

# ST. GERTRUDE THE GREAT ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Traditional Latin Mass: Sundays 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM High, 11:30 AM, 5:45 PM



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**March 16, 2014**  
**Lent II**  
Invocavit Sunday



THIS IS MY BELOVED SON. . . HEAR YE HIM

## ¶ TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

The blessing of expectant mothers will be given after all Masses today, at the Communion rail. Sunday Classes are at the usual time of 10:40 AM.

*Heavenly Father, the Spirit of Thy beloved Son has been poured into my heart and made me a temple of Thy glory. Let this light shine in my life before men, that they might give glory to Thee.*

## ¶ THIS WEEK

Tomorrow, **Monday**, is **St. Patrick's Day**. The Lenten fast is dispensed, as was traditional in the U.S.A. long before Vatican II. A Solemn High Mass will be sung at **11:20 AM**. **Wednesday** is the feast of **St. Joseph**, and also our *Children's Lenten Day of Recollection*. All are welcome to assist at the **11:20 High Mass** and blessing of St. Joseph's Table, followed by lunch. Bring a non-perishable food item for the poor. The Lenten fast is dispensed for those who attend Mass. Lenten **Friday** evenings continue beginning at **5:45 PM** with Holy Mass, potluck supper, Holy Face Stations of the Cross, the Sorrowful Mother Novena, and Benediction.



Congratulations to Bridget and Ronald Pelfrey, on the baptism of their son, Patrick William, on 3/9/2014.



## ¶ NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday Catechism classes are at 10:40 AM. Vespers and Benediction at 4:45 PM.  
**Set Your Missal:** Lent III with collects of Our Lady & All Saints, and For the Living and the Dead. Preface of Lent.

*The Bridegroom has gone away, leaving us to mourn His passing, filling the emptiness with prayer and fasting so as to awaken true hunger for His return.*

## ¶ UPCOMING: Mark your calendar!

★ **Feast of the Annunciation:** Tuesday, March 25th. Solemn High Mass (11:20 AM) and Priests' afternoon of Adoration (*people can come to adore, too!*) with Vespers at 2:30 PM.

## ¶ REMEMBER OUR SICK

**Kent Maki** had open heart surgery on Friday. We were all so pleased to see **Pat Harpen** at his customary 7:30 Mass last Sunday, truly a testament to the power of prayer. Fr. McGuire saw **Dr. Jack Powell**, who didn't have pneumonia at all, but was misdiagnosed after he was given a medicine which caused bleeding in the lung. **Tom Payne** was admitted to Bethesda North last week. Elizabeth Smith may soon be released from the facility where she was placed a while ago. Loraine Gates is frequently too weak to receive Holy Communion now; and Doris Jeanne, even for a visit,

although Mary Black was able to see her for a little bit. We also receive regular prayer requests from around the county, which during Lent are especially remembered, along with all of our sick, at the Sorrowful Mother Novena on Friday evenings.

## A SUNDAY SEVEN FOR THE SICK

℟. **Comforter of the afflicted, pray for us!**  
When there's resistance to necessary change: ℟.  
When tempted by denial: ℟.  
When nobody seems to understand: ℟.  
When bound to home or when restricted in movement: ℟.  
When listlessness and apathy threaten: ℟.  
When medication seems to make things worse: ℟.  
When all that's needed is a caring touch: ℟.

## ¶ THE PASCHAL SACRAMENTS 2014



FIRST CONFESSION,  
CONFIRMATION, FIRST  
HOLY COMMUNION

Please note these important dates:

- *First Confessions & Testing:* **Saturday, April 5th.**
- *Confirmands' Day of Recollection:* **Thursday, June 5th.**
- *Confirmation:* **Saturday, June 7th.**
- *First Communion:* **Pentecost Sunday, June 8th.**

Parents! ⇒ if your child is **not** enrolled in our school or our Sunday catechism, you must notify us if you plan to bring him to be tested in preparation for the Paschal Sacraments! If your child was **not** baptized at St. Gertrude, you must obtain and submit his baptismal certificate and complete an enrollment form (available from the church office).

