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4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT  
SUNDAY MARCH 14, 2021

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# TRUTH



But whoever lives the truth  
comes to the light, so that  
his works may be clearly  
seen as done in God.

JOHN 3:21





**WELCOME TO  
ST. MARK  
THE EVANGELIST  
CATHOLIC CHURCH**



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**Mass Times**

Daily Mass  
Mon-Fri 8:00 am

Full Mass Schedule listed  
below

**DAILY MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, March 13th & Sunday, March 14th**

St. Mark Parishioners

†Patrick Falconer

Darlene Tebo

†Sandee Dragel

†Helmet Seifert & Family

Linda Tebo

**Monday, March 15th**

†Erik Esquivel

**Tuesday, March 16th**

St. Mark Parishioners

**Wednesday, March 17th**

†Deceased members of the deArrieta & Gallagher families

**Thursday, March 18th**

St. Mark Parishioners

**Friday, March 19th**

Maurice Ofori

†Jane Vessel

**Saturday, March 20th & Sunday, March 21st**

St. Mark Parishioners

Judith & Gabrielle DiFonzo

†Sandy Caputo & Family

†Sylvia Edwards

†Connie Tebo

†Elio Gemignani

† = Deceased

**STEWARDSHIP  
OF TREASURY**

**March 6th Reporting**

**Regular Collection**

\$25,259.50

Last year's collection \$25198.68

**Building Fund**

\$3,105.00



**Support Catholic Relief Service  
this weekend, March 13-14th**

CRS works with organizations  
around the world to help poor and  
vulnerable people overcome  
emergencies, earn a living through  
agriculture, and access affordable  
health care.

**MASS SCHEDULE**

*Proper social distancing and masks required.*

**Daily Mass– Open to public**

**8:00 AM** - Indoor Mass & Streamed Online

**Saturday– Open to public**

**8:00 AM** - Indoor Mass & Streamed Online

**4:00 PM** - Indoor Mass

**Sunday– Open to public**

**7:00 AM** - Indoor Mass

**8:30 AM** - Indoor Mass

**10:00 AM** - Indoor Mass

**11:30 AM** - Outdoor Mass



**OUR PRAYER LIST**

Steven Swanson

†Rita West

†Adam Seifert



†Helmut Seifert

The Trunzo Family



THIS WEEKEND .....

Details on page 4

# SUNDAY'S READINGS



## FIRST READING:

Their enemies burnt the house of God,  
tore down the walls of Jerusalem,  
set all its palaces afire,  
and destroyed all its precious objects. (2 Chr 36:19)

## PSALM:

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you! (Ps 137)

## SECOND READING:

For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus  
for the good works  
that God has prepared in advance,  
that we should live in them. (Eph 2:10)

## GOSPEL:

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him might not perish  
but might have eternal life. (Jn 3:16)

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## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 14, 2021

- Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins
- Wednesday: St. Patrick, Bishop; St. Patrick's Day
- Thursday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Friday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent

## CONGRATULATIONS!

*Please keep the following newlywed couples  
in your special intentions.*

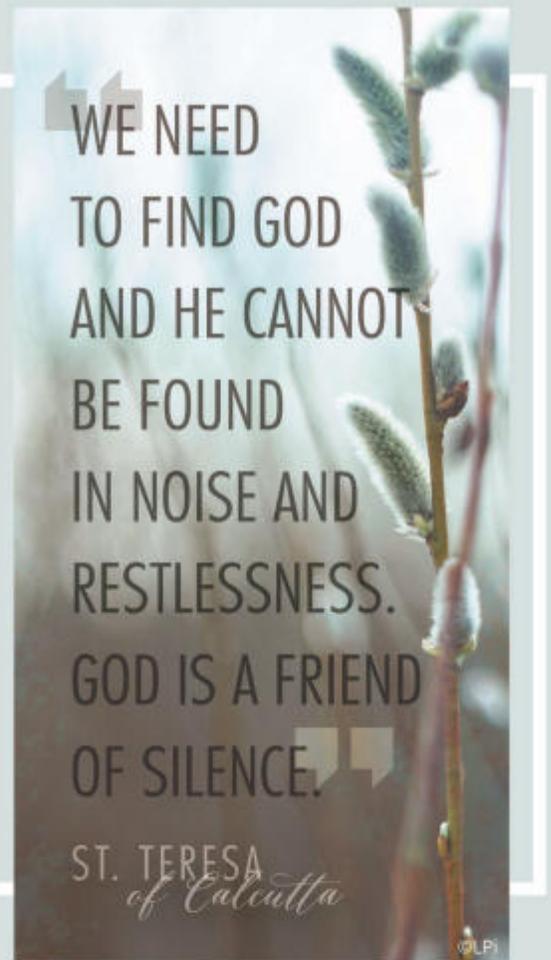
**Ruben Cordova & Monique Flores**  
January 23, 2021

**Joseph Shelley & Kara Riley**  
January 30, 2021

**Whinston Crynes & Stephanie Guzman**  
February 6, 2021

**Gregory Gaunt & Rita Waltrip**  
February 12, 2021

**May God continue to bless you in your vocation and may  
your love grow stronger each and every passing year.**



## REFLECT

### FIRST READING

The author of 2 Chronicles reflects on how historically God's fidelity and mercy was often met with Israel's disobedience and arrogance. How does the Lenten journey provoke an examination of conscience for you and your faith life?

### SECOND READING

Paul speaks of our faith and our salvation as "the gift of God" to us. In what ways do you show appreciation for God's grace?

### GOSPEL READING

Jesus taught Nicodemus that God sent His only Son into the world to offer eternal life to believers. Who in your life needs to hear this message?



Now with a whole year of experience of drive-thru confessions, we are excited to announce:

**Drive-Thru Communal Penance Service on March 13th at 2:00 pm.**

Please enter the church from the main entrance (not the entrance in front of the parish office). We will have our Knights of Columbus Council #13272 on hand to further direct traffic flow.

**FAQ**

*How do families participate in a Drive-Thru Penance Service?*  
Last year we had families participate in drive-thru confessions. If a family comes for confession, those waiting for confession may exit the vehicle on the opposite side of the priest and wait for their turn.

*Make sure to come prepared! Download the MyParish App to have everything handy! Scan the QR Code to access the app.*

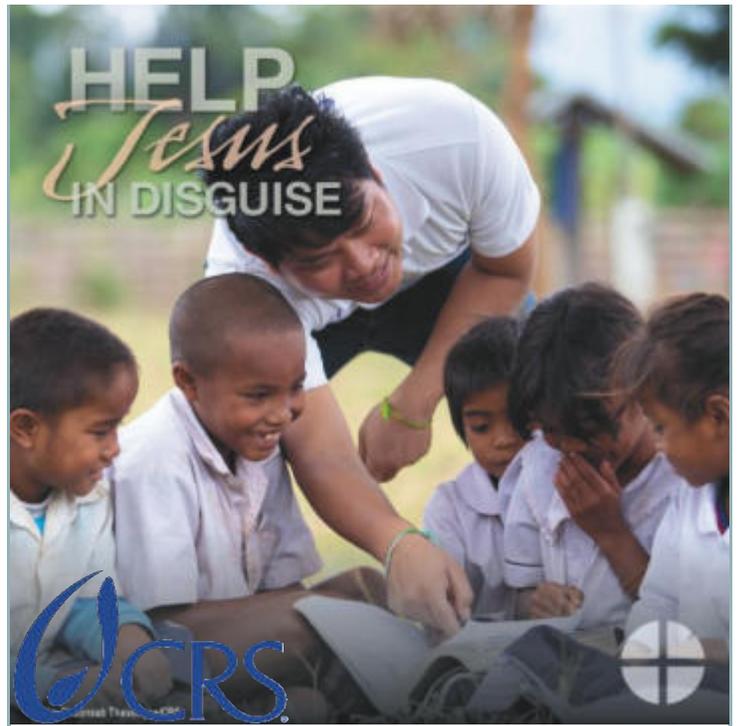
**Parish App Feature-of-the-Week**



- Helpful Confession guide
- See available times
- Set useful reminders for your next Confession

Learn more or download our parish app at [myparishapp.com](http://myparishapp.com)

\*Available on Apple and Android Phones.



