

# the little servants of Christ The King prayer community

## Sudbury, Ontario

. . . . proclaiming the power of the Holy Spirit and a personal relationship with Jesus Christ

## May 2019

### MAY: MONTH OF MARY, MONTH OF MOTHERS



"A mother is something so great and beautiful that even God wanted to have one... Mary!"

And since no one is more generous than God, from the Cross He gave the world such great and beautiful gift, our Mother... He gave us Mary, His own mother!

Mary is the living calyx that carried Jesus in her womb.

Mary's womb was home to He who neither Heaven nor Earth can hold.

Mary gave life to He who is the Life.

Mary gave light to He who is the Light of the World.

Mary fed the Living Bread that came down from Heaven with her virginal breasts.

Mary taught He who is the Way how to walk.

Mary taught the Word of God His first words.

In Cana of Galilee, Mary "advanced the hour" of the Eternal... He who is the Alpha and Omega.

That agonizing Christ, tells us from the Cross: "Behold thy mother"... and from that very moment Mary delivered us in the painful birth of Calvary."

Author: Raúl Nessler

**Our Mission Statement:** *"If we live by the truth and in love, we shall grow in all ways into Christ, who is the head by whom the whole body is fitted and joined together, every joint adding its own strength, for each separate part to work according to its function. So the body grows until it has built itself up, in love."* - Ephesians 4:15-16

## **MAY: THE MONTH OF MARY**

Our prayer community was placed under the protection of "Our Lady of Perpetual Help" many years ago. The fact that our community has flourished for over 47 years is testimony to the faithfulness of our Blessed Mother and we thank her for keeping Her mantle of protection over us for interceding on our behalf before the throne of God. "Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ."

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

The devotion to the Blessed Mother throughout May originated in Rome in the 18th century to counter immorality and infidelity among students at a college there. It has spread through most of the Latin Church now. Because the North American holiday of Mother's Day falls in May, Catholics take this time to recall and try to emulate Mary's role as mother. Therefore devotion to Mary in the month of May focuses both on Mary as a role model for Christian mothers, and Mary's ever lasting chastity and purity, and her fidelity to God's will. **Happy Mother's Day to all mothers!**

## **PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

God of all creation, in Baptism You called each of us by name to be Your children. We give You thanks and praise for this gift. Bless the Diocese of Sault Ste Marie with men and women who will answer Your call as priests, sisters, religious brothers, and deacons. Give those You have called to married life, and those You have chosen to remain as single persons in the world, the graces that their lives require. Form us all in the likeness of Your Son, so that we may love You more deeply and serve You more faithfully. We ask this through Christ the Lord. Amen

## **A FRIEND** – *by Henri Nouwen*

"When we honestly ask ourselves which persons in our lives mean the most to us, we often find it is those who, instead of giving much advice, solutions or cures, have chosen rather to share our pain and touch our wounds with a gentle and tender hand. The friend who can be silent with us in a moment of despair or confusion, who can stay with us in an hour of grief and bereavement, who can tolerate not knowing, not curing, not healing, and face with us the reality of our powerlessness, that is the friend who cares."

## **WHAT IS PRAYER?**

Is it words that are memorized; forcefully said and dramatized; offered with pomp and with arrogant pride; in words unmatched to the feelings inside? NO, prayer is so often just words unspoken; whispered in tears by a heart that is broken. For God is already deeply aware of the burdens we find too heavy to bear. And all we need do is to seek Him in prayer and without a word. He will help us to bear our trials and troubles, or sickness and sorrow and show us the way to a brighter tomorrow. There's no need at all for IMPRESSIVE PRAYER for the minute we seek God HE IS ALREADY THERE!

## What Does the Sycamore Tree Symbolize?



The sycamore tree has appeared in both religious texts and other forms of literature. Since ancient history, there have been images of the sycamore depicted in many forms. No matter what your beliefs stem from, it's clear that the existence of a sycamore tree in a text can mean a number of different things, but ultimately, it's a symbol of strength, protection, reliability and clarity.

According to the Jewish culture, the sycamore is referred to as the “**Tree of Life**”. Sycamore trees grew abundantly in the Jordan Valley, the Galilee and Jerusalem, and its wood was highly valued by the people of Palestine because of its lightness and durability. Therefore, the tree has historically been a giver of fruit and wood, and the people who lived among the sycamores knew that they could rely on it for their livelihood.

