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**Monday thru Friday**

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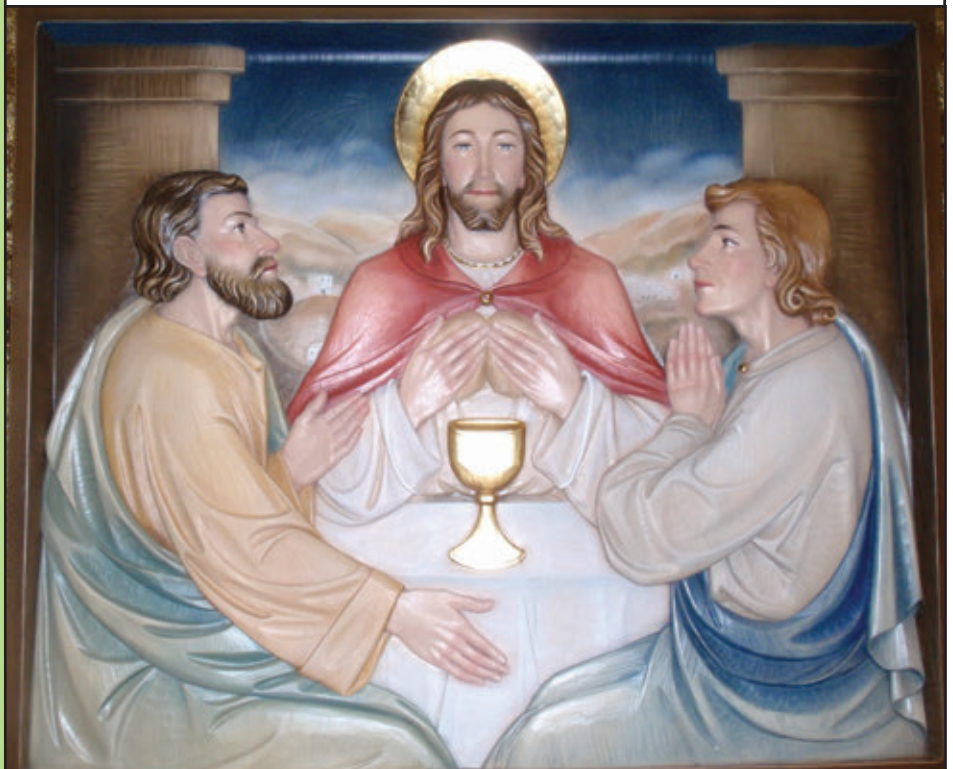
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**THE LITANY OF SAINT JOSEPH**  
(With the New Titles)



Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.

Christ, hear us.  
Christ, graciously hear us.

Christ, hear us.  
Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father in heaven,  
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,  
God the Holy Spirit,  
Holy Trinity, one God,

have mercy on us.  
have mercy on us.  
have mercy on us.  
have mercy on us.

Holy Mary,  
Saint Joseph,  
Illustrious son of David,  
Light of Patriarchs,  
Spouse of the Mother of God,  
Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Pure Guardian of the Virgin,  
Provider for the Son of God,  
Zealous defender of Christ,  
Servant of Christ,  
Minister of salvation,  
Head of the Holy Family,  
Joseph, most just,  
Joseph, most chaste,  
Joseph, most prudent,  
Joseph, most brave,  
Joseph, most obedient,  
Joseph, most loyal,  
Mirror of patience,  
Lover of poverty,  
Model for workers,  
Glory of family life,  
Guardian of virgins,  
Cornerstone of families,  
Support in difficulties,  
Comfort of the sorrowing,  
Hope of the sick,  
Patron of exiles,  
Patron of the afflicted,  
Patron of the poor,  
Patron of the dying,  
Terror of demons,  
Protector of the Holy Church,

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Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.

He made him master of his house,  
and ruler of all his possessions.

*Let us pray.*

O God, who in your inexpressible providence  
were pleased to choose Saint Joseph  
as spouse of your most holy Mother, grant, we pray,  
that we, who revere him as our protector on earth,  
may be worthy of his heavenly intercession.  
Who live and reign for ever and ever.  
R. Amen.



*The Sanctuary Lamp*

The Sanctuary Lamp near our  
Tabernacle burns this week  
For the Intentions

**Anthony Marchini**

**DISCOVERING  
GOD'S  
GOOD NEWS**



I wish to ask you to take that section of the Gospels which is to be read at Mass on Sunday, and sit down at home and read it through, and carefully consider its contents, examine all its parts well—what is clear, what is obscure, what seems contradictory. Just as the letters on a page are meaningless to a child who has not learned to read, so it is with the Christian mystery. Unbelievers are deaf to what they hear, but the experience of the Spirit empowers believers to perceive its hidden meaning. Something proclaimed everywhere without being understood by those lacking an upright spirit is undoubtedly a mystery. For to the extent that we are able to receive it, it is revealed not by human wisdom but by the Holy Spirit.

—Saint John Chrysostom

**Confession Time In Our Parish**



**Monday thru Friday**

**11:00am to 11:30am —1:30pm to 2:00pm**

**Saturday**

**11:00am to 11:30am**

**(Confessions heard in St. John's Sacristy,  
opposite the Baptismal Font.)**



## LENGTHENING THE LITANY OF SAINT JOSEPH

As we continue to celebrate the Year of Saint Joseph (December 8, 2020 — December 8, 2021), the Vatican announced that the Holy Father added seven new invocations or titles to the Church's Official Litany in Honor of Saint Joseph.

The following reflection on these new titles is adapted from an article in the Marian Helper Magazine, by Father Donald Callaway, MC. Father Callaway begins: "I anticipated Pope Francis would add more titles, but I didn't think it would be seven new titles. That's going all out. I think the new titles serve to further highlight Saint Joseph's many heroic virtues and help us come to know and love our spiritual

father in a deeper way and encourage the faithful to implore his intercession and to imitate his virtues and his zeal."

The seven new Titles (with each one's English translation) are:

### **CUSTOS REDEMPTORIS (GUARDIAN OF THE REDEEMER)**

Father Callaway notes: "The title 'Guardian of the Redeemer' emphasizes the fact that Saint Joseph not only took care of the Blessed Mother and dedicated himself to Jesus Christ's rearing, but he also continues to watch over and protect Christ's Mystical Body, the Church. That is, he watches over the Church — People God has called together from the ends of the earth who draw their life from the Word and Body of Christ. As Guardian of the Redeemer, Saint Joseph continues in his role as caretaker and protector of God's plan for our redemption."

### **SERVE CHRISTI (SERVANT OF CHRIST)**

"We don't often think about Saint Joseph as a 'servant,'" says Father Callaway. "But of course he was the earthly father of Christ. He literally clothed, fed, and tucked Jesus into bed. With this title for Saint Joseph, we see discipleship equated with service for the greater good. So, looking at Saint Joseph as the Servant of Christ is an invitation for us to draw upon his example. We, too, are to be servants of Christ. By extension, we are to be servants of the Church, the Mystical Body of Christ. We, too, are to humbly labor and exert ourselves in the name of Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life."

### **MINISTER SALUTIS (MINISTER OF SALVATION)**

Father Callaway mentions this title was first used by Saint John Chrysostom. "It basically says that Saint Joseph ministers to Jesus, the author of our salvation. So his role in the life of the Holy Family and the life of the Church is to make Christ present. Therefore, he is truly a minister of salvation. That's a bold title. Theologians will be unpacking this one on a deeper level for a long time to come. If Saint Joseph is a minister of salvation, we all are ministers of salvation. This means that being a minister of salvation is not something simply for the ordained. Saint Joseph was a layman. This lets lay people know that every follower of Christ is called to minister to others and bring people closer to Jesus."

### **FULCIMEN IN DIFFICULTATIBUS (SUPPORT IN DIFFICULTIES)**

"The litany already calls Saint Joseph 'Hope of the Sick' and 'Comfort of the Afflicted,' so this title may seem to be a bit repetitive at first glance." "But," says Father, "I think a little more is happening here. Pope Francis is specifically addressing issues of the present day. There is so much distress today. So many people are experiencing difficulties and are losing hope. But we have Saint Joseph on our side. Saint Joseph is there to intercede for us. He is our support. That's what a good father does."

### **PATRONE EXSULUM (PATRON OF EXILES)**

"Here's another title that is definitely geared for our times," Father Callaway said. "Because of war, poverty, and persecution, so many people around the world are forced to flee their native lands. Of course, Saint Joseph, Mary, and Jesus were exiles themselves. They were forced to flee to safety all the way to Egypt. I think Pope Francis is calling upon the faithful to be ever mindful of the hardships and sorrows of exiles. But he's also calling upon exiles themselves to turn to Saint Joseph, who knew as well as anyone that in times of disorder and confusion, God is with us, God is our refuge, and that God is our dwelling place."

### **PATRONE AFFLICTORUM (PATRON OF THE AFFLICTED)**

"Referring to Saint Joseph as 'patron' in this case again brings out the fatherly responsibilities and obligations that he excelled at on earth and continues to excel at in Heaven," Father Callaway notes. "He is a protector, a defender, a guardian of those who suffer. With so much affliction, people need to be aware they have a spiritual father and that they can turn to his paternal care."

### **PATRONE PAUPERUS (PATRON OF THE POOR)**

Father Callaway observes, "This is classic Pope Francis, emphasizing that the poor are not forgotten. From the beginning of his pontificate, Pope Francis said he wants 'a poor church, for the poor.' On one hand, what he is advocating is that people of faith shun unhealthy attachments to earthly possessions in favor of a profound trust in the Lord as the only Source of salvation and true happiness. But for the financially and materially poor, Pope Francis is also saying they have a father in Saint Joseph. After all, Saint Joseph understands material poverty! Likewise, he shows the rewards of having profound trust in the Lord. Through Saint Joseph, the poor can discover the joy in being blessed with the riches of salvation."

# dear Padre

## ***In Bible times why did people sacrifice animals, children, and other living beings for their own sins?***

The practice of human and animal sacrifice is at least as old as written history, including that recorded in Sacred Scripture. Few stories are more chilling than when God asks Abraham to sacrifice his son, Isaac, or when Jephthah sacrifices his daughter (Genesis 22; Judges 11). In Old Testament theology, your sins against God and others merited punishment and even death, but animals or another person could be chosen to take your place. God, in His mercy, instituted this animal sacrificial system as a symbol that foreshadowed Jesus' ultimate sacrifice for our sins on the Cross (Genesis 8:20; Hebrews 10:1-18).

In the New Testament, Jesus understood His mission from the Father to be sacrificing His own life as a ransom for many (Matthew 20:28). His fidelity to that mission was at the cost of death. However, to say that Jesus' death was payment for our sins doesn't mean that a vengeful God was appeased by the sacrifice of His own innocent Son. Rather, Christ was willing to liberate us when he "bore our sins in His body upon the cross, so that... by His wounds you have been healed" (1 Peter 2:24).

Thus, "it is love 'to the end (John 13:1)' that confers on Christ's sacrifice its value as redemption and reparation, as atonement and satisfaction" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 616). It is in this sense that Jesus' death was a payment—not one to be exacted—but a unique and loving sacrifice that "completes and surpasses all other sacrifices" (CCC 614) and eliminates the need for any other sacrifice to God.

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR

### *A Word from Pope Francis*



The Catechism firmly states that human power has limits and that "it is contrary to human dignity to cause animals to suffer or die needlessly." All such use and experimentation "requires a religious respect for the integrity of God's creation."

—On the Care for Our Common Home (Laudato Si'), May 24, 2015

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## Mass Intentions

### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2021**

5:30pm +John Doyle Bishop (Vigil Mass for Sunday)

## **THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2021**

**8:30am** +Simon D'Souza  
**10:30am** +Giuditta & Ida Bettini  
**12:30pm** +Lois Nuss  
**5:30pm** +Eugenie M. Jones

### **SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL, PRIEST**

### **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2021**

8:15am +Daniel Warzoha  
12:10pm In Thanksgiving

### **SAINT WENCESLAUS, MARTYR**

### **SAINT LAWRENCE RUIZ AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS**

### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2021**

8:15am +Geronima Mederos  
12:10pm +Ricardo Jove Amill

### **SAINT MICHAEL, SAINT GABRIEL, AND**

### **SAINT RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS**

### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2021**

8:15am +Francis Steven Valdivia  
12:10pm +B. Elias Barsoum

### **SAINT JEROME, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

8:15am +All Souls in Purgatory  
12:10pm In Thanksgiving

### **SAINT THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS,**

### **VIRGIN AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

### **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2021 FIRST FRIDAY**

8:15am +Thomas Noel  
12:10pm Living & Deceased Members of the Ladies of Charity

### **THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS**

### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2021 FIRST SATURDAY**

8:15am +Catherine Lloyd  
12:10pm Guardian Angel for the Jove Family  
5:30pm +Doris J. Denihan (Vigil Mass for Sunday)

## *Prayer Requests*

**FOR OUR SICK:** SABRINA BERTUCCI, MICHELE FITZPATRICK, GEORGE FUENTES AND THOSE SUFFERING FROM COVID-19.

**FOR OUR DECEASED:** EUGENIE M. JONES, RICARDO JOVE, ELIZABETH BEHRENS LYNCH, JOSEPH MILEA, ELIZABETH MULVEY, ELIZABETH THOMAS

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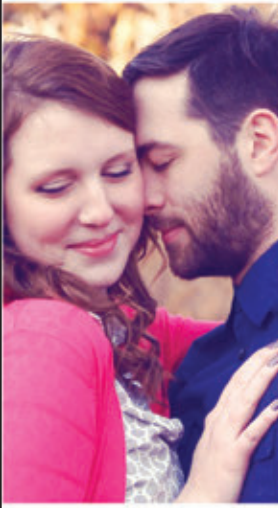
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