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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT • MARCH 17, 2024

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Monthly Prayer Intention of Pope Francis: March

For the new martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

MASS INTENTIONS

HOLY CROSS Sunday, March 17 9:00 a.m. Soul of Albina Pimenovna Rudakova

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Sunday, March 17

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10:30 a.m.	Soul of Rosemary Kochensparger
12:30 p.m.	Soul of Edna Waring
5:15 p.m.	The People of St. Joseph Cathedral and
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Monday, March 18

12:05 p.m. Soul of Richard Lumpe

Tuesday, March 19

12:05 p.m. Intention of Clare Tridico

Wednesday, March 20

12:05 p.m. Intention of Peggy Pound **Thursday, March 21**

12:05 p.m. Soul of Rich Paul

Friday, March 22

12:05 p.m. Intentions of Leslie Bush & Patty Richardson

HOLY CROSS

Saturday, March 23

11:30 a.m. The Intention of the Members of the St. Joseph Academy Alumnae

WEEKLY READINGS

Sunday, March 17, 2024 - Fifth Sunday of Lent Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33 Monday, March 18, 2024 - Saint Cyril of Jerusalem Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; John 8:1-11 Tuesday, March 19, 2024 - Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a Wednesday, March 20, 2024 Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; John 8:31-42 Thursday, March 21, 2024 Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59 Friday, March 22, 2024 Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42 Saturday, March 23, 2024 - St. Turibius of Mogrovejo Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-56

THIS SUNDAY'S MINISTRY SCHEDULE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT ~ MARCH 17					
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Improvised Meditations On The Stations Of The Cross

Third Annual Presentation - Dr. Richard K. Fitzgerald, organist

Office of Compline ~ 9:00 p.m. on the first Sunday of the Month. The next one is April 7, 2024.

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For parishioners who have died, the family should contact the rector at St. Joseph Cathedral at (614) 224-1295 before meeting with the funeral director.

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Memorare to Saint Joseph



Remember, O most chaste spouse of the Virgin Mary,
that never has it been known that anyone who asked for your help and sought your intercession was left unaided.
Full of confidence in your power,
I turn to you and beg your protection.
O foster-father of the Redeemer, listen to my humble prayer,
and in your goodness hear and answer me. Amen

Join us as we prepare to celebrate the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, on March 19.

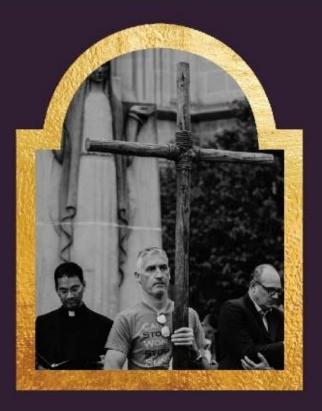
We are using this simple Novena Prayer each day during the celebration of Mass as we pray for Saint Joseph's protection and intercession for the all the needs of the Diocese of Columbus and the people of the Community of Saint Joseph Cathedral and Holy Cross.

You may use this prayer for your private devotion, as well, as you prepare for this great celebration.

On the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Tuesday, March 19, at Saint Joseph Cathedral, join us for Mass at 12:05 p.m. followed by the veneration of the relic of Saint Joseph's cloak and blessing with the holy oil of Saint Joseph from Saint Joseph Oratory, in Montreal, Quebec.

Throughout the Novena, you are invited to write your intentions in the Book of Intercessions located on the altar of the new Saint Joseph Shrine.

Inspired by the tradition of "Saint Joseph's Table," on Saint Joseph Day, please bring nonperishable food items to the Saint Joseph Shrine in the Cathedral. The items will be shared with the hungry in our community.



THE WAY OF THE CROSS IN DOWNTOWN COLUMBUS

MARCH 29TH

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ST. JOSEPH CATHEDRAL, 212 E BROAD ST.

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Who Do You Say I Am?



Letting Divine Friendship Ignite Our Souls

Who is Jesus to you? Is he a distant historical figure or someone real and alive today? What would your response be if he asked you plainly: "And who do you say that I am?" Do you ever wish you could have a close, intimate conversation with Jesus? Can you imagine Jesus gazing intently into your eyes and asking with utmost seriousness: "And who do you say that I am?" What courageous profession of faith would spring from your heart?

These soul-piercing questions that Jesus posed to his disciples echo through

the centuries, as evidenced by how passionately Don Dolindo engages with them in his writings. They invite us, like they invited Don Dolindo, to examine our hearts and voice our personal response.