In the Christian tradition, the sycamore tree appears several times in the New Testament, but the main interpretation of what it stands for comes from the story of Zacchaeus.

Because of this story, the sycamore has become somewhat of a symbol of clarity. Without the sycamore, Zacchaeus wouldn't have been able to see Jesus, so for Catholics, it's a symbol of a place in their own lives where they're able to have a clear vision of their Saviour.

The sycamore tree is strong and reliable. Something or someone must act as our sycamore tree when we are down, or when we want to have a clear vision of Jesus.

### THE POPE'S MONTHLY INTENTIONS FOR 2019 MAY

#### **The Church in Africa, a Seed of Unity**

That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.



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*Society of African Missions (SMA Fathers)*  
*Paschal Season - 2019*

Dear Friends and benefactors,

The season of spring unfolds before our eyes. It reminds us that if life is indefinable, it is always the power to struggle against all odds and still exist and thrive. Right in the middle of this atmosphere of hope and change, the Risen Lord comes to infuse new life into us and make of us men and women transformed by the power of His resurrection.

Here in Canada, the Risen Christ has brought in four new confreres: Fr. Benedictus Nshikita from Zambia for the diocese of Hearst in Ontario, Fr. Alain Bikini from the Republic of Congo for the diocese of Saint Boniface in Manitoba, and Frs. Emmanuel Zinsou from Nigeria and Lourdu Annadurai from India for the diocese of Sault Ste Marie, again in Ontario. Thus the mission of the Church is taking a hairpin bend. Canada has now become a mission country! We have to wait and see what this new experiment will have in store for us.

As for Africa, it is rich in vocations, but as many of you may already be aware of, there have been serious unrest in society in countries like Angola, Central Africa, Congo, and Nigeria. In the country of Niger, one of our Italian confreres, Fr. Pierluigi Maccalli, was kidnapped by unknown elements. He was missionary in Bomoanga, a small village about 100 km west of Niamey, at the border with Burkina Faso. For many weeks now, we have no news of him. It is a cause for concern for us and for his family. Obviously the government of Niger has demanded that all who work in such far flung places get back to Niamey, the capital, but that would mean that the small Christian communities spread all over the desert lose their priest and be obliged to celebrate their festivities and sacraments all alone. So we would like to request you to have a thought for them in your prayers.

Thanks to your help, we were able to finance quite a few projects in Africa and in Asia, bringing hope, and good cheer to the people. Thus we contributed to the construction of a hall in the Catechetical Centre in Shinyanga, Tanzania, (\$20,000), where our Canadian confrere, Michel Domingue, is the one in charge. With the help of the Roncalli Foundation we sent another \$20,000 for the installation of solar panels in the seminary in Dassa, Benin, and \$25,000 more for the purchase of a tractor for a farmers' association in North Benin. The farmers have promised to pay back this money, which will then be used to buy another tractor for another group of farmers and so on. We hope to trigger on a chain reaction. We have also been able to help out different missionaries with mass stipends in India, Spain... We do our little bit with the firm conviction that the good Lord will make it prosper thirtyfold, sixtyfold, a hundredfold...

Happy Easter to all of you. May dawn the new heavens and the new earth, promised by God through Saint Paul. And may that hope bring you joy! We keep you in our prayers. Thank you ever so much for your invaluable support through these years. May the Risen Lord bless you and make your dreams come true.

Tiburtius Fernandez  
 Superior of the SMA Canadian District

**SPECIAL BOOK REPORT****PART 1****BOOK UNDER REVIEW IS:*****"IN SINU JESUS"*****ISBN # 978-1-62138-219-5*****Dear Friends of Christ:******"Nothing is as strong as Gentleness"***

This BOOK is a remarkable testament of a friendship between, Our Lord and the Blessed Mother speaking to the heart of a Benedictine monk – a priest – in an Irish monastery. He was "prompted" to write down what he heard – words of knowledge and insight and encouragement meant not only for him but, it seems, for all of us.

When God chooses one out of many, He does something extraordinary in order to bless a multitude of people, so that His Word may radiate outward to countless souls.

The priest, who received much of it during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, suffered his share of doubts over the authenticity of what he was "hearing". His spiritual director, closely following the events, identified what was occurring as gratia gratis data (real grace), and this book **"IN SINU JESUS"**: The Journal of a Priest At Prayer, includes an imprimatur from a Bishop, along with a Nihil Obstat.

