

QUAMQUAM PLURIES: ON DEVOTION TO ST. JOSEPH

Encyclical of Pope Leo XIII promulgated on August 15, 1889.

Continued from last week

Thus in giving Joseph the Blessed Virgin as spouse, God appointed him to be not only her life's companion, the witness of her maidenhood, the protector of her honor, but also, by virtue of the conjugal tie, a participator in her sublime dignity. And Joseph shines among all mankind by the most august dignity, since by divine will, he was the guardian of the Son of God and reputed as His father among men. Hence it came about that the Word of God was humbly subject to Joseph, that He obeyed him, and that He rendered to him all those offices that children are bound to render to their parents. From this two-fold dignity flowed the obligation which nature lays upon the head of families, so that Joseph became the guardian, the administrator, and the legal defender of the divine house whose chief he was. And during the whole course of his life he fulfilled those charges and those duties. He set himself to protect with a mighty love and a daily solicitude his spouse and the Divine Infant; regularly by his work he earned what was necessary for the one and the other for nourishment and clothing; he guarded from death the Child threatened by a monarch's jealousy and found for Him a refuge; in the miseries of the journey and in the bitternesses of exile he was ever the companion, the assistance, and the upholder of the Virgin and of Jesus. Now the divine house which Joseph ruled with the authority of a father, contained within its limits the scarce-born Church. From the same fact that the most holy Virgin is the mother of Jesus Christ is she the mother of all Christians whom she bore on Mount Calvary amid the supreme throes of the Redemption; Jesus Christ is, in a manner, the firstborn of Christians, who by the adoption and Redemption are his brothers. And for such reasons the Blessed Patriarch looks upon the multitude of Christians who make up the Church as confided specially to his trust -- this limitless family spread over the earth, over which, because he is the spouse of Mary and the Father of Jesus Christ he holds, as it were, a paternal authority. It is, then, natural and worthy that as the Blessed Joseph ministered to all the needs of the family at Nazareth and girt it about with his protection, he should now cover with the cloak of his heavenly patronage and defend the Church of Jesus Christ.

You well understand, Venerable Brethren that these considerations are confirmed by the opinion held by a large number of the Fathers, to which the sacred liturgy gives its sanction, that the Joseph of ancient times, son of the patriarch Jacob, was the type of St. Joseph, and the former by his glory prefigured the greatness of the future guardian of the Holy Family. And in truth, beyond the fact that the same name -- a point the significance of which has never been denied -- was given to each, you well know the points of likeness which exist between them; namely, that the first Joseph won the favor and especial goodwill of his master, and that through Joseph's administration his household came to prosperity and wealth; that (still more important) he presided over the kingdom with great power, and, in a time when the harvests failed, he provided for all the needs of the Egyptians with so much wisdom that the King decreed to him the title "Savior of the world." Thus it is that We may prefigure the new in the old patriarch. And as the first caused the prosperity of his master's domestic interests and at the same time rendered great services to the whole kingdom, so the second, destined to be the guardian of the Christian religion, should be regarded as the protector and defender of the Church, which is truly the house of the Lord and the kingdom of God on earth. These are the reasons why men of every rank and country should fly to the trust and guard of the blessed Joseph. Fathers of families find in Joseph the best personification of paternal solicitude and vigilance; spouses a perfect example of love, of peace, and of conjugal fidelity; virgins at the same time find in him the model and protector of virginal integrity. The noble of birth will learn of Joseph how to guard their dignity even in misfortune; the rich will understand, by his lessons, what are the goods most to be desired and won at the price of their labor. As to workmen, artisans, and persons of lesser degree, their recourse to Joseph is a special right, and his example is for their particular imitation. For Joseph, of royal blood, united by marriage to the greatest and holiest of women, reputed the father of the Son of God, passed his life in labor, and won by the toil of the artisan the needful support of his family. It is, then, true that the condition of the lowly has nothing shameful in it, and the work of the laborer is not only not dishonoring, but can, if virtue be joined to it, be singularly ennobled. Joseph, content with his slight possessions, bore the trials consequent on a fortune so slender, with greatness of soul, in imitation of his Son, who having put on the form of a slave, being the Lord of life, subjected himself of his own free-will to the spoliation and loss of everything.

FRATERNITAS SACERDOTALIS SANCTI PETRI

"Qui seminant in lacrimis, in exsultatione metent" (Ps 125, 5)



St. Francis of Assisi Church

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 23-29, 2017

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY, July 23, Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am Jerry Vilda+ (Joann Vilda)
10:30 am *Pro Populo*

MONDAY, July 24, Feria, (Commemoration of St. Christiana)

7 am Doris Rowe+ (Wayne Rowe)

TUESDAY, July 25, St. James the Greater, Apostle

8 am Jonathan Rowe+ (Wayne Rowe)

WEDNESDAY, July 26, St. Anne, Mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7 am Doris Rowe+ (Wayne Rowe)

THURSDAY, July 27, Feria, (Commemoration of St. Pantaleon)

8 am Jonathan Rowe+ (Wayne Rowe)

FRIDAY, July 28, Ss. Nazarius & Celsus, Martyrs, St. Victor I, Pope & Martyr, St. Innocent I, Pope & Confessor

5:15 pm Caron Ueda (Jean Miranda)

SATURDAY, July 29, St. Martha, Virgin

8 am Caron Ueda (Jean Miranda)

SUNDAY, July 30, Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 am Joshua Kessler (Katy Kessler)
10:30 am *Pro Populo*

Regular Mass Schedule (For exceptions, see above.)

Monday & Wednesday	7 am
Tuesday & Thursday	8 am
Friday	5:15 pm
Saturday	8 am
Sunday	<i>Low Mass</i> 8:30 am
	<i>High Mass</i> 10:30 am

Confessions are heard one half-hour before each Mass. Confessions will be heard at other times by a reasonable request.

The Rosary is prayed one half-hour before each Sunday Mass.

Sorrowful Mother Novena (Dolorosary):

Friday 6:30 pm

Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament:

First Fridays: 8 am—4:50 pm, Dolorosary at 4:30 pm, Benediction at 5:00 pm.

Other Fridays: Holy Hour at 6 pm, Dolorosary at 6:30 pm, Benediction at 6:50 pm.

First Saturday: Simple Exposition for fifteen minutes following Mass.

Coffee Social: After the 10:30 mass on Sunday (Suspended for Summer.)

St. Martha's Guild

(Care of Altar, vestments and linens, flowers, and hospitality)

Next meeting: Tuesday, July 25, 7:00 pm

Catechism for Children (October-May)

Monday 7 - 8 pm

Confraternity of Christian Mothers (September-May)

After Mass on the second Saturday of the month

St. John Bosco Youth Group

One Saturday evening per month, plus a monthly service activity, each as announced.

Altar Boys' Meeting (September-May)

Second Saturday of the month 9 am

Choir

Wednesday 6 - 7:30 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

St. Martha's Guild will meet this Tuesday, July 25, 7:00 pm at Gianna's Java & Gelato, 2241 "O" Street.

Church Cleaning Sign-ups: There are still plenty of jobs needing to be done for the month of July. Please check the sign-up sheet posted outside the kitchen in the basement to see if your family could take one of the tasks for this month.

Second Collection: There will be a second collection taken up next Sunday, July 30 for the Contemplative Sisters in the Diocese. Please be generous in your support for the Sisters!

Basement Renovation: After meeting with the architect last week, it was decided that the water ingress problem affecting the basement must be remedied before any renovations begin. The first stage is to assess the state of the drains and what repairs/modifications are required. This will begin next week. While it is undoubtedly disappointing to realize that the much needed improvements to the basement are not imminent, it would be foolish to begin renovation while there remains a problem with water getting in which quickly would ruin any improvements. Your patience and prayers for a effective solution are much needed.

First Friday Eucharistic Adoration will next be held Friday, August 4, 2017. The sign-up sheet is posted in the vestibule. Please be generous in devoting your time in adoration of Our Lord, and in reparation to His Sacred Heart!

Knights of Columbus Council at St. Francis: All St. Francis associates who currently are Knights of Columbus, as also any gentlemen who wish to become knights should contact Michael Bruns: (402) 613-1568. A Knights' council here at St Francis will be a great addition to the life of this church, providing much needed support to the church but also a real camaraderie for the men. There is a nascent nationwide group for Knights' councils whose members attend parishes offering the venerable and ancient Roman Rite.

Volunteers Needed for Ushers and Collection Counters: We need more volunteers to serve as ushers and collection counters on Sundays. Currently, there are too few of either, leaving the men who now serve to be called upon too frequently. This is an opportunity to provide a real service to this church for what should be very little effort if it is distributed broadly. Please call Mr. Dan Fix, (402) 310-3321. Thank you!

Leonine Prayers after Low Mass: For the weekday Masses, Fr McCarthy would like these to be recited in Latin. While this may seem somewhat intimidating, the prayers are easily learned when recited on a daily basis. This will be introduced probably in the first week of August. In the meantime, you can practice these prayers from your missal or you can print them off from the internet, e.g., <http://www.dailycatholic.org/leonine.htm>

Divine Praises: The divine praises recited after Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament are in the red missalettes in the pews. These can be recited all together, that is, without repetition of first priest and then people.

Please Pray for the Sick and Suffering: Sr. Stephen Larson, OSB, Sr. Frances, O.C.D., Elise Clarke, Jennifer Wachter, Shirley Bauer, Michael Ostry, Fr. Calvin Goodwin, FSSP, Patrick Hornback (brother of Mrs. Liz Feuerborn), Mr. Whitfield (father of Mrs. Nicolette Spicer), Ruth Phelan (mother of Mrs. Cindy Ecoff), Barbara McMeekin (mother of Mrs. Jennifer Butcher), Fr. Philip Gerard Johnson.

FINANCES

Collection for Sunday July 16:	\$2780.00	<i>May God reward you for your generosity.</i>
Collection counters July 23 :	Dan Fix and John Pepino	
Collection counters July 30:	Troy Butcher and Rex Mulholland	

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI DRESS CODE

To dress becomingly for God and neighbor, and in keeping with the reverence due to the Blessed Sacrament, kindly refrain from wearing shorts, tee-shirts, tank-tops, revealing blouses, sleeveless or backless dresses, or form-fitting clothing of any sort. Please do let dresses and skirts fall below the knee. With due regard to time and circumstance, all are encouraged to wear decorous attire befitting sacred and divine worship.