

Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

SAINT JOSEPH'S TRIPLE CROWN

Let us glance summarily at Saint Joseph's life, taking first a view of the whole and then concentrating more in detail on his prerogatives and virtues. An extensive study will never fully uncover them nor diminish in any way the ardor of our admiration.

The **dignity, the sanctity, and the power of Saint Joseph** are like three gems in a diadem.

His dignity: Saint Joseph is a man of God, His representative, His ambassador. From the Eternal Father he received the commission to guard His adorable Son Whom He loves as Himself with an infinite love and to watch over Mary, the most beloved of all His creatures. He is head of the Holy Family, father of the trinity on earth which resembles so closely the Holy Trinity on high. Josue commanded the sun; but here is the true Josue who guides at will the Creator of the Sun.

His sanctity: His sanctity does him more honor than his dignity, for he received the most abundant gifts of infused holiness. Some authors maintain that Saint Joseph was sanctified from his mother's womb and endowed with all the graces and favors ever granted the other saints. "He was just." This best describes his holiness. He practiced every virtue to a heroic degree. The Gospel portrays his charity, his purity, his perfect obedience, his devoted affection for Jesus, his humility, his love for the simple and hidden life. Meditation on the mysteries in which he took part reveal his most sublime sanctity. That expression—"He was just"—sets the seal upon his perfect holiness.

His power: God bestows upon him a power equal to his dignity as a fitting reward for his sanctity. Jesus and Mary not only bent their wills to Joseph's, for he was the head of the Holy Family, but they lovingly surrendered their hearts to him as well. He had a right over all the riches of His Son, and these were the treasures of the Divinity. He had a right too over the goods of his spouse, who was richer by far than all the saints together. In heaven the



Sovereign of angels and men still calls Saint Joseph father, while Mary, the Queen of heaven and earth, calls him her spouse and honors him as such.

THOUGHT FROM SAINT BERNARD

If you want to form an idea of Saint Joseph's greatness, consider that by a divine privilege he merited to bear the title "Father of Jesus." Reflect too that his own name "Joseph" means—an increase. Keeping in mind the great patriarch Joseph, sold by his brothers in Egypt, understand that our Saint has inherited not only his name, but even more, his power, his innocence, and his sanctity. As the patriarch Joseph stored the wheat not for himself, but for the people in their time of need, so Joseph has received a heavenly commission to watch over the living Bread not for himself alone, but for the entire world.

ASPIRATION.—Saint Joseph, custodian of the eucharistic granaries of the Father, pray for us.

Month of St. Joseph

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HOLY MASS

Sundays: 7:00 & 10:00 a.m.

Weekdays: 8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Sundays

6:40—6:55 a.m. 9:15—9:55 a.m.

Weekdays

7:40—7:55 a.m.

and by appointment

HOLY ROSARY

Sundays: After 7:00 a.m. Mass
and 9:40 a.m.

First Saturdays: after 7:00 a.m.
Mass

If you are planning to attend the 45th Anniversary Dinner, please fill out the form on the bottom of the announcement sheet, put it in an envelope along with a check made out to the Chapel, or cash, and write on the envelope: 45th Anniversary. You can put it in the basket, or give to an usher.

MASS
INTENTIONS:

I have Mass intentions until MAY 22, 2018. I am preparing a list for Bp. Morello.

CATHOLIC CATECHISM

- Q. *How many natures has Jesus Christ?*
A. Jesus Christ has two natures: the nature of God and nature of man.
- Q. *Was the Son of God always man?*
A. The son of God was not always man, but became man at the time of the Incarnation.
- Q. *What is meant by the Incarnation?*
A. By the Incarnation is meant that the Son of God, retaining His divine nature, took to Himself a human nature, that is, a body and soul like ours.
- Q. *How was the Son of God made man?*
A. The Son of God was conceived and made man by the power of the Holy Ghost in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- Q. *When was the Son of God conceived and made man?*
A. The Son of God was conceived and made man on Annunciation Day, the day on which the Angel Gabriel announced to the Blessed Virgin Mary that she was to be the Mother of God.
- Q. *Is Saint Joseph the father of Jesus Christ?*
A. Jesus Christ had no human father, but Saint Joseph was the spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the guardian, or foster father, of Christ.

