

# Dear Padre,

## Why does the Church honor St. Joseph?

Saint Joseph was chosen by the Lord to be the spouse of Mary and a guardian of the Word Incarnate, Jesus Christ. The little we know about Joseph is taken from the Gospels. In the Book of Matthew, we learn that Mary is betrothed to Joseph, "a righteous man" (Matthew 1:19). When Joseph learns that Mary is already with child, he decides to discreetly with her quietly so as not to disgrace her publicly. But an angel of the Lord appears to him in a dream and tells him not to be afraid to take Mary as his wife and informs him that she will bear the child of the Holy Spirit, the one who will come to save people from their sins. Joseph obeys the angel without question.



Joseph heeds God's call once again when instructed by an angel of the Lord to flee Bethlehem to escape the murderous Herod. Matthew tells us: "Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt" (Matthew 2:14). It is this faithfulness, this steadfast and complete trust in God, that makes Joseph such a wonderful example for us, and for this, the Church honors him.

—Fr. Paul Coury, CSsR  
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### A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

We can imagine what Joseph must have been thinking. How is it that the Son of God has no home? ... And those of us who do have a home, a roof over our heads, would also do well to ask: Why do these, our brothers and sisters, have no place to live?

—MEETING WITH THE HOMELESS, SEPTEMBER 24, 2015

## Calendar

**Monday**  
MARCH 23  
Lenten Weekday  
Is 65:17-21  
Jn 4:43-54

**Tuesday**  
MARCH 24  
Lenten Weekday  
Ez 47:1-9, 12  
Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday**  
MARCH 25  
The Annunciation  
of the Lord  
Is 7:10-14; 8:10  
Heb 10:4-10  
Lk 1:26-38

**Thursday**  
MARCH 26  
Lenten Weekday  
Ex 32:7-14  
Jn 5:31-47

**Friday**  
MARCH 27  
Lenten Weekday  
Wis 2:1a, 12-22  
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday**  
MARCH 28  
Lenten Weekday  
Jer 11:18-20  
Jn 7:40-53

**Sunday**  
MARCH 29  
Fifth Sunday  
of Lent  
Ez 37:12-14  
Rom 8:8-11  
Jn 11:1-45 or  
Jn 11:3-7, 17,  
20-27, 33b-45

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 22, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Lent (A)

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Eph 5:8-14

In 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38



## I See

**Do we?** Do we really see? Do we understand? There is so much that is simply misunderstood or unnoticed. Little about life is uncomplicated, and even that which is uncomplicated so often slips right by us. This is true about a life lived alone or with others. It is also true about our life with God.

The first reading is an example of this. God will choose one of the sons of Jesse to be king. Will it be the eldest, the rightful heir? If not him, perhaps it will be the brightest one or the most pious. All of these highly valued characteristics would certainly be necessary for one to be an effective king. However, Jesse and his sons did not see in the same way as God. Their youngest brother, the one tending the sheep, would be God's choice. He was the one God wanted, and so David was anointed in the presence of his family.

The Gospel tells another story about seeing. In it, Jesus restores a man's sight. What began as a story about physical blindness and sight then becomes a lesson about seeing and understanding the mystery of God's power as opposed to refusing to see and understand it. No one in the story could claim that the man had not really been blind. Then why did they refuse to acknowledge that God's power had done something marvelous in their presence? But they did refuse. We can, indeed, choose to be blind.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR *Reflection*

- ★ Does bias make you blind to the gifts of others?
- ★ Do you find it difficult to recognize the power of God as it unfolds before you? Why?



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**NO WEEKDAY OR WEEKEND MASSES IN LAKIN UNTIL  
FUTHER NOTICE, DUE TO THE COVID-19.**

For further information, please go to our diocesan Website or our MyParish apps.

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**Potential Greatness**



David surely did not look like a king when Samuel anointed him. He was a young man who looked after the sheep. But God saw past appearances and knew he had the potential to be great, and David bought into God's vision. How does God envision your work in our world? Trust in Him.

Holy Week: April 9, Holy Thursday, Mass 6:00 p.m. Good Friday, April 10, 4:00 p.m.  
Easter Vigil, April 11, 8:30 p.m. Easter Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

**THE MINI RETREAT THAT WAS SCHEDULED FOR  
SUNDAY, MARCH 22, HAS BEEN CANCELLED.**

Collection for March 15, Envelopes \$745.00; Loose Offering \$223.25; On line giving \$396.00; Total \$1,364.25; Average Weekly expense \$1,989.55; Income over/under (-625.30).

No CCD until further notice.

**Parish and Finance Council members needed:** If you are interested in serving on either the Parish or Finance Council you are to call Fr. Peter or any member of the Parish or Finance Council. (a list of those members is listed on the bulletin board at both entrances of the church).

We will be having a rummage sale again this summer, (no date has been set), but if you have items you would like to donate we will gladly accept them anytime. You may call any of the following people to bring items to the hall . Tressa Powers, 355-6206; Jana Jenkinson 290-5201; Carolyn Robertson 290-5569; or Gwen Waechter 355-7203.