**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES** "The Collection for Catholic Relief Services pools small gifts to make a multi-million-dollar impact. Even a \$10 donation can transform the life of someone who was in dire need when the pandemic started," said Archbishop Paul D. Etienne of Seattle and chairman of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on National Collections.

"The need is urgent. The ongoing impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has meant that, gifts to collection fell drastically in 2020 – just when they were needed most."

**Through this national collection this weekend you can help the most vulnerable people in the United States and around the globe. Gifts may be made through our Online Giving Portal.**

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*Stations of the Cross*

We are blessed with beautiful weather and views, so why not step outside for Stations of the Cross?

Join us every Friday in Lent at 4 PM in the West Parking Lot.

**You are welcomed to use our outdoor stations at any time.** Scan the QR Codes at each station for audio or video reflections, or simply read the reflection at each station.

Our religious education students submitted many pieces of art this project, view all to submissions through our Online Gallery.

Visit [tinyurl.com/REOnlineGallery](http://tinyurl.com/REOnlineGallery) or Scan the QR code.





# LITTLE TOTS



June 7 - July 29

Tues/Wed/Thurs  
9AM - 1PM

18 months (walking) -  
5 years old

Join us!

To register:

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Camryn Breese, Director  
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This sensational curriculum will ensure your child a wonderful summer of exciting and enriching learning experiences. Each day includes special summer theme-related activities that encompass sports, crafts, games, obstacle courses, water play, and lots of adventure! This summer session curriculum will definitely warm the hearts and stimulate the minds of all our fun-seekers.

# WORKS OF MERCY COLLECTION FOR LOCAL AGENCIES THIS WEEKEND

During Lent this is a great opportunity to help those in need. The Pandemic has changed agency required needs. **We will be at the outer door to the North side of the Narthex on March 13 & 14, before all Masses.**

Please place collected items in separately labeled bags or boxes for each agency.

## POVERELLO HOUSE

- New men's jeans - Waist size 30 - 36,

- Length 30 - 34
- These need to be in bags labeled "New Jeans" to separate from used clothing.
- Used clothing - no suits or dress clothes
- Mens' Hygiene products
- Individually packaged snack items
- **SISTER JOSE WOMEN'S SHELTER** (not accepting clothing or household items)
- Toiletries, feminine hygiene products & insect

- repellent
- Rain gear
- OTC medications, sunscreen
- Kleenex, hand sanitizer
- Paper (only) plates, cups and bowls

## CASA MARIA SOUP KITCHEN

- Men's or Women's sneakers
- No dress shoes or heels please
- Label bags as shoes

*Thank you!*

## ARIZONA STATE COUNCIL Knights of Columbus

Annual Drawing to Support Local Charities  
Saturday, May 22nd, 2021



- 1st Prize: \$10,000
- 2nd Prize: \$7,000
- 3rd Prize: \$5,000
- 4th Prize: \$3,000
- 5th Prize - \$2,000
- 6th Prize - \$1,000
- 7th Prize - \$500
- 8th Prize - \$500
- 9th Prize - \$500
- 10th Prize - \$500

NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN

Donation: \$5 per ticket, \$20 for 5 tickets,  
\$100 for 30 tickets

Must be 21 years or older to participate.

Look for the blue Knights of Columbus  
canopy tent for ticket sales.

If Mass is in person, Knights will be in the Courtyard.  
If Mass is outdoors, Knights will be in front of the  
Parish Hall.

### Preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday, the Octave of Easter Sunday

In 1931 in Poland, Jesus appeared to Sr. Maria Faustina Kowalska, a 26-yr old Polish nun, in her convent cell. In her diary she wrote: "After a while, Jesus said to me: **Paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the signature: Jesus, I trust in You. I desire that this image be venerated, first in your chapel, and [then] throughout the world.** (47) (This is the mosaic that adorns the north altar in St. Mark Catholic Church.) **I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish. I also promise victory over**

**[its] enemies already here on earth, especially at the hour of death. I Myself will defend it as My own glory.** (48)"

Sr. Faustina had begun keeping a diary at the direction of her spiritual director to record everything she could about her visits with Jesus. (X) indicates diary paragraphs which are recorded here. In her diary entry in August, 1937, Sr. Faustina wrote:

"Jesus, I trust in You. [The] Novena to The Divine Mercy, Jesus instructed me to write down and make before the Feast of Mercy (now known as Divine Mercy Sunday). [The Novena] begins on Good Friday. **I desire that during these nine days you bring souls to the fountain of My mercy, that they may draw therefrom strength and refreshment and whatever grace they need in the hardships of life, and especially at the hour of death.**

**On each day you will bring to My Heart a different group of souls, and you will immerse them in this ocean of My mercy, and I will bring all these souls into the house of My Father. You will do this in this life and in the next. I will deny nothing to any soul whom you will bring to the fount of My mercy. On each day you will beg My Father, on the strength of My bitter Passion, for graces for these souls.** (1209)"

The novena will be sent to all parishioners who receive Flocknotes via email from the parish office. Look for the invitation to join the novena in our Weekly Newsletter.



## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE



Is there something to Lent that goes beyond our own spiritual house cleaning and spiritual refinement? Yes, there is! It has to do with listening and learning so that we can take up the task of the Gospel with greater clarity and fortitude. While the spiritual refocusing of Lent is necessary, the fruit of this Lenten conversion has much more to do with learning how we can be a better Church than it does about our eternal salvation. Salvation is a gift that flows out of God's unconditional Mercy and cannot be merited. The spiritual maturity we can experience as a result of our Lenten disciplines serves to reduce the anxiety and apprehension we may experience as messengers of good, but very challenging, and unsettling, news.

St. Oscar Romero said that, "a church that doesn't provoke any crises, a gospel that doesn't unsettle, a word of God that doesn't get under anyone's skin, a word of God that doesn't touch the real sin of the society in which it is being proclaimed, what gospel is that?" When we listen to those descriptive and provocative words, do they resonate with anything in our experience? As messengers of the Gospel, we are called to bring an unsettling message to the world. If our main concern is protecting our self-interests, then we are missing something huge!



Many really struggle with being rejected, dismissed, or perceived as someone who is speaking out of turn. There is a counter cultural message that must be preached that clearly sides with the poor, marginalized, victimized, oppressed, neglected, disregarded, and lost souls throughout the world. There is a widespread misery among the peoples that is all too often allowed to fester with no one coming forward to offer a change or resolution.

The Church can speak to the needed structural changes that will allow people to earn just wages, feed their families and share abundantly and equally in the gifts of God's good earth. Such a vision is not some

optimistic fairy tale, but the vision of the Creator himself. Lent reminds us, as St. Oscar Romero also states, that, "we are workers, not master builder, ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own." We are not called to labor simply for the benefit of the here and now but of the "what is to come." Our myopic vision can be replaced by a more far reaching Lenten vision that is much greater and deeper in scope. As long as we are carrying the right blueprints with us and our thoughts extend beyond ourselves, then even the little things we do and the simplest prayer we utter go a long way. They give witness to our preference for the light of Christ and not the darkness of error and sin.

## Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary March 19th

We encourage you during *The Year of St. Joseph* to participate in celebrating his solemnity on Marcy 19th. Whether you are continuing or creating a new tradition, we hope you enjoy the information we have shared leading up to his solemnity and the tradition of the St. Joseph Table. We have included a St. Joseph Matching Card Game on page 10 & 11, and the instructions for a 3D St. Joseph Table/Altar on page 12 & 13.

