

Weekly Update January 10, 2021

Reflection for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

John 1:35–42

In this Sunday's Gospel, John the Baptist points to Jesus as "the Lamb of God." The Gospel also tells of the call of the first disciples. The story echoes the call of each member of the Church—to share in the mission of Jesus, his joy, and his sufferings. The title "Lamb of God" links Jesus to the symbol of Israel's redemption—the Paschal Lamb

Family Discussion: When Jesus enters our lives with the gentle call of his grace, how will we reply?

Family Prayer: Lord Jesus, we ask you to bless the Diocese of Camden with an increase in vocations to the priesthood. We pray that young men from our parishes and families will hear your call and be both generous and courageous in their response. May more young men serve you as priests who teach the faith, preach the Gospel, celebrate the sacraments and make you present among us through their ministry. Encourage them to embrace the joy-filled and fulfilling life of a diocesan priest. May parents support priestly vocations in their families by prayer and good example. We entrust these prayers through Mary Immaculate, our patroness, hopeful that you will bless our diocese with more priest in the near future, who live and reign forever and ever.
AMEN.

Parish Office is located at 81 COOPER STREET

Holy Angels Parish offices are presently opened from Monday-Friday 9:00 am-3:00 pm at the new location. Phone number: 856-845-0123.

Family Faith Formation office hours are Monday-Thursday from 9:00-1:00 at 81 Cooper St. Phone number: 856-845-6826



Sometimes it seems as if Joseph is little more than a figurine to be placed annually in the Nativity scene and then packed away for the rest of the year. Mary, rightfully so, gets credit for being the Mother of God (*Mater Dei*) while Joseph is the hidden, silent, and often overlooked figure in the Holy Family.

It's important to remember that all four Gospels refer to Jesus as "the son of Joseph." While the Gospels don't tell us much about Joseph, calling Jesus his "son" means that the early Church considered him an essential part of the family, not merely a bit player in the great story of salvation.

What does it mean that Joseph was the father of Jesus? It means that he provided the physical and material goods Jesus would have needed to live—food, shelter, and clothing. It also means he would have been responsible for Jesus' education, both in religious and secular. He would have taught Jesus how to be an observant Jew, celebrate the festivals, read the Torah, and pray to Yahweh.

Joseph also would have taught Jesus how to be a working person—including how to deal with clients and co-workers, how to source material, and how to manage a business. Finally, Joseph would have taught Jesus what it meant to be part of an extended family with all the ups and downs of family life. In short, Joseph taught Jesus what it was like to be a man in first-century

Israel. Without him, Jesus would not have been able to be the fully realized human being that he was.

Quotation

“The Lord wants us to understand that just as he was subject to St. Joseph on earth—for since bearing the title of father, being the Lord’s tutor, Joseph could give the child commands—so in heaven God does whatever he commands.”

–Saint Teresa of Jesus (Ávila)

Pope Francis commemorated the 150th anniversary of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church by declaring a “Year of Saint Joseph” to extend from December 8, 2020, to December 8, 2021. In his apostolic letter *With a Father’s Heart (Patris corde)*, Pope Francis asks us to remember Saint Joseph as a “beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows.”

A pandemic, civil unrest, economic insecurity, and societal change have left many of us feeling a bit like collective orphans this past year. We long for the protection and comfort that a good father gives to his children, and while we know that God is always our loving Father, sometimes we need to have a flesh-and-blood example of what it means to be a “dad.”

Saint Joseph offers us that. Joseph was the man who taught Jesus what it meant to give an honest day’s work for an honest wage, a man who showed Jesus what it meant to keep your word to the woman you loved even when it was difficult, a man who lived his faith. In short, he was a man who exemplified a “father’s heart.”

Saint Joseph’s life is “a sacrificial service to the mystery of the incarnation and its redemptive purpose. He employed his legal authority over the Holy Family to devote himself completely to them in his life and work. He turned his human vocation to domestic love into a superhuman oblation of himself, his heart and all his abilities, a love placed at the service of the Messiah who was growing to maturity in his home.” –Saint Paul VI

Pope Francis prayer in honor of St. Joseph

Prayer to St. Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil.

