

Seven Sundays Devotion to St. Joseph



Join the St. Josemaria Institute for the Seven Sundays Devotion to St. Joseph!

The Seven Sundays Devotion is a long-standing tradition of the Church in preparation for the feast of St. Joseph on March 19.

The devotion begins on the seventh Sunday before March 19 and honors the seven joys and sorrows that St. Joseph experienced as husband of the Mother of God, faithful guardian of Christ, and head of the holy family.

This devotion is a prayerful opportunity to "help us find out what God is telling us through the simple life of Mary's husband" (St. Josemaria Escriva; Christ is Passing By, no. 39). Visit <http://stjosemaria.org/seven-sundays-devotion-st-joseph> to subscribe and to receive a reminder and the devotion for each Sunday (February 5-March 19, 2017):

Stewardship Thought

Imagine for a moment that you're in a large auditorium that has no windows or doors to let in outside light. The place is so black you can't see anything, not even your hand in front of your face. There's nothing around you but complete darkness!

Now, imagine one little lightning bug flying around that auditorium. Every eye in there would turn toward it. As small as that little light is in comparison to the great darkness around it, you would still be able to see it. That massive blackness wouldn't be able to do a thing to shut off that bug. Everywhere he or she flew, the darkness would not be able to stop its little light.

We are called to be lightning bugs in this world. *"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven". Matthew 5: 14-16 (NIV)*

Remember the children's song "This Little Light of Mine? They were not going to hide their little light under a bushel; they were not going to let Satan blow it out, but they were going to let it shine until Jesus comes.

Life is not always easy there will be time when the circumstances around you begin to get black and you're tempted to throw in the towel, think about that little lightning bug. Then remember what Jesus said "You are the light of the world" now go forward and let your little light shine.

The Stewardship Committee

Serving our neighbor and our God is a huge responsibility! Join us for a Ministry Retreat to refresh your spirit and renew your ministry.

Saturday, February 25 from 9 a.m.- Noon at Saint Joseph Retreat Center. No cost to attend; refreshments provided. RSVP is appreciated but not mandatory: www.CatholicCharitiesWV.org/events/Wheeling-Retreat or contact Kate: kkosydar@ccwva.org / 304-622-4532

Intercessions

Please keep in your prayers: Margaret Scheiblehood, 1st Lieutenant Zachery Basich (US Marines), Dallas Disbro, David A. Kress, Jr., Edward Fanning, Kathy Cooley, Barb Mazzocca, Rick South, Eva Wood, Mary Alice Florio, James Midcap, Lukie Brown, Hines Rotriga, Patricia Kalisz, Janie, Jim and Dee, Judy Pack, Milissa Rose, Michael DeBlasis, Liam Manning, Mary Ann Fowler, Henry Vogler, Dustin Ronevich, Bob Jones, Frank Davis, Jimmy Hocking, Susan Graff, Brogan Gallentine, Richard Simon, Mark Davis, James Benner, Susan Schulte, Margaret Stocke, Thomas Griffith, Julia Sheets, Jean and Chuck Schultz, R. J. Stocke, Jane Rudari, Marlene Martin, Milly Burke, Norma Bosold, Stephanie Bugaj, Arthur Danehart, Jon-Michael Lasher, Shawn Thomas, Thelma Pearson, Kermit Klosterman, Mary K. Schlosser, Anne Sobota, Susan Mize, Rick Burgy, Betty Teater, Sarah Sargent, Sally Jochum, Martha Yocum, Mary Walicki, George Kirchner, Shirley DeCaria, Haley Carter, Caleb Hlebiczkzi, Bob Armstrong, Austin Cook, Ron Hickman, Stanley Kyr, Annie Midcap, Charles Heizer, Gail Koch, Pete Mack, Nancy Witzberger, Fred Herink, the Children of the Youth Services System, Chuck Fair, Darleen Williams and Mona Wurtzbacher

Il Corriere del Duomo

Weekly Journal for the Cathedral of St. Joseph

Our Lady of Lourdes



On the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, Feb. 11, the Servant of God John Paul II, in the year 1992, instituted the "World Day of the Sick", calling the faithful to pray for those who are sick and to offer their own sickness and struggle, joined to the sufferings of Christ, on behalf of those in need.

In his letter instituting the day, Pope John Paul II said, "The Christian community has always paid particular attention to the sick and the world of suffering in its multiple manifestations. In the wake of such a long tradition, the universal Church, with a renewed spirit of service, is preparing to celebrate the first World Day of the Sick as a special occasion for growth, with an attitude of listening, reflection, and effective commitment in the face of the great mystery of pain and illness. This day, which, beginning in February 1993, will be celebrated every year on the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes, for all believers seeks to be "a special time of prayer and sharing, of offering one's suffering for the good of the Church and of reminding everyone to see in his sick brother or sister the face of Christ who, by suffering, dying and rising, achieved the salvation of mankind"

(Letter Instituting the World Day of the Sick, 13 May 1992, n. 3).

