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Go to Joseph!

St. Joseph, like his Old Testament predecessor, can teach us how to trust God to bring good out of all the circumstances of our lives

by Aimée Godfrey

When difficult things happen in our lives, we often ask the Lord, "Why?" Why did my mother die? Why is my child sick? Why am I encountering such difficulty providing for my family? Why are we still dealing with COVID after almost a year?

We often mistakenly believe that there is an answer to the question of why bad things happen to us. However, God never promises that there will be an answer to the question, Why? What He does promise is that everything "works for good with

those who love Him, who are called according to His purpose." (Romans 8:28) God rarely answers the question, "Why?", but He always brings good from evil.

So where do we go when we are faced with these questions? Both Joseph the Patriarch in the Old Testament and Joseph the husband of Mary in the New Testament trusted God, even though they did not understand what He was doing in their lives. They trusted that God could bring good out of all the circumstances of their lives.

Joseph the Patriarch was sold by his brothers into slavery. He was then falsely accused of a crime and ended up in prison. Yet, he was able to say to his brothers, "you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good." (Genesis 50:20) Indeed, God chose to save all the Israelites through the protection and foresight of Joseph.

Joseph of the New Testament was similarly faced with circumstances that could have left him asking, why? He was betrothed to a woman whom he found out was

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Guardian of God's most precious treasures

Joseph was the specially chosen man through whom and under whom Christ entered the world fittingly and in an appropriate way

by St. Bernadine of Siena



St. Bernadine of Siena (1380-1444) was a Franciscan priest who preached throughout Italy in the 15th century. He had a special devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus.

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If the whole Church is in the debt of the Virgin Mary, since, through her, it was able to receive the Christ, surely after her, it also owes to Joseph special thanks and veneration.

This is the general rule that applies to all individual graces given to a rational creature. Whenever divine grace selects someone to receive a particular grace, or some especially favored position, all the gifts for his state are given to that person, and enrich him abundantly.

This is especially true of that holy man Joseph, the supposed father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and true husband of the queen of the world and of the angels. He was chosen by the eternal Father to be the faithful foster-parent and guardian of the most precious treasures of God, His Son and His spouse. This was the task which he so faithfully carried

out. For this, the Lord said to him, "Good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Lord."

A comparison can be made between Joseph and the whole Church of Christ. Joseph was the specially chosen man through whom and under whom Christ entered the world fittingly and in an appropriate way. So, if the whole Church is in the debt of the Virgin Mary, since, through her, it was able to receive the Christ, surely after her, it also owes to Joseph special thanks and veneration.

For he it is who marks the closing of the old testament. In him the dignity of the prophets and patriarchs

achieves its promised fulfillment. Moreover; he alone possessed in the flesh what God in His goodness promised to them over and again.

It is beyond doubt that Christ did not deny to Joseph in Heaven that intimacy, respect, and high honor which He showed to him as to a father during His own human life, but rather completed and perfected it. Justifiably the words of the Lord should be applied to him, "Enter into the joy of your Lord." Although it is the joy of eternal happiness that comes into the heart of man, the Lord prefers to say to him "enter into joy." The mystical implication is that this joy is not just inside man, but surrounds him everywhere and absorbs him, as if he were plunged in an infinite abyss.

Therefore be mindful of us, blessed Joseph, and intercede for us with Him whom men thought to be your son. Win for us the favor of the most Blessed Virgin your spouse, the mother of him who lives and reigns with the Holy Spirit through ages unending. Amen.

This article is taken from the sermons of St. Bernadine of Siena, Sermon 2, "On St. Joseph." Available on the Vatican website at www.vatican.va/spirit/documents/spirit_20010319_bernardino_en.html

Go to Joseph!

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pregnant with a baby he had not fathered. He then needed to travel to Bethlehem with his very pregnant wife, and she had to give birth to her baby in a stable. Then, when the baby was born, they were forced to flee to Egypt in order to keep the baby safe. As a result, they were unable to return to their home for several years. Throughout all these trials, St. Joseph listened to the Lord, trusting that He could bring good out of all these situations, even when he did not understand God's plan.