Amen.

Service

HOLD THE DATE

Monday, January 18, 2021

Martin Luther Day of Service

This year our day of service will be different. SURPRISE! Holy Angels Family Faith will hold a drive by drop off. The drive by drop off will be held in from 9:00-11:00 am and 5:00-6:00 pm at Holy Angels parking lot. We are asking for socks and gloves to be dropped off at the drive by. The socks and gloves will be given to St. Joseph House. They serve the homeless with a hot meals three times a day as well as personal needs. Socks and gloves are needed.

Cards for the Youth Center for the teens at Lakeland. Thought of You cards for Valentine. Contact Irene Clark for more info at 856-845-6826 or iclark@holyangelsnj.org

FAMILY PROJECT: P B & J ENDURES! Covid – 19 has been hard for so many. Our usual ways of living had to be adapted. Yet, lots of creativity and ingenuity seems to have come from this difficult time. Over the past few years, children from our Religious Education program, and those who met with them, made “tons” of sandwiches for distribution at Joseph House and Cathedral Pantry. With Covid-19 came the shutting down of group sandwich making. BUT....18 families have come to the rescue in the past few months to contribute to that action of love and justice. Thank You! Parents and grandparents gathered with their children in the safety of

their homes and helped that project endure. Thank You very much. If YOU would like to join them, all you need are a couple loaves of bread, peanut butter, jelly or jam, and plastic bags or wax paper. Have a party – but remind all who participate, the work of Jesus that is being done. Call Jean or Jerry Washko at 856-304-0381 and they will make arrangements for you to drop them off at their house or for to pick them up at yours. No special day is better than another. When the Spirit moves you, do it and then call. Thank You! - -Social Justice Ministry of Holy Angels

BABY DIAPER DRIVE: Catholic Charities, Diocese of Camden is launching an ongoing diaper drive across all six counties of the Camden Diocese in order to help meet the needs of babies and families who are struggling with financial hardship. All are welcome to participate in this ongoing drive by dropping off diapers at Catholic Charities' offices during the specific dates and times listed for each county. This information, along with a flyer, can be found at: www.CatholicCharitiesCamden.org/diaper-drive. Catholic Charities thanks you in advance for your generosity and support of babies and families!

Family Faith Formation

+is collecting **socks**. The socks will be donated to St. Joseph House. They can be brought to the Parish office during religious ed office hours.

Placemats: Home made place mats can be made and be brought to the parish offices. All place mats will be sent to the Cathedral Kitchen for the clients who bring them home. Contact Irene Clark for more info.

St. Joseph House: is in need of coffee, tea, hot chocolate, coffee creamers as well as gloves and socks. All donations maybe brought to the parish office. Contact Irene Clark for more info.

Families in Need

CATHOLIC CHARITIES, DIOCESE OF CAMDEN: HAS BEEN AWARDED A GRANT FROM ATLANTIC CITY ELECTRIC HELPING HANDS AND CAN FINANCIALLY ASSIST THOSE IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE WITH THEIR electric bills! If you use Atlantic City Electric and need help paying your bills, call your local Catholic Charities Office: Atlantic County Cape May County 609-345-3448 609-886-2662 Camden County Cumberland County 856-342-4193 856-691-1841 Gloucester County Salem County 856-845-9200 856-299-1296

LIVE STREAM MASSES

Cathedral Parish of the Immaculate Conception <http://www.camdencathedral.com>
(via <https://livestream.com/stjosephs>) Christ the Redeemer, Atco
[https://christtheredeemer.us/Christ the King, Haddonfield](https://christtheredeemer.us/Christ%20the%20King,%20Haddonfield)
<https://ctkhaddonfield.org/webcam> Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Shrine
[https://www.guadalupeshrinenj.org/Saint Andrew, Gibbsboro](https://www.guadalupeshrinenj.org/Saint%20Andrew,%20Gibbsboro)
[https://churchofsaintandrews.org/St. Charles Borromeo, Sicklerville](https://churchofsaintandrews.org/St.%20Charles%20Borromeo,%20Sicklerville) 9AM daily Mass
<https://churchofscb.org/live-mass/> Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, Newfield — daily and
weekday Masses [https://www.olbsparishnj.com/NON-DIOCESAN LIVE STREAM MASSES:](https://www.olbsparishnj.com/NON-DIOCESAN%20LIVE%20STREAM%20MASSES)
Catholic TV Network [https://www.watchthemas.com/Mass everyday from Sunday – Friday;](https://www.watchthemas.com/Mass%20everyday%20from%20Sunday%20-%20Friday)
Mass in Spanish every Sunday Catholic
TV <http://www.catholictv.org/masses/catholictvmass/masses-live-demand> EWTN
<https://www.ewtn.com/tv> – daily Mass at noon Perfil Latino TV – <https://perfillatino.org/MASS>
ON THE RADIO: Domestic Church Media [https://domesticchurchmedia.org/Relevant radio](https://domesticchurchmedia.org/Relevant%20radio) Daily
Audio Mass 1PM [https://relevantradio.com/Live stream:](https://relevantradio.com/Live%20stream) Weekdays at 1 p.m.; Sundays 10AM
and 12:30PM

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament, I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You .Never permit me to be separated from You .Amen.

Covid-19 Prayer

Lord Jesus, you heal the sick. We pray that the coronavirus that has affected so many in our world can be contained, controlled, and cured. We lift up to your mercy all those affected, all those working hard to study and cure this illness, and all health care professionals and emergency management teams that are working day and night to keep us safe Help us, Lord, to trust in your merciful care. Our Blessed Mother, pray for us, Saint Joseph, pray for us, Lord Jesus, hear our prayer. Amen.



Meet Our NOVEMBER SAINTS

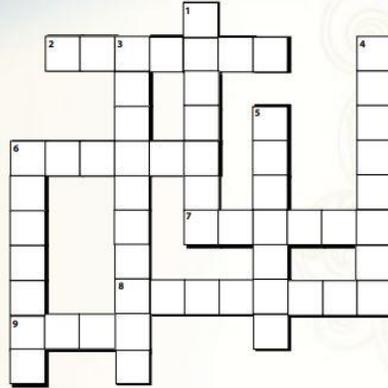
During the month of November, we honor all the saints in a special way. But there are plenty of saints whose feast days are this month too. There's **St. Martin of Tours** (November 11), who cut his cloak in half and gave it to a beggar he met in the freezing snow. **St. Elizabeth of Hungary** (November 17) was a queen who gave away her jewelry and best clothes to the poor. She even emptied her castle's storerooms to feed the poor. (Miraculously, more food always reappeared!)

Other saints were peacemakers.

St. Leo the Great (November 10) was a pope who kept the famous attacker Attila the Hun from invading Rome. **Bl. Miguel Pro** (November 23) was the "prayerful and playful" Jesuit priest and martyr who ministered to the people of Mexico at a time when the government was persecuting Catholics.

Now that you know about some of the saints we celebrate this month, try solving the puzzle on the next page. You might have to do some searching through this issue for answers!

BLESSED ARE THEY



ACROSS

2. St. Frances Xavier ____ ministered to immigrants.
6. St. ____ of Tours shared his cloak with a poor person.
7. Bl. ____ Pro was the "prayerful and playful" priest.
8. St. Martin ____ knew how it felt to be mocked and teased.
9. Children called her "she who prays always."

DOWN

1. St. Andrew D ng-Lac was a martyr in this country.
3. Saints follow the words of Jesus known as the ____.
4. St. Andrew was one of the first ____.
5. St. Elizabeth of ____ gave away clothing and jewels.
6. St. Andrew and Bl. Miguel gave their lives for Jesus and are ____.