

# Dear Padre,

## Where was St. Joseph during Jesus' crucifixion?

It's impossible to know for certain when Joseph died, since the Gospels don't refer to it. By the time Jesus starts his public ministry, Joseph had disappeared. We know for sure that Joseph lived at least until Jesus was twelve (see Luke 2:42). While Joseph scholars have many ideas, most believe Joseph probably died around the time of Jesus' baptism and before the wedding feast at Cana, when Jesus was about thirty years old (see Luke 3:23). That's because Mary is mentioned at the wedding feast, but Joseph is not (see John 2:1-12). And, while Jesus is preaching, the only ones looking for him are his "mother and brothers" (see Matthew 12:46-49, Mark 3:32-34, and Luke 8:19-21).

Finally, while dying on the cross, Jesus entrusts his mother to the disciple John, who took her to his home (see John 19:27). If Joseph had been alive at the time, this wouldn't have been necessary. Thus, it's entirely likely that Joseph died with Jesus and Mary at his side, giving his death great significance in popular devotion. From ancient times, Christian traditions have held that Joseph died in the arms of the Virgin and Jesus. The origins of Joseph as the patron of a happy death can be seen as early as the second century.

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## Calendar

**Monday**  
MAY 2  
St. Athanasius,  
Bishop and Doctor  
of the Church  
Acts 6:8-15  
Jn 6:22-29

**Tuesday**  
MAY 3  
Sts. Philip and James,  
Apostles  
1 Cor 15:1-8  
Jn 14:6-14

**Wednesday**  
MAY 4  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 8:1b-8  
Jn 6:35-40

**Thursday**  
MAY 5  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 8:26-40  
Jn 6:44-51

**Friday**  
MAY 6  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 9:1-20  
Jn 6:52-59

**Saturday**  
MAY 7  
Easter Weekday  
Acts 9:31-42  
Jn 6:60-69

**Sunday**  
MAY 8  
Fourth Sunday of Easter  
Acts 13:14, 43-52  
Rv 7:9, 14b-17  
Jn 10:27-30

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a question for  
the Padre?

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# Our Parish COMMUNITY

May 1, 2022

Third Sunday of Easter (C)

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41

Rev 5:11-14

Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14



[Jesus]  
then said to him  
a second time,  
"Simon, son of John,  
do you love me?"  
He said to him,  
"Yes, Lord,  
you know that  
I love you."  
JOHN 21:16

## Do You Love Me?

Three times Jesus asked Simon Peter: "Do you love me?" (John 21:16). This is the same Peter who earlier had sworn three times that, even if everyone else deserted Jesus, he never would. He was so sure of himself. Now, realizing the unreliability of his loyalty to Jesus, Peter is not so quick to answer with such self-confidence. Note that Peter did not reply with a straightforward, "Yes!" Rather, he amplified each response with the telling words: "You know...." With these words he acknowledged that Jesus could read his mind and heart, that he knew Peter's genuine love of him despite his all-too-human weakness. This itself was an act of faith.

This simple exchange did not humiliate Peter. That was not Jesus' way. They both understood what Peter had done, and they both knew how brokenhearted it had left him. Peter was humbled—not by Jesus, but by

the recognition of his own human frailty. Despite this, or perhaps because of it, Jesus commissioned Peter to be leader among his followers. Another person might have chosen a more reliable man. However, there is great strength and wisdom in a leader who has learned from experience how circumstances might cause otherwise brave people to turn their backs on their responsibilities and run from danger. Such a leader will challenge while being compassionate and stand firm while being understanding. This is the kind of leader Jesus chose, for he knew that Peter would be that kind of leader.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR Reflection

- \* What have you learned about yourself from your mistakes?
- \* In what ways have you been given a second chance?



## A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Doctors, nurses, storekeepers and supermarket workers, cleaning personnel, caregivers, transport workers, men and women working to provide essential services....Saint Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation. A word of recognition and of gratitude is due to them all.