In **Genesis 41:55**, the Pharaoh told the Egyptians to “go to Joseph” to receive the food that they needed to survive. In essence, this is what Pope Francis is telling us in dedicating this year to St. Joseph.

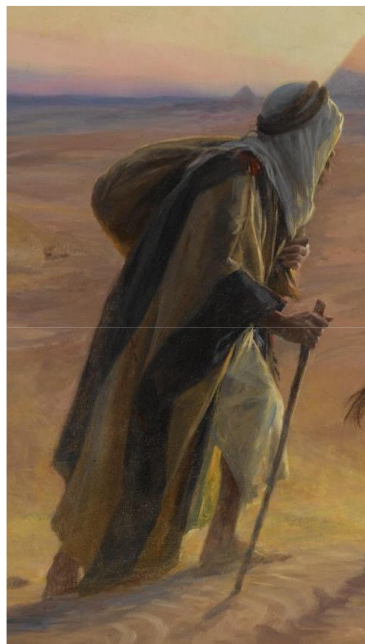
When we need an example of how to live as a disciple in this pandemic, go to Joseph. Look to the man who shepherded Mary and Jesus through the trials of life. Go to the man who is called the Savior of the Savior for the way that he took care of Jesus, and protected Him.

In naming him the patron of the Mystical Body of Christ, the Church is reminding us that St. Joseph has a father's love for us. He knows that although we long to know the answer to all our whys, on earth there is hardly ever an answer to that question. Pope Francis writes,

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.

(*Patris Corde*, 2)

Therefore, we can find the answer to our “whys” in a manger in Bethlehem and on a cross on Calvary. There is no “generic” God present there. He is the answer to our questions, and He promises to



bring good through all that happens to us.

As we travel through Lent and mark the anniversary of when the pandemic began to change our lives, let's remember to “go to Joseph” with our concerns and our fears. Let's ask him to help us live more fully as disciples and to trust that God can bring good out of anything.

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Pope Francis declares Year of St. Joseph

On **Dec. 8, 2020**, Pope Francis released his Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde* (With a father's heart). The letter commemorates the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of St. Joseph by Blessed Pope Pius IX as Patron of the Universal Church. To celebrate the anniversary, Pope Francis declared a special Year of St. Joseph from Dec. 8, 2020 to Dec. 8, 2021.

The Apostolic Penitentiary also issued a decree granting special indulgences for the duration of the special year to celebrate the anniversary. A number of prayers and works have been granted a plenary indulgence (under the usual conditions of sacramental Confession, Eucharistic Communion, prayer for the Pope's intentions, and a spirit

detached from any sin). These prayers include contemplating the Lord's Prayer for at least 30 minutes; the praying of the Rosary by a family or engaged couple; and praying the Litany of St. Joseph for the relief of Christians suffering persecution. To learn more, go to vaticannews.va and search for “Saint Joseph indulgence.”

The "Silent Saint"

I had never given much attention to St. Joseph, but when I needed his prayers, he was there

By Jennifer Rea



When I was expecting my fifth child, I began to experience very early on the telltale signs of an impending miscarriage. With my husband out of town that week, I decided to go with my kids to the Upper Room prayer meeting that Friday at Christ the King and have my baby and I prayed over.

After the prayer, I went with tears streaming down my face to the nearest kneeler to pray. I begged God, "Please, God, let me keep this baby." God replied and told me that his name was to be Joseph. I immediately felt a wave of peace and knew this was what needed to be done.

I then looked up and saw the statue of St. Joseph above me. I had thought that I was kneeling beneath the Mary statue! I had never given much attention to St. Joseph as he is the

St. Joseph is the worker saint who works to help answer prayers. When God hears the prayers of Joseph, who protected Jesus and Mary on earth, He answers those prayers according to His Divine will and timing.

"Silent Saint," but I knew that would soon be changing.