As a parish we will continue to create opportunities to celebrate *The Year of St. Joseph* throughout the year, and look forward to his feast day on May 1st, as St. Joseph, The Worker.

Lastly, we are excited to announce we will soon release a second edition of our popular St. Joseph Prayer Card. *Stay tuned!*



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For more information, contact any of the CTSO schools or call us at (520) 838-2558 or mail your check to PO Box 31, Tucson, Arizona 85702.

\*Arizona now allows contributions up to \$2,365 for a couple filing jointly and \$1,183 for an individual as long as it doesn't exceed your tax liability. Contributions made in 2020 and up to April 15, 2021 may qualify for tax credits on your 2020 Arizona state return.



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St. Mark Parishioners,

Before going further, I thank you for the support. Your continued help is essential for the success of Arizona's Catholic Tuition Support Organization (CTSO). Because of you, we were able to provide over \$10 million in scholarships in the 19/20 school year.

support for families who are in financial need and keeps Catholic education strong in our Diocese. Arizona CTSO is a much-needed program that enables scholarships for K-12 students by transferring the amount you owe in state tax to the Private School Tuition tax credit.

Remember, the deadline to make your tax credit contribution for the 2020 tax year is April 15, 2021. CTSO

appreciates your help and support! Stay safe and healthy.

Blessings,  
Gracie Quiroz Marum, CEO  
CTSO

Arizona's Tuition Tax Credit provides

## A Quick Questions and Answers Guide to Arizona Tuition Tax Credits

### Q. Can I benefit from giving to CTSO?

#### A1. Yes, you benefit if you have AZ tax liability.

Your AZ tax liability (your tax bill): \$1,250

Your tax credit to CTSO: -\$1,089

Your new tax payment due to AZ is now only: \$161

#### A2. You benefit even if you get a refund.

Your AZ tax withholding: \$1,500

Your AZ tax liability (your tax bill): -\$1,250

Your AZ tax refund (what you overpaid): \$250

Your tax credit to CTSO: -\$1,089

Your new AZ tax refund increases to: \$1,339

Examples assume single taxpayer with at least \$1,250 of AZ tax liability.

*School Tuition Organizations cannot award, restrict or reserve scholarships solely based on a donor's recommendation. Taxpayers may not claim a tax credit if the taxpayer agrees to swap donations with another taxpayer to benefit either taxpayer's own dependent. See your tax professional for guidance.*

### Q. What if I don't yet know if I have any Arizona Tax liability for 2020?

#### A. To get an idea, check your 2019 AZ state taxes.

|               |                             |
|---------------|-----------------------------|
| If you filed: | Look at line:               |
| AZ140         | Line 46 ("Compute the tax") |
| AZ140A        | Line 20 ("Amount of tax")   |
| AZ140EZ       | Line 9 ("Amount of tax")    |
| AZ 140PY      | Line 56 ("Compute the tax") |

Write that amount here: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*If you have ANY dollar amount on this line, you could have made a tax-credit gift at ZERO-COST to you.*



### CONTRIBUTOR

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Name \_\_\_\_\_

You anticipate filing your taxes:  Single or Filing Separately  Married Filing Jointly

Tax year for which this credit is intended: 20\_\_\_\_.

### STATE-REQUIRED DISCLOSURE

Have you already contributed to a private school through another School Tuition Organization (STO) this year? (Does not include public school credits)

Yes, I have already given \$\_\_\_\_\_ to another STO for tax year 20\_\_\_\_.

No, this is my first contribution to any STO this year.

