

C H U R C H O F

380 E. Roselawn Avenue
Maplewood, MN 55117

St. Jerome

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:30 PM
Sunday 9:30 AM

Weekday Masses

Mon. thru Fri..... 7:15 AM
Wed. (Sep.-May) All School..... 9:45 AM
Saturday 8:00 AM
Holy Days 7:15 AM & 5:30 PM

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday 5:00 AM to Thursday 6:00 PM

Baptisms by appointment

Sacrament of Reconciliation *by appointment* or
Saturday 3:30 to 4:00 PM

Marriage (*available to parishioners of 6 months or greater*). Arrangements must be made at least 9 months before proposed marriage date.

Anointing of the Sick, as announced/requested

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Mary Beth Hess Music Director

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.....Religious Ed Coordinator
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Pat Birkey Children's Liturgy

School

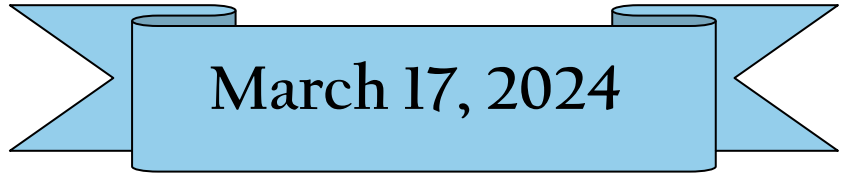
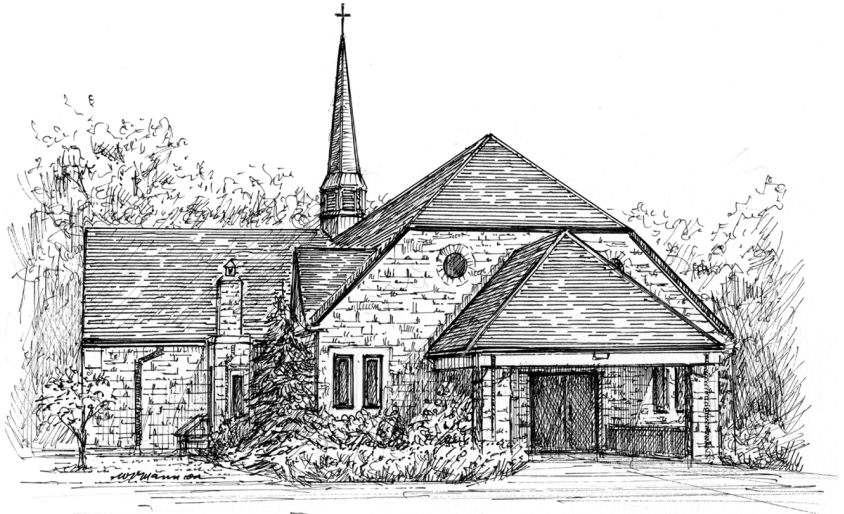
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Sue CostelloSchool Secretary
Nay Paw School Secretary

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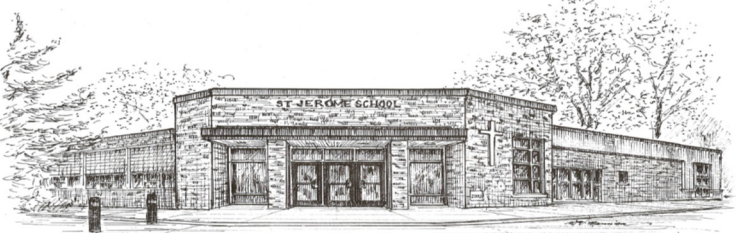
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Marie Joseph.....651-771-8494
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MISSION STATEMENT

The people of St. Jerome Church are a Catholic parish community united in the love and grace of Jesus Christ; to celebrate the sacraments and our faith, to proclaim and teach the Gospel values of Christ and His Church, to nurture our faith community, and to respond to the needs of those in and beyond our parish through worship and service.