When I went to the doctor, he said that the baby looked fine and I was given a prescription for the symptoms that I was having. When I reached about 16 weeks gestation, however, I woke up one morning in blood. I went to the hospital where I was admitted for a few days with a partial placental abruption. I was then discharged and able to go home.

A couple of weeks later the bleeding came back. I went to the hospital again, just to be sent back home. I was told to take it easy at home, but when you have four young kids at home, taking it easy is not exactly in the cards! At 34 weeks, the bleeding returned and I went to the hospital a third time. This time I was

admitted until my scheduled induction date at 37 weeks.

While I was in the hospital my devotion to St. Joseph grew. I spent my days in my hospital bed praying to him. He had become my beacon of hope and strength.

A week prior to my induction date, baby Joseph was not yet head down. The doctors informed me that if he didn't flip head down by the night before the scheduled induction, I would need to have a C-section. They said it's not common to have a baby that late in gestation flip.

I reached out to my family and friends to join me in praying a novena to St. Joseph that baby Joseph would flip head down before the induction date. That night before the scheduled induction, when they came to do the ultrasound, they confirmed that baby Joseph had flipped!

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The morning before the induction, I was greeted by Fr. Joy, who had come to give me the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Fr. Joy gave me his

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St. Joseph: front row seats to the Incarnation

God knew it was important to have a man like Joseph at the head of the Holy Family.

Sally Kresta has had a strong devotion to St. Joseph since shortly after she became Catholic more than 25 years ago. We asked her to share a little about her relationship with St. Joseph.

You weren't raised Catholic, so what first got you interested in St. Joseph?

When I first became Catholic, the most important devotion to me was devotion to the Holy Family. I couldn't pick just one saint, so I picked Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. 😊

We then discovered that our wedding anniversary was on the feast of St. Joseph! We weren't even Catholic at the time we got married. We picked March 19 because it was Spring break!

When I discovered that additional connection, I found prayers to St. Joseph and started meditating on his life. In addition, I have four boys, so there are *many* times that I've turned to St. Joseph on their behalf.

As you learned more about St. Joseph, what attracted you to him?

Perhaps the biggest thing was how central he was to the Incarnation. He had front row seats! He saw angels. He saw Jesus, the God-Man, be born.

As father of the family, he was the one to name Jesus. He was there at the Presentation. He would have received the Wise Men. While he was in Egypt, he watched Jesus grow up. He knew Him as a boy of 12.

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head of the Holy Family. He chose Mary, the holiest person who ever lived, to be his wife. When he thought that she had sinned, he was very generous and merciful to her.

He must have been a kind of mystic. He was very attuned to God and the dreams. He was very obedient, receiving Mary as his wife, protecting the family by taking them quickly to Egypt out of danger.

We can assume that Mary and Jesus were nearby when he died. He's the patron of a happy death, dying in the presence of Jesus and Mary.

Do you have any particular prayers or other ways that you express your relationship with St. Joseph?

On Wednesdays, I meditate on the Chaplet of St. Joseph. It presents seven sorrows and seven joys of his life. I also regularly pray a novena to St. Joseph.

We also celebrate his two major feast days, March 19 and May 1. The feast of St. Joseph the Worker on May 1 was established in 1955, the year that I was born.

We also have a statue of St. Joseph from the Holy Land. I put prayer intentions under the statue. 😊

What are some answers to prayers that you have experienced?

First and foremost, I've prayed to him for our marriage and our mission as a couple. I also pray to St. Joseph for my four sons, for protection in travel, for finding homes and jobs, etc.

Most recently, I've been praying to St. Joseph for James and Natalie, who have to move from their current home by the end of April. It's very hard to

After Al and Sally Kresta became Catholic, they discovered that their wedding anniversary was on the feast of St. Joseph. For Sally, it started a relationship with St. Joseph that continues to this day.

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The “Silent Saint”

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Jennifer Rea is shown with her husband, Dominic, holding their “miracle baby,” Joseph, now 2. Their other children are (l-r) Edward (10), Gerard (4), Isabelle (6), and William (8). Jennifer and Dominic are expecting their sixth child in May.



