

MARCH

March 19th: Solemnity of St. Joseph,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Praying For The Sick of Our Parish Community:

Let us take 90 seconds out of our busy schedules and offer one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory Be for our parish family and all who need our prayers:

O Jesus, You suffered and died for us; You understood suffering; teach us to understand our suffering as You do; to bear it in union with You; to offer it with You to atone for our sins and to bring Your grace to souls in need. Calm our fears; increase our trust. May we gladly accept Your holy will and become more like You in trial. If it be Your will, restore to health the sick so that they may work for Your honor and glory and the salvation of all mankind. Amen.

We pray for the health of Larry Garza*Sharon Valdez*Oralia Santiago*Charlie Valdez*Hope Rodriguez*Sarah Flores Marianella Garcia*Barbara Henderson*Jim Henderson Monica Castro*Carolyn Diaz*Chris Oviedo*Rick & Lillian Pena*Adolph Trevino*Covid-19 Patients and all the sick of our parish. Our condolences and prayers are offered for all who have lost a loved one due to the corona virus and we pray in Thanksgiving for prayers answered. **Mary, help of the sick, pray for us.**

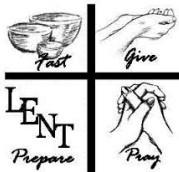
St. Joseph was an ordinary manual laborer although descended from the royal house of David. In the designs of Providence he was destined to become the spouse of the Mother of God. His high privilege is expressed in a single phrase, "Foster-father of Jesus." About him Sacred Scripture has little more to say than that he was a just man—an expression which indicates how faithfully he fulfilled his high trust of protecting and guarding God's greatest treasures upon earth, Jesus and Mary. At present there are two major feasts in his honor. On March 19 our veneration is directed to him personally and to his part in the work of redemption, while on May 1 we honor him as the patron of workmen throughout the world and as our guide in the difficult matter of establishing equitable norms regarding obligations and rights in the social order.



A Prayer For Workers

O glorious Joseph! Who concealed your incomparable and regal dignity of custodian of Jesus and of the Virgin Mary under the humble appearance of a craftsman and provided for them with your work, protect with loving power your sons, especially entrusted to you. You know their anxieties and sufferings, because you yourself experienced them at the side of Jesus and of His Mother. Do not allow them, oppressed by so many worries, to forget the purpose for which they were created by God. Do not allow the seeds of distrust to take hold of their immortal souls. Remind all the workers that in the fields, in factories, in mines, and in scientific laboratories, they are not working, rejoicing, or suffering alone, but at their side is Jesus, with Mary, His Mother and ours, to sustain them, to dry the sweat of their brow, giving value to their toil. Teach them to turn work into a very high instrument of sanctification as you did. Amen.

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Every Friday of Lent

- 5:00 p.m. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 5:45 p.m. Stations of The Cross
- 6:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist (Bilingual)

Palm Sunday—March 28

Holy Thursday—April 1st

- 7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist (Bilingual)
- (Followed by Altar of Repose in BOSCO Hall)

Good Friday—April 2nd

- 3:00 p.m. Veneration of the Holy Cross (English)

Easter Vigil—April 3rd, Saturday

- 7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist (Bilingual)
- Sacraments of Initiation for RCIA and RCIC

Due to Covid-19, meetings are postponed until further notice. We will do our best to take care of other challenges our group is asked to accomplish and continue to keep all our members informed.



**Adoration: Every Wednesday 6 pm to 8pm
Altar Society— First Wednesday of the
month. 6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.**

Invite a friend and don't forget to bring your mask along.



Did You Know

Chaplet Graces From Afar

In St. Faustina's *Diary*, you'll find spiritual gems, like this one:

"It sometimes happens that the dying person is in the second or third building away, yet for the spirit, space does not exist. It sometimes happens that I know about a death occurring several hundred kilometers away." (*Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska*, 835)

We can still pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet for those who are dying alone. We don't *need* to be physically by their bedside for them to attain the graces.

When we pray the Chaplet for the dying, Jesus promises to stand between the Father and the person dying, not as a just Judge, but as the merciful Savior (see *Diary*, 1541). It doesn't matter where in the world we are: *Prayer reaches across space, even time.*

The hour of death can be the most sacred moment of our lives. That's why in every Hail Mary, we ask the Blessed Mother to pray for us "at the hour of our death." So, pray the Chaplet for those who are dying, even if you can't be there yourself. Jesus promises that your prayers will help those who are dying enter into God's mercy at the moment of their death.

At the start of the pandemic, Pope Francis prayed for the elderly who live in fear of contracting the coronavirus and dying alone. He said, "They are our roots, our history. They have given us the faith, traditions, the sense of belonging to a homeland. Let us pray for them so that the Lord may be close to them in this moment."

Perhaps this is part of the reason Pope Francis declared a "Year of St. Joseph," which began on Dec. 8 and lasts through Dec. 8, 2021. Saint Joseph has long been known as the Patron of a Happy Death, because, as tradition tells us, he died accompanied by Jesus and the Blessed Mother.

So, when you're praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet for someone who is dying, you ought to invoke St. Joseph's intercession, too. He'll make sure that even if no family can be present, the Holy Family will be there to make sure no one dies alone.

By Marc Massery



Daylight Savings Time March 14

Set Your Clocks forward one Hour!



"FIESTA DRAWING"

April 24th, 2021 at 3:00pm

BOSCO Hall

First Prize: \$1,000 Visa Gift Card

Raffle Tickets are \$3.00 each. Thank you for helping to sell raffle tickets.

A Crispy Taco Plate Lunch will also be available at \$8.00 a plate.

Easter Lilies:



Due to the difficulty of purchasing live plants the Altar Society will be decorating the church altar with artificial lilies as was done with poinsettias at Christmas time. More information will be given with plenty of time to make certain that each of us will be able to make those purchases. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

LINEN ROTATION

Members please ensure that someone else will take your turn when you are not able to wash linen.

Weekend Linen Rotation for 2021	
Mary Lou Guerra	March 6th & 7th
Mary Frances Meras	March 13th & 14th
Olga Montemayor	March 20th & 21st
Elia Ortiz	March 27th & 28th
Lupe Oviedo	April 3rd & 4th
Peggy Smith	April 10th & 11th
Esperanza Valdez	April 17th & 18th
Rosie VonAllmen	April 24th & 25th

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*What A Blessing You Are!
God Bless You
on Your Birthday!*

Sandra—March 4th



Recipe For: _____
From: _____

**What's Your Favorite Recipe?
For Our Recipe Book!**

Don't FORGET!

Thank You!, Peggy for sharing your recipe.