

# ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

THE PRIESTLY FRATERNITY OF ST. PETER

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT



## Devotion to St. Joseph

Dear Faithful of St. Michael,

May God be praised in all of our actions! This upcoming Saturday (the 19th) we celebrate the feast of St. Joseph: Patron of the Universal Church, the spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the only **man** the Son of God ever addressed as "father". Imagine the humility of our God. He condescended to be born of His own creatures, to appear as one of us, and furthermore, the heavenly Father allowed a created man to be called the "father" of His Eternally Begotten Son! God blest Joseph with such amazing and singular graces which is why we can claim that the origin of devotion to this pious man was the Blessed Virgin and all three Persons of the Blessed Trinity. Jesus and Mary were most devoted to him..let that sink in for a minute. The Heavenly Father entrusted Joseph with His only begotten Son; this truth cannot be overstated.

St Joseph was given special graces to raise,

to instruct (in temporal and moral matters), to lead, and to protect (from physical as well as spiritual evils). For this fact, St. Joseph is heralded as the "terror of demons". Even with Jesus and Mary in the Holy Family, Joseph was the spiritual head of the home, (through the aid of the infinite merits of Jesus of course), but these graces were given to Joseph; and in him, they found a perfect cooperater. Joseph was the pure, impenetrable defense the Heavenly Father used to protect His Divine Son, and His most Beloved Mary from every evil.

Joseph wasn't given the unique graces and revelations that Mary enjoyed, but he was the protector of these mysteries, and had a front row seat to the glories God revealed. He quietly and patiently provided for the Holy Family, setting aside all personal ambition to serve the will of God alone. Every man desires the best for his family, and the greater the love the greater this desire; but Joseph chose to adorn his family with humility and poverty in imitation of God. Even though his Foster-Son Jesus was God, always Divine and always enjoying the Beatific Vision, and even though Mary was the most favored of all of God's creatures combined (save the humanity of Christ), God chose Joseph (inspired by dreams) to lead the Holy Family. He instantly obeyed when an angel told him to take the Child and His Mother and flee to Egypt.

He is also the patron of the dying and of a holy death. Tradition has it that Joseph died in the arms of Jesus accompanied by his most Blessed Bride. Could you imagine a more perfect death for a person so righteous? Mary and our Lord will certainly be present for the person who honors this most noble saint. As Joseph was tasked with the care and protection of the Blessed Virgin, the Immaculate spouse of the Holy Ghost, so he is charged as the special patron of the Universal Church, the bride of Christ.

St. Joseph, we entrust our parish to your patronage, and we ask you to protect us from all evil and keep us in the company of your Holy Family! Please pray for us.

-Rev. Christopher Mahowald, FSSP

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## LITURGY SCHEDULE

MARCH 13-19

SUNDAY: 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00 AM LOW MASS  
10:15 AM HIGH MASS

MONDAY: FERIA OF LENT

7:45 AM LOW MASS

TUESDAY: FERIA OF LENT

7:45 AM LOW MASS

WEDNESDAY: FERIA OF LENT

7:45 AM LOW MASS

THURSDAY: FERIA OF LENT/ST. PATRICK

7:45 AM LOW MASS

FRIDAY: FERIA OF LENT/ST. CYRIL

4:30 PM SOLEMN HOLY HOUR  
5:30 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
6:00 PM MASS

SATURDAY: ST JOSEPH

8:00 AM SOLEMN HOLY HOUR  
9:00 AM MASS

CONFESSIONS

MONDAYS IN LENT: 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

MON-THURS: 7:25AM - 7:40AM

FRIDAY - SUNDAY:

45 MIN BEFORE MASS  
OR BY APPOINTMENT

## Announcements and Upcoming Events

- **Reminder:** Please remember that above all, this Church is a house of God, and a place of prayer. After masses it seems to get pretty loud in the vestibule and it can be very difficult to pray in the church. In your charity, please keep the talking in the vestibule to a low volume and for conversations the church hall may be more suited. but above all, have charity with one another on both sides.



*The Transfiguration of Our Lord*

### Ancient Prayer of St. Joseph

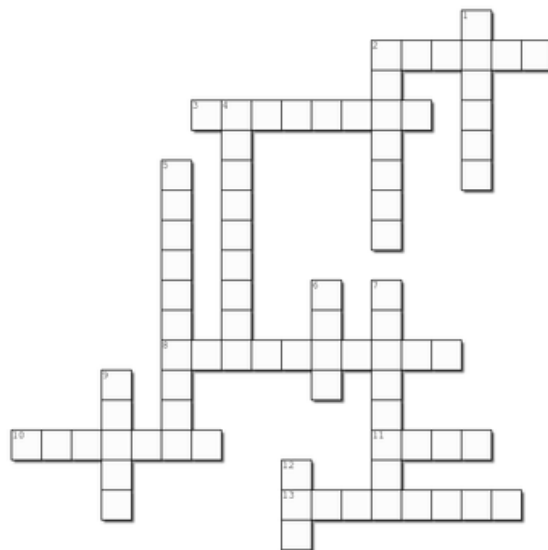
*From around 50 AD*

O St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interest and desires. O St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers. O St. Joseph, I never weary of contemplating you, and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him close in my name and kiss His fine head for me and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for me. Amen.

### St. Michael is hosting Fr. Bisig:

Fr. Josef Bisig, FSSP, will be here this upcoming week to give a few lectures on the founding of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter. He was formed in the priesthood in the early days of the Society of St. Pius X. He worked as the personal secretary to Archbishop Lefebvre and then rector of the SSPX seminary in Ecône, Switzerland. In 1988, convinced that the consecrations of a bishop against the will of the Pope couldn't be justified, he, along with the other founding members fled to Rome to seek a permanent place in the Church to continue the noble work of the Society. **He will be giving 2 talks, (not the same) on Friday night around 7 pm and Saturday morning after the 9 am mass.**

Coffee and refreshments will be available, feel free to bring something to snack on.



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#### **Across**

- Patron of the Universal Church.
- 'Created' delegates who pick the next pope.
- Term of addressing a bishop, 'Your \_\_\_\_\_'.
- A Christian war to defend the Holy Land.
- The shortest of the Gospels.
- Term used to address a Cardinal, 'Your \_\_\_\_\_'.

#### **Down**

- A Cleric just below the priest.
- Grandfather of Jesus.
- 4 'marks' of the Church: One, Holy, Catholic, and \_\_\_\_\_.
- Kind of bread used for Passover (and mass).
- Artistic hoop symbolizing holiness.
- Only full brother of Joseph, son of Jacob.
- Prophet of the Old Testament often depicted having horns.
- The liturgical color worn for a martyr's mass.

*"For this is the will of God, your sanctification; that you abstain from immorality; that every one of you learn how to possess his vessel in holiness and honor, not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God."*

-ST. PAUL TO THE THESSALONIANS  
1 THESS 4:3-5

### MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday: 8:00 AM and 10:15 AM

Helen Bogorowski

rb Karen Scatena

Pro Populo

Monday: 7:45 AM

Joseph Thomas LaFata

rb La Fata Family

Tuesday: 7:45 AM

+Maria del Rosario Perez Rodriguez

rb Irene Flores Vega

Wednesday: 7:45 AM

+James Ratchford

rb Patrick Ratchford

Thursday: 7:45 AM

+Mr. Robert Farley

rb Vince and Jenn Cilia

Friday: 6:00 PM

Delaney Schlear

rb Sandra Noll

Saturday: 9:00 AM

For the priests of the FSSP