Rosary from when he first became a priest and told me that he had completed his Theological Studies at St. Joseph's National Seminary in Mangalore, India. He said that he was born premature, and his parents and grandparents prayed for his life, as they knew God had great plans for him. He believed that God had great plans for

baby Joseph as well. Fr. Joy was a gift that God, in His divine goodness, sent to me that morning as a sign of hope and promises fulfilled.

A few hours later I was induced and baby Joseph was born without issue that evening. All glory and praise to the Father who holds every precious life in His Heavenly Hands! We were able to return

home to our family and introduce them to our miracle baby, Joseph.

A couple of days later we received a call from the pediatrician to inform us that Joseph's white blood cell count was very low and that we needed to take him to the emergency room. So he was admitted at the hospital with an infection and had many tests performed. A few days later the infection was resolved with antibiotics and prayer, and we were able to go home once again. Praise the Lord!

Joseph celebrated his second birthday on Feb. 23, 2021. Each year on his birthday, we are reminded of God's mercy, faithfulness, and goodness, as well as of the Silent Saint who is always there to intercede. Thank you, St. Joseph, for your humility to be our Silent Saint of great strength and perseverance. May God be Praised!

My devotion to St. Joseph centers me around the Incarnation. The Incarnation is so important to me. The center of my faith life is the Incarnation.

St. Joseph: front row seats to the Incarnation

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find a home right now; homes in their price range sell almost as fast as they go on the market. Plus Natalie is due any day with their sixth child.

So James and Natalie and their kids prayed a novena to St. Joseph, and they found the perfect home: big, spacious, with property for their growing family. Coming to an agreement with the owner was a little rocky, but it's working out, too.

How has your devotion to St. Joseph changed your life?

It centers me around the Incarnation. The Incarnation is so important to me. The center of my faith life is the Incarnation.

I also count on him for our marriage. He's given me someone to go to for our marriage.

Plus, he's such an intercessor for my sons. Boys need to grow into men. Men are just maligned in today's world. They need a man like St. Joseph.

What would you say to someone thinking about developing a relationship with St. Joseph?

He's available. Next to the Blessed Mother, he's got to be the top saint. Go to St. Joseph!

Asking St. Joseph to welcome Harry home

by Franne Vanicelli with Kate Ernsting

On March 16, 2020, at a routine medical appointment at Michigan Medicine, Franne and Harry Vanicelli received devastating news: the rare cancer Harry had been fighting for a year had taken a drastic turn.

Harry's death was imminent.

"The first round of radiation and chemo had worked so well," Franne related. "I really expected there were more things they could do. We both believed he would have more time." Instead, with their sons Tom, David, and Peter, David's wife, Star'Keysha, and their granddaughter, Star, she had to prepare to say goodbye to their patriarch.

"Harry was admitted to UM Hospital's end-of-life suites on March 16, 2020. His 71st birthday was the next day, and we were all in the mode of making him comfortable."

"This was at the very beginning of the COVID shutdown, with guards at all the hospital entrances," Franne recalled. "Yet, Harry was allowed multiple visitors; he may have been the only one." Their accommodations were another small blessing. The next-door suite was unoccupied; there were extra chairs, and Franne and Peter both had beds.

Franne and Harry had been preparing for this time. "We had a will and had already obtained a burial package. Harry had also talked with our son Peter to choose the music and readings (some elements were from our wedding) for the funeral. This

was something my dad had done also. My sister, Martha Gladieux, and I talked about how much this helped when Harry died."

God had been preparing Harry, too. "On the Saturday before his death, Harry wasn't doing so well. Fr. Ed came and gave Harry the Apostolic Pardon. The priest who came in on his birthday gave it to him again. Harry was pardoned."

The family rallied. "We called Harry's brother in St. Louis; he dropped everything and came up. The boys were all there. Brian Taylor—who calls himself our fourth son—was there, too."

