



# SAINT JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF MARY

Roman Catholic Church

February 7, 2021

Fifth Sunday of  
Ordinary Time

*“He approached, grasped her  
hand, and helped her up. Then  
the fever left her.”*

-Mark 1:31



# STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

## The Audacity of Holiness

Do you know a holy person? I'm not talking about piety — that's important, too, in its own way. But right now, I'm speaking of holiness.

St. Therese of Lisieux called holiness “a disposition of the heart that makes us humble and little in the arms of God, aware of our weakness, and confident — in the most audacious way — in His Fatherly goodness.”

The holy person sees a storm on the horizon of life, and rather than give themselves over to fear and despair (natural and understandable reactions), regards the gathering winds as an opportunity to rely more fully on God. The holy person takes a bad situation and sanctifies it with charity and understanding that defies our fallen human nature.

Peter's mother-in-law was still in the throes of a fever when Jesus grasped her hand. It wasn't until she took His hand and allowed Him to help her up that “the fever left her and she waited on them.” Before the fever could leave her, she had to commit to holiness — to put her trust in Him in a most audacious way. She had to find it within herself to lift her weakened hand to grasp His — and as soon as she did, she was rewarded. Her bodily health restored, she gave thanks, and attended to His needs.

God's hand is always outstretched to us. Will we take it, even if the fever of sin and pride and worldly concerns rages in our souls? Will we muster the strength? Will we be audacious enough to have confidence in His Fatherly goodness?

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## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

## STEWARDSHIP APPEAL 2020

	<b>This Week</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>		
Sunday Offertory -1/31/21	\$16,892	\$32,680	\$29,225	<b>2020 CSA Goal:</b>	\$265,510
Online Offertory	\$6,614	\$3,754	\$3,713	<b>Pledges:</b>	\$358,472
<b>Total Offertory</b>	<b>\$23,506</b>	<b>\$36,434</b>	<b>\$32,939</b>	<b>Cash Receipts Final Report:</b>	\$348,944
Poor Box - Poverello House	\$ -	\$379	\$360	<b>Participating Families:</b>	581

### Electronic Giving

Our parish relies on your consistent financial support to better plan for yearly expenses. There are currently three forms of electronic giving to create easy opportunities for regular giving:

1. Give online by going to our website and clicking on the “Online Giving” link on our homepage.
2. Give via the GivePlus Church App by going to your App Store and downloading the free app.
3. Give via text by texting the dollar amount to 702.935.1246 and following the instructions.

***We thank you in advance for your consistent support.***

## A Call To Stewardship

Today many Christians associate the word “stewardship” only with donations, fundraisings, budgets, and parish projects. While this may be an element of stewardship, true Christian stewardship is much broader than this. According to the Psalmist, **“The earth is the LORD’s, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters”** (Psalms 24:1-2). As stewards of God’s beautiful creation, we are charged with the responsibility of maintaining and sustaining it. We show appreciation to God by using all He has given to us, our earthly, spiritual, and financial resources, to the glory of God. In the words of C.S. Lewis, **“Every faculty you have, your power of thinking or of moving your limbs from moment to moment, is given you by God. If you devoted every moment of your whole life exclusively to His service, you could not give Him anything that was not in a sense His own already.”**

I would like to thank you all for the wonderful manifestation of your faith and generosity towards the parish. Through your kindness, prayers, support, and commitment, last year’s appeal was a huge success. Your generous donation to the CSA is a participation in the life of both the parish and the Diocese of Las Vegas. This helps to promote and support vocations to the Priesthood, Pastoral Outreach, Catholic Education, and Faith Formation in our communities.

I would like to invite you once again to support this year’s appeal. The theme of the 2021 Catholic Stewardship Appeal is: “Strengthening One Another in the Faith.” I encourage you to take the giant step of faith by supporting this year’s appeal by praying the Parish Stewardship Prayer daily in your families and through your financial contributions.

We are grateful to God for all He has given us to share and enjoy. Let us extend our hands toward others in the spirit of solidarity and Christian stewardship. **“Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!”** (Matthew 25:21).

-Rev. Fr. Mark Thomas Ameh, MSP

### Scripture Readings

#### Today, Sunday

Job 7:1-4, 6-7; Psalms 147:1-6; 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23; Mark 1:29-39

#### This Week

**Monday:** Genesis 1:1-19; Psalms 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mark 6:53-56

**Tuesday:** Genesis 1:20-2:4a; Psalms 8:4-9; Mark 7:1-13

**Wednesday:** Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17; Psalms 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mark 7:14-23

**Thursday:** Genesis 2:18-25; Psalms 128:1-5; Mark 7:24-30

**Friday:** Genesis 3:1-8; Psalms 32:1-2, 5-7; Mark 7:31-37

**Saturday:** Genesis 3:9-24; Psalms 90:2-4c, 5-6, 12-13; Mark 8:1-10

#### Next Sunday

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46; Psalms 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1; Mark 1:40-45

### Weekly Gospel Reflection for Families

#### The Good News

In today's Gospel we learn that Simon had a mother-in-law. In other words, we become aware that when Simon left everything behind to follow Jesus, that "everything" included family. Jesus the Healer cured Simon's mother-in-law and many in the town who were sick. He also drove out many demons.

#### Reflect

A day goes by and before we know it we are falling into bed exhausted. We intended to take time to pray, but time got away from us. In today's Gospel Jesus teaches us by example that it is important to take time to be alone to pray. From prayer we can draw strength to do what each day requires, most especially by showing our family in word and by deed what it means to be a disciple of Jesus, a child of God.

#### Share

To foster prayer in the home, choose a small table or a space where you can create a prayer area. Cover your table with a cloth in the color of the liturgical season, and place upon it a Bible, a candle, and a crucifix or cross. With your family, decide on when you will gather to pray together around your prayer table or in your prayer space.

#### Talk

1. Someone I know who is in need of healing is . . .
2. My favorite place to pray is . . .
3. My favorite way to pray is . . .



## Updated Mass Information

We are open in a **limited capacity**. Currently, we are able to take **250 people per Mass**. Our Mass Schedule is Monday-Friday (8:00 AM), Saturday (8:00 AM, 4:30 PM), and Sunday (8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 Noon, 2:00 PM).



We are also able to offer Confession by appointment. **Reservations are required for all Masses. To make a reservation for Mass, you can sign-up online using the links on our homepage ([www.stjosephhom.org](http://www.stjosephhom.org)) or call the parish office during business hours and speak to a member of our receptionist team.** Per Diocesan policy, we are required to lock the doors once Mass begins. We ask that those with reservations arrive 25-30 minutes early so that everyone can be well-checked and seated on time. Thank you for your help in this matter.

This week the parish office is open Monday - Friday from 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM, and Saturday from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. During this time the church is not open for prayer outside of the Mass. Masks must be worn at all times while on our property. Everyone is required to pass a temperature check. We look forward to welcoming you!

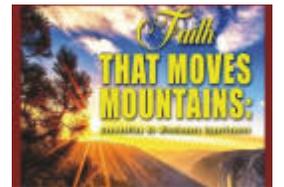


## Watch Sunday Mass Online

We have returned to very limited Mass capacity, but you can still worship with us online. During this time, we are streaming the 10:00 AM Sunday Mass **on our YouTube channel**. To get notifications of these live streams, please “Like” our channel at [www.youtube.com/channel/UC4tXYzcjG5aWCTqdmP0ozYQ](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4tXYzcjG5aWCTqdmP0ozYQ). We look forward to celebrating with you!

## Faith That Moves Mountains is Now Available

Fr. Ameh’s new book, ***Faith That Moves Mountains: Recounting My Missionary Experiences***, is now available in the parish office for \$10 per copy (cash or check). We also have his first book available, ***Thirsting Souls***. You can save \$5 if you buy both books for a combo price of \$15.



## Mass Intentions for 2021

Mass Intentions for remaining available dates in 2021 can be scheduled in the Parish Office **Monday-Thursday between 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM only**. The book will not be available on weekends or evenings. We will honor up to (3) Mass requests per family and only (1) Mass request may be scheduled per month. **Forms will be accepted in person ONLY on the days/times above, with one form per person.** Do not leave your form with a staff member. Please fill the form out carefully and clearly, with your parish registration number on the line provided. The names will be printed exactly as they appear on the form.

## How You Can Support Our Mission

We appreciate your financial support during this difficult time, as we depend on your regular giving to operate. Our parish relies on the constant financial support of the parish, and electronic giving offers an easy way to give on a regular basis. We have several options for giving, including online giving, our Give+ App, and even from your phone via text message.



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Please contact the Finance Office at 702.363.1902 with any questions. **We thank you for your support of our mission!**

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