God does not save us one-sidedly or generically, He does not speak vaguely or at random. He comes to us as a man, as "this" man, with His own voice, articulate words, clear doctrine, and commandments of life, to which we must respond with the very powers He placed within us for that response. He comes with the offer of His friendship, and invites us to reciprocate, in spite of our smallness, our weakness, and our unworthiness.

The Benedictine monk stated that after writing, there would be a grace of quiet union with Our Lord or with Our Lady. These are called allocutions, interior words from The Lord which the monk wrote down. There would be an inner movement to write and he would write until the inspiration stopped. Then the period of quiet. The monk has been repeatedly told by Our Lord Himself that His words are meant for the blessing, instruction and comfort of many Christians today, above all, His beloved priests.

This is a great book to take to Adoration. Please choose a time to go to our Perpetual Adoration Chapel. Make a commitment to a certain hour each week. Fill out the form found in the chapel and be faithful. The book says, "there is more time in a day than what is measured by hours and minutes. I am The Lord of all time, and time given in tribute to Me is of greater worth than time invested in the most wearying labours. I do not ask that you stop doing the tasks that are before you, but only that you put ME before all else, giving the best of your time and the greater portion to ME alone.

This is a very special book. If you wish to have your own copy you can order it from CHAPTERS Book store. Just give the ISBN #and the title. There is so much – part two soon.

# A Child Shall Lead

*by Barbara Coakley*

An article from REAL PEOPLE, REAL PRESENCE

Presented by Cardinal William H. Keeler

In the late 1960, I taught sixth grade at Most Holy Rosary school in Syracuse, New York. Every Tuesday afternoon we had early dismissal so that the Catholic children attending nearby public schools could come to us for their religious instruction. At the request of our director of religious education, I was to prepare a class of about fifty second-graders to receive their first Holy Communion, so every Tuesday afternoon the large desks in my classroom were occupied by small seven-year-olds.

Two special memories remain in my mind and heart from that challenging yet awesome experience. One is the time I stood before the class, attempting to explain the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Making a circle with my right thumb and index finger, I proclaimed, "I know it's hard for you to believe this, but the small host that looks and tastes like bread is really the body and blood of Christ." From the mouth of one of the little guys came the words, "I don't think it's hard believe; I believe it!" The rest of the class smiled in agreement. My faith was renewed by a little child.

The second memory comes from that same class on the day of their first Communion, the first Saturday in May. Even though we had started instruction in September, with so many students in the class I was lucky if I knew all of their names by May, let alone their readiness to receive our Blessed Lord. Whether they were ready or not, their special day arrived. It was with a mother's pride that I watched them walk reverently to the Communion rail. In those days a railing separated the priest from the communicants, so the

children knelt side by side with their hands folded, waiting anxiously to partake of the Holy Eucharist. My pride soon vanished when I saw my star pupil, Tina, begin to cry and cover her sweet face with her hands. I immediately directed this prayer to our heavenly Father: "Lord, she was the best kid in the class. Why is this happening? Please let her stop crying and receive Your Divine Son!" Since Tina continued to cry, I thought that God wasn't listening, and my faith was definitely faltering. Tina kept her face covered until her mother came up and took her back to her seat to comfort her.

After Mass, while our celebrant was outside getting his picture taken with the numerous communicants, Tina's mother approached me. She said that Tina was nervous in front of everyone, and she wondered if Father would come back into church, to give herself and Tina Holy Communion. She felt that Tina might be more willing to receive Communion if she did, too. Knowing our priest, I assured her that he would gladly respond to her request. Then she humbly added, "Would you ask him if he would hear my confession first? I haven't received communion for several years." It was then I knew that God's plan was not for Tina to receive Him that day but to prepare the way for her mother to return to Him. It wasn't until the following Sunday that I witnessed Tina's first Communion, as she led her mother back to the altar with her. Forty years have passed since those children strengthened my faith and brought me to a deeper union with Christ. May God's children continue to lead others back to Him, and may each Communion bring us closer to an eternal union with Him.

# Community Bulletin

## My Experience Following the 2019 Lenten Mission The Joy of Re-discovering Jesus Presented by Father Patrick Okenyi

My life long experience as a teacher of disabled students has over the years taught me to send Jesus ahead of me; I would literally open doors ahead of me to allow Him to go in first and to take control. This practice has proven one of the best lessons in my life. The road was so much easier for my students, their parents, and teachers as I entered this relationship with Jesus. Other experiences since my total healing of cancer have deepened this relationship. I thought I had the greatest secret for a happy life. Yet, another door has opened since Father Patrick has taught us how to grow into this delightful encounter with the Saviour of our lives if we carry Jesus with us, let Him join in our lives. It makes things better and more pleasant as we invite Him in all our situations. Fr. Patrick sang, "It's not an easy road... but Jesus walks beside us and brightens the journey, and lightens every heavy load." So true! Re-discovering Jesus when we get lost or lose sight of Him will lead us to go back where we initially found Him and reconnect with our delightful constant companion. Fr. Patrick's teachings reminded me of an article written for the January 2019 newsletter about Do You Trust God? We learned, in this article, "to shut up and pedal" as He takes the control of our lives and makes the most dangerous adventure a delight as we keep on pedaling with Him. He knows bike secrets, how to take sharp curves, jump obstacles, or fly to shorten scary passages. He delights in our happiness.

My first experience since the first topic, "The Joy of Re-discovering Jesus", was felt in the chapel in front of the Holy Sacrament. I decided to engage in a conversation instead of just sending Him ahead of me. "Hey, Jesus, are you there? Somehow I always received a very clear answer "I promise never to leave or forsake you". I had read The Practice of the

Presence God by Brother Lawrence, and had tried, like him, to make God present wherever I am and in whatever I am doing. Always in problematic situations, I felt His presence. My conversation was easier carried from there on, and as for one, I am very thankful to the Lord to have opened another door for all of us to try.

The Monday after our last session, "The Joy of Rediscovering Jesus at the Breaking of Bread", I was brought to the emergency department on the suggestion of our naturopathic doctor who spotted white spots in the back of my throat suggesting all the signs were there for strep throat and suggested I go to the emergency. After triage, I was left hours in the main ward, reading our gift book, Rediscover Jesus. Then the silence was broken by the cry of an elderly woman who begged God to let her die. The husband was visibly affected by her distress and tried the best he could to console her. A thought came to my mind: why not seek Jesus' help for her. "You said that those who believe would do greater works than You did." How can I help? The answer was again very clear: lift them up to Me, that is your job, sow the seed, and leave the rest to Me. I asked Him to lay His healing hands on both of them. I saw the husband put a loving hand on her shoulder and she immediately stopped crying. She never said another word except when wheeled to the inner ward. I could see her shoulder was the problem. I simply said thank you Lord. I felt so happy. My attention was then drawn to a baby in her father's arms, crying non-stop. He rocked the infant but something was not well. Again, I talked with the Lord asking Him to cradle the baby. How do you account for this? The baby started babbling; responding to the father's loving eyes.



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Soon after, I realized my own miracle. Focusing on others had made me forget my problems. When time came to see the doctor, I was amazed, my fever was gone, the lymph nodes were normal, the examination proved me healthy. Yet, one more time it brought me to praise the Lord Who mysteriously, through the suffering of others, and my rediscovering Him had restored my health to the point that I was sent home without antibiotics, although the earache and throat ache had not subsided. There was no medical explanation to account for it; but, joy is what I felt. The Lord is alive and He is in control of all circumstances. I realized there and then, that He wants to use our hands, our feet, our memories, our minds, our intercessory prayers and even our sickness, for His glory.

I was in bed soon after arriving from hospital. Somehow, being the Source of Life, He even sent my family doctor at our home; yes, you read it well: at our home, to diagnose the problem. Fever had climbed back to 101F. I was given ten days of penicillin and was told to take it easy, rest, and drink lots of liquid. Two days into the treatment, I was able to swallow; the fever had gone; but, another problem surged with vengeance: A throbbing earache, toothache, and headache on one side of the head, and numbness and severe pains to the touch. I saw the dentist who assured me it was not an abscess but likely an inner ear infection. Another bout of antibiotics was prescribed for another seven more days. With all the constant throbbing pain, the lack of sleep and appetite, the drowsiness caused by Tylenol intake, and the general weakness and confusion through it all, I was seeing myself

getting worse. I was tempted to give into despair and thoughts of abandonment from above slowly crept into my mind. But even when not aware of His constant presence, He made Himself real. I sent