgy) comes from the words for "pure" in Greek and "lamb" in Latin. St. Agnes lived around the year 300. The lovely 13-year-old daughter of Roman nobles had several suitors but, having consecrated herself to Christ, she refused to marry any of them. For this, the suitors attempted to force her into a life of impurity. Agnes resisted, strong in her Christian faith, and was eventually martyred for her beliefs. She is beloved as a saint of innocence and virtue.

EVERY year on the Feast of St. Agnes the Holy Father blesses the lambs, from whose wool the Pallium will be made. The Pallium are white woolen stoles, decorated with six black crosses presented to metropolitan archbishops by the Holy Father on June 29, the feast of Ss. Peter and Paul.

The lambs whose wool is destined for the making of the pallia are solemnly presented at the altar by the nuns of the convent of Saint Agnes. The Benedictine nuns of Santa Cecilia in Trastevere later weave the lambs' wool into pallia.

The Pallium was to remind bishops that they are shepherds after the Lord Jesus and carry their sheep on their shoulders.

### "Take courage, it is I!" (in storms)

All ships have a compass which, when touched by the magnet, always turns towards the polar star. And even when the boat is making its way in a southward direction yet the compass does not cease turning towards its north at all times.

In the same way, let the fine point of your spirit always turn towards God, its north. You are about to take to the high seas of the world; don't on this account alter dial or mast, sail or anchor or wind. Keep Jesus Christ as your dial at all times, His cross for mast on which to hoist your resolutions as a sail. Let your anchor be profound trust in Him and set out early. May the propitious wind of heavenly inspirations ever fill the sails of your vessel more and more and cause you to speed forward to the harbor of a holy eternity.

Should everything turn upside down, I don't say around us but within us, that is to say, should our soul be sad, happy, in sweetness, in bitterness, peaceful, troubled, in light, in darkness, in temptation, in rest, in enjoyment, in disgust, in dryness, in gentleness, should the sun burn it or the dew refresh it, ah!, this point of our heart, our spirit, our higher will, which is our compass, should nevertheless always and at all times turn unceasingly, tend perpetually towards the love of God.

**Saint Francis de Sales (1567-1622)** Bishop of Geneva and Doctor of the Church/Letters

### Two kingdoms

Satan has a kingdom here on earth. It's called the culture of death, but his kingdom has an expiration date. That's good news. Jesus has a kingdom as well. There is no expiration date. It will last forever. Remember, Church, we have been won by One. The next time the devil reminds you of your past, remind him of his future. **Jesse Romero**, from *The Devil in the City of Angels*

If we knew the depth of our poverty, we would not be at all surprised by our falls, but rather astonished, and we would thank God, after sinning, for not allowing us to fall even deeper and still more frequently.

**-ANDRÉ FROSSARD** quoting **Saint Maximilian Kolbe**  
from *Forget Not Love: The Passion of Maximilian Kolbe*

### Prayer for the Safety of Soldiers

Almighty and eternal God, those who take refuge in You will be glad and forever will shout for joy. Protect these soldiers as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of Your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. May the power of Your love enable them to return home in safety, that with all who love them, they may ever praise You for Your loving care. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

### Pray for Our Sick

Please **Pray in the name of JESUS**, the Healer, that the *sick of the Parish* may be restored to health and all those who *assist and care* for the sick will be given the *strength* to continue *God's Will*: baby Cordelia, baby Emmet Fischer, baby James Amicucci, baby Jonathan, Richard Bolton, Robert Brawley, Dominic Carini, Sal Cenicola, Helen Choma, Kevin Columbo, Paul Corbett, Paula Brennan Comine, Marie D'Ascenzo, Cathy Daleo, Maryann Dean, Lorraine Degerdon, Roseann Dennehy, Vincent DePaola, Marge Devitt, Mike Donohue, Carl Falasca, Jay Filippone, Marie Filippone, Christine Fitzgerald, Christine Flatt, Mary Foley, Leslie Handler, Amy Hartwell, Peter Kellar, Mary Lowe, Richard Mayer, James McGarry, Robert Milli, Gianna Moscatello, Natalie Niebergall, Adelaide Pakingham, John Pal, Tom Paskewich, Joan and Buddy Phalon, Marie Piazza, Canice Prince, Debra Rendon, Bruce Michael Ricciardi, Louise Ricciardi, Vincent Ricciardi, Veronica Romanchuk, Beth Sacco, Janet Sylvia, Aileen Vassar, Brian, Carla, Chris, Christina, Dierdre, Edward, Elba, Jennifer, Joann, Karen, Lauren, Lisa, Lou, Lucas, Lynn, Michael, Patrick, Paul, Peter, Robert, Sean, Sharon, Tina W., Tom.