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Sunday Masses: 6:00 p.m. Saturday; 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday.

Weekday Mass: 12:05 p.m. Monday through Friday; 9:00 a.m. Saturday.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 11:15-11:50 a.m. Friday; 5-5:45 p.m. Saturday.

Sacrament of the Sick and Communion to Homebound: Call the parish office anytime to make arrangements.

Christian Awareness

By Alex J. Nagem

As I waited for the traffic light to change to the color green I noticed a man and a young girl walking on National Road. I am sure they had captured the attention of other drivers and passengers. The man and the little girl were out for a Saturday afternoon walk. The man, who I guess was her father due to his age in comparison to hers, held the little girl's hand firmly in his. He had the look of a proud dad. He smiled as he watched her take each step and quickly looking up to view their path. Each step the little darling made was precise but a little unbalanced. The muffed hair and smile showed she was having fun on her adventure with dad. The innocence and excitement on this little girl's face was refreshing. Maybe this is God's way of telling us to take a deep breath and relax. I miss this innocence that seems to fade with age. Innocence is something God gave us at birth, don't you agree? It is something we shed as we try to fit in and when we endure life's experiences. We try to bring back our child innocence when we realize we have done wrong and feel regret, hoping this will make all better and the penance will be lessened. We want the feeling of being blessed again. Jesus told us of nine blessings with his Sermon on the Mount in the Beatitudes. The word beatitude comes from the Latin word which means "happiness." Even in our strife, I believe God wants us to be happy. The Beatitudes (Matthew 5-7) provides

hope when we suffer a loss of innocence that is self inflicted or instilled by another. We are all to be blessed for our innocence. As we age, innocence is found in our humility. In reading the Beatitudes it seems Jesus wants us to focus on the spirit of love and the spirit of humility. The Beatitudes list the condition we may face and the reward we will receive. The rewards are superior to any earthly motivation we extend to ourselves. With this in mind, I do pray, and often, for those hurt and those who are producing the pain, intentionally and unintentionally. Let's say this is my way of regaining childhood innocence and distancing me from anger and regret. The prayer may not be the first words that pass my lips. But since this is a religious writing, I shall not repeat the words that may first appear for which a good confession can provide reconciliation. If the Beatitudes provide us with hope for happiness and a resurgence of innocence, we should not overlook them, right? But, with every part of Christianity, we must first believe what we are told is true and faith in its teachings is for all.

I had lunch with a friend of mine recently, Bob Gaudio. Bob is an attorney in our fair city. You must know Bob to truly understand what I am about to write. I asked him if he ever wins a court case. To his surprise with my question, he said definitely yes. He continued by saying he is a good attorney. I did not refute his claim. Bob is a good attorney, one with a "heart of feeling." I clarified my question by saying that he always seems to help

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those who are not always abiding by civil laws. He seems to be the white knight for the oppressed or those who take the wrong path. This of course leads our conversation into thoughts on religion and Christianity. As Bob provided his thoughts on the innocence we all have in some form, the conversation drifted to how we can behave in a manner that is not always following the teachings of Jesus. The end result of this conversation is that God does forgive, thankfully. I wonder how easy He forgives. Can forgiveness be won by simply saying I am sorry? Does that bring back our innocence? The first Beatitude reads, "Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 5:3). The poor in spirit are those who realize they don't have all that is needed to follow the teachings of Jesus. They ask for God's help. With this help, the blessings and grace, they can fulfill what they are created to do. Do you find it easy to be humble in all you do? Is it easy to confess sins to God through our priest? Is our spiritual pride so great that we feel we do not need forgiveness? My thoughts drift back to the happy little girl walking with her dad. How innocent she looks with her muffed hair and smile. As one reads through the Beatitudes there is a constant undertone of a child's innocence and one in need of the Father's hand to walk in the direction He leads.

I always close my writings with the Latin phrase which means "Bidden or not bidden, God is present." The word bidden has the meaning: to ask, to desire, to beg,

to invite or to summon. This is a reminder that in all we do, we should realize God is present in our daily lives, ready to hold our hand and guide us. All we need to do is ask for his help and reach out to him. In doing so, we are to be humble. We are to live a righteous life. We are to show mercy to all through the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. To be a peacemaker, one must first possess peace of heart before peace can be extended to others. By imitating God's love of man, as symbolized by Jesus Christ, we become children of God. Following the Beatitudes allows one to be in constant prayer with God who is always with us, bidden or not bidden. One may hesitate to confess committed sins to a priest or directly to God. It is humbling to admit a wrong or an injustice. But as one asks for forgiveness, the injured should not take pride in casting judgment and penance. There always seems to be a fine line we must follow in the footsteps of Jesus. This is where constant prayer enters the picture of our life as we emulate Jesus. We need God's help in all we do. It is humbling for most to ask for help. It doesn't make a man less of a man or a woman look weak and frail. It is only child innocence reaching for Our Father's hand.