PATRIS CORDE, DECEMBER 8, 2020



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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Saturday, April 30</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Bob Rooney+</b>
<b>Sunday, May 1</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Harold Smith+</b>
<b>Monday, May 2</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Charles &amp; Eileen Hoff</b>
<b>Tuesday, May 3</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Charles &amp; Eileen Hoff</b>
<b>Thursday, May 5</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Gary &amp; Joyce Sack</b>
<b>Friday, May 6</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Thanksgiving</b>
<b>Saturday, May 7</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>For the People</b>
<b>Sunday, May 8</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Rebecca Burden+</b>

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (White)**

**4/30/2022 - Saturday, 4: 00 p.m.**

**Servers:** Lucy Gannett, Jason Velasco, Ryann Bamberger

**Reader:** Gwen Waechter

**5/1/2022 – Sunday, 9:00 a.m.**

**Servers:** Kirbe Koons, Taybree Lohman-Fuller, Joleigh Lohman-Fuller

**Reader:** Kyle Berning

**4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER (color: White)**

**5/7/2022 Saturday, 4: 00 p.m.**

**Servers:** Maggie Gannett, Jonathan Gannett, Nathan Gannett

**Reader:** Tom Bachman

**Sunday - 4/8/2022 –**

**Servers:** Cade Berning, Jace Berning, Luke Woodrow

**Reader:** Alvin Bergkamp

**Reconciliation:** Confessions will be heard every Saturday at 3:00 p.m. and every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. or by appointment.

**Baptism:** Parents who have children to be baptized must be registered. Godparents must be 16 years of age or older and have received Confirmation and Eucharist. Please call the parish office for an appointment.

**Marriage:** Please contact parish priest at least four to six months before the wedding.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Celebrated anytime by calling a priest.

**3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER –MAY 1 2022**



When I was a young kid there were all sorts of places I really didn't want to go to. To the doctor --- "I don't want to get stuck with a needle or have to take some kind of medicine that tastes terrible." To the dentist --- "That drill really hurts!" To school on a beautiful day --- "Can't you just write me a note?" To visit an elderly relative --- "It's so boring. There's nothing to do there." To Church --- "Can't I just sleep-in this one time. Naturally, there were various reasons why I balked at doing certain things on certain occasions. But one main reason is that I couldn't see what was important about any of these things, couldn't see that these things were actually good for me, couldn't see that I would actually benefit from going to these places. In fact the opposite was true. These things seemed to always make me pretty unhappy, often seemed to prevent me from doing something else that was a lot more "fun."

Maybe you felt the same way I did in those situations. But as time went on, as we matured, we almost certainly felt differently --- and not necessarily because these things suddenly became "fun." No --- what changed was our understanding of these things. As adults we understand why these places are important, why doing these things is the best choice to make.

And so, today we pray for the wisdom to choose selflessness over selfishness, choose to feed and tend God's sheep rather than simply meet our own needs. And if we find that journey difficult and scary and painful we pray for the grace to simply take one step, and then another, and then another. And where does that journey lead?

With faith, let's go to Calvary. And what kind of place is this "Calvary"? It's a place where we look out for others before ourselves. It's a place where we love no matter what --- every person and in every circumstance. It's a place where we don't return violence for violence, pain for pain, wrong for wrong. It's a place where we forgive our enemies. And it's a place where ego and self-centeredness and pride and entitlement have absolutely no place. Fr. Peter

**COLLECTION** for April 24th, 2022: Envelopes: \$680; Loose: \$558; Online Giving: \$197.07; Total \$1435.07; Average Weekly Expense: \$1,761.17. Income over/under - 326.10

**CHURCH PROJECT GOAL** \$52000—Last weekend contribution: \$426; Building Fund To Date: \$10060.26

*Thank you so much for your love for our parish church and your faithful stewards.*

**CONGRATULATIONS** We would like to extend our congratulations to our newly Baptized, Kamila Cristine and Katalina Rose, daughters of Jesus and Karla Garcia who was baptized on April 23rd, 2022. Welcome to God's family in the Church! May our Loving God continue to pour down His abundant blessings upon Kamila and Katalina.

