



St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Community

A Message from the Pastor

March 19, 2020

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Dear Parishioners,

Happy St. Joseph's Day! In the carpentry world there is the axiom, "Measure twice, cut once." As we celebrate the Feast Day of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we might keep this axiom in mind. We have no real idea of what Joseph had to contend with in working with the tools of his day and the projects he would have poured his heart into. However, we are clear in the fact that he eventually poured his life out for his spouse, Mary; and his son, Jesus.

Let us praise God this day celebrating the openness of his heart to change his own plans. St. Joseph's life was turned upside-down through the message of an angel but he opened his heart to the new reality before him.

While the above axiom shows the wisdom of planning and carefully acting in taking measurements in carpentry, we don't necessarily witness this same care being played out in some foolish behavior of people in today's age of living with restrictions due to the Coronavirus. On the news we are witnessing large gatherings of college kids on the beaches of Florida, lines at stores without keeping a safe distance, and many other sad examples of people not living by the directives and best practices of our healthcare professionals. This is the opposite of the above axiom; rather, the axiom, "Barely measure, cut seventeen times" would fit in these poor examples.

I am hearing from all my sources that our lives may be impacted for many weeks, if not, several months. We need to be prepared for this possibility – *spiritually, mentally and emotionally*. It will take the generosity of life and self-sacrifice witnessed in the life of St. Joseph.

Here at the parish, our staff is adjusting programming to be accomplished online. If we cannot gather for Holy Week and Easter, I will find a way to broadcast it to you. I encourage you to continue your journey with Christ in the best manner that these circumstances allow. We are all in this together.

Know of your priests' daily prayers for you as we journey together.

Please visit our Parish Website for continued COVID-19 information related to parish activities and previous e-communications: <http://stluketemplecity.org/covid-19-notice>.

Blessings,

Fr. Mark