In Luke 9:18-22, Jesus asks his disciples, "Who do the crowds say that I am?" After hearing their responses, he asks more pointedly, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answers, "The Christ of God," to which Jesus responds by commanding them to tell no one and predicting his suffering and resurrection. Don Dolindo, in his fervent commentary on this passage, poses the same question to his readers: "And who do you say that I am?" He then proceeds into a beautiful profession of faith, hope, and love in response to Jesus. By boldly declaring "I believe in you!" and "I love you!" Don Dolindo models for us what a wholehearted, personal response to Jesus can look like. Let's dive into Don Dolindo's rich reflections on surrendering ourselves completely to God even amidst the darkness and challenges of life.

After laying out the biblical foundation, Don Dolindo passionately engages with Jesus' piercing question, "And who do you say that I am?" He acknowledges the unfortunate reality that some "even believe Jesus to be malevolent and fight against Him more than they would with an enemy." Yet God still lovingly asks for our faith and devotion. How will we respond? Don Dolindo models a profound profession of unwavering faith, hope and love:

"Let us answer with the impetus of love: You are the Truth, the Wisdom and the Love by essence; You are the Eternal, the Infinite, the Almighty Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. You are Power, Providence, and Charity, and You accomplish everything with strength, with gentleness, and with love, O Most Holy Trinity! What does my intellect say about You? 'I believe in You!' What does my Will say? I obey You! What does my heart say? I love You! What do I say about You in the darkness of life? I adore You! What do I say in pains? I thank You and I love You!

What do I say in darkness and distress? I trust in You! What do I say when You call me to the fulfillment of Your Will? 'Here I am!' Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word. What do I say when life becomes troubled for me? I am a sinner, I deserve a thousand times more, I offer everything in reparation! What will I say to God on my deathbed when everything escapes me? Here I come to You whom I have loved, whom I have sought, whom I have always desired!

I want my life to be all an act of faith, hope, and love, I want to bear witness to truth, wisdom, and charity, even at the cost of agonizing. I want to be zealous for your glory and defend it against everything and everyone. Never has a word of complaint about You come from my lips, and with Your help, it will never come out, even if these lips should rot away, O my God; and if Satan tempts me, I will never let his temptations surface from my spirit but will stifle them in faith and love, so that their stench does not infect others.

I want to have written on my forehead: God is my glory; on my intellect: God is my light; on my heart: God is my love! I want to mock everything that does not come from Him, that is not for Him, that is not with Him; I want to abhor it, even if it had the appearance of beauty, truth, and goodness, because You alone, O God, are beauty, truth, and goodness!"

This beautiful outpouring of praise captures a profound, self-abandoning intimacy with Christ that we rarely hear articulated. Don Dolindo continues describing the all-consuming love that flows from truly knowing God:

"A book that casts even a faint shadow on His glory is for me more fetid than a tomb and more repugnant than a limb consumed by leprosy. An object tainted with disgrace, because it goes against His will and His Law, is more abominable to me than a demon. A knowledge that does not lead me to know and love Him is for me darker than an abyss!

God, my God, what shall I say about You, I, Your little creature? I will make my intellect a drum of light to sing praises to Your eternal truth; I will make my heart a cymbal of love, to sing of love for You; I will make my body a ten-stringed harp, tuned to Your commands, to sing of all my faithfulness to You!

What should I say to You, created by Your omnipotence, cleansed by Your mercy, enlivened by Your love? I will say that I am Yours, that I sing Your mercies eternally, and that I run to You like a deer to the spring!"

ST. JOSEPH CATHEDRAL AND HOLY CROSS CHURCH

Don Dolindo is no dispassionate theologian here; he is a lover caught up in wonder, poetry and praise of his Beloved! With vivid wordpictures, he vows to make his whole self an instrument resonating with worship before his Creator and Redeemer. May Don Dolindo ignite within us a poetic and ardent devotion to Christ, our eternal and inexhaustible Spring of life!

Lost in wonder at His glorious God, Don Dolindo anticipates being accused of excessive devotion. Yet how can one overly praise the Infinite Source of all being? "Oh, do not tell me that I dwell too long on a word of the Gospel, for the protest of love is never excessive among the mad voices that run in the world about God!

Consider what men say about God, and see if a river of love, an overwhelming river that tries to drag into the abyss all the ugliness of human ingratitude, does not burst forth, does not have to burst forth from our heart, struck like the rock in the desert. Oh, how could the testimony given to the Infinite be excessive?

Can the groaning heart be restrained, or the fervor of wounded love be tamed? I lament, oh my God, for your glory is tarnished by the lowest of human worms, and my poor love is wounded by the insults directed towards you! Why don't you give me wings, why don't you transform me into a whirlwind, why don't I become a flame, why don't I soar swirling to where your Name is denied, and why don't I consume with my love what opposes Your Love?"

There is no lukewarm faith or detached ritual present here. Don Dolindo epitomizes fervent devotion – the exuberant worship of one completely captivated by Christ. As Don Dolindo's worship reaches a beautiful crescendo, he imagines all creation joining his song: *"Ask me again, my God: "What do you say of Me?" Ask me, because I never tire of telling You: You are charity!*

What do I say of You? Let all my being, made a victim of love, answer You; let it answer with the harmonies of pain, bursting from my frailty like a torrent of love: You alone are worthy of every love!

What do I say of You? Let my sister death answer for me, extinguishing my flame, crackling amid the anguish of agony: You are life! What do I say of You? Let the decay that will dissolve my body answer for me from my tomb: Everything ages like cloth that wears out, and You are the unchangeable!

What do I say of You? Let the harmony of eternal glory, in which I hope my soul will praise You forever, answer for me: Holy, Holy, Holy, are You, God of glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Power, Wisdom, and Love... O most holy Trinity...!"

As we conclude these reflections, may Don Dolindo's fiery words awaken our hearts to sing praise in sweet abandonment, our voices joining the eternal symphony resounding to the Beloved through the ages (Psalm 104:33). Even when the noisy chaos of the world tries to overpower, the lover's soaring song rises gently above, beckoning all creation to proclaim the wonders of Infinite Love (Psalm 96:1) who pursues us tenderly as the Good Shepherd (John 10:14). Our timid response blossoms into a courageous Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55) raised to the Divine Majesty who meets us as dearly beloved friends (John 15:15). Let us turn then, like little children (Matthew 18:3), to the gentle Mother of God who treasured such things in her Immaculate Heart (Luke 2:19, 51). With a mother's loving wisdom (Proverbs 1:8), she teaches us to adore in spirit and truth (John 4:23) the Eternal Spring of Life (John 4:14) who quenches the deepest thirst of every human soul (Psalm 63:1).

O Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother most holy, your soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and your spirit rejoices in God your Savior. As a sword pierced your soul (Luke 2:35) when Jesus offered Himself on the Cross, your steadfast spirit joined His prayer in the garden: "Not my will, but yours be done." (Luke 22:42). Teach us, dear Mother, to surrender in hope to the Almighty who has done great things for us. Help us respond wholeheartedly when Jesus gazes into our hearts asking "Who do you say that I am?" Infuse in us a fiery love that cries out with Don Dolindo "You alone are worthy of all love!" Holy Mary, by divine grace you bore the eternal Word made flesh, in whom the angels endlessly praise the glory of the Lord. Join us to their cosmic chorus resounding through all ages, singing Holy, Holy Lord, God of hosts! (Luke 1:46-55, Jn 1:14, Isaiah 6:3). Lead every longing heart through the darkness of this life as a mother guides her child, until we behold Love Himself face to face (1 Corinthians 13:12). Amen!

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Perhaps I Have Grown this Lent

KAREN LYNN FORD

Perhaps it's because Lent is nearly over and the joyous season of Easter is on the horizon. Perhaps it's because my Lenten sacrifice seemed easier than I had expected, and unfortunately didn't automatically make me a better person. Perhaps it's because I hurt my knee and squashed any chance of entering the two races, I planned to run this spring. No matter the root of my increased self-awareness, the result is that I have spent a great deal of time and energy this week contemplating my new goals for the spring, the fall, the future.

I gave up sugar in my coffee for Lent. I like my coffee with half-and-half (not plain milk) plus 1½ teaspoons of sugar. To me, no sugar meant genuine sacrifice. My immediate family knows I've given up sugar, but I made a concerted effort not to blab about it to everyone I know—the whole "don't let the right hand know what the left hand is doing" philosophy. My hope was that this little sacrifice would have more impact if I didn't tell everyone. The unsweetened coffee would be a daily reminder to offer my day for Christ and to love others more genuinely—in essence, to be *sweeter*. However, I still yelled at the children instead of calmly disciplining them. I still grumbled when other drivers on the road offended me. I still complained about people who failed to meet my expectations. This week has reminded me that my expectations for others are inconsequential and that my personal goals must be rooted in Christ.

Running and sweetened coffee are my two indulgences. I love to run. I am not fast and will never win any races, but the time out in nature feels so good to me. Also, my husband and daughter are both runners, so it's an activity we discuss and revel in together. Recently, I ran my first five-miler and I was stoked! I just knew I could do the 10K race I was training to run a few weeks later. However, my enthusiasm got me in trouble. I tried to do too much too soon, and the five-miler was my last real run. Now I'm trying to rehab a knee injury. My aching knee reminds me that I can do nothing on my own, but "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Yesterday, I went to confession in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. The Franciscan Friar, acting In Persona Christi, reminded me that Jesus is my best friend. Jesus spoke to me directly through the priest. He said that I must go to Him with all of the good and all of the bad. As a best friend, I realize, this week especially, I must walk with Him on the road to Calvary.

As I sit on the couch, elevating and icing my knee while sipping unsweetened coffee, I ponder my Lenten journey. The Passion, like my coffee, is bitter. My body, like our Lord's, is broken. In my very tiny sufferings, I must strive not to wallow and complain, but to triumph. I may not run races this spring, but I must still endeavor to love those around me more deeply. When I look at Jesus' outstretched arms on the Cross, I realize how He wants me to love others — like they are He, my best friend.

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"What page, what passage of the inspired books of the Old and New Testaments is not the truest of guides for human life?" ~Saint Benedict, from the *Rule of Saint Benedict* (73:3)

The month of March is dedicated to Saint Joseph.

"It is not hard to obey when we love the one whom we obey." +SAINT IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

Monday, March 18 ~ Fifth Week in the Season of Lent Optional Memorial: Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Holy Gospel: John 8:1-11 Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. But early in the morning he arrived again in the temple area, and all the people started coming to him, and he sat down and taught them. Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle. They said to him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?" They said this to test him, so that they could have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Again he bent down and wrote on the ground. And in response, they went away one by one, beginning with the elders. So he was left alone with the woman before him. Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more."

Meditation: This incident conveys to us a great deal about Jesus' attitude toward the sinner. The scribes and Pharisees wanted to entrap Jesus with the religious and civil authorities. That is why they brought a woman caught in adultery before Jesus. Jesus turned the challenge towards his accusers. In effect he said: Go ahead and stone her! But let the man who is without sin be the first to cast a stone. The Lord leaves the matter to their own consciences. When the adulterous woman is left alone with Jesus, he both expresses mercy and he strongly exhorts her to not sin again. The scribes wished to condemn, Jesus wished to forgive and to restore the sinner to health. His challenge involved a choice – either go back to your former way of sin and death or to reach out to the new way of life and happiness with him. Jesus gave her pardon and a new start on life. God's grace enables us to confront our sin for what it is – unfaithfulness to God, and to turn back to God with a repentant heart and a thankful spirit for God's mercy and forgiveness. Make a good confession and experience the joy of repentance and a clean heart.

Prayer: O God, by whose wondrous grace we are enriched with every blessing, grant us so to pass from former ways to newness of life, that we may be made ready for the glory of the heavenly Kingdom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: In your heart of hearts, do you desire to be changed and transformed in Christlike holiness? God never withholds his grace from us. His steadfast love and mercy is new every day (ref. Lamentations 3:22-23). Through the gift and grace of the Holy Spirit we can be changed and made new in Christ. He can set us free from our unruly desires and passions. As St. Augustine prays: "God our Father, we find it difficult to come to you, because our knowledge of you is imperfect. In our ignorance we have imagined you to be our enemy; we have wrongly thought that you take pleasure in punishing our sins; and we have foolishly conceived you to be a tyrant over human life. But since Jesus came among us, he has shown that you are loving, that you are on our side against all that stunts life, and that our resentment against you was groundless. So we come to you, asking you to forgive our past ignorance, and wanting to know more and more of you and your forgiving love, through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Tuesday, March 19 ~ Fifth Week in the Season Lent Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Gospel: Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a Jacob was the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary. Of her was born Jesus who is called the Christ. Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, 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." When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.

Meditation: Joseph's faith was put to the test when he discovered that his espoused wife was pregnant. Joseph, a just and God-fearing man, did not wish to embarrass or punish Mary. To all appearances she had broken their solemn pledge to be faithful and chaste to one another. Joseph, no doubt took this troubling matter to God in prayer. He was not hasty to judge or to react with hurt and anger. God rewarded him not only with guidance and consolation, but with the divine assurance that he had indeed called Joseph to be the husband of Mary and to assume a mission that would require the utmost faith, confidence, and trust in Almighty God. Joseph believed in the divine message to take Mary as his wife and to accept the child in her womb as the promised Messiah. Joseph was a worthy successor to the great patriarchs – Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. He followed the call of God through the mysterious circumstances that surrounded the coming of Jesus. God entrusted this silent, humble man with the unique privilege of raising his only Son as a growing child. Joseph is a faithful witness and servant of God's unfolding plan of redemption. Are you ready to believe in the promises of God, even when faced with perplexing circumstances and what seems like insurmountable problems? God the Father has not left us alone, but has given us his only begotten Son as our Savior. Where does your faith need to be strengthened? Ask the Lord to increase your faith and trust in his word.

Prayer: Grant, we pray, almighty God, that by Saint Joseph's intercession your Church may constantly watch over the unfolding of the mysteries of human salvation, whose beginnings you entrusted to his faithful care. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

An Ancient Prayer to Saint Joseph (this prayer dates to the year 50 A.D.): O St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interest and desires. O St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers. O St. Joseph, I never weary of contemplating you, and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him close in my name and kiss His fine head for me and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for me. Amen.

Contemplation: Ask yourself: Are you prepared to obey the Lord in everything? Everything?! Faith in God's word and obedience to his commands go hand in hand. Joseph, like Mary, is a model of faith and justice. Matthew tells us that Joseph was a "just man." St. John Chrysostom once wrote: "The concept of 'just' here signifies the man who possesses all the virtues. By 'justice' one at times understands only one virtue in particular, as in the phrase: the one who is not avaricious is just. But 'justice' also refers to virtue in general. And it is in this sense, above all, that scripture uses the word 'justice'. For example, it refers to: 'a just man and true' (cf. Job 1:1), or the two were just (cf. Luke 1:6). Joseph, then, being just, that is to say good and charitable..."

Wednesday, March 20 ~ Fifth Week in the Season of Lent

Holy Gospel: John 8:31-42 Jesus said to those Jews who believed in him, "If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How can you say, 'You will become free'?" Jesus answered them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave of sin. A slave does not remain in a household forever, but a son always remains. So if the Son frees you, then you will truly be free. I know that you are descendants of Abraham. But you are trying to kill me, because my word has no room among you. I tell you what I have seen in the Father's presence; then do what you have heard from the Father." They answered and said to him, "Our father is Abraham." Jesus

said to them, "If you were Abraham's children, you would be doing the works of Abraham. But now you are trying to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God; Abraham did not do this. You are doing the works of your father!" So they said to him, "We were not born of fornication. We have one Father, God." Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and am here; I did not come on my own, but he sent me."

Meditation: The world presents us with a false notion of truth and freedom – "truth is relative so I choose my own criteria for what is true" and freedom means "I can do whatever I please – regardless of what God or others might think." This confusion only gets compounded when civil laws make legal many things which are contrary to the laws of God, and the Gospel teachings of Jesus Christ and His Catholic Church – abortion, euthanasia, and same-sex marriage, to name a few. This is really a mask for slavery to one's passions and desires – to do what "me, myself and I" will versus humbly submitting ourselves to live our lives according to the will of God. Jesus offers his disciples true freedom – freedom from slavery to pride and arrogance – disbelief and ignorance – selfishness and greed – hatred and revenge – fear and anxiety – despair and depression – and a host of many other hurtful desires and addictions which cripple our lives.

Prayer: Enlighten, O God of compassion, the hearts of your children, sanctified by penance, and in your kindness grant those you stir to a sense of devotion a gracious hearing when they cry out to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: The good news is that Jesus Christ has truly set us free from sin and its destructive force in our lives. How is this possible? Through the gift and power of the Holy Spirit we can choose to renounce sin, we choose to live up to the challenges put forth to us by Christ in the Gospel, and in doing so we can yield to God's grace which enables us to walk each day and each moment in Christ's way of love and holiness. A disciple is a follower and a listener. If we want to be a true follower of Christ and live as his disciples, then we must listen to the words of Jesus, with a humble and teachable spirit, and put Jesus' words into action in our daily lives. As we listen with faith and obey with trust, Christ himself gives us grace – the enabling power of his Holy Spirit – to live, think, and act in the truth of his word. Do you believe in the transforming power of the Holy Spirit to change your life and to set you free to walk in Christ's way of love and holiness?

Thursday, March 22 ~ Fifth Week in the Season of Lent

Holy Gospel: John 8:51-59 Jesus said to the Jews: "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever keeps my word will never see death." So the Jews said to him, "Now we are sure that you are possessed. Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet you say, 'Whoever keeps my word will never taste death.' Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? Or the prophets, who died? Who do you make yourself out to be?" Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is worth nothing; but it is my Father who glorifies me, of whom you say, 'He is our God.' You do not know him, but I know him. And if I should say that I do not know him, I would be like you a liar. But I do know him and I keep his word. Abraham your father rejoiced to see my day; he saw it and was glad." So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old and you have seen Abraham?" Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, before Abraham came to be, I AM." So they picked up stones to throw at him; but Jesus hid and went out of the temple area.

Meditation: When the Jews asked Jesus "Who do you claim to be?" Jesus answered, "before Abraham was, I AM." Jesus claims to be timeless and there is only one in the universe who is timeless, namely God. Scripture tells us that "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). Jesus was not just a man who came, lived, died, and then rose again. He is the immortal timeless One, who always was and always will be. In Jesus we see the eternal God in visible flesh. His death and rising make it possible for us to share in his eternal life. Do you live in the hope and joy of the resurrection?

Prayer: O God, who reward the merits of the just and offer pardon to sinners who do penance, have mercy, we pray, on those who call upon you, that the admission of our guilt may serve to obtain your pardon for our sins. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Do you thirst and hunger to know God fully – to know him personally, and to know the transforming power of his love and wisdom for your life? God made us to know him and he gives us the gift of faith and understanding to grow in our knowledge of him. Jesus challenged the people of Israel to accept his word as the revelation of God. His claims challenged the very foundation of their belief and understanding of God. Jesus made a series of claims which are the very foundation of his life and mission. What are these claims? First, Jesus claims unique knowledge of God as the only begotten Son of the

Father in heaven. Since he claims to be in direct personal communion with his Father in heaven, he knows everything about the Father. Jesus claims that the only way to full knowledge of the mind and heart of God is through himself. Jesus also claims unique obedience to God the Father. He thinks, lives and acts in the knowledge of his Father's word. To look at his life is to "see how God wishes me to live." In Jesus alone we see what God wants us to know and what he wants us to be.

Friday, March 23 ~ **Fifth Week in the Season of Lent** Optional Memorial: Saint Turibius, Archbishop; First Saint of the New World

Holy Gospel: John 10:31-42 The Jews picked up rocks to stone Jesus. Jesus answered them, "I have shown you many good works from my Father. For which of these are you trying to stone me?" The Jews answered him, "We are not stoning you for a good work but for blasphemy. You, a man, are making yourself God." Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your law, 'I said, You are gods"? If it calls them gods to whom the word of God came, and Scripture cannot be set aside, can you say that the one whom the Father has consecrated and sent into the world blasphemes because I said, 'I am the Son of God'? If I do not perform my Father's works, do not believe me; but if I perform them, even if you do not believe me, believe the works, so that you may realize and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father." Then they tried again to arrest him; but he escaped from their power. He went back across the Jordan to the place where John first baptized, and there he remained. Many came to him and said, "John performed no sign, but everything John said about this man was true." And many there began to believe in him.

Meditation: Why were the religious leaders so upset with Jesus that they wanted to kill him? They charged him with blasphemy because he claimed to be the Son of God. Jesus made two claims in his response: He was consecrated by the Father to a special task and he was sent into the world to carry out his Father's mission. Jesus challenged his opponents to accept his works if they could not accept his words. One can argue with words, but deeds are beyond argument. Jesus is the perfect teacher in that he does not base his claims on what he says but on what he does. The word of God is life and power to those who believe.

Prayer: O God, who gave increase to your Church through the apostolic labors and zeal for truth of the Bishop Saint Turibius, grant that the people consecrated to you may always receive new growth in faith and holiness. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Have you consecrated your life to God? Do you strive to grow in holiness and grace? The scriptural understanding of consecration is "to make holy for God" – to be given over as a free-will offering and sacrifice for God. Jesus made himself a sin-offering for us, to ransom us from condemnation and slavery to sin. He spoke of his Father consecrating him for this mission of salvation. Jesus shows us the way to walk the path of truth and holiness. And he anoints us with his power to live the gospel with joy and to be his witnesses in the world. Are you a doer of God's word, or a hearer only, failing to put into action that which is taught to us in the sacred scriptures so that we may live in the light of Christ? God wants others to see the light of Christ in us in the way we live, speak, and witness the joy and truths of the Gospel. **As we approach Holy Week – the holiest week of the year in the Christian world – let's make sure that we put the "holy" back in Holy Week; it's not just another week of the year.** Let us live this week illuminated with the light of Christ, so that his light shines through each of us. Let us set aside this one week of the year for added prayer, scripture reading and meditation, daily Mass, the Stations of the Cross. Let us remember most of all to thank Christ for his suffering the Passion and death on the cross, with the weight and pain of the cross being our own sinfulness.

Scripture passages (NAB translation) courtesy of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. Daily meditations and contemplations adapted from the Irish Jesuits' *Sacred Space* web page and *Biblical Medications for Lent* by Rev. Carroll Stuhlmueller, C.P.; prayers are from *The Roman Missal*, Catholic Book Publishing, 2011; information about saints, solemnities, feasts and memorials courtesy of the Catholic Culture web site.

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TAKING PLACE IN THE COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPH AND HOLY CROSS

THE CATHEDRAL NEEDS YOUR HELP TO PREPARE THE CHURCH FOR OUR EASTER CELEBRATION! Please join us and other parishioners in preparing the Cathedral for the Easter celebration. A sign-up binder is located on the table at the Broad Street entrance to help with the Cathedral Easter Cleaning on Monday, March 18, 6:00-9:00 p.m. A pizza, pop and sandwich supper will be ready for you at 6:00 p.m. in the Undercroft. Please sign up so we can get an accurate count for the amount of food to order.

AT ST. JOSEPH CATHEDRAL ON MONDAY, MARCH 25TH – Reconciliation Monday is back from 4:00-7:00 p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Following the 12:05 p.m. Mass on Fridays at the Cathedral, we will have the Stations of the Cross.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE: St. Joseph Cathedral & Holy Cross happily announces the coming nuptials of Genevieve Harding and Christian Bray on March 23, 2024 at the Cathedral. Please keep them in prayer as they prepare for their wedding.

CHOIR CONCERT: THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS – SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024 AT 3:00 P.M. in the Cathedral. This liturgy will feature improvisations on each Station featuring Dr. Richard K. Fitzgerald, organist.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO ASSIST WITH COFFEE MAKING AND SETTING UP FOR FELLOWSHIP SUNDAYS. Please contact Ed Hueckel, <u>Emmett2381@yahoo.com</u>.

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CATHEDRAL & HOLY CROSS BIBLE STUDY: The Bible Study meets every Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the Cathedral in the Undercroft. There is interest in having a daytime Bible Study as well. If you are interested in joining either session, please contact Carol at 614-224-1295 or at <u>cathedral@sichcc.org</u>.

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IN, AROUND AND NEAR THE DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS

CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON – FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2024 SPEAKER: WILLIAM HEYER. Join us Friday, April 5 at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus for a luncheon featuring a talk by architect William Heyer about Sacred Architecture. The April luncheon is sponsored by George Arnold. If you are interested in sponsoring a luncheon, contact Pat Foley at <u>foleyp513@gmail.</u> <u>com</u>. Holy Mass (optional) begins at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch at 12:10 p.m. and Mr. Heyer's presentation. No reservations are necessary. \$12.00 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! Our next luncheon will be Friday, May 3, 2024, and will feature a presentation by Fr. Steven Beseau, President/Rector of the Josephinum about the seminary.

TOUR DAY AT THE JOSEPHINUM: The Pontifical College Josephinum welcomes you to its annual Tour Day on Saturday, April 27, from Noon-3:00 p.m. Learn about the fascinating history and unique mission of the only pontifical seminary outside of Italy as you explore the Josephinum's grounds, main administration building, and Saint Turibius Chapel. Tours will highlight many beautiful characteristics of this historic 1931 structure, including extensive woodwork, stained glass windows, terrazzo floors, intricate brickwork, and sacred art. Register online at apps.pcj.edu/tourday2024.



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TOTAL PLEDGES TO DATE	\$ 65,695.84	Enhanced Goal	\$ 26,018.43	
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