**MAY MEETINGS:** Pastoral Council—May 4 at 5:30 p.m. K of C—7:30 p.m.

**BUDGET SHOP** We will be working at the Budget Shop on Saturday, May 7 and Tuesday, May 10. Please keep these dates on your busy calendars and try to save a few hours to help us. We are open on Saturdays and Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Any help will be greatly appreciated. And "Thank You" ahead of time.

**ALTAR SOCIETY BREAKFAST** Altar Society is sponsoring a breakfast after Sunday Mass today- May 1. We will be serving breakfast casseroles, fruit, muffins, breads, breakfast burritos, etc. This is for the building fund project. Please join us to support our church.

**MAY 8 BREAKFAST** Please mark your calendar on May 8—The Knights will be hosting a biscuit and gravy breakfast after Sunday Mass in honor of our Mothers.

**VOCATION VIEW** "Were not our hearts burning within us, ..." Do you feel a calling of the Holy Spirit to serve the Lord in the as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life?

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT** In today's Gospel, Jesus tells Peter again and again, "If you love Me, feed my sheep." He says the same to each of us, "If you love Me, use the gifts I have given you to serve your brothers and sisters."

**PRAYER OF THE WEEK** (adapted from Prayers for the Pope) God our Father, source of eternal life and truth, give to your shepherd Pope Francis a spirit of courage and right judgment, a spirit of knowledge and love. By governing faithfully those entrusted to his care may he, as successor to Peter, build your Church into a sacrament of unity, love, and peace for all the world. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

**UNDERSTANDING THE GOSPEL OF THE WEEK - John 21: 1-14)**

**The epilogue** John 21 was added to this Gospel, which explains inconsistencies like why the disciples are back in Galilee, why they've resumed their former lives, and why they don't recognize Jesus. However, this chapter addresses important themes such as the mission of the early church, the importance of the Eucharist, the restoration of Peter, and Peter's responsibility for the community.

**Cast your nets** The number seven represents wholeness or completion. These seven disciples thus represent all of Jesus' followers. They can't accomplish anything without him, however. Only by the power of his word are they successful. These verses echo Luke 5:1-11, where a huge catch of fish represents the mission of the disciples. Now, having received the Holy Spirit (John 20), they must continue to draw others to Jesus. (Scholars aren't certain what the number 153 signifies.)

**Bread of life** Just as Jesus fed the people in John 6, he now feeds the disciples. He not only sends them on mission, but nourishes them for the work ahead. Our celebration of the Eucharist also strengthens us to go forth and draw others to Christ.

**JOHN 21:15-19 Forgiving and commissioning Peter** Three times during Jesus' trial, while standing around a charcoal fire (18:18), Peter denied knowing Jesus. Now Jesus formally restores Peter to good-standing. Three times Jesus asks Simon, (Peter's old name), to formally declare his love. In John 10 Jesus spoke of himself as the good shepherd who would lay down his life for his sheep. In John 13 Jesus commanded his disciples to love one another as I have loved you. Jesus tells Peter to lead the church with this same self-sacrificing love.

**Peter's future** Jesus contrasts the freedom Peter has enjoyed up to now with the demands of leadership. Peter was free to bind up his garment and jump from the boat into the water (v.7), but eventually he'll be bound by others and led to his death. In John 13:36-38 Peter expressed his desire to follow and give his life for Jesus. Now that he's been forgiven and commissioned by the risen Lord, it's time to follow through on his profession of love. This love will lead to martyrdom. (www.oursundayreadings)

**UNDERSTANDING THE SECOND READING (Revelation 5: 11-14)**

**John's vision** One reason the Book of Revelation is hard to understand is the author draws on imagery from the Old Testament and other writings that are unfamiliar to us. He also adapts that imagery for his own purposes. Although this book often leaves us perplexed, it still inspires a sense of awe and solemnity — and sometimes a sense of urgency. **The heavenly liturgy** As John's vision continues, he sees God's vast throne room. In the middle is the risen Jesus, whom John most often calls the Lamb. Because Jesus gave his life for the world's salvation, he (with God) is now the focal point of all worship. The four living creatures represent the best of living beings from across the known world. The elders may be a heavenly council that mirrors the church on earth. These beings join the angels and all creation in praising God (the one who sits on the throne) and the Lamb.

**Participating on earth** At the time this was written, Roman officials may have been trying to force Christians to participate in pagan rituals. John's bold imagery reminds Christians to worship only God and Christ. Those who withstand persecution and false worship join the heavenly liturgy. The realms of heaven and earth intersect through liturgy. The Lamb becomes real on our altar, and we, too, sing Amen and bow down in worship. Amen, or so be it expresses both our faith in and our commitment to the Lamb. (www.oursundayreadings)



Where did the “Hail Mary” prayer come from?

No one knows who put together the series of Bible verses and intercession we know as the Hail Mary. There were several stages to the evolution of this prayer. The title "Mother of God" (*Theotokos*, or God-bearer in Greek) was used for Mary after church councils of the 4th and 5th centuries sanctioned it as theologically correct to describe her as more than "Christ-bearer" (*Christotokos*). Forms of this prayer existed in the 6th-century Eastern church. In the West, it was included in the Little Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary by the 11th century. The Hail Mary came into wider use in the 16th century, as the Crusaders invoked Mary to assist their quest to recapture the Holy Land.

The prayer is grounded in Scripture with the angel's greeting to Mary: "Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee." It continues with Elizabeth's blessing on her young cousin during their visitation: "Blessed are thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb." Elizabeth offers a standard Jewish birth-blessing which praises the mother for the child she carries.

While we think of it as a Marian prayer, the Hail Mary is literally Christ-centered, as all Christian prayer should be. Many ancient writings held the key to their interpretation or thematic significance in the center. The hinge word of the Hail Mary is the name "Jesus."

What follows is an invocation for Mary's help ("pray for us") as she is close to God, being both holy and divine mother. Since the prayer begins with the angel's identification of Mary as Spirit-filled ("full of grace"), hinges on her relationship to Jesus, and ends with her relationship to God, the Hail Mary in its entirety reveals Mary's role as a willing participant in the work of the Trinity. The final line, "now and at the hour of our death," was the last addition to the prayer and made it a particularly poignant entreaty for those facing battle, the threat of plague, or other dangerous circumstances.

The Hail Mary also acknowledges that Mary of Nazareth, a young girl whose faith in God is strong and true, is elevated to the status of Abraham, whose faith made him the father of nations. The Jewish community identifies itself as Abraham's children. It's fitting that Christians perceive themselves as the children of Mary, our mother in faith. (Alice Camilla)

### **THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

#### **Crown thy good with brotherhood**

Some of us are born into an abundance of siblings in our families, and some not. But all of us are gifted with sisters and brothers in the church. Today on Religious Brothers Day, we're reminded how “The vocation of the brother is part of the answer that God gives to the absence of brotherhood which is wounding the world today” ([Identity and Mission of the Religious Brother in the Church](#)). If you feel stirred to be a special kind of brother to those in need, consider casting your net in the direction of this unique vocation. (Prepare the Word)

### **TERCER DOMINGO DE PASCUA**

#### **Corona tu bondad con hermandad**

Algunos de nosotros hemos nacido con abundancia de hermanos en nuestras familias, y otros no. Pero todos tenemos el don de tener hermanos y hermanas en la Iglesia. Hoy, en el Día de los Hermanos Religiosos, se nos recuerda cómo "La vocación del hermano es parte de la respuesta que Dios da a la ausencia de fraternidad que hiera al mundo de hoy" ([Identity and Mission of the Religious Brother in the Church](#)) (*Identidad y misión del hermano religioso en la Iglesia*). Si te sientes movido a ser una clase especial de hermano para los necesitados, considera echar tu red en dirección de esta vocación única.