The Vanicellis were aware that generations of Catholics have looked to St. Joseph as the patron of a happy death. "On the 18th," Franne said, "as Harry's discomfort increased and he was given more and more medication, I began to talk to him about the 19th being the Feast of St. Joseph."

"It looks like you aren't going to make it. If you want to," she told him, "you might ask Joseph to welcome you home."

"All that day various ones of us sat close to him and spoke to him of our love for him, assuring him he had taught all of us the skills we would need to be without him. It was so hard and so good at the same time."



Harry Vanicelli was a former member of the Coast Guard who loved anything to do with water. In this photo, taken in September 2019, he and his wife, Franne, are on their sailboat, *Lumen*, on Lake Erie. Harry died on the Feast of St. Joseph, Patron of a Happy Death, on March 19, 2020.

"I was so proud of the boys just for being there and for being men about it," Franne added. "We were all crying, but they were all loving and encouraging him."

"We were playing *Psalms in His Presence*, and Harry asked us to up the volume so he could hear better. This was the last full request we heard from Harry, but he did tell us that he loved us, each of us."

Harry died peacefully early on the morning of March 19, 2020, St. Joseph's Feast Day.

"Soon after his death, a few people asked me if he had done anything to assure me he was in Heaven. I had never heard of such a thing. However, because of their questions, I was aware of the possibility. So, months later in December, when our son Peter told me that Pope Francis had declared this the Year of St. Joseph, tears sprang to my eyes."

"I knew—experienced as a certainty—that *God* had told me Harry was home."

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Bringing the Gospel to life

Paul and Sharon Messiter serve as extras on The Chosen

by Paul Messiter

After a long day of filming, Paul and Sharon Messiter had the opportunity to meet Dallas Jenkins, creator and director of *The Chosen*. To date, episodes of the crowd-funded TV series on the life of Jesus have had over 86 million views. The series is currently being translated into 70 languages.

As we walked, trying to hide our discomfort from the wet ground and the biting wind, we truly got caught up in the moment. We were pilgrims, searching, hoping, journeying to see this Jesus. I was going to see Jesus, and nothing was going to stop me.



Last March, *The Chosen* was an absolute Godsend. At a time when COVID restrictions forced people into isolation, *The Chosen* provided a great source of joy, hope, and the love of Jesus. My family watched each episode of Season 1 with great anticipation.

The Chosen is the biggest crowd-funded project in history. Viewers are able to “pay it forward,” helping to cover the production costs and make the show available to viewers around the world. My love of the show and deep desire to allow others to view it motivated me to “pay it forward” as well.

Several months later, as a thank you from the producer, my wife, Sharon, and I were invited to be extras for the filming of the Sermon on the Mount. The filming took place in February in Texas. Sharon and I were among about 2,000 people who were invited to come.

To prepare, we were given guidelines for what to wear and

not wear to the filming. Sharon, who is skilled in sewing, made our first century costumes. Everyone was also required to take a COVID test within 72 hours of arriving on the set.

On the morning of the filming, the extras were assigned time slots to show up at the parking lot of a sports complex. There, before being allowed to board the bus to go to the filming site, we were administered a second rapid COVID test in our vehicles.

The weather was cloudy, windy, and 30 degrees. It didn't matter at all. Everyone was so joyful and grateful just for the opportunity to be there.

Buses transported the extras from the sports complex to the filming site, a sprawling 100+ acre Salvation Army camp. When we got off our bus just after 9am, we were greeted by smiling, joyful volunteers.

A very short time later, we were blessed with an unexpected filming opportunity. About 250 of the early arrivals were invited to be filmed as those who were walking toward the (Sermon on the) Mount. This was very exciting, but it also

meant taking off any coats, gloves, and socks we were wearing. As we walked, trying to hide our discomfort from the wet ground and biting wind, we truly got caught up in the moment. We were pilgrims, searching, hoping, journeying to see this Jesus. I was going to see Jesus and nothing was going to stop me. It was a glorious moment.

“TAKE TWO!”