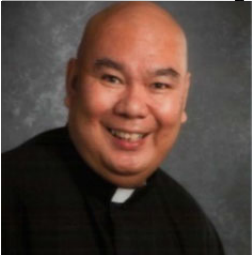




WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF ST. JEROME

The Church of St. Jerome would like to welcome all visitors and anyone who has recently moved into our community. We invite you to become members of our parish. If you are interested in joining our parish or have any questions, please contact the parish office at 771-1209.

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Last Tuesday's "Day of Mercy" was indeed a very significant day of bringing reconciliation between many hearts with the heart of Jesus. There was a regular stream of faith members coming in and out and quite a number stayed for at least an hour in prayer before and after

they received the sacrament of reconciliation. There was enough time to prepare for the sacrament and to encounter Jesus after. It was a very encouraging and inspiring moment to see our community come for the sacrament of reconciliation and silent prayer.

We continue to be hopeful with our Lenten practices especially when we read and reflect from the scripture messages this Sunday. A message of hope and anticipation is proclaimed by Jeremiah about a new covenant that the Lord will establish not written on a stone but "will write upon the hearts on the people". This is fulfilled in Jesus in his passion, death, resurrection and ascension into the Father's right hand. This new covenant in Jesus will gather all God's people. It is not just any social or political agreement but one that is personal, about life and love, about happiness and eternal life.

Yes, in the sacrifice of Jesus, he paid for all our sins and gained for us eternal life. By his cross he destroyed death and in his resurrection he restored life. When "his hour" came sinners were restored in their relationship with the Father, washed of their sin and guilt and given a new heart and a new spirit.

Yes, Jesus went through his passion and death. He did not pray to be spared, rather he offered himself to the will of the Father, to the cross.

For this, God gave Him dominion over heaven and earth (see Act2:33). Where he has gone we can follow. Let him lead us.

That means we will hate our lives of sin and selfishness. Let us follow his law that is written in our hearts. His "hour" is relieved by us in the Eucharist. Let us be renewed by it and be strengthened to follow the will of the Father in our lives.

Fr. Victor

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER—MRS. GATTMAN

Dear St. Jerome Parishioners,

March 8-14 is Catholic Sisters' Week. At St. Jerome School we are blessed to have Sister Audrey Lindenfesler SSND serve as our K-2 Literacy Intervention teacher. Sr. Audrey and I met seven years ago when she came to visit because she was interested in working with our students after a long career in Catholic education.

Sr. Audrey is a gem! During her time as an educator she was a teacher and principal. Then, she went on to found the East Side Learning Centers that are located around the East Metro to provide literacy help to local students. Currently, Sister provides intensive reading intervention to our littlest Lions. She also coordinates our amazing team of reading volunteers. Sister serves within her School Sisters of Notre Dame community with Theresa Living House and the MORE community.



This week, and every day, we are grateful for Sr. Audrey!



Peace and blessings,
Anne Gattman
Principal

FR. LUDESCHER LAMP
will burn this week in prayer for
Marjorie Tschida



Only Jesus possesses the power to speak the words of interior purity. Please join in supporting our Catholic Services Appeal, so that together we can help more souls hear these soul-reviving words.



SCRIP ORDER FORM

It is here! The SCRIP physical gift card sale starts now! Forms can be found at the entrances of the church. Fill out the form, and you can drop that and your check made payable to St Jerome's SCRIP in the collection basket this weekend, March 16/17 in an envelope marked, "SCRIP." If that does not work, you can drop your order off at the church office with your payment or you can email your order form to me at auglie@usfamily.net, and we can make arrangements for payment. You need to make sure your order is in by St Joseph's Day, March 19th, however, so that you can receive the cards before Easter. If you want to order a card you don't see on the list or want it in a larger denomination, please email me and I will see if I can get the card for you. In most cases, I can. Thank you for your support of our wonderful church! Anita Kennedy

FISH FRY TICKETS—ON SALE NOW



Fish fry tickets are now on sale on the parish website. You can also purchase tickets after masses this weekend.



We are looking for new volunteers.

4 of the 6 fish fry committee members are stepping down. Please consider taking on a lead role. We need 4 new people. These people do most of the planning, ordering and pickup of the fish, ordering and pick up of the paper products, putting the ad in the paper, tracking orders etc.