### Spiritual Communion *composed by Cardinal Rafael Merry del Val*

As I cannot this day enjoy the happiness of assisting at the holy Mysteries, O my God! I transport myself in spirit at the foot of Thine altar; I unite with the Church, which by the hands of the priest, offers Thee Thine adorable Son in the Holy Sacrifice; I offer myself with Him, by Him, and in His Name. I adore, I praise, and thank Thee, imploring Thy mercy, invoking Thine assistance, and presenting Thee the homage I owe Thee as my Creator, the love due to Thee as my Savior.

Apply to my soul, I beseech Thee, O merciful Jesus, Thine infinite merits; apply them also to those for whom I particularly wish to pray. I desire to communicate spiritually, that Thy Blood may purify, Thy Flesh strengthen, and Thy Spirit sanctify me. May I never forget that Thou, my divine Redeemer, hast died for me; may I die to all that is not Thee, that hereafter I may live eternally with Thee. Amen.

### SICK OR "HOMEBOUND"

If you are sick or "homebound" (or know someone who is), and would like to have Communion, please contact the Rectory at 201-768-1706.

Relevant Radio 1430AM

### KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

1. A follower of Jesus,
2. Andrew and Peter.
3. They were fishermen. After they became fishers of men.
4. One who is sent (on a mission).
5. 12.

### 7 Sorrows & Joys of St. Joseph

1. His doubts about Mary & The angel's message of joy.
2. His pain at the lowly poverty of Jesus' birthplace & The Savior's birth.
3. Watching the circumcision, Jesus' first blood spilt for us & Having the honor of naming Jesus.
4. Listening to the painful prophetic message from Simeon & Knowing the effects of Jesus' redemptive work.
5. Having to take the Holy Family into exile & The idols of Egypt fell at Jesus' feet.
6. The hard trip back from Egypt & Holy life with Jesus and Mary.
7. The loss of Jesus for three days & Finding Jesus after three days.

#### The Virtues of Saint Joseph

**Silence.** Not once in the Bible do we hear a word from the great St. Joseph. This silence of St. Joseph is very eloquent. It teaches us a fundamental attitude to enter into deep prayer: silence. If we are constantly bombarded by noises then it is impossible to hear the Word of God, the Holy Spirit that speaks to us in the gentle breeze of silence. Also the silence of St. Joseph teaches us the importance of example. We must prove our authenticity by words, but also by our actions. St. Joseph taught the world by the holy way that he lived. May he be an example for us.

**Prayer.** St. Joseph was a man of prayer. What an extraordinary role he played in the history of salvation. He was both the spouse of Mary the Mother of God as well as the foster-father of Jesus the Son of the living God. St. Joseph actually taught Jesus to speak and to address God as "Abba" - meaning "Daddy". In a certain sense St. Joseph taught Jesus to use the human words to talk to the Heavenly Father - this is prayer. Therefore, if St. Joseph taught Jesus how to pray, how much could he teach me how to pray if I simply ask for his help. Start now: St. Joseph, teach me how to pray!