Okay. Backtrack. Let's do it again! We then performed the approach from a slightly different angle, with the cameramen on foot as well as drones above capturing our purpose-filled walk.

Lunch gave us an opportunity to meet some of our fellow donors/extras and learn about their respective journeys. Then, one of our favorite music artists, Phil Wickham, took the stage for some praise and worship. He was followed by Keri Jobe and Cody Carnes.

Finally, it was time to make the 10 minute trek to the site where we would do the bulk of the filming. “The Mount” was a long, gentle hill. The crowd spread across the Mount in preparation for Jesus and the Sermon. When Jesus appeared at the top of the hill, the crowd, sequentially and almost in wave-like fashion, sat to listen. It was imperative

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The Pious Union and Shrine of St. Joseph

The perfect spot for a day pilgrimage in the Year of St. Joseph

by Nina Hufford

The Pious Union of St. Joseph sits on a sprawling piece of land in the middle of the farming community of Grass Lake, Michigan, just 20 miles west of Ann Arbor. Although the Pious Union is much like its patron, St. Joseph, in its unassuming nature, the Servants of Charity have chosen the Shrine as their central location in the United States.

The Apostolate of the Servants of Charity, which was founded by St. Louis Guanella in 1908, has dedicated itself from its inception to prayer for the suffering and dying. In a special way, the priests of the order entrust those they intercede for to the care of St. Joseph, who they invoke often as the patron of a holy death. The shrine makes for an apt pilgrimage destination this year, given its devotion to Jesus' foster father, as well as its special commitment to the suffering.

The Shrine of St. Joseph is itself a converted barn. CTK parishioner Erin Campbell finds the chapel "very simple and bright, not too big. The grounds are also simple, nice for a Rosary at the Marian grotto, or just a quiet walk." She added that, "as a mother of young children, it was a lovely place to find quiet time with Jesus."

Parishioner Amy Whiting notes that the Pious Union "has the Stations of the Cross displayed outdoors; a grotto in honor of Our Lady of Lourdes; and a large outdoor Mass area, Shrine



Calvary, which includes a large crucifix and stone steps leading up to it where one can pray the seven last words of Christ. It is a very peaceful place."

The warm community of the Pious Union corresponds well with the simple beauty of the place. Erin recalls that when her family began attending the Pious Union in 2004, they "felt welcomed right away. The priests were so attentive to the children, and the small community of regular Mass attendees was very kind." Because the Shrine is so welcoming, it holds a special place in the Campbell family history. Erin shared, "My boys learned to be altar servers there when they were much too young to serve at CTK, and my girls learned to sing for Mass there when they were much too young for music ministry at CTK."

Katie Blaney, a CTK parishioner who sometimes serves as a vocalist for the Shrine, noted that "Fr. Leo Joseph is cheerful, gracious, kind, and has a

delightful sense of humor. He is young and enthusiastic, often looking for ways to have regular attendees participate as readers, servers, or musicians." Frank Whiting said that his children love when "the priests distribute Dum Dum suckers to the kids at the end of Mass" in an effort to engage the youngest members of their community.

The last time I went to the Pious Union, I was one of the kids eagerly awaiting candy at the end of Mass. This year, I'm excited to finally go back to the Shrine for more than the candy and to celebrate its unique devotion to St. Joseph.

During the Year of St. Joseph, the Pious Union of St. Joseph is offering talks about St. Joseph, both on-site and online, on the 3rd Sunday of every month at 6pm.

To learn more about the Pious Union and Shrine of St. Joseph and their schedule of both in-person and online activities, go to piousunionofstjoseph.org or see their Facebook page, [@PiousUnionShrineofStJoseph](https://www.facebook.com/PiousUnionShrineofStJoseph).

Shrine Calvary offers a place for outdoor Masses and prayer. It is just one of many places to pray on the grounds of the Pious Union and Shrine of St. Joseph in Grass Lake, making it the perfect destination for a day pilgrimage.



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Photo courtesy of the Pious Union of St. Joseph.

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that no coats, gloves, or cameras were visible. These all needed to be hidden beneath the first century blankets on which we sat. It was *cold*. Many of the costumes were made of simple linen—not the warm polyester blends we enjoy today! We did a few takes from this position before taking a needed break.

Following the break, the filming continued from a different angle as Jesus was now in the middle of a more tightly-packed crowd. This is when it really felt like we were on the set of a production. Dallas Jenkins, the creator and executive producer of the show, had Jonathan

redo some of his lines to reflect a more urgent plea that Jesus was making to the crowds to amend their lives. The camera crew rearranged the roving cameras many times to ensure ideal camera angles.

When Jonathan (Jesus) spoke, we were all, to an extent, mesmerized. Once again, we went back in time and pictured ourselves sitting at the feet of Jesus, hanging onto His every word. Time stood still. We imagined we were in the presence of Jesus. That memory will never leave me.

After a few takes and breaks, filming concluded. It was time

to return to the buses and back to our families. As we stood waiting to board the bus, we were blessed to talk with Dallas Jenkins and his wife. Both were amazed at the perseverance and absolute joy that filled each one of the extras. Undeterred by the cold, everyone *wanted* to be there. We all felt “chosen” indeed.

To learn more about *The Chosen* TV series, go to their website, thechosen.tv; like their Facebook page, [@InsideTheChosen](https://www.facebook.com/InsideTheChosen); or download their app at thechosen.tv/app.

Paul and Sharon Messiter and their four, now adult, children have been members of Christ the King since 2008. Paul serves on the Finance Council, and Sharon serves as the parish Office Manager and a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Joseph,
in obedience to
the Holy Spirit,
found in the
Holy Spirit the
source of love.

Pope St. John Paul the Great

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Schedule of Major Events

For the Mass schedule, check the bulletin or
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- 3/5, 12, 19, 26: Stations of the Cross after 5:30pm Mass
 - 3/12, 26; 4/9, 23: Upper Room
 - 3/19: Solemnity of St. Joseph Consecration to St. Joseph after 5:30pm Mass
Lenten Adoration
 - 3/19-21: A1:8 Retreat (offsite)
 - 3/20-21: Olive Wood sale
 - 4/1-4: Holy Triduum
Offices closed from 4pm on Holy Thursday, April 1, through Easter Monday, April 5
 - 4/29: Confirmation Mass
 - 5/1: First Holy Communion Mass
- For more information about these and other events, check the bulletin or go to www.ctkcc.net.

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MAJOR EVENTS MARCH-APRIL 2021

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Consecration to St. Joseph on March 19

Everyone is invited to join brothers and sisters at Christ the King after the 5:30pm Mass on the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Friday, March 19, in making a Consecration to St. Joseph. Participants will gather at the statue of St. Joseph, where Dcn. Lou Russello will lead participants in a short prayer.

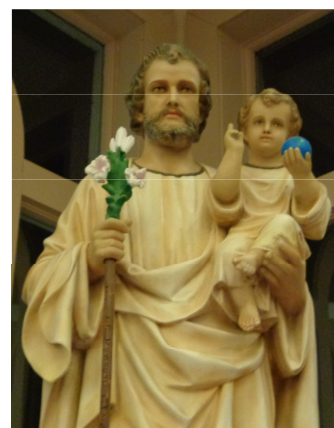
To prepare, some people have been using the book *Conse-*

cration to St. Joseph by Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC. Even if you haven't been using the book, though, please join us on March 19th.

In addition to the graces coming from the act of consecration, the Apostolic Penitentiary has granted a plenary indulgence, under the usual conditions, to anyone who recites "any prayer legitimately approved or act of piety" in

honor of St. Joseph on March 19. (See the article at the bottom of page 3 for more information.)

Please join us if you can. In this time of unprecedented challenges, we need the prayers and protection of the one chosen by God the Father to protect Jesus and Mary!





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- Anniversary celebrations!
- Parishioner profiles

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***All Christians belong to
St. Joseph because
Jesus and Mary
belonged to him.***

St. Leonard of Port Maurice