## ✠ TAKE A MOMENT...

### THE TEMPLE OF HIS BODY

According to certain Fathers of the Church, the Transfiguration was not a miracle, but the cessation of a miracle. The splendor shining on Tabor was the lifting of a shroud, a momentary halt in the active dampening of Christ's glory. He who was in the form of God, in a miracle of mercy, took on the form of a slave that He might walk among us. The earthly body of Jesus was like the veil of Moses, which protected Israel from the prophet's radiant face. As St. Paul says, Our Lord's flesh was like the temple veil, screening off the Holy of Holies and the Shekinah of mortal glory. The temple image explains the cloud, which is not a weather update, but the biblical sign of the Lord's true presence. Today's mystery, then, is a moment's entrance into the holy place of God's dwelling. Peter's bumbling proposal to build tents intuited this, yet makes the perennial mistake of seeking to hold Divine glory in houses made by human hands. The immaculate flesh of Christ, however, wherein the fullness of Deity abides, was not made by blood or carnal desire, as St. John says, but directly by God. In the flesh of the incarnation, God has pitched His tent in Jacob so that His glory now abides on the face of Jesus Christ.

— Rev. A.G.



**Servers:** MARCH 17-23, 2014

**MON 3/17 11:20 AM HIGH:** School Servers, P. Omlor

**WED 3/19 11:20 AM HIGH:** School Servers, Simpsons

**FRI 3/21 5:45 PM LOW:** Friday Night Servers

**SAT 3/22 7:30 AM LOW:** Simpsons  
**8:10 AM LOW:** M. Briggs

**SUN 3/23 7:30 AM LOW:** Brueggemann Bros.  
**9:00 AM HIGH:** CHAPLAINS: R. Vande Ryt, B. Lotarski ACS: A. Richesson, Nick McClorey TH: P. Lawrence TORCH: C. Rios, M. Simpson, A. Soli, J. Lacy  
**11:30 AM LOW:** A.D. Kinnett, P. Omlor  
**4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDECTION:** G. Miller  
**5:45 PM LOW:** G. Miller

### Collection Report

Sunday, March 9th .....\$6,342.00  
Second Collection (late) .....\$444.00

## ✠ THE POETRY CORNER

### PAX

All that matters is to be at one with  
the living God  
to be a creature in the house of the  
God of Life.

Like a cat asleep on a chair  
at peace, in peace  
and at one with the master of the  
house, with the mistress,  
at home, at home in the house of  
the living,  
sleeping on the hearth, and yawning  
before the fire.



*Puccini enjoying an Ash Wednesday afternoon nap in the Bishop's office*

Sleeping on the hearth of the living  
world,  
yawning at home before the fire of life  
feeling the presence of the living God  
like a great reassurance  
a deep calm in the heart  
a presence  
as of a master sitting at the board  
in his own and greater being,  
in the house of life.

— D.H. Lawrence

### ✠ SUNDAY SEVEN

#### Seven Charming Traits of St. Joseph

1. He listened with silent graciousness to the Voice of God, fervently and promptly obeying Him.
2. He was tenderly gentle to the most charming of women, his Spouse.
3. His affable tenderness to Jesus, as Guardian, Provider and Teacher.
4. The most courteous of gentlemen and most conscientious of workmen.
5. Unostentatious.
6. Lovingly grateful.
7. Peacefully resigned.

### APPARATION

How shall I find him, who can be my  
guide?  
Wears he a human form, a tear-marred  
face,  
By blood-red raiment may he be descried,  
Or broods he far withdrawn through  
stellar space?  
Perchance, informing all, his coils entwine  
And bind the monstrous fabric cell to cell  
Or, veiled in service 'neath this Bread and  
Wine  
A homely God, he deigns with men to  
dwell.  
Lo! just beyond the skyline he may stand,  
Speak just without the waftage of mine ear,  
I all but touch him with my outstretched  
hand,  
Clear to my senses he may straight appear.

I hush my drumming heart, I stay my  
breath  
To catch his step, to hearken what he  
saith.