### CONTRIBUTION

I recommend the following schools/amounts (see brochure for list of schools):

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Family Referral Plan ID# (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

General Fund/Schools with greatest need: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### PAYMENT INFORMATION

By check: Amount \$\_\_\_\_\_ Check #\_\_\_\_\_ (Make payable to CTSO)

By credit card: Amount \$\_\_\_\_\_  Visa  MasterCard  Discover  AMEX

Credit Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

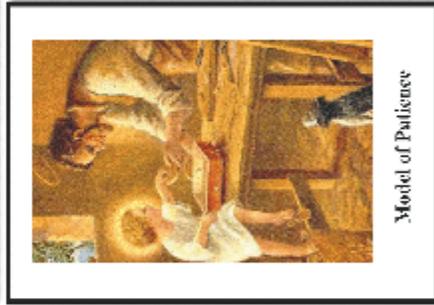
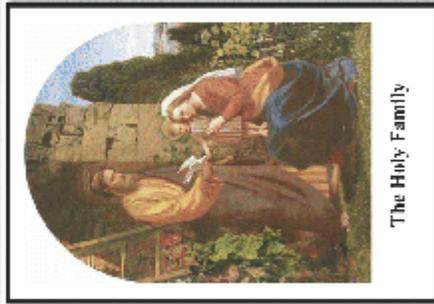
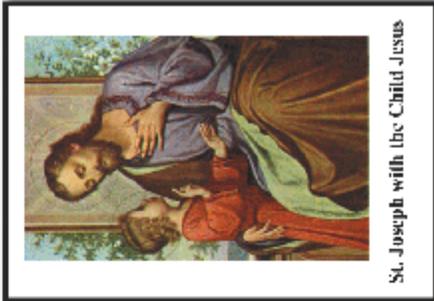
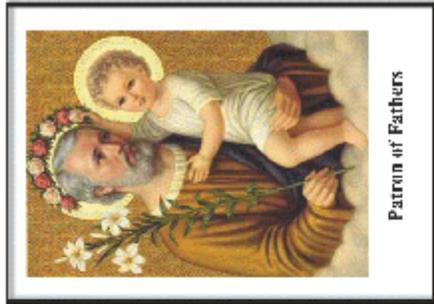
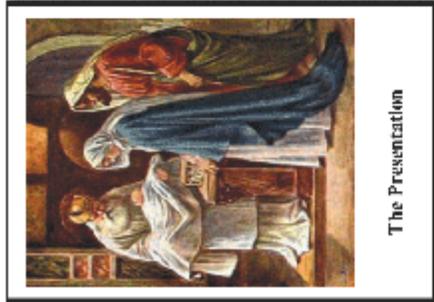
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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

You can also contribute at [www.ctso-tucson.org](http://www.ctso-tucson.org).

The form can be mailed to CTSO, PO Box 31, Tucson, Arizona 85702. Thank you!

**St. Joseph Matching Game** Simply cut out all the cards on page 10 and 11. Give the cards a good shuffle and place them spread out and face down on the table. Flip over 2 at a time, on each turn trying to make a match. The player with the most matches at the end wins.