**Courage and Manliness.** In a society where too many men shirk their obligations toward their wives, children and family and turn to vices and the easy life when confronted with difficulties, St. Joseph shines as a model of courage and fortitude. He travelled the many miles in the cold and wind, only to meet rejection. He found refuge in an animal shelter for the birth of Jesus. He arose early to flee into Egypt saving the Child Jesus from the vicious and murderous threats of King Herod. Faced with so many difficulties, St. Joseph stood tall and confronted the obstacles with manly courage. May the men of the present generation lift up their gaze to the gentle but courageous man of God - good St. Joseph.

**Provide and Protect.** St. Joseph both protected and provided for the Holy Family. He was a hard worker - exercising the trade of a Carpenter. He earned the bread that he made with the sweat of his brow. He thought not of himself but of how he could best provide for and protect the family that God had entrusted to his care. May we beg good St. Joseph to provide and protect our spiritual lives. Materialism, consumerism, hedonism are the gods of the present culture. These actually suffocate spirituality. St. Joseph's prayers can help us to look beyond the buying, having, and possessing. He can help us to realize that true joy and happiness does not come from having things, but in possessing God. To hold the Child Jesus in our arms and in our hearts is worth more than all of the money and possessions of the entire world. Good St. Joseph can teach us this simple but profound lesson!

**St. Joseph, Our Lady, and Jesus.** To arrive at a true and authentic devotion to Mary, good St. Joseph can serve as a powerful bridge. Aside from Jesus Himself, nobody on earth knew, understood, cherished and loved the Blessed Virgin Mary more than good St. Joseph. Turn to Good St. Joseph and beg him for the grace of greater knowledge and love for Mary, his beloved spouse. Your devotion to Mary will make a huge jump! Then turn to St. Joseph and beg him for the grace of intimate knowledge of Jesus that you will love Jesus more ardently and follow Jesus more closely. Aside from Mary nobody knew Jesus better on earth than good St. Joseph. The Holy Family is complete only when the three members are recognized, honored and loved. May the prayers of good St. Joseph open your hearts to the immense treasures that God has in store for you.

#### "She Will Come"

It was a very tough case. The young woman was possessed by hundreds of demons with Satan himself personally leading them. But the more difficult the case, the stronger the graces God gives. In this case, I knew that we would need the very best God could send.

We were coming close to the end, after countless hours of ugly and painful sessions. The demons were getting weaker and were now more obedient, much to their dismay. I commanded them, in the name of Jesus, to tell us, "When will you leave and by what means?" The demons reluctantly responded with a date two weeks hence and said, "She will come."

Everyone in the room knew who "she" was. The demons would not say the name of the Mother of God. Her name, like that of her Son, is itself holy.

The day finally came and the moment approached. The room grew silent and the possessed woman said, "She is here."

As the Virgin quietly moved closer, the demons began to thrash wildly. She said nothing, but the radiant light of Christ shining through the humble handmaid of God was overpowering.

Satan himself screamed. After screaming and thrashing several times, the Prince of Darkness left. It was over. Now, I ask all of the possessed to consecrate themselves to the Mother of God as part of the healing process. We ask Mary not only to cast out the demons but to protect the afflicted person for the rest of their lives, until she welcomes them into the Kingdom. The Gates of Hell will not prevail against the Church, or against her Mother.

—Msgr. Stephen Rosetti (Churchpop.com)

#### KIDZ KORNER

1. What does the word disciple mean?
2. Who were the first disciples (and brothers) Jesus called?
3. What was their profession before and after?
4. What does the word Apostle mean?
5. How many Apostles did Jesus have? **Answers on page 4.**

#### A Little Humor ...

A woman invited some people to dinner.

At the table, she turned to her six-year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?"

"I wouldn't know what to say," the little girl replied.

"Just say what you hear Mommy say," the mother said.

The little girl bowed her head and said:

"Dear Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"

During the CCD class, a child learned about how God created human beings. The child became especially focused when the teacher explained how Eve was created from Adam's rib. Later in the week, the boy's mother saw him lying down on the floor, so she asked him what was wrong. His reply was priceless: "Mom, I have a pain in my side - I think I'm getting a wife."

#### BOAZ & RUTH

What kind of man was Boaz before he married Ruth?

Answer: He was Ruthless.