— Eugene Mason



### LENT

*Forty days to watch and pray  
and wait for dawn of Easter day.*

*Forty days a Cyrenian to be  
not waiting for Good Friday  
to walk with Christ to Calvary.*

*Forty days to find the Upper Room  
before Holy Thursday's lilies bloom.*

*Forty days to mourn with Him  
That Passion's holocaust was sin.*

— Rose Margaret Coughlin



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## ✠ THE BISHOP'S CORNER ✠

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Last week saw a turbulent battle between Winter and Spring. The latter will ultimately rout its adversary, of course, and green and growth come upon the land, though not perhaps in time for St. Patrick's Day. All of this is a perfect parable for Lent. If you feel the tug of the world, the storm of temptation, or just weariness after only a week of this 40-day combat, do not be discouraged, do not give in. The Holy Ghost has driven you into the desert for struggle, but He also offers a glimpse of Thabor, a time of transfiguration and spiritual refreshment.

Thank God for Lent, for times of temptation as well as for the rest afforded by an occasional oasis. Find your rest, your refreshment, in the shade of the tabernacle. "Lord, it is good for us to be here." Come, this Lent, let us adore!

Last Sunday saw fine weather and the happy culmination of Lent's opening exercises. Attendance was good throughout, although First Friday suffered a bit from Ash Wednesday's excellent showing. **Fr. Cekada** always says "you'll get them once extra during the week, only once." In any case, the seminary scooped him up Sunday afternoon, so Vespers attendance was down to five from its customary six.

This posed a problem, because Fr. Cekada is our choir for this Sunday afternoon service which quietly – *very quietly* – proclaims that the whole of the Lord's Day belongs to the Lord. So many of the pious give so much at our church all week long and through most of the weekend, that I am sure the good Lord does not begrudge them their rest, but still there remains that one final Divine Service which is a thanksgiving for the rest. What to do?

I write because of the remarkable result. **Fr. Lehtoranta**, Guy Miller and I were able to sing all the way through our solemn Sunday Vespers (and remember, I can't really sing at all) with John Seyfried ringing bells, opening doors, and generally ushering the congregation – Darlene. Darlene, whose birthday it was, is remarkably malleable when it comes to being ushered. The results weren't *too bad*, but we won't be competing with the choir anytime soon. Indeed, I emerged from the experience with a sore throat (that's a lot of singing!) and a renewed respect for Fr. Cekada and the *real* choir. Still, I thought we made a good three-man team in the sanctuary.

No Vespers this afternoon, in case you were wondering. And no, we are not starting St. Patrick's Day

early. I'm in Baja California, giving Confirmation, and Fr. Lehtoranta is in somewhat less tropical Chillicothe for Mass and a catechism class.

But tomorrow is St. Patrick's Day, and I wish you a happy one. The young Fathers are celebrating a Solemn Mass with the schoolchildren to honor one of Heaven's greatest missionary saints, whose patronage is invoked on every continent and whose patrimony enriches us still. The Lenten fast is customarily dispensed on this day.

Now, church opportunities abound this week, but surely good St. Joseph should not be deprived of his honor. We dedicate our annual Lenten Children's Day of Recollection to him, along with the Solemn Mass, and St. Joseph's Table and lunch. If you're only going once "extra" this week, this would be your day. Those who attend the Mass may consider themselves dispensed from the fast. If you're coming, please remember the poor and bring a non-perishable to place on the St. Joseph Table for them. Oh, don't forget the blessed hot cross buns. There's one for you that day.

But most of all, remember our children surrounded by secularism and exposed to every modern religion replacement. Let them have a day, just a day, with God and St. Joseph and their faith.

Meanwhile, I'll be in the jungles of Vera Cruz state in the little pueblo of Dos Rios. It's been two years since I've confirmed there. **Fr. Hernan** wanted to have the Confirmations on St. Joseph's Day, as it is a fiesta and the workers would be able to come in from the cane fields to attend. If all goes well, I get to go home Thursday. Thank you for your prayers.

Our week winds down with the Friday evening of recollection, and 7:30 Stations of the Cross. I'm sure there will be someone left to attend, as we honor the Holy Shroud of Our Lord, and do the Holy Face Stations of the Cross. See you then!

I wish each of you a truly blessed St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's Day, and an excellent continuation of your Lent, wherever you spend it. May God go with you:

'Tis good, Lord, to be here!

