



MATER MISERICORDIÆ MISSION

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Notitiæ March 15, 2009

Sunday Masses	
Propers: Readings:	Third Sunday of Lent, Class I, Violet
Intention:	10:00 am Mass at St. Cecilia (Clarkdale, AZ) Pro Populo
Intention:	1:00 pm Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle (24 th St. & Campbell Ave, Phoenix) Pro Populo

Weekday Masses	
At St. Thomas the Apostle at 6:30 am (ending 7:15 am) and 7:00 pm on Holy Days of Obligation	
Monday, March 16	Thursday, March 19
Propers: Feria of Lent, Class III Violet	Propers: St. Joseph Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Class I White
Readings: <i>IV Kings 5: 1-15; St. Luke 4:23-30</i>	Readings: <i>Eccli. 45: 1-6; St. Matthew 1:18-21</i>
Intention: Craig Parrish	Intention: Mrs. M. Fryar
Tuesday, March 17	Friday, March 20
Propers: Feria of Lent, Class III Violet	Propers: Feria of Lent, Class III Violet
Readings: <i>IV Kings 41-7; St. Matthew 18:15-22</i>	Readings: <i>Numbers 20: 1-3; St. John 4:5-42</i>
Intention: Leon Brudnicki	Intention: Brian Parrish
Wednesday, March 18	Saturday, March 21
Propers: Feria of Lent, Class III Violet	Propers: Feria of Lent, Class III Violet
Readings: <i>Exodus 20: 12-24; St. Matthew 15: 1-20</i>	Readings: <i>Daniel 13: 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; St. John 8: 1-11</i>
Intention: Joseph Brudnicki	Intention: Souls in Purgatory

Confessions
Friday 5-5:30 pm and Saturday 3:30-4:30 pm at St. Thomas the Apostle. Sunday before Mass at St. Thomas the Apostle, and at St. Cecilia's, if possible. Other times by arrangement.

SUNDAY COLLECT

We beseech Thee, almighty God, regard the desires of Thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of Thy majesty to be our defense. Through our Lord.

SUNDAY EPISTLE Ephesians 5: 1-9

Brethren: Be ye followers of God, as most dear children: and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us and hath delivered Himself for us, an oblation and a sacrifice to God for an odour of sweetness. But fornication, and all uncleanness or covetousness, let it not so much as be named among you, as becometh saints: or obscenity, or foolish talking, or scurrility, which is to no purpose: but rather giving of thanks. For know you this, and understand, that no fornicator, or unclean or covetous person, which is a serving of idols, hath inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the anger of God upon the children of unbelief. Be ye not therefore partakers with them. For you were heretofore darkness: but now light in the Lord. Walk then as children of the light: for the fruit of the light is in all goodness, and justice, and truth.

SUNDAY GOSPEL St. Luke 11:14-28

At that time Jesus was casting out a devil, and the same was dumb. And when He had cast out the devil, the dumb spoke, and the multitudes were in admiration at it. But some of them said: He casteth out devils by Beelzebub, the prince of devils. And others, tempting, asked of Him a sign from heaven. But He, seeing their thoughts, said to them: Every kingdom divided against itself shall be brought to desolation, and house upon house shall fall. And if Satan also be divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand? because you say that through Beelzebub I cast out devils. Now if I cast out devils by Beelzebub, by whom do your children cast them out? Therefore, they shall be your judges. But if I by the finger of God cast out devils: doubtless the kingdom of God is come upon you. When a strong man armed keepeth his court, those things are in peace which he possesseth. But if a stronger than he come upon him and overcome him, he will take away all his armour wherein he trusted, and will distribute his spoils. He that is not with Me is against Me: and he that gathereth not with Me scattereth. When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through places without water, seeking rest: and not finding, he saith: I will return into my house whence I came out. And when he is come, he findeth it swept and garnished. Then he goeth and taketh with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and entering in they dwell there. And the last state of that man becomes worse than the first. And it came to pass, as He spoke these things, a certain woman from the crowd, lifting up her voice, said to Him: Blessed is the womb that bore Thee, and

the paps that gave Thee suck. But He said: Yea, rather, blessed are they who hear the word of God, and keep it.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER REQUESTS