"It was pride that changed angels into devils. It is humility that makes men as angels."

—Saint Augustine

You are remembered in my prayers as I ask to be remembered in yours.

"Vocatus Atque non Vocatus, Deus Aderit"

Alex J. Nagem

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Mass Intentions and Readings

Sunday—February 5th—FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat 6:00p Mass for Julie Shutler
8:00a Mass for the Parishioners
9:15a 1st Communion, Cathedral Offices
RCIA, Rectory
10:30a Mass for Mary Lavern Monnes
RDGS: Is 58:7-10 Ps 112:4-9 1 Cor 2:1-5
Mt 5:13-16

Monday—February 6th—Saint Paul Miki, Martyr, and Companions, Martyrs

12:05p Mass for Peter Walicki
RDGS: Gn 1:1-19 Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35
Mk 6:53-56

Paul Miki, Jesuit scholastic, and his twenty-five companions, including two other Jesuits, six Franciscans, fifteen tertiary, and two laymen, were crucified by order of the ruler Hideyoshi 5 Frb. 1597 at Nagasaki; among them, the Mexican, Felipe de Jesus, the first martyr from the Americas to be beatified; protomartyrs of the Far East.

Tuesday—February 7th

12:05p Mass for Clarence W. Pagendarm
RDGS: Gn 1:20—2:4a Ps 8:4-9 Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday—February 8th—Saint Jerome Emiliani, priest, Saint Josephine Bakhita, virgin

12:05p Mass for Dorothy Bischof
RDGS: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17 Ps 104:1-2, 27-30
Mk 7:14-23

6:30p Choir Rehearsal

Jerome Emiliani, died 1537 of the plague; Venetian soldier whose conversion led to the founding of the Clerks Regular of Somascha, today numbering about 485 members; dedicated to the poor and the education of youth; patron of orphans and abandoned children.

Josephine was born around 1869 in Sudan. She was kidnapped around the age seven by slave traders and sold to a number of owners until she was purchased by the Italian Consul Callisto Legnani. He brought her to Italy and was sent to live with the Canossian Sisters in Venice. There she was formally introduced to the faith, baptized Giuseppia, and eventually granted her freedom. In 1896 she joined the Canossian Daughters of Charity. She was especially loved by her students for her sweet nature and musical voice. After a long and painful illness, she died in 1947. Pope John Paul II canonized this first Sudanese saint 1 October 2000 as a witness to evangelical reconciliation and a model of freedom.

Thursday—February 9th

12:05p Mass for Mary Drosieko
RDGS: Gn 2:18-25 Ps 128:1-5 Mk 7:24-30

Friday—February 10th—Saint Scholastica, Virgin

11:15a Confession
12:05p Mass for Jule Romick
RDGS: Gn 3:1-8 Ps 32:1-2, 5-7 Mk 7:31-37

Scholastica, died c. 543 at Monte Cassino; twin sister of St. Benedict; eventually interred in the same grave with her brother; most of what we know of Scholastica comes from the Dialogues of St. Gregory the Great who wrote, "so death did not separate the bodies of these two, whose minds had ever been united in the Lord"; invoked against storms; patroness of Benedictine nunneries.

Saturday—February 11th—Our Lady of Lourdes

9:00a Mass for Jean Huff
Rosary
5:00p Confessions
6:00p Mass for Jim & Dorothy Midcap
RDGS: Gn 3:9-24 Ps 90:2-6, 12-13 Mk 8:1-10

According to St. Bernadette Soubirous, the visionary at Lourdes in 1858, the Virgin Mary proclaimed herself "The Immaculate Conception"; patroness of Portugal and of the Philippines.

Sunday—February 12th—SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00a Mass for Ron Radcliffe
9:15a 1st Communion, Cathedral Offices
RCIA, Rectory
10:30a Mass for the Parishioners
RDGS: Sir 15:15-20 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34
1 Cor 2:6-10 Mt 5:17-37

Women's Faith Sharing Group

The next Women's Faith Sharing gathering is Friday, February 10, 1:00 pm, in the parish office conference room, following the noon liturgy and Chaplet of the Divine Mercy. Reflection: Mary's Story, Let It Be (If schools are delayed or canceled due to the weather our meeting will be canceled and rescheduled.)

Call Diane (304) 233-8574

Weekly Collection

Envelopes: \$2,440 Loose: \$1388.96

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