Yet we may not remain;

But since Thou bid us leave the mount

Come with us to the plain.



– Bishop Dolan

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## ✠ THE CALENDAR

## ✠ MOVIE REVIEW

*All Sunday Masses, school day Masses, Friday evening and Saturday morning Masses are webcast at [www.sgg.org](http://www.sgg.org)*

<b>MON</b>	<b>3/17/14</b>	<b>ST PATRICK, BpC</b>	
		<i>ST JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA, C</i>	
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Intentions of Patrick, Anne Marie and Paddy Omlor ( <i>Sharon Patton</i> )	
	<b>11:20 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> Honor of St. Patrick for Patrick & Paddy ( <i>A.M. Omlor</i> )	
	<b>12:20 PM</b>	<b>Vespers</b>	
	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Special Intention CMB ( <i>G. Keaveney</i> )	
<b>TUE</b>	<b>3/18/14</b>	<b>ST CYRIL OF JERUSALEM, BpCD</b>	<b>FAST</b>
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Poor Souls-esp. our loved ones and forgotten Souls ( <i>Boston parishioners</i> )	
	<b>11:20 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> Fr. Martin Stepanich, OFM, STD ( <i>Samantha</i> )	
<b>WED</b>	<b>3/19/14</b>	<b>ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF OUR LADY</b>	<b>FAST</b>
	<b>6:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Special Int. Mary K. Layce ( <i>G. Keaveney</i> )	
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> †Edna Powers-month's mind ( <i>Samantha</i> )	
	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Opening of Children's Day of Recollection</b>	
	<b>11:20 AM</b>	<b>Solemn High Mass</b> S.G.G. Clergy ( <i>Patton family</i> ), <b>Blessing of St. Joseph's Table, Lunch</b>	
	<b>2:45 PM</b>	<b>Closing of Day of Recollection: Children's Stations of the Cross, Benediction</b>	
	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Thomas Keaveney-heal successfully ( <i>G. Keaveney</i> )	
	<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Choir Practice</b>	
<b>THU</b>	<b>3/20/14</b>	<b>FERIAL DAY</b>	<b>FAST</b>
		<i>ST PHOTINA &amp; COMPANIONS, MM</i>	
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Paul Wesselman ( <i>The Wilkers</i> )	
	<b>11:20 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> Jesse Crail family ( <i>Rob &amp; Jane Brockman</i> )	
	<b>12:20 PM</b>	<b>Vespers</b>	
<b>FRI</b>	<b>3/21/14</b>	<b>ST BENEDICT, AB</b>	<b>FAST</b>
		<i>THE HOLY SHROUD</i>	
	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Nadine's intentions ( <i>C. Henry</i> )	
	<b>10:55 AM</b>	<b>Confessions</b>	
	<b>11:20 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> †Gladys Pepiot-2nd anniversary ( <i>Scott Pepiot</i> )	
	<b>12:20 PM</b>	<b>Vespers</b>	
	<b>5:15 PM</b>	<b>Confessions &amp; Rosary</b>	
	<b>5:45 PM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Gerry Keaveney-Happy Birthday 2/21 ( <i>The Wilkers</i> )	
	<b>6:45 PM</b>	<b>Lenten Pot Luck Supper</b> ( <i>please bring a dish to share</i> )	
	<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross, Candlelight meditation, Sorrowful Mother Novena (Week 6) with Blessing of the Sick, Sacred Heart Novena, Benediction, Holy Communion</b>	
<b>SAT</b>	<b>3/22/14</b>	<b>ST ISIDORE THE FARM LABORER</b>	<b>FAST</b>
		<b>FERIAL DAY</b>	
		<i>ST CATHERINE OF GENOA, W</i>	
	<b>7:15 AM</b>	<b>Confessions</b>	
	<b>7:30 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Pat & Ina Harpen ( <i>Simpson family</i> )	

**WHAT TO THINK OF "NOAH"?** WELL, HERE'S WHAT WENT INTO IT, ALONG WITH A HEALTHY DOSE OF THE TALMUD...

"The script that Aronofsky constructed with his writing partner, Ari Handel, honored the Old Testament narrative – but that narrative is barely an elevator pitch. (Once the Lord takes against the creeping things and the fowls of the air, the rest is mostly rain.) So they added family strife, an epic battle, sci-fi – including pipe guns, six-armed fallen angels, and an explosive substance they called "tzohar" – and *Darwinian evolution*. When Noah tells his family the creation story, we see a time-lapse sequence of life morphing from amoebas to apes before, in a separate act, God creates man...