- ❖ Artes Liberales will meet next month on Saturday, 4 April, and will discuss Georges Bernanos' novel *The Diary of a Country Priest* (1936). Please RSVP to Mark Amorose at: ma-morose@tempeprep.org.
- ❖ Adult polyphonic choir rehearses Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in Room 13 of the school. Now is a great time for new members to join the choir as we are learning new music for Lent and Easter. Open to high school age and older. *Questions?* Call Dr. Haefer at 480-968-5817 or email R.Haefer@ASU.Edu
- ❖ Children's Choir will rehearse as usual following Mass on Sunday (Rm. 13). The children's choir is open to boys and girls in grades two through six. Young ladies in grades seven and eight are encouraged to add their mature voices to the group to help the younger children. It is hoped that the mothers will organize themselves to help with discipline and home training.
- ❖ Adult Education The class on the Holy Father's *Spirit of the Liturgy* continues this Thursday at 6:45 pm in Room 13. Topic: *The Body and the Liturgy*.
- ❖ Blessing of Expectant Mothers: Today, after the 1:00pm Mass we will offer the Blessing of Expectant Mothers. All are welcome.
- ❖ The Confraternity of Christian Mothers will meet on Saturday, March 21, 2009 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle in classroom 17. We would love to have all the ladies from the mission join us. If you are a mother, grandmother, newly married, or a young woman eager to pray for the spiritual growth of your husbands, children, grandchildren, or those of others please join us for our next meeting. It is a wonderful time for us to bond together with Mary in the recitation of the rosary, work together as women of our parish, share ideas and pray together. During this season of lent we mothers are called to help our families grow spiritually. In order to do this a mother must herself be growing spiritually. Members of this group are seeking to sanctify their own lives and those of their husbands and children. Working together to assist our parish, sharing ideas of ways to grow, listening to instruction from Father, and prayer shared with the members is a small retreat to enrich and inspire mothers in their

daily duties. We hope to see you all there!

- ❖ Advertisements: Since many Catholics in the Diocese of Phoenix do not know about us, Mater Misericordiae Mission has enlisted the services of August Studios to produce a series of advertisements that will appear in the *Catholic Sun* in order to spread awareness of the work of the Mission. These will appear once each month at a discounted rate of \$510.00 per insertion. The first one was run in the March 5th edition and was sponsored by a family from the Mission. If you or your family, or company would like to sponsor one of these ads in part or in full, please contact Fr. Fryar.

Reflection: on the title "Zealous Defender of Christ" in the Litany of St. Joseph

"His chief way of defending the child and his mother was not so much a natural series of actions, but of acts whereby one brings to fruition one's call to holiness. Apart from Mary no one had a similarly high call. The degree of holiness in the greatest saints dwarfs in comparison with the holiness of Joseph. As already pointed out, he may have been purified while still in his mother's womb. He was confirmed in grace. He never committed even a venial sin. He was a saint in the highest sense of the word. And he had to be as he lived with the Holiness Incarnate and with the "Immaculate Conception."

Stanley L. Jaki, OSB, *The Litany of Saint Joseph* (Port Huron, MI: Real View Books, 2002), 39.