The Wedding of St. Joseph



The Birth of Christ



The Visit of the Wise Men



The Presentation



Finding Jesus in the Temple



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St. Joseph's Dream



The Flight into Egypt



St. Joseph with the Child Jesus



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St. Joseph the Carpenter



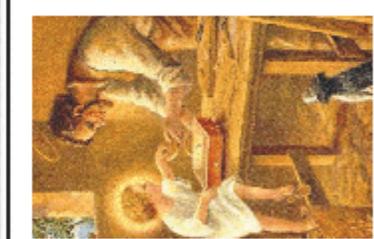
The Holy Family



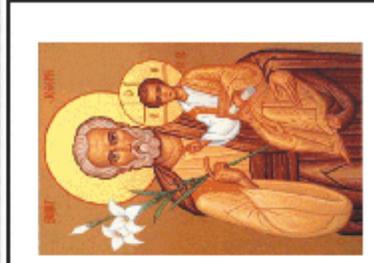
The Death of St. Joseph



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Model of Patience

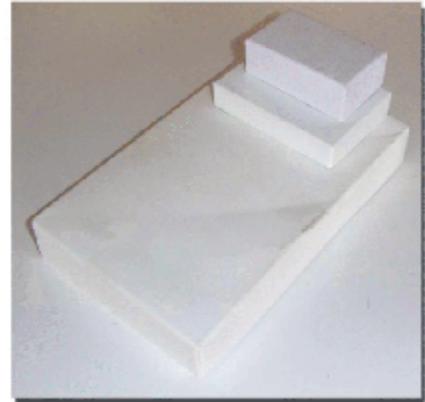


Icon of St. Joseph

# 3D Color & Cut Virtual St. Joseph Altar Instructions

To construct Altar:

- you will need 3 small boxes or box lids in 3 different sizes
- decorating your boxes: paint, color, wrap in colored paper, or drape with fabric & be creative!
- stack your boxes to create the three levels of the Altar as shown here
- tape or glue in place



Altar items:

- color items and cut out
- fold base tabs under altar items and glue in place on the Altar
- items without tabs are simply glued flat to the altar

Printing Altar Items on card stock is recommended and will result in a sturdier Altar



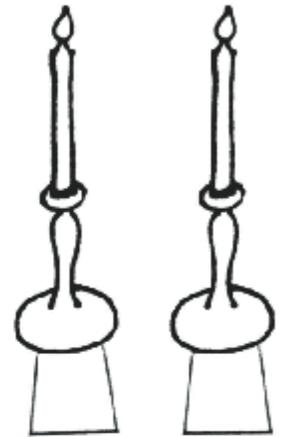
**If your family makes this 3D St. Joseph Altar, we'd love to highlight and share your photos in our bulletin and newsletter. Send your photos to [media@gmail.com](mailto:media@gmail.com)**



roses



symbolic pastry:  
Monstrance



candles



cake



bread



biscotti



pastries



flowers



red wine



fava beans



votive



fish



white wine



bread crumbs:  
St. Joseph's sawdust



shrimp



fruit

# Eternal Rest



To view our recent obituaries, scan the QR Code with your phone app to be directed to our webpage.

Meditate on the Divine Mercy Chaplet in song, scan the QR Code to follow along.



*In your hands, O Lord,  
we humbly entrust  
our brothers and sisters.  
In this life you embraced them  
with your tender love;  
deliver them now  
from every evil  
and bid them eternal rest.  
The old order  
has passed away:  
welcome them into paradise,  
where there will be no sorrow,  
no weeping or pain,  
but fullness of peace and joy  
with your Son  
and the Holy Spirit  
forever and ever. Amen.*



## **A Daily Prayer for The Year of St. Joseph**

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our afflictions, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.

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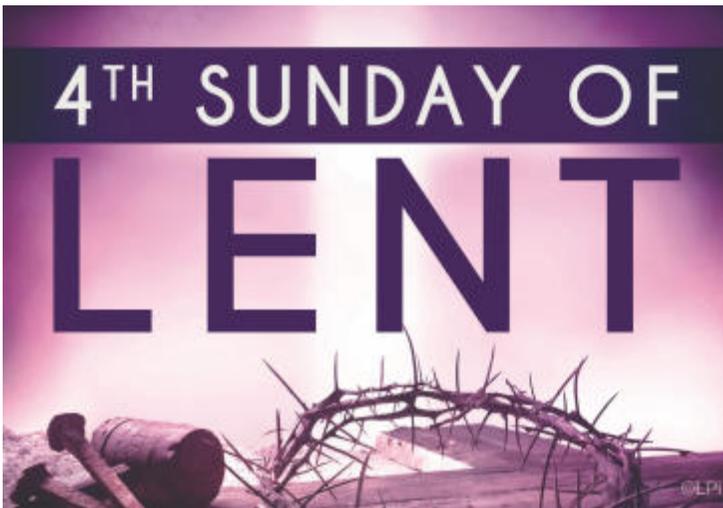
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