"Aronofsky is a *passionate environmentalist* in high school, he studied as a field biologist in Kenya and Alaska – and he told me, 'There is a huge statement in the film, a strong message about the coming flood from *global warming*. Noah had been a silly-old-guy-with-a-white-beard story, but really it's the first apocalypse.' His Noah, believing that God's message *privileges animals over men*, becomes a *scourging Earth First! activist*. When the characters call to the heavens for aid, all we see is lowering skies or wretches clinging to a crag before the swells wash them away. 'It is,' Aronofsky said proudly, 'the *least Biblical* Biblical film ever made.'...

"When Aronofsky worried that his film, 'written by two not very religious Jewish guys,' might be too existential for either a mass or a Christian audience, he was reassured by the fact that Paramount's vice-chairman, Rob Moore, a devout Christian, had said that he loved the script. Moore told me early in the production, however, 'We'll *position* the film using the pedigree of the cast, the visual effects, and the action.'

– Tad Friend, "Heavy Weather"  
*The New Yorker*, 3/17/2014

"Position" means to sell. *Emphasis ours.*



**8:10 AM Sermon, Low Mass** H.O. & Becky Hinton  
(*Richard & Gloria Zbilicki*)

<b>SUN</b>	<b>3/23/14</b>	<b>LENT III</b>
	<b>7:05 AM</b>	<b>Rosary</b>
	<b>7:30 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> Kent Maki-intentions ( <i>Linda Maki</i> )
	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>High Mass</b> Intentions of Keith Lawrence ( <i>Simpson family</i> )
	<b>10:40 AM</b>	<b>Sunday Catechism Classes</b>
	<b>11:05 AM</b>	<b>Rosary</b>
	<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> †Ralph Patton-Birthday 3/20 ( <i>Patton family</i> )
	<b>4:45 PM</b>	<b>Lenten Vespers &amp; Benediction</b>
	<b>5:45 PM</b>	<b>Low Mass</b> For the people of St. Gertrude the Great

# CHILDREN'S DAY OF RECOLLECTION

## ST. JOSEPH'S DAY

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19TH

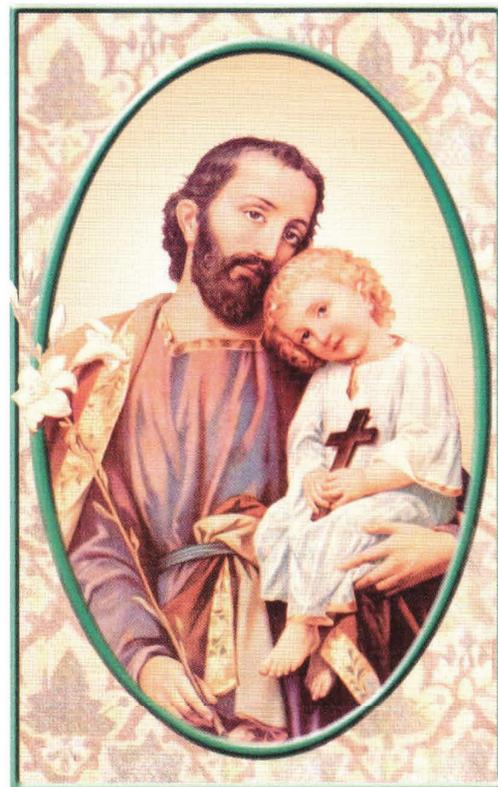
9:00 AM – 3:00 PM



This special Lenten recollection day is intended for all children, ages 6 through 17, and will include Holy Mass, Stations of the Cross, Benediction, and age-appropriate spiritual talks.

As usual, we are offering a free hot lunch for the children. But, since it is St. Joseph's Day, we're asking each child to bring in something for St. Joseph's Table: a canned or other non-perishable item for the poor. God bless you!

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| <b>9:00 AM</b>  | <b>Opening Talk</b>  |
| <b>11:20 AM</b> | <b>Solemn Mass of St. Joseph,<br/>Blessing of St. Joseph's Table<br/>Lunch</b> |
| <b>2:45 PM</b>  | <b>Closing Stations<br/>and Benediction</b>                                    |



Parents! Grandparents! Godparents! please make every effort to have your children attend this spiritually enriching day.

*Please call St. Gertrude the Great School (513-645-4216) by Monday to let us know if your children will attend.*

**In Omnibus Ite ad Joseph**

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✠ TWO DEAR SAINTS OF MARCH ✠

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**Saint Joseph**

Who could his lineage trace  
from Abraham to David's race?

Saint Joseph!

A lily blossomed on his rod,  
Spouse of the Mother of God.

Saint Joseph!

Who saw she wore with virginal  
grace,  
the delineation of a Mother's face?

Saint Joseph!

Who knocked at Bethlehem's inn,  
until his eyes with tears grew dim?

Saint Joseph!

Who found the cave  
that shelter gave?

Saint Joseph!

The first adorer, after Mary,  
not of his son,

but of the only Begotten One –

Saint Joseph!

*"Arise, and take the Child and His  
Mother, and flee into Egypt!"*

Who promptly knew how to obey,  
nor questioned his right to stay?

Saint Joseph!

Who found Him after three days'  
search

(simultaneously with Mary, His  
Mother)

amid the learned doctors of the law?

*Patron of the Universal Church!*

Saint Joseph!

Who toiled in Nazareth's  
carpenter shop,

head of the Holy Family,

in rank, the lowest of the Three?

*Patron of labor!*

Saint Joseph!

When the hour of death drew near,  
who left this world without fear,

in the arms of Jesus and Mary?

*Patron of a happy death!*

Saint Joseph!

– Rose Margaret Coughlin



**M**arch, a month of cold, of  
wind, of uncertainty... March  
is the Month of St. Joseph.

Joseph lived much of his life in  
the climate of March. March is cold.  
So was the world in which Joseph  
lived. The reigning law was "an eye  
for an eye, a tooth for a tooth." To be  
rich and powerful was a sign of  
heavenly benediction – to be poor  
was a crime. Joseph's reception in  
Bethlehem most probably typifies  
the attitude he met often. Two  
thousand years ago he shared the lot  
of the current century's most  
abandoned refugees.

March is the month of gusty  
wind. Joseph's life was beset with the  
winds of adversity and persecution.  
Soldiers pursued him seeking the life  
of his Child. He must have known  
the rebuffs and adversities of the  
humble, unprotected worker of his  
age. Certainly, the greatness of his  
sanctity bespeaks the greatness of his  
adversity.

March is the month of  
uncertainty. Spring is yet only a  
promise. Winter supplies are  
dwindling. For men who live by the

soil, it is a month of agonizing  
uncertainty. Joseph's life was a  
succession of Marches. He was a day  
laborer, uncertain of tomorrow's  
contract. He knew the uncertainty of  
a foreigner in a strange land. Most  
agonizing of all was the inner  
uncertainty concerning Mary. How  
could the Virgin be with child?

March is the month of St.  
Joseph.



**An Irish Blessing**

When you met, upon the way,  
In the land of "Holy Ireland,"  
A neighbor, friend, or kindred,  
'Twas the custom oft to say,  
"God save all here!"  
"God save you kindly."

Perchance you crossed the threshold  
For a brewing cup of tea,  
Just to join them in the decades  
Of Our Mother's Rosary.  
'Twas sweet music in the ear,  
With a greeting most sincere,  
"God save all here!"  
"God save you kindly."

Today when I am wearing  
Near my heart a bit of green,  
And communing with Saint Patrick  
On Heaven's joys unseen,  
I'll ask him for a largess  
Of this blessing, far and near,  
Which we'll merit if we do our part  
Through life's ensuing year.  
"God save all here!"  
"God save you kindly."

– Rose Margaret Coughlin

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nothing in it either of the precipitation or the ungracefulness of a surprise. He was unselfishness itself, the very personification of it. His whole life meant others, and did not mean himself.

*O Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, increase my faith in Thy real and abiding Presence!*

## SATURDAY IN LENT II

Saint Joseph lived with the Blessed Virgin, but he did not center his life about her; likewise, although the Blessed Virgin respected and honored her chaste husband, she did not focus her life on him. Both lived under the inspiration of our Lord, their supreme and immediate end in life.

St. Joseph is the perfect model of purity in our Eucharistic adoration. Our Lord must be the end of all our graces; our life must tend towards Him as toward its end and must lose itself in Him as in its center. Never lose sight of His adorable Person.

### Act of Adoration and Reparation

*I adore Thee profoundly, O my Jesus, in Thy sacramental form; I acknowledge Thee to be true God and true Man, and by this act of adoration I intend to atone for the coldness of so many Christians who pass before Thy churches and sometimes before the very Tabernacle in which Thou art pleased to remain at all hours with loving impatience to give Thyself to Thy faithful people, and do not so much as bend the knee before Thee, and who, by their indifference proclaim that they grow weary of this heavenly manna, like the people of Israel in the wilderness. I offer Thee in reparation for this grievous negligence, the Precious Blood which Thou didst shed from Thy five wounds, and especially from Thy sacred Side, and entering therein, I repeat*

*a thousand times with true recollection of spirit: O Sacrament most holy! O Sacrament Divine! All praise and all thanksgiving be every moment Thine.*

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

### Prayer

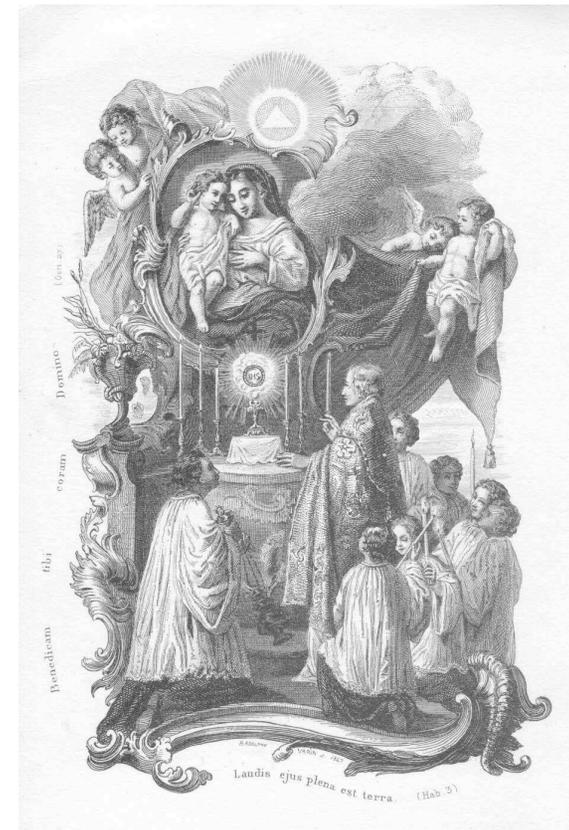
*O Supreme Being, Source of all that is good and true and beautiful, I acknowledge Thy infinite Wisdom. With the Angels and Saints in heaven I bow down before Thee. I adore Thee. To Thee alone all honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

For a long time the Word Incarnate had as His only adorers Joseph and Mary; but He was more pleased with their homages than with those of all the other creatures.

The adorations of the Magi Kings are also worthy of our admiration; they are perfect models of *visits to the Most Blessed Sacrament*. The Magi came from a great distance; they left everything and came with joy. They sought Jesus, and when they had found Him, they surrounded Him with honor, proclaimed His excellence, adored Him with profound humility and great reverence. They contemplated the sacrifices of His love with wondering tenderness. They became the disciples of that love, and offered themselves to serve Him. They presented Him their crowns and all the precious things they owned. They then returned to their country to be the apostles of the Incarnate God Who had made Himself little, poor and suffering for the love of man.

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# Come, let us adore Him



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## MONDAY IN LENT II

As foster-father of Jesus and husband of Mary, St. Joseph ranks among the elite of heaven. On earth he deserves the same recognition, for his mission, which will last as long as the Church itself, draws everyone within its scope. Careful study will show that all his special gifts and graces aimed at making him a good adorer.

From His entry into the world, even while still enclosed in Mary's womb as in a living ciborium, Jesus singled out Mary and Joseph to be His adorers. Joseph responded royally. From the moment when the angel relieved him of the tormenting doubts concerning Mary, he never ceased adoring Jesus in her womb. And after the Child's birth, Joseph and Mary adored Him uninterruptedly as He lay before their eyes. They represented all mankind at the feet of Christ. Certainly Adam and Eve were well replaced!

*Jesus, my Lord, my God, my All, I adore Thee. Thou alone art Holy. Thou alone art Lord. Thou alone art Most High. To Thee all honor and glory and praise and love from all creatures for ever and ever. Amen.*

## TUESDAY IN LENT II

How devout and humble must have been the adorations of Saint Joseph, the guardian and first servant of Jesus! With what faith he served our Lord, with what humility he rendered Him the services due to His tender age, with what fervor he adored Him, with what love He suffered for His sake every sacrifice, the exile in Egypt, the poverty of Nazareth! Saint Joseph is then the first model of true adorers.

*O most adorable Jesus, Eternal Son of the Eternal Father, and with Him also Father of mercies, my poor little mind is struck dumb as it contemplates*

*and tries to understand Thy incomprehensible love and mercy toward Thy sinful creatures! Thy ways are not our ways, O Lord God Almighty! To Thee all honor and glory and adoration from all creatures for ever and ever. Amen.*

## WEDNESDAY IN LENT II

### FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH

*Saint Joseph, in whom Jesus offers perfect adoration to the Father, pray for us.*

Aside from the Blessed Virgin, Saint Joseph was the first and most perfect adorer of our Lord.

*Faith, humility, purity, and love* – these were the keynotes of his adoration. No saint ever vibrated with a more ardent faith or bowed down in deeper humility; no angel ever glistened with brighter purity; and as for his love, neither saint nor angel ever has or ever will come within range of his burning charity which expressed itself so fully in devotedness.

How greatly the Word Incarnate was glorified by the adoration of Mary and Joseph as they atoned for the indifference and ingratitude of His creatures!

Saint Joseph joined with Mary in adoration and united himself to Christ, Whose heart surged with sentiments of adoration, love, and praise for the Father and of charity for men.

Saint Joseph's adoration kept pace with every stage of our Lord's life, drawing upon the grace, the spirit, and the virtue of each mystery. In the Incarnation he adored the self-annihilation of the Son of God; at Bethlehem, the poverty; at Nazareth, the silence, the apparent weakness, the obedience, and all the other virtues of Christ. He knew them well and he grasped clearly the reason why Christ practiced them – for the love and glory of His Heavenly Father.

## THURSDAY IN LENT II

*Thought from Father Faber:* Saint Joseph worshiped Jesus as no saint before had done. From his deep, calm soul he poured out a very ocean of love – tenderest love, humblest love, love shrinking from being like the Father's love, yet also daring to be like it as Mary's had been like the conjoined loves of Father and of Spirit, as she was Mother and Spouse conjoined. No angel might love Jesus as Joseph loved Him, as Joseph was bound to love Him. No temporal love but Mary's could be more like an eternal love than the love of Joseph for the Child, because of its likeness to the love of the everlasting Father.

*Saint Joseph, who by the sweat of your brow obtained the living Bread for your children, pray for us.*

## FRIDAY IN LENT II

### FEAST OF THE HOLY SHROUD

Saint Joseph adored, interiorly at least, everything that Jesus said and thought. The Holy Spirit revealed all to him, so that joining with these thoughts and words he might glorify the Father in heaven together with the Son, our divine Savior. In this way the life of Saint Joseph was a life of perfect adoration.

*From close union with this holy adorer I shall learn to adore our Lord and to live in intimacy with Him. I shall then be the Joseph of the Eucharist as he was the Joseph of Nazareth.*

*Thought from Father Faber:* The foundation of Saint Joseph's devotion was his humility. His eye was always on his own unworthiness. His was a humility that forever seemed surprised at its own gifts, and yet so tranquil that there was