The great holy reformer Saint Teresa of Avila had a tremendous devotion to Saint Joseph as we see from *The Autobiography of St. Teresa*, chapter 6:

"I took for my advocate and lord the glorious Saint Joseph and commended myself earnestly to him; and I found that this my father and lord delivered me both from this trouble and also from other and greater troubles concerning my honor and the loss of my soul, and that he gave me greater blessings than I could ask of him. I do not remember even now that I have ever asked anything of him which he has failed to grant. I am astonished at the great favors which God has bestowed on me through this blessed saint, and at the perils from which He has freed me, both in body and in soul. To other saints the Lord seems to have given grace to succor us in some of our necessities but of this glorious saint my experience is that he succors us in them all and that the Lord wishes to teach us

that as He was Himself subject to him on earth (for, being His guardian and being called His father, he could command Him) just so in Heaven He still does all that he asks. This has also been the experience of other persons whom I have advised to commend themselves to him; and even today there are many who have great devotion to him through having newly experienced this truth."

"I wish I could persuade everyone to be devoted to this glorious saint, for I have great experience of the blessings which he can obtain from God. I have never known anyone to be truly devoted to him and render him particular services who did not notably advance in virtue, for he gives very real help to souls who commend themselves to him. For some years now, I think, I have made some request of him every year on his festival and I have always had it granted. If my petition is in any way ill directed, he directs it aright for my greater good."

"I only beg, for the love of God, that anyone who does not believe me will put what I say to the test, and he will see by experience what great advantages come from his commending himself to this glorious patriarch and having devotion to him. Those who practice prayer should have a special affection for him always. I do not know how anyone can think of the Queen of the Angels, during the time that she suffered so much with the Child Jesus, without giving thanks to Saint Joseph for the way he helped them. If anyone cannot find a master to teach him how to pray, let him take this glorious saint as his master and he will not go astray."

O blessed Joseph, faithful guardian of my Redeemer, Jesus Christ, protector of thy chaste spouse, the virgin Mother of God, I choose thee this day to be my special patron and advocate and I firmly resolve to honor thee all the days of my life. Therefore I humbly beseech thee to receive me as thy client, to instruct me in every doubt, to comfort me in every affliction, to obtain for me and for all the knowledge and love of the Heart of Jesus, and finally to defend and protect me at the hour of my death. Amen.

FSSP Prayer Requests



Sun. – Fr. John Fongemie
Mon. – Fr. Matthew McNeely
Tue. – Fr. Michael Irwin
Wed. – † Fr. Charles Fiore†
Thu. – Fr. Kenneth Fryar
Fri. – Fr. Guillaume Loddè
Sat. – Fr. Stéphane Duprè

The Seven Joys and Sorrows of St. Joseph

1. The sorrow St. Joseph had when he was minded to put away his stainless spouse. The joy he had when the archangel revealed the sublime mystery of the Incarnation.

2. The sorrow St. Joseph had in seeing the infant Jesus born in abject poverty. The joy he had in hearing the harmony of angel choirs, and beholding the glory of that night.

3. The sorrow St. Joseph had when the Precious Blood of the infant Savior was shed at His circumcision. The joy given with the Name of Jesus.

4. The sorrow St. Joseph had at the prophecy of Simeon foretelling the sufferings of Jesus and Mary. The joy given, at the same time, of the prediction of salvation and glorious resurrection of innumerable souls.



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The Dream of Saint Joseph, Philippe de CHAMPAIGNE (1602 1674)

5. The sorrow St. Joseph had in his toil to nurture and to serve the Son of the Most High, especially in the flight he made with Him into Egypt. The joy he had in having God Himself always with him, and to see the overthrow of the idols of Egypt.

6. The sorrow St. Joseph had by the fear of Archelaus. The joy he had in returning with Jesus from Egypt to Nazareth, and the reassurance of the angel.

7. The sorrow St. Joseph had when through no fault of his, he lost Jesus, the holy Child, and searched for Him in great anguish for three days.

The joy he had when finding Him amidst the doctors in the Temple.

Oh, 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. Oh, 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.

Oh, St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you, and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him 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.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Mater Misericordiae (Mother of Mercy) Mission glorifies God, uniting its members in faith, hope and charity through confession of the Holy Catholic and Apostolic Faith and through participation in the Sacraments and Traditional Rites of the Missale Romanum of 1962, under the governance of the Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Phoenix and the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter.