

March 2023

In Touch



*Christ led,
Christ fed,
Hope filled!*

Priority One

Creating a Culture of
Vocations

Priority Two

Strengthening Faith
Formation in Family Life

Priority Three

Building Parishes with Living
Stones

**Renew Faith,
Nurture Hope,
Discover Love**



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Perhaps the mark of greatness is not the
accomplishing of great moments,
great movements, great works,
but facing life as it comes,
being content with the daily –
what we call the ordinary.
Joseph was that kind of man –
a saint.

Sister M Madeleva Williams csj 1994.

Caught in the grip of fear Joseph came
to rely on the presence that says:
Do not be afraid.

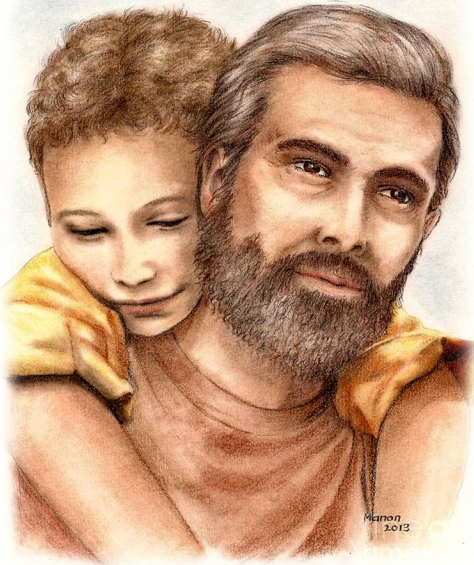
-Sister M Madeleva William, csj 2002



The dictionary says that Just,
means 'upright and downright'
Joseph was just man
someone you could count on.

Sister M Madeleva Williams csj 1998

A Touch of Inspiration...A Bit of Humor



During the hidden years in Nazareth, Jesus learned at the school of Joseph to do the will of the Father. All this makes it clear that "Saint Joseph was called by God to serve the person and mission of Jesus directly through the exercise of his fatherhood" and that in this way, "he cooperated in the fullness of time in the great mystery of salvation and is truly a minister of salvation. -Pope Francis

"What many kings and prophets desired to see, and saw not; desired to hear, and heard not; he [St. Joseph] was allowed not merely to hear and see, but also to carry, lead, embrace, kiss, nourish, and protect." — St. Bernard of Clairvaux

"Even through Joseph's fears, God's will, his history and his plan were at work. Joseph, then, teaches us that faith in God includes believing that he can work even through our fears, our frailties and our weaknesses. He also teaches us that amid the tempests of life, we must never be afraid to let the Lord steer our course. At times, we want to be in complete control, yet God always sees the bigger picture."

Let us allow ourselves to be "infected" by St. Joseph's silence! We need it greatly, in a world that is often too noisy, that does not favor meditation or listening to the voice of God. -Benedict XVI

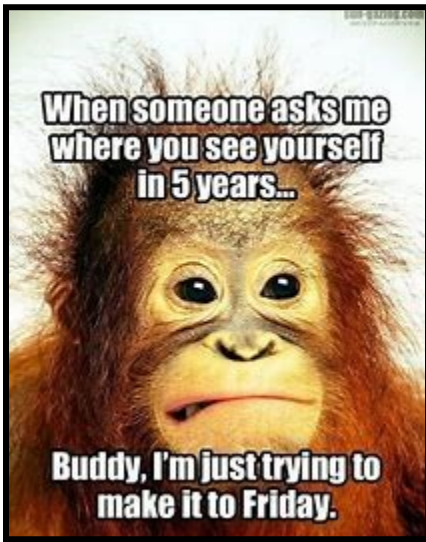
"Each of us can discover in Joseph - the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence - an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble. Saint Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation."
-Pope Francis

We have close to us as much as Joseph had at Nazareth; we have our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, but our poor eyes fail to see Him. Let us once become interior souls and we shall immediately see. In no better way can we enter into the Heart of our Lord than through Saint Joseph. Jesus and Mary are eager to pay the debts which they owe him for his devoted care of them, and their greatest pleasure is to fulfill his least desire. Let him, then lead you by hand into the interior sanctuary of Jesus Eucharistic.

-St. Peter Julian Eymard

Christ be with me, Christ within me.
Christ behind me, Christ before me.
Christ to win me, Christ to comfort me and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me.
Christ in Quiet, Christ in Danger.
Christ in hearts of all that love me.
Christ in mouth of friend or stranger.
-the Breastplate of St. Patrick

Let the
shamrock
serve as a reminder to thee of
God's perfect presence
in
His Holy Trinity.



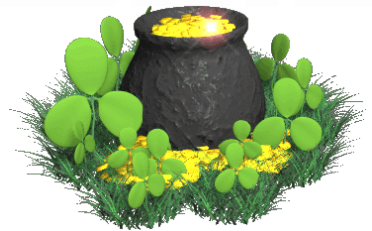
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Three Irishmen become stranded on a tiny island off the coast of Galway. As they start to panic, a leprechaun appears and offers each of them a wish. The first man asks for the ability to swim, He is transformed into an athlete and swims to the mainland. The second man asks to become an engineer. He too is transformed and builds a boat and sails to the mainland. The third man asks to be more intelligent. The leprechaun turns him into a woman and she walks across the bridge.

Ireland Calling



"I sometimes wonder if you hear one word I say!"



When you've started eating and someone starts praying...



RIP



-Sr. Cecilia Marie Hermann, SSJ who died on November 26, 2022



- Sr. Kathleen deBoalt, SSJ who died on January 18th.



- Sr. Carolyn Madden, RSM who died on March 15, 2023

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-Sr. M. Maurice Black, SSJ who died on March 22, 2023



Evening of Prayer and Healing for Women

"If You Only Knew..." Reflections on John 4:1-26
Friday, March 31 6:30-8:30 PM
SSJ Motherhouse, Watertown
Director: Sr. Mary Michel Fox, OP

I realize that this is probably too far for most to travel but it is available to those living in Watertown and in close proximity.

Day of Reflection This is a LEAD event open to all. Sr. Mary Michael, OP is a professor at Steubenville.

"Blessed, Broken, Given: Living Eucharistia!"
Saturday, April 1 Starts with Mass at 9 AM - 4 PM (lunch included)
Wadhams Hall, Ogdensburg
Director: Sister Mary Michael Fox, OP