



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 17, 2021

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1 SAM 3:3b10, 19 JON 3:1-5,10
1 COR 6:13-20 1 COR 7:29-31
JOHN 1:35-42 MARK 1:14-20

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WEDDINGS: Please contact at least 4 months in advance

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MASSES @ ANNUNCIATION: SATURDAY @ 4:00 PM; SUNDAY @ 10:00AM

SPANISH MASS/COMMUNION SERVICE: Sunday 12 - NOON

MASSES @ ST. ANDREW: TIPTON SATURDAY @ 5:30 PM; SUNDAY @ 8:00AM

BISHOP MCKNIGHT'S JANUARY PRAYER INTENTION

For those seeking employment; that through the intercession of Saint Joseph the worker, they may find dignified work in supporting themselves and their family.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	January 16	4:00 PM	Annunciation Parish
Sunday	January 17	10:00 AM	Deraps Family
Tuesday	January 19	8:00 AM	Margie Wolfe/Dorothy Schoby
Thursday	January 21	8:00 AM	John & Rosalie Hentges
Saturday	January 23	4:00 PM	Doug Distler
Sunday	January 24	10:00 AM	Bob Reynolds

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OUR MOTTO: JOY

JESUS FIRST

OTHERS SECOND

YOURSELF LAST

Mission Statement

We, the family of Annunciation Parish desire to build a community of love and service to our community and those in need as we bear witness to the teaching of Jesus Christ.

FROM THE PASTOR

On the feast of Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary, December 8, 2020 Pope Francis proclaimed **Year of St. Joseph** extending it to the very feast on December 8, 2021. In this regard, I am sharing his Apostolic Letter as following in which he gives some insights into the life of the Patron Saint of the Church.

"In a new Apostolic Letter entitled *Patris corde* ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows. The Letter marks the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX's declaration of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To celebrate the anniversary, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special "Year of St Joseph," beginning on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 2020 and extending to the same feast in 2021.

Plenary indulgence for year of St. Joseph

The Holy Father wrote *Patris corde* against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of "ordinary" people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble Saint Joseph, "the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence," who nonetheless played "an incomparable role in the history of salvation."

A beloved, tender, obedient father

Saint Joseph, in fact, "concretely expressed his fatherhood" by making an offering of himself in love "a love placed at the service of the Messiah who was growing to maturity in his home," writes Pope Francis, quoting his predecessor St Paul VI. And because of his role at "the crossroads between the Old and New Testament," St Joseph "has always been venerated as a father by the Christian people" (PC, 1). In him, "Jesus saw the tender love of God," the one that helps us accept our weakness, because "it is through" and despite "our fears, our frailties, and our weakness" that most divine designs are realized. "Only tender love will save us from the snares of the accuser," emphasizes the Pontiff, and it is by encountering God's mercy especially in the Sacrament of Reconciliation that we "experience His truth and tenderness," – because "we know that God's truth does not condemn us, but instead welcomes, embraces, sustains and forgives us" (2). Joseph is also a father in obedience to God: with his 'fiat' he protects Mary and Jesus and teaches his Son to "do the will of the Father." Called by God to serve the mission of Jesus, he "cooperated... in the great mystery of Redemption," as St John Paul II said, "and is truly a minister of salvation" (3).

Welcoming the will of God

At the same time, Joseph is "an accepting Father," because he "accepted Mary unconditionally" — an important gesture even today, says Pope Francis, "in our world where psychological, verbal and physical violence towards women is so evident." But the Bridegroom of Mary is also the one who, trusting in the Lord, accepts in his life even the events that he does not understand, "setting aside his own ideas" and reconciling himself with his own history.

Joseph's spiritual path "is not one that *explains*, but *accepts*" — which does not mean that he is "resigned." Instead, he is "courageously and firmly proactive," because with "Holy Spirit's gift of fortitude," and full of hope, he is able "to accept life as it is, with all its contradictions, frustrations and disappointments." In practice, through St. Joseph, it is as if God were to repeat to us: "Do not be afraid!" because "faith gives meaning to every event, however happy or sad," and makes us aware that "God can make flowers spring up from stony ground." Joseph "did not look for shortcuts but confronted reality with open eyes and accepted personal responsibility for it." For this reason, "he encourages us to accept and welcome others as they are, without exception, and to show special concern for the weak" (4).

A creatively courageous father, example of love

Patris corde highlights "the creative courage" of St. Joseph, which "emerges especially in the way we deal with difficulties." "The carpenter of Nazareth," explains the Pope, was able to turn a problem into a possibility by trusting in divine providence." He had to deal with "the concrete problems" his Family faced, problems faced by other families in the world, and especially those of migrants.

In this sense, St. Joseph is "the special patron of all those forced to leave their native lands because of war, hatred, persecution and poverty." As the guardian of Jesus and Mary, Joseph cannot "be other than the guardian of the Church," of her motherhood, and of the Body of Christ. "Consequently, every poor, needy, suffering or dying person, every stranger, every prisoner, every infirm person is 'the child' whom Joseph continues to protect." From St Joseph, writes Pope Francis, "we must learn... to love the Church and the poor" (5).

A father who teaches the value, dignity and joy of work

"A carpenter who earned an honest living to provide for his family," St Joseph also teaches us "the value, the dignity and the joy of what it means to eat bread that is the fruit of one's own labor." This aspect of Joseph's character provides Pope Francis the opportunity to launch an appeal in favor of work, which has become "a burning social issue" even in countries with a certain level of well-being. "there is a renewed need to appreciate the importance of dignified work, of which Saint Joseph is an exemplary patron," the Pope writes.

Work, he says, "is a means of participating in the work of salvation, an opportunity to hasten the coming of the Kingdom, to develop our talents and abilities, and to put them at the service of society and fraternal communion." Those who work, he explains, "are cooperating with God himself, and in some way become creators of the world around us." Pope Francis encourages everyone "to rediscover the value, the importance and the necessity of work for bringing about a new 'normal' from which no one is excluded." Especially in light of rising unemployment due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Pope calls everyone to "review our priorities" and to express our firm conviction that no young person, no person at all, no family should be without work!" (6).

A father "in the shadows," centered on Mary and Jesus

Taking a cue from *The Shadow of the Father* — a book by Polish writer Jan Dobraczyński — Pope Francis describes Joseph's fatherhood of Jesus as "the earthly shadow of the heavenly Father."

"Fathers are not born, but made," says Pope Francis. "A man does not become a father simply by bringing a child into the world, but by taking up the responsibility to care for that child." Unfortunately, in today's society, children "often seem orphans, lacking fathers" who are able to introduce them "to life and reality." Children, the Pope says, need fathers who will not try to dominate them, but instead raise them to be "capable of deciding for themselves, enjoying freedom and exploring new possibilities." This is the sense in which St Joseph is described as a "most chaste" father, which is the opposite of domineering possessiveness. Joseph, says Pope Francis, "knew how to love with extraordinary freedom. He never made himself the center of things. He did not think of himself, but focused instead on the lives of Mary and Jesus."

Happiness for Joseph involved a true gift of self: "In him, we never see frustration, but only trust," writes Pope Francis. "His patient silence was the prelude to concrete expressions of trust." Joseph stands out, therefore, as an exemplary figure for our time, in a world that "needs fathers," and not "tyrants"; a society that "rejects those who confuse authority with authoritarianism, service with servility, discussion with oppression, charity with a welfare mentality, power with destruction."

True fathers, instead, "refuse to live the lives of their children for them," and instead respect their freedom. In this sense, says Pope Francis, a father realizes that "he is most a father and an educator at the point when he becomes 'useless,' when he sees that his child has become independent and can walk the paths of life unaccompanied." Being a father, the Pope emphasizes, "has nothing to do with possession, but is rather a 'sign' pointing to a greater fatherhood": that of the "heavenly Father" (7).

A daily prayer to St Joseph... and a challenge

In his letter, Pope Francis notes how, "Every day, for over forty years, following Lauds [Morning Prayer]" he has "recited a prayer to Saint Joseph taken from a nineteenth-century French prayer book of the Congregation of the Sisters of Jesus and Mary." This prayer, he says, expresses devotion and trust, and even poses a certain challenge to Saint Joseph," on account of its closing words: "My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power."

At the conclusion of his Letter, he adds another prayer to St Joseph, which he encourages all of us to pray together:

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen."*

By Vatican News: General Audience 13-01-2021 02:15

A Position Open: We are looking for a part time bookkeeper to take the place of Tim Baker in the Parish Office. He is not able to continue doing his job as before due to the greater need of his time at home. I thank him sincerely for his dedicated services to the Parish for over 6 years. If anyone who has some qualification & experience in bookkeeping may send in his/her resume addressed to the Pastor. After a formal interview, a candidate will be selected.

The Ladies Sodality will have a Social Distance Meeting **inside the church on Tuesday, January 26th, at 6:30. There will be no refreshments at this meeting.** We will be planning the Soup Supper and the Spring Garage Sale that will be two of our fundraisers this year. We will also collect the \$10.00 annual dues and say the Rosary. We will NOT have the Birth Right baby shower this month. We may host that later in the year. Questions: Call Vickie at 913-669-2979

Weekly Collections

1st week: \$ 3,116.42 2nd week: \$ 6,613.50

Hispanic: \$ 75.00 Mustard Seed: 46.00
Memorial: \$1,367.38

MINISTRY LIST – JAN. 23-24

Saturday, January 23

Lector: Elaine Anderson
Servers: Volunteer Needed
Song Leader: Larry Dahler
Organist: Ruth Ann Jobe

Sunday, January 24

Lector: Youth Mass
Servers:
Song Leader: Bev Kleffner
Organist: Ruth Ann Jobe

Just in time for the Super Bowl!

Last fall the ladies sodality had to postpone the scheduled Chili and Chicken Noodle Soup Fundraiser

We have reset the date for Saturday, February 6th and Sunday February 7th.

Homemade chili & homemade chicken noodle soup will be sold with dessert and crackers.

\$5.00 for 16 ounces chili or soup with one serving of dessert

\$10.00 for 32 ounces chili or soup with two servings of dessert

\$28.00 for one gallon chili or soup with eight servings of dessert

Sales of soup, chili and dessert are only for carry out & orders will be picked up in the church basement.

Funds raised will be used to help with costs of setting up the large TV in the church basement so Mass can be seen live for overflow crowds & to help support the Annunciation bus committee.

!!Pre-orders are preferred!! Ladies Sodality members will be taking orders after each Mass.

Please call Cindy at 573-690-9114 or

email clt0710@yahoo.com.

Prayer List

Please Pray for these and all who are in need of prayer. Call the office to add someone or take someone off.

Sister Leona Bax; Rita Jeanne Miller; Linda Clevinger; Kim Haisemeyer; Ron Frank; Roger Borgmeyer; Tim & Carol Baker; Norbert Kolb (Kristy Gump's dad); Don & Loretta George; Krystal Stegemann (daughter of Sherrie Walter); Thomas Imhoff (son of Jim and Lita Imhoff); Hazel Boss (mother of Pauline Forck); Frankie Bolinger; (mother of Jake Bolinger) Diane Munsterman; Guy Newkirk; Sandy Crawford; Keith Connell; Fr. Mike Coleman; Fr. Aubuchon; Loretta Brauner; Misty Distler; Cody Schmidt; Amanda Imhoff; Connie Sack; Jeff Johnson; Gary Fleischmann; John & Barbara Reichl (parents of Bill Reichl); Parker Wood (grandson of Tim & Pauline Forck); Terry Carlson; Melissa Cox; Bob Winkler; Gary Rackers (Margaret Reynolds son-in-law); Special Intention; Rachael Frank; Abe Baepler; Andrea Tilbury; Delores Bardwell; Carol Rackers; for all those affected by the Corona Virus.

THIS WEEK AT ANNUNCIATION

Saturday , Jan. 16	<i>Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
☪Mass 4:00 PM	Annunciation Parish
Sunday , Jan. 17	<i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
☪ 8:45-9:45 AM	Religious Ed/Confirmation
☪Mass 10:00 AM	Deraps Family
Monday , Jan. 18	
☪ 5:45-6 PM	Prayer of the Holy Rosary
☪ 8:00 PM	AA-ALNON
Tuesday , Jan. 19	
☪Mass 8:00 AM	Margie Wolfe/Dorothy Schoby
Wednesday , Jan. 20	<i>Saint Fabian; Saint Sebastian</i>
☪ 8:15 PM	Mustard Seed
Thursday , Jan. 21	<i>Saint Agnes</i>
☪Mass 8:00 AM	John & Rosalie Hentges
☪	Quilting
☪ 7:00 PM	Holy Hour
Friday , Jan. 22	<i>Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children</i>
	<i>Saint Vincent; Saint Marianne Cope; Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
Saturday , Jan. 23	
☪Mass 4:00 PM	Doug Distler
Sunday , Jan. 24	<i>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
☪ 8:45-9:45 PM	Religious Ed/Confirmation
☪Mass 10:00 AM	Bob Reynolds

Second Sunday in Ordinary time January 17, 2021

The main theme of today's Scripture readings is Divine vocation – that everyone is called by God to be a witness for Christ by doing something for others with his or her life, using his or her unique gifts and blessings. Hence, today's readings remind us of our personal and corporate call to become witnesses for Jesus, the *Lamb of God*, by leading lives of holiness and purity.

Scripture lessons summarized: The first reading describes how Yahweh called Samuel to His service and how the boy Samuel responded to Him, saying, "*Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.*" Hence, God blessed him in the mission entrusted to him, and Samuel became an illustrious figure, ranking with Moses and David as a man of God. In the Responsorial Psalm (Ps 40), the psalmist sings, "*Behold, I come to do Your will,*" indicating that his vocation is to obey, to do what God commands him to do. In the second reading, St. Paul explains to the Corinthians that their Divine call is a call to holiness. Hence, they need to keep their bodies pure and souls holy, because by Baptism they have become parts of Christ's Body and the temples of the Holy Spirit. In the Gospel, John the Baptist claims that his vocation is to introduce Jesus to two of his own disciples as the "*Lamb of God,*" suggesting Jesus' vocation to become a sacrificial lamb to atone for our sins. The disciples followed Jesus to his residence, accepting his invitation to "*come and see.*" They stayed with him that day. Then Andrew brought his brother Simon to Jesus, presenting him to Jesus as the *Messiah*. Thus, today's Gospel also describes the call or vocation of the first apostles and challenges us to invite others to Christ by our Christian witnessing.

Life messages: 1) Our Christian vocation is to live and die like the *Lamb of God*. (A) We live like the *Lamb of God*: 1) by leading pure, innocent, humble, selfless lives, obeying Christ's commandment of love; 2) by appreciating the loving providence and protecting care of the Good Shepherd for his Church; 3) by partaking of the Body and Blood of the Good Shepherd in the Holy Eucharist and deriving spiritual strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the Sacraments. (B) We are called to die like the *Lamb of God*: a) by sharing sacrificially our blessings of health, wealth, and talents with others in the family, parish, and community; b) by bearing witness to Christ in our illness, pain, and suffering through our graceful acceptance of all of it; c) by offering our sufferings for God's glory, as penance for our sins, and for the conversion of sinners. **2)** Our call is to bear witness to the *Lamb of God*. Doing this requires a personal experience of Jesus as our Lord and Savior. We get this personal experience of Jesus in our daily lives through the meditative reading and study of the Bible, through personal and family prayers, and through our active participation in the Eucharistic celebration. Once we have experienced the personal presence of Jesus in our daily lives, we will start sharing with others the *Good News* of love, peace, justice, tolerance, mercy, and forgiveness preached and lived by Jesus. (Fr. Anthony Kadavil)