The Holy Family, Rafael Flores

St. Joseph
Feast day: March 19th
Patron of the Universal Church, unborn children, fathers, workers, travelers, immigrants, and a happy death
Lent 2018 at the Chapel

The Light Is ON For You
Extra Confession hours, Wednesdays in Lent — 6:30 to 8:00 PM

Lift High The Cross
Lenten Mission Series
Wednesdays in Lent

4:45 PM Mass
5:15 PM Rosary
5:45 PM Vespers
6:00 PM Mission Talk, Q&A
March 21

Fr. Mark Yavarone, OMV, Ph.D.
Humanae Vitae

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Lanteri’s Corner
Spiritual thoughts from Venerable Bruno Lanteri,
Founder of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary

A soul truly devoted to St. Joseph will be assisted by him in the agones of its death.

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Meditations on the Beatitudes
By Fr. Jacques Philippe

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ST JOSEPH IN THE GOSPEL
From Christ is Passing By
by St. Josemaria Escriva

Scripture tells us St. Joseph was a craftsman. Some Fathers of the Church add that he was a carpenter. When talking of the life of Jesus, St. Justin says that he made ploughs and yokes. Perhaps that's why St. Isidore of Seville concludes that St Joseph was a blacksmith. In any event, he was a workman who supplied the needs of his fellow citizens with a manual skill acquired through years of toil and sweat.

The Gospels give us a picture of Joseph as a remarkably sound man who was in no way frightened or shy of life. On the contrary, he faced up to problems, dealt with difficult situations and showed responsibility and initiative in whatever he was asked to do.

I don't agree with the traditional picture of St. Joseph as an old man, even though it may have been prompted by a desire to emphasize the perpetual virginity of Mary. I see him as a strong young man, perhaps a few years older than our Lady, but in the prime of his life and work.

You don't have to wait to be old or lifeless to practice the virtue of chastity. Purity comes from love; and the strength and gaiety of youth are no obstacle for noble love. Joseph had a young heart and a young body when he married Mary, when he learned of the mystery of her divine motherhood, when he lived in her company, respecting the integrity God wished to give the world as one more sign that he had come to share the life of his creatures. Anyone who cannot understand a love like that knows very little of true love and is a complete stranger to the Christian meaning of chastity.

Joseph was, we have said, a craftsman from Galilee, just one man among many. What had life to offer to someone from a forgotten village like Nazareth? Nothing but work: work every day, with the same constant effort. And at the end of the day, a poor little house in which to rest and regain energy for the next day.

But the name Joseph, in Hebrew, means "God will add." God adds unsuspected dimensions to the holy lives of those who do his will. He adds the one important dimension which gives meaning to everything, the divine dimension. To the humble and holy life of Joseph he added — if I may put it this way — the lives of the Virgin Mary and of Jesus, our Lord. God does not allow himself to be outdone in generosity. Joseph could make his own the words of Mary, his wife: "He has looked graciously upon the lowliness of his handmaid... because he who is mighty, he whose name is holy, has wrought for me his wonders."

ST JOSEPH CARRYING THE CHILD JESUS ON THE LEFT ARM, Pieter van Lint

Mass Intentions This Week

Sunday, March 18
8:00 AM John Cunniffe
9:15 AM + Ardelle H. Rice
10:30 AM Mirjana Soldo — birthday
11:45 AM Sr. Janet Harris — health
1:15 PM (esp) Maria Munar — birthday
4:00 PM + James Hackney
5:30 PM Souls in Purgatory

Monday, March 19
8:00 AM Joe DiCarlo
12:05 PM + Josephine Altieri
4:45 PM baby Joseph

Tuesday, March 20
8:00 AM Richard & Carol McCulloch — health
12:05 PM + Celia & + Philip McDevitt
4:45 PM Barbara Harden

Wednesday, March 21
8:00 AM Elizabeth Cuddy — health
12:05 PM + Lorraine Haws
4:45 PM David Culliton

Thursday, March 22
8:00 AM + Brian Francis McNamee
12:05 PM + John Mahoney
4:45 PM + Marion Tucker

Friday, March 23
8:00 AM + Michael Murphy
12:05 PM + James E. Newman
4:45 PM + Dan Jordan

Saturday, March 24
9:00 AM Richard & Carol McCulloch — health
12:00 PM Andre Verdieu — for grace
4:00 PM + Robert Morley
5:30 PM + Milena Duque
7:00 PM (esp) + Alla Duncan

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