



Learning How to Die

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It has been pointed out that one of the tasks of life is to learn how to die well, that is, to go where we would rather not go, to love when we know it will cost, to offer ourselves even when we know we will be used. If we die a bit every day, sometimes with struggle and sacrifice in those situations that may call for such, then at our final moment we will be able to stand before that specter face to face and not run, simply because we have met before and have been able to walk away the victor.

Dying well does not mean we do so without fear. Courage blossoms when we stand in a field of fear. Even the Lord Jesus "offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears" to God, as the Letter to the Hebrews notes. Dying well does not mean we do so cleanly. Dying is often messy, and it is always an uprooting that disrupts and scatters everything nearby.

Nor does dying well mean we do so in control of the event. That is what is so devastating about death. It has complete and total control. At its best and at its worst the only way to die well is to say "yes" to it every time it demands our submission. And like the eye of stillness at the center of the hurricane, it is at the heart of death where we embrace resurrection and where the holy offers life. It is where we can have a deep encounter with the Lord Jesus. ●

Reflect

***Can you accept the little deaths
along the way as preparation
for the final passing from this life?***

*Unless a grain of wheat falls to
the ground and dies, it remains
just a grain of wheat; but if it
dies, it produces much fruit.*

JOHN 12:24





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9:45 am - 11:00 am at Cherry Church Hall
Sunday, March 17th - Easter Party
Saturday, March 23-Mandatory Confirmation Retreat @ STM 9am-1pm
Sunday, March 24th - No Class Palm Sunday

Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of March 18, 2024

Monday	3/18			† No Mass
Tuesday	3/19	9:00 am	STM	† Joyce Mitchell
Wednesday	3/20	5:30 pm	HT	† Kathy Sondgeroth
Thursday	3/21	9:00 am	HT	† Edmund Herrmann
Friday	3/22	9:00 am	STM	† Sy Pyszka
		6:00 pm	SP	† Stations of the Cross

Mass Intentions for the weekend of March 23 - 24, 2024

Saturday	3/23	4:00 pm	St Thomas More	† Special Intentions
Sunday	3/24	8:30 am	Holy Trinity	† For the Parishioners
		10:30 am	St Patrick	† Dec. Mem. Mercogliano Family
		5:00 pm	St Thomas More	† Temporarily Suspended

A Reflection on St. Joseph, Husband of Mary

Feast Day: March 19th

"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home." (Matthew 1:24)

What is it that made Saint Joseph so great? He wasn't immaculately conceived as our Blessed Mother was. He was not divine like Jesus. But he was the head of the Holy Family, its guardian and its provider. He became the legal father of the Savior of the World and the spouse of the Mother of God. But Joseph is not great only because he was given such incredible privileges. First and foremost, he was great because of the choices he made in life. Today's Gospel refers to him as a "righteous man" and as a man who "did as the angel of the Lord commanded him." Thus, his greatness is primarily on account of his moral righteousness and obedience to the will of God.

Joseph's obedience is especially seen in the fact that he obeyed the voice of God given to him in the four dreams recorded in Scripture. In his first dream, Joseph is told "do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:20-21). In his second dream, Joseph is told, "Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him" (Matthew 2:13). In his third dream, Joseph is told, "Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child's life are dead" (Matthew 2:20). And in his fourth dream, Joseph is warned to go instead to Galilee rather than Judea (Matthew 2:22).

It's also clear that Joseph took his vocation seriously. Pope Saint John Paul II gave him the title "Guardian of the Redeemer." Over and over, he showed his unwavering commitment to his role as the guardian of his legal Son, Jesus, and of his wife, Mary. His life was spent providing for them, protecting them and offering them a father's heart.

Reflect, today, upon the unique vocation of Saint Joseph. Ponder, especially, the early years of his marriage and the raising of Jesus. Consider his fatherly commitment to care for, provide for and protect his Son. We all must seek to imitate Saint Joseph's virtues by protecting the presence of Christ within our own hearts, the hearts of our family and friends and in the world as a whole. Pray to Saint Joseph, asking him to help you follow his example so that the hidden presence of our Lord in our lives will grow and come to full maturation. (From catholic-daily-reflections.com)

From the Pastor's Desk – Growing Disciples

Now that the Growing Disciples process has reached its final stage, and the bishop's 3rd model was made available to all the faithful, no doubt that there is a mixed bag of feelings among members of our 3 churches; some are relieved, others are disappointed or even upset. As your priest I have been your companion thru all these stages, and of course I do share many of your feelings, because I do care about all of you.

In light of all the feelings, especially the negative ones, may I call upon you to show your faith in God. Please keep in mind Psalm 23rd "The Lord is my shepherd there is nothing I shall want." God has been and always will be leading the Church, especially in times of difficulties. Therefore, no matter what may happen to our 3 local churches in the future, our faith in God, and in His Church should always be firm, because we know that with Jesus as our Chief Shepherd we are in good hands. Furthermore, Bishop Louis is a very caring bishop whose main concern is the spiritual welfare of all the faithful in his diocese.

Palm Sunday

Sunday March 23rd – 8:30am at HT

Join us for Palm Sunday Mass!

Children attending will participate in the Mass and be a part of the procession carrying palms to the altar. This is a great way to continue your Lenten season as a family attending Mass together. Hope to see you there.

Holy Thursday

Holy Thursday Adoration: The faithful are strongly encouraged to spend some time with the Eucharistic Lord in the Adoration Chapel from 8:00pm – Midnight. You will make Jesus very pleased, even if you can only be with Him for 10 or 15 minutes that evening. Of course, a longer time would be great. A sign-up sheet is provided in the back of the churches.

For St. Patrick's Day An Irish Prayer

May God give you...
For every storm, a rainbow,
For every tear, a smile,
For every care, a promise,
And a blessing in each trial,
For every problem life sends,
A faithful friend to share,
For every sigh, a sweet song,
And an answer for each prayer.



LATEST OFFERING'S

MAR 10TH WEEKEND

HT – \$1,153.00

CATH. RELIEF \$23 | HOLY LAND \$10

SP – \$ 463.00

CATH. RELIEF \$40

STM – \$1,010.00

CATH. RELIEF \$70

CONFESSIONS

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SAT. MARCH 23RD

10:30 - 11:15 AM AT

ST THOMAS MORE

IN THE HALL

Dear Padre,

What is the difference between temptation and sin?

The temptations of Jesus, as they are recorded in the Gospels (Mark 1:12, Luke 4:1, and Matthew 4:1), give us the proper direction with regard to sin and temptation. Jesus was tempted three times, but he did not sin. More than that, Jesus put his trust in God during the temptations. Jesus' message is clear: if you feel tempted, call out to God!

The Church teaches that sin is a deliberative process. Temptation is something that happens to you without your consent: a thought or desire pops into your mind. For temptation to become a sin, you have to entertain that thought or desire, or plan to act on it, or do it. That's when temptation "turns a corner" and becomes sin.

Although the sacrament of penance is available throughout the year, the Church places a special emphasis on it during Lent. There may be a communal penance service in your area. Perhaps you can commit now to participating in the service. If it's been a while since you've been to confession or you're not sure what to do or say, just tell the priest. He will show you. ●



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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
March 18 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62 Jn 8:1-11	March 19 <i>St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a	March 20 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 Jn 8:31-42	March 21 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Gn 17:3-9 Jn 8:51-59	March 22 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Jer 20:10-13 Jn 10:31-42	March 23 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> Ez 37:21-28 Jn 11:45-56	March 24 <i>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</i> Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 Is 50:4-7 Phil 2:6-11 Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

Know Someone Overly Anxious About Sin?

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

We are called to take on the paschal law of losing life in order to receive it renewed and eternal. And what does losing life mean?.... It means to think less about oneself, about personal interests and to know how to "see" and to meet the needs of our neighbors, especially the least of them.

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