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL RESOURCES

This national, three-year effort, led by Bishop Cozzens, is focused on reviving belief in the Real Presence in the Eucharist.

Learn more about the Revival at <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/>



Be There When God Moves in 2024!

National Eucharistic Congress, July 17-21, 2024, Indianapolis, IN

This once-in-a-lifetime gathering will bring together the most trusted voices in the Church and thousands of on-fire Catholics for five powerful days of worship, encounter, and formation. Regardless of where you are on your faith journey, every day at the Congress is designed to facilitate a life-changing encounter with Jesus. Whether you attend one day or all five days, come be inspired and set ablaze with new love for Jesus in the Eucharist.

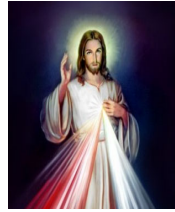
For more information and registration: <https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/>

HOLY THURSDAY—Foot washing



A sign up sheet can be found at the entrance of the church to sign up to have your foot washed on Holy Thursday.

DIVINE MERCY IMAGE



The Divine Mercy Image is based on John 19-13.

Information about the Divine Mercy Image is available in a pamphlet at the entrances of the church. Please take one home with you today. Share the information with your family and friends.

Framed images will be sold on Palm Sunday.
5x7- \$5, 8x10—\$10

Party with a purpose



PARTY WITH A PURPOSE HEARTS ON FIRE

Saturday, April 20, 2024

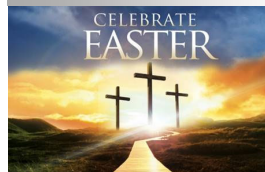
Join us for a spirited fundraising event as we highlight the mission of St. Jerome School. We'll share with you more about our 210 students and the opportunities to support their academic resources.

Tickets are \$50/person.
This evening program is entirely in person.
Doors open at 5:30 PM.
For more event information visit:
stjerome2024.givesmart.com
Hope to see you there!

GLOBAL SOLIDARITY SUNDAY—Mar 9-10

Thank you! Last weekend we collected \$528 for our Global Solidarity Sunday collection. Your brothers and sisters in Africa, Latin America, Central and Eastern Europe, and all those who receive much needed assistance through Catholic Relief Services thank you for your support and generosity.

SING AT EASTER



The Contemporary Group and FRIENDS will be singing at the 9:30 a.m. Mass on

EASTER SUNDAY - MARCH 31

Fourth Graders through ADULTS are welcome to sing along.

One rehearsal:

* Saturday - March 23 - 2:30 p.m.

INTERESTED? **Please reply by email or phone.**

Mary Beth Hess - Music Director

EMAIL: sistermb@comcast.net

PHONE: 612-270-2752

Men of Christ

— Rising Daily in Discipleship



Saturday, March 23, 2024

Church of St. Joseph, Rosemount

13900 Biscayne Ave W, Rosemount, MN 55068

9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

(doors open at 8:00 a.m. for registration, booth visits)

PARISH EVENT CALENDAR
March 18-24

Monday	9:30am	Bible Study
	9:30am	Small group
	6:30pm	Bible Study
Tuesday	6:30pm	Sm Group
	6:30pm	Watchmen (St. John's)
Wednesday	5:30pm	Music practice
Thursday	7:15am	Anointing of the sick
	10:00am	Service at nursing home
	10:30am	Sm. Group
	5:30pm	Stations of the Cross
	6:30pm	Liturgy Committee
Friday	9:30am	Small Group
	3:00pm	Stations of the Cross
	5:00pm	FISH FRY
	6:30pm	Spanish Rosary & Bible Study
Saturday	10:00am	Hall Rental
	10:30am	Altar Server practice
	2:30pm	Choir practice
Sunday	<i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i>	
	10:30am	CCD
	2:30pm	Bible Study
	2:30pm	OCIA

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	7:15am	Jerry Berczyk
Tuesday	7:15am	Jerry Lonetti
Wednesday	7:15am	Donna Kurk
	9:45am	June Guldan
Thursday	7:15am	Lori Lonetti
Friday	7:15am	Mr. & Mrs. Dewey Spangenberg
Saturday	8:00am	Al Spangenberg
	4:30pm	Ann Rinehart
Sunday	9:30am	Members of the Parish

LITURGICAL ROLES

Schedules can also be found at
www.stjerome-church.org (calendars/schedules)

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat. 4:30 pm	B. Murphy
Sun. 9:30 am	M. Simone

LECTORS:

Sat. 4:30 pm	Y. Clintsman	J. Therrien
Sun. 9:30 am	T. Zappa	C. Pirri

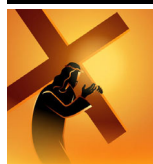
ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat. 4:30 pm	P. Bonghan	W. Heurung
	A. Bonghan	
Sun. 9:30 am	R. Vigonte	M. Revering
	G. Murphy	A. Vigonte

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS



If you need low gluten hosts, please tell an usher at least 10 min before mass starts so that the priest can be told.



*Join us this Thursday, March 21
Stations of the Cross are at 5:30.*

No Soup Supper this week.

To subscribe

1. Visit FORMED.org
2. Click Sign Up
3. Select "Sign Up As A Parishioner"
4. Find **St Jerome Catholic Church** by parish name, address, or zip code
5. Enter your email - and you're in!



Brethren, we are past the halfway point in this Lent. I know you are trying your best to grow in holiness. You may also feel temptations are more intense now. Learn how Jesus blocked temptation from our enemy Satan. Watch this new video from Dr. Brett Pitre. The Distinguished Research Professor of Scripture at Augustine Institute, Denver CO

The Three Temptations with Dr. Brant Pitre

Reflect with Dr. Brant Pitre on the temptations of Jesus in the desert as he gets to the heart of the meaning of Lent.

CELEBRATING FR. KEN—April 2

Mark your Calendars!

It's a BIG one! FOUR in one!

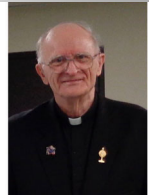
Our Servite Confraternity is sponsoring a party honoring Father Ken Ludescher

On his 92nd birthday

On his 63rd anniversary of priestly ordination

On his 30th anniversary as a professed Carmelite

On his 10th anniversary as a Hot Air Balloon survivor



**Please come on over to Rosoto Villa on
April 2nd (his birthday)**

anytime between 2- 4 pm for a
balloon floating good time,



Questions? Call Sister Clarice 651 771 6264

Weekly Offering



**Contributions for the week of
March 6—12**

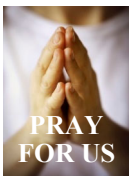
Weekly Contribution: \$4215

Please consider adding the Church of St. Jerome to your will.



GIVE HERE:

**Scan this QR Code to
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any donation direct via our
secure online site**



Fr. Cletus Basekela, Joe Bibeau, Patricia Cokley, Cathy Deiman, Kirk Duellman, Kathleen Faschingbauer, Karen Geretschlaeger, Sr. Clarice Gierzak, Mary Gross, Clarice Holthaus, Margie Houg, Sharon Heffernan, David Hendricks, Janis Horski, Richard (Les) Johnson, Kevin Jones, Eugene Kaufhold, Lily Kehler, Kevin Klutzke, John & Linda Kostohryz, Mary Laumeier, Steve Lauinger, Fr. Ken Ludescher, Nancy Masson, Vern & Dorothy Mayer, Patrick McGuigan, Chad McLellan, Brian Michalitsch, Nolan Mullaney, Greg Negard, Lou Polovick, Shannon Presler, Terri Quitter, Patrick Roth, Rick Peiffer, Danny Rothbauer, Cynthia and David Schluender, John Schluender, Michelle Schoenecker, Mike Spangenberg, Craig Steineck, Ava Swift, Tony Swift, Joyce Theilhorn, George Valento, Greg Votel, Jim & Evelyn Wendt, Beverly Wermus, Eric Witzel, Kevin Yackel

**PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE
MEN AND WOMEN**



Jack Butler
Grace Wegleitner

ST. JOSEPH

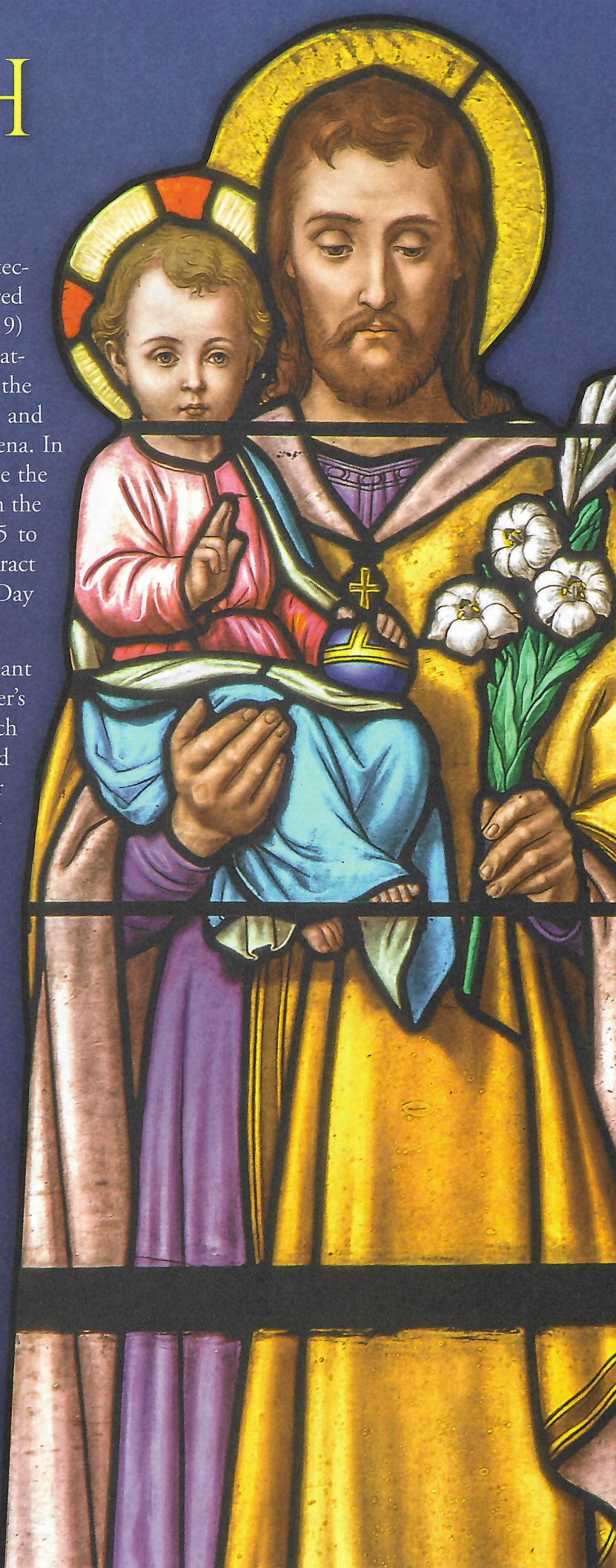
SPOUSE AND WORKER

St. Joseph, husband of Mary, foster father and protector of Jesus, skilled craftsman of Nazareth is honored by two liturgical feasts: as spouse of Mary (March 19) and as a worker (May 1). Devotion to Joseph originated in the 8th to 9th centuries in the East and in the 12th century in the West first among the Crusaders and then by the Franciscans, especially Bernardine of Siena. In the 15th century Pope Sixtus IV (a Franciscan) made the first feast universal in the church. The feast of Joseph the worker was promulgated by Pope Pius XII in 1955 to show the church's relevance to workers and to counteract the Communist and Socialist celebrations of Labor Day on May 1.

According to the Gospels, Joseph was a descendant of king David and Jesus was known as “the carpenter’s son” (Mt 13:55). The Greek word *tekton* (from which we get our word “technical”) designates any skilled artisan and so could mean not only a woodworker but also a “mason” or “smith” (as some early Church Fathers thought).

Matthew’s infancy narrative focuses on Joseph’s dilemma. Embarrassed by Mary’s pregnancy with a child he knows is not his, Joseph, a “righteous” or just man who follows the prescriptions of the Mosaic law, decides to send her back to her family, which is the proper social and legal thing to do.

Pope Francis points out that “Joseph cannot explain to himself Mary’s pregnancy. In that moment of doubt and anguish, God approaches him through his messenger and enlightens him about the nature of this maternity. Thus, in facing this extraordinary event, which surely gave rise to many questions in his heart, Joseph trusts totally in God who has drawn near to him, and takes Mary as his wife. In accepting Mary, Joseph knowingly and lovingly receives Jesus who has been conceived in her. Joseph, a just and humble man, teaches us to always trust in God, who draws near to us. When God approaches us, we must entrust ourselves to God and allow ourselves to be guided by God with willing obedience.”



SAINT JOSEPH

Our Patron

From very early on in Church history, the importance of the saints as intercessors for us with God became popular. The identification of saints as mediators with God introduces their role as patron saints, that is, one to whom we can go when we have specific needs that require help. Saints are designated as patrons or special advocates for nations, churches, places, crafts, activities, jobs, classes, clans, families, illnesses, causes, etc. Most patrons have been so designated as the result of popular devotion and long-standing custom. The Church has officially designated rather few patrons, and most patron designations, especially more recent ones, are unofficial.

St. Joseph is most well-known as the patron saint of fathers, families, and workers and, since 1870, as the official patron of the universal Church. However, as St. Teresa of Avila advised her sisters, “Though you have recourse to many saints as your intercessors, go especially to St. Joseph, for he has great power,” so Christians have successfully gone to St. Joseph for various needs. As a result St. Joseph has become known for his intercession for many causes and professions including against doubt, against hesitation, craftsmen (cabinetmakers, carpenters, joiners, civil engineers), lawyers, teachers, travelers (immigrants and exiles, house hunters) orphans and dying people (for a holy death).

“Some Saints are privileged to extend to us their patronage with particular efficacy in certain needs, but not in others; but our holy patron St. Joseph has the power to assist us in all cases, in every necessity, in every undertaking.”

—St. Thomas Aquinas



JOSEPH'S SPECIAL VOCATION

Matthew portrays Joseph as a good man, a working carpenter, who trusted in God. Luke describes how Joseph took the newborn child as his own. There is a general rule that whenever divine grace chooses someone to receive a special grace, or to accept a high vocation, God adorns that person with all the gifts of the Spirit needed to fulfill the task. This is especially true of Joseph. He was chosen by the eternal Father to be the faithful guardian and protector of Jesus, his divine Son, and of Mary, his wife. This was the task laid upon him which he carried out faithfully right to the end.

—St. Bernardine of Siena

JOSEPH OUR EXAMPLE

Joseph is a good model for us because he is constantly attentive to God, open to the signs of God's presence and receptive to God's plans, and not simply to his own. He is able to hear God's voice and be guided by God's will, and for this reason he is all the more sensitive to the persons entrusted to his safekeeping. His example is for us all an invitation to accept, with total openness of spirit, Jesus, who for love made himself our brother. Joseph spurs us to always seek God's will and to follow it with full trust. He can look at things realistically, he is in touch with his surroundings, he can make truly wise decisions. In him we learn how to respond to God's call, readily and willingly, but we also see the core of the Christian vocation, which is Christ! Let us protect Christ in our lives, so that we can protect others, so that we can protect creation!

—Pope Francis

GOD SEES OUR HUMBLE WORK

God sees the fruit of our labor, even if others cannot. Think of Joseph, the carpenter who taught Jesus his craft, a man given no lines to say in the New Testament and whose life remains almost completely hidden. His work was of supreme importance—even though others may not have seen this then. How similar this is to all those who do hidden work today: spending long hours working to put their kids through school; taking on an extra job to save money to care for an elderly parent or relative; working to exhaustion scrubbing floors, doing multiple loads of laundry, and spending hours over a stove for their families. Even if their efforts are hidden from others, they are seen by the One whose gaze matters most.

—James Martin, SJ

The Jesuit Guide to (Practically) Everything