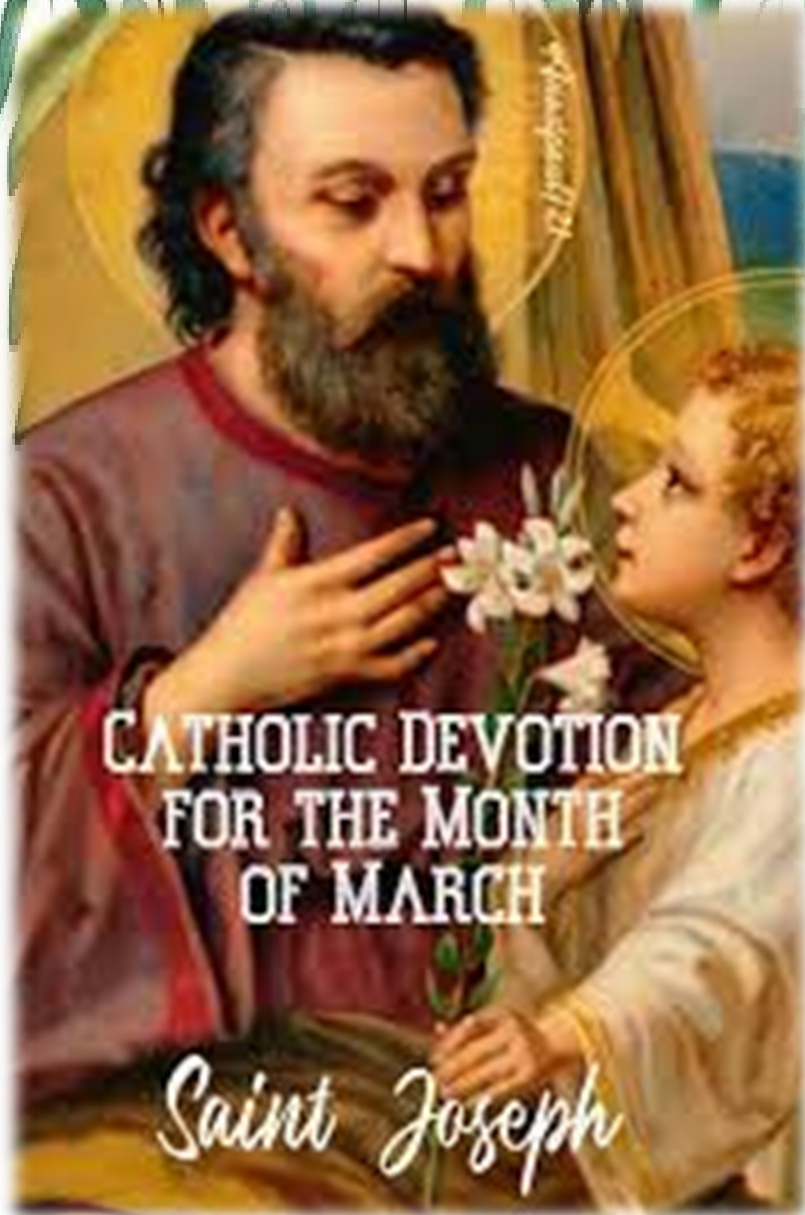


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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our March Meeting Will Be In Person (& by Zoom too)

Social Time 12:30, Meeting begins at 1 pm

Michael Oliver has graciously consented to act as our Guest Minister. Yay Michael!

Introductory Prayers

Announcements:

Our Monthly Mass for our living and deceased members is now being offered on the 3rd Sunday of every month at the 11:00 am Mass at Our Lady of Grace, Leisure World. This month, the Mass is on March, 20th at 11:00 am.

Focus on Apostolates - The Council is interested in gaining a more accurate understanding of our current Apostolates as well as those of interest not yet underway. In addition, there is interest in exploring ways for everyone to be involved in Apostolates, even if personal circumstances only allow for participation as a "prayer buddy".

Presentation by Delia Sylla on Reflection 23, Live Like Francis

Presentation by Ingrid Roberts, Delia Sylla and Aurea Roland on their experiences at the March 5th Day of Reflection for Inquirers and Candidates at St. Anthony's Shrine.

Presentation by Mark Wiest via Zoom on Keeping Your Eyes on God

Christian Prayer led by Tom

Closing Prayers

Please continue your prayers for Marilyn and Jim,

Happy March Birthday!

9 - Peggy Nicholson;

12 - Jennifer Reddock

## **GUEST MINISTER’S MESSAGE by Michael Oliver, March Guest Minister**

**March 2022**



It is with a great sense of humility that I offer these thoughts as the Guest Minister for March. We received Ashes recently with the admonition, “Repent and believe in the Gospel”. As such, our Lenten journeys are underway and our call is for prayer, fasting and alms-giving along with a sincere repentance of the heart.

As you know, St. Francis observed Lent with an incredible level of devotion and repentance. You might recall this Lenten story from “The Little Flowers of St. Francis of Assisi” on how St. Francis, at his request, was dropped off by boat on a deserted island, bringing with him only two small loaves of bread. Saint Francis told his friend to tell no one that he was there and to come back for him no sooner than Holy Thursday.

Since there were no houses on the island, Saint Francis fashioned a kind of den for himself out of large, thick bush overgrown with vines and plants. He stayed throughout all of Lent and remained in prayer and deep contemplation of all heavenly things. By the time his faithful friend returned to pick him up, St. Francis had eaten no more than half of one of the small loaves he had brought with him.

While it is practically impossible for us to replicate St. Francis’ actions, we can certainly try to imitate them in our own fashion and according to our abilities and circumstances. I wish for everyone a blessed Lenten season filled with prayer, fasting and generous giving!

**WHERE THERE IS DARKNESS, LIGHT**

**This is the seventh of my articles on the Peace Prayer of St. Francis, based on the book. "Instruments of Christ: Reflections on the Peace Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi" by Albert Haase, OFM. This month, we will review the sixth line of the prayer listed above.**

**Within the tradition of the Judeo-Christian Scriptures, light is a major symbol: a metaphor for God's wisdom, God's law, and the word of God (Wisdom 7:26, Psalm 19:9, and Psalm 119:105). Isaiah used light to describe the Servant of Yahweh (Isaiah 42:6) and the charity offered to the marginalized (Isaiah 58:6-10). Light is also a central symbol in the Gospel of John. His prologue refers to the Word as the invincible, true light that took flesh among us and revealed "the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth" (John 1-14). "The light of the world", as said of Jesus by those who would follow in his footsteps would never walk in darkness but would have the "light of life" (John 8:12). Jesus passed the light on to his followers, setting their lives on fire: "You are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:14). The disciples, as examples of Christ, would become the world's light if they did good deeds leading to the glory of God (Matthew 5:16).**

**As keeper of the flame, the Church continues to preserve and pass down this light through the generations. In the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, the newly baptized are addressed with: "You have been enlightened by Christ. Walk always as children of the light and keep the flame of faith alive in your hearts.**

**Faith, however, is not just a private light shedding on the story of our private life. Francis of Assisi in his Canticle of Creatures referred to the light as an enlightenment of all creation and assistance to the believer to witness the extraordinary within the ordinary. The believer, by it, sees the face and providence of God in the sun, the moon, the stars, wind, water, the earth, and in all those who forgive at the moment of death. Faith truly provides the light of the daily life of any believer. We fan and keep the light of our faith shining brightly in the midst of darkness by the ways we live our lives, that is, to do acts that are "good and right and true" (Ephesians 5:9).**

**Godly acts such as love, consolation, charity, forgiveness, and understanding referred to in the Peace Prayer light up a world often darkened by hatred, callousness, greed, revenge, and apathy. According to Scripture, our omnipotent God is "the father of lights" (James 1:17). Such an image of God reminds us that a new day has dawned and it is time to put on the armor of light (Romans 13: 11-14).**

**Reaching out to others with Godly acts regardless of their race, religion, sex, or mental capacity also indicates to us the relationship we share among ourselves. We may be different colors, but like tribesmen, we are sisters and brothers to one another, called to share the warmth of this same fire: we are family. "If we walk in the light as Jesus is in the light, then we have fellowship with one another." (I John 1:7)**

**We pray to sow light amid the darkness with the Peace Prayer. Our vocation is to become a contemporary keeper of the flame. We must fan this flame of faith that has illuminated our way since the day of our baptisms (and fortified by our professions). The Peace Prayer prompts us to brighten the lives of others with Godly acts that manifest our family bonds as children of the loving God who, in the words of our Father Francis, is reflected in Brother Sun.**

**Peace,  
Mike**

St Joseph's Feast Day is March 19th.  
Praise be the GREAT ST. JOSEPH

## Memorare to Saint Joseph

Remember, O most chaste  
spouse of the Virgin Mary,  
that never was it known that  
any who implored your help  
and sought your intercession  
were left unassisted. Full of  
confidence in your power, I  
fly unto you, and beg your  
protection. despise not, O  
foster-father of the  
Redeemer, my humble  
supplication but in your  
bounty hear and answer me.  
Amen.



# LETS REALLY CELEBRATE THESE AMAZING MARCH FEAST DAYS!

## Saint Joseph— March 19

Everything we know about the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus comes from Scripture and that has seemed too little for those who made up legends about him.

We know he was a carpenter, a working man, for the skeptical Nazarenes ask about Jesus, "Is this not the carpenter's son?" (Matthew 13:55). He wasn't rich for when he took Jesus to the Temple to be circumcised and Mary to be purified he offered the sacrifice of two turtledoves or a pair of pigeons, allowed only for those who could not afford a lamb (Luke 2:24).

Despite his humble work and means, Joseph came from a royal lineage. Luke and Matthew disagree some about the details of Joseph's genealogy but they both mark his descent from David, the greatest king of Israel (Matthew 1:1-16 and Luke 3:23-38). Indeed the angel who first tells Joseph about Jesus greets him as "son of David," a royal title used also for Jesus.



## St. Patrick — February 21

St. Patrick of Ireland is one of the world's most popular saints. He was born in Roman Britain and when he was fourteen or so, he was captured by Irish pirates during a raiding party and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. At the time, Ireland was a land of Druids and pagans but Patrick turned to God and wrote his memoir, The Confession. In The Confession, he wrote:

"The love of God and his fear grew in me more and more, as did the faith, and my soul was rosed, so that, in a single day, I have said as many as a hundred prayers and in the night, nearly the same. I prayed in the woods and on the mountain, even before dawn. I felt no hurt from the snow or ice or rain."

Patrick's captivity lasted until he was twenty, when he escaped after having a dream from God in which he was told to leave Ireland by going to the coast. There he found some sailors who took him back to Britain and was reunited with his family.