Love of Our Lord, Jesus Christ

These aspirations are conformable to the doctrine of all the Saints and all mystic authors, who say that *all these aspirations and inflamed desires are the surest and most efficacious means of advancing in love and union with God.* Though the Saints give several means of arriving at the perfection of charity, says the devout Lanspergius, that which the contemplatives teach is esteemed the best of all.

The soul must continually raise herself towards God with inflamed affections, sigh after Him, converse with Him, and testify to Him her extreme desire of being united to Him. This exercise is truly the wisdom which is not learned in many books, in subtlety of argument, but by the amorous flowing of the soul into God, which desires ardently to love Him a thousand times more and to become every day more pleasing in His eyes.

St. Denis calls it mystical theology, because it is acquired more by divine irradiation, by the lights of the Sun of Justice, by the affections of the will, than by thoughts of the mind.

The pious Blossius, treating the same subject, says: The continual devotion of ejaculatory prayers, aspirations and fervent desires towards God, joined to true mortification and self-renunciation, is the shortest and most secure means to attain to perfection easily, to mystical theology and divine union, because these aspirations are so penetrating that they overthrow all obstacles which oppose the union of the soul with God.

St. Bonaventure lays down this truth in many parts of his works, and says that the perfection of love, intimate union with God, and the ineffable communications that pass between God and the soul in the secret of the spiritual and hidden life, gain, in less time and in

a more certain manner, by those inflamed affections, insatiable desires, and aspirations tending with force to divine union, than by any other means.

St. Bernard had said before him in one of his letters: We become perfect by faith and desire; as faith conducts to perfect knowledge, desire conducts, to perfect love. *If you believe not you shall not know*, says the Scripture. Well, we may also say: If you desire not, you shall not love. Ardent desires are the sign of the coming of God into the soul, as David teaches by these words : *Fire shall go before Him and burn His enemies round about*, for the flames of holy desires precede the arrival of God in the soul, that they may consume all remains of sin and prepare His abode.

The soul will comprehend that God is not far off when she feels inflamed with this sacred fire and can say with the Prophet: *The Lord has made fire penetrate the marrow of my bones.* Our good angel takes so great a pleasure in seeing us sigh after Our Lord and burn with this beautiful fire, that he supplies fuel for it by his inspirations, and by suggesting these words of Scripture: Soul so dear to me, my precious deposit, quit all creatures to abandon thyself entirely to thy Divine Master: *Delight in the Lord and He will give thee the desire of thy heart. If He should delay, lose not thy courage, for coming He will come and will not be slack.* The good angel thus addresses himself to Our Lord in favor of this soul, saying: *As the heart panteth after the fountains of water, so doth this soul which Thou hast confided to me, thirst after Thee, O my God.* Day and night her soul springs up towards Thee; she keeps her arms extended towards the throne of Thy love to move Thy mercy. Be touched with her cries and grant her petitions; cast on her a look of goodness, visit her in her afflictions; fulfil her desires since Thou hast

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY March 11	4th SUNDAY OF LENT LAETARE SUNDAY	R, V	7:00 am 10:00 am	Intentions of the Superior Missa pro Populo
MONDAY March 12	St. Gregory I, PCD	W	8:00 am 7:00 pm	Conversion of Heretics Requiem Mass, followed by Rosary and St. Joseph's Litany.
TUESDAY March 13	FERIAL DAY	V	8:00 am	Special Intention
WEDNESDAY March 14	FERIAL DAY	V	8:00 am	Marie & George Schmitt, R.I.P.
THURSDAY March 15	FERIAL DAY	V	8:00 am	Special Intention
FRIDAY March 16	FERIAL DAY	V	8:00 am 7:00 pm	Traditional Priests & Religious STATIONS OF THE CROSS
SATURDAY March 17	ST. PATRICK, BC	W	7:00 am 5:00 pm	Those listed on St. Patrick Mass Cards SEVEN SORROWS DEVOTION
SUNDAY March 18	PASSION SUNDAY	V	7:00 am 10:00 am	Intentions of the Superior Missa pro Populo

For those wishing to have Masses said, an expected stipend of at least \$20.00 must be paid at the time of the request. (more may be offered) If this is to be paid by check, make the check payable to Fr. Rodriguez



March 11th	5:00 pm	Fr. Rodriguez.
March 18th	NO MASS	
March 25th	9:30 am	Fr. Bachtiger
April 1st	9:30 am	Fr. Bachtiger

MASS TIMES AT ST. MARY THE VIRGIN

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Let us ask St. Joseph his secret of recollection and let us endeavor to imitate him in uniting prayer and work, the active and the contemplative life, so that we may hear Mass well, visit the Blessed Sacrament profitably, and remove any hindrance to a worthy and frequent reception of the sacraments.

NOTICE TO NEWCOMERS

Founded in 1973 in the wake of the disastrous Second Vatican Council, the mission of Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel is to maintain and restore as far as possible the traditional faith, values and liturgical practice of the Roman Catholic Church, and to provide a haven of sanctity where men and women of good will may grow in love for God and their neighbor. Please don't hesitate to introduce yourself and ask questions. After Mass come to the Social Hall, and join us for coffee and refreshments. We hope your visit with us is a pleasant one, and we look forward to seeing you again and welcoming you as a member of Our Lady of the Rosary. **We welcome Spanish-speaking guests, and confessions are heard in Spanish and English every Sunday and by appointment with the pastor.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEVEN SORROW DEVOTION: On Saturdays during Lent at 5:00 P.M.

REPARATION TO THE HOLY FACE: First and second Sunday of the month we will begin at 9:30 A.M. (before the Holy Rosary), and the other Sundays will be immediately after 10:00 o'clock Mass.

REQUIEM EVENING MASS: We will continue our regular Requiem Mass on Mondays.

CATECHISM FOR ADULTS: we continue the catechism classes for adults every Sunday after 10:00 A.M. Mass

inspired them.

St. Lawrence Justinian makes a remark which confirms the truth of what we say: The Prophet Daniel did not merit to know the precise time of the coming of the Messiah, because he fasted, though fasting be very agreeable to God, but because he desired it with ardor: *I am come to announce it to thee*, said the Angel Gabriel to him, *because thou art a man of desires*.

Finally, to include in one word all that these masters say of this sublime science, they call all these aspirations the instrument of the mystical life, that is, the most proper means the soul can use to lead this divine life, to raise herself to heaven, and to unite herself to God. They also call them ecstatic movements, as if to say that, by them the soul goes out of herself, springs on the wings of love towards the object of her love, to unite herself to Him.

We add to show the great ad-

vantage drawn from the practice of these aspirations, that they always keep the soul in a state of fervor and in a holy disposition to practice different acts of virtue as the occasions present themselves; they are a continual source of new treasures of merits; they multiply his crowns, they defend him against the demon, and render him invulnerable to his attacks by the admirable union they make him contract with the All-powerful. With their help, not only can man defend himself against temptations, he can laugh at them, *for it is in vain that nets are spread for birds that soar*, says the Sage. We see insects fly around a vessel filled with boiling liquor, but they take care not to enter it; it is the same with the devil; there is nothing over which he has less power than a heart burning with love; he may hover around it, but he cannot come in, this heart is closed to him.

St. Anthony told his disciples that the devil dreads the fasting, watch-

ing, prayers, good works of just souls, but above all, their ardent love of Jesus Christ.

I conclude this article by the following beautiful and remarkable words of St. Bonaventure which are proper to show us the advantage of this holy exercise: *God is a consuming fire; the more the soul approaches Him by love, the more she is inflamed, because aspiring by these inflamed desires to more intimate union with Him, she exposes herself to the burning rays of the Sun of Justice, which warms her soul as the material sun warms her body*. This divine sun, according to the remark of the Scripture, devours the soul in three ways: in augmenting the ardor of her love, in destroying by this ardor whatever might hinder her from becoming more inflamed, and finally by the abundant graces which He showers on her to conduct her to the highest perfection.

*The Knowledge and Love of
Our Lord Jesus Christ
By Fr. Saint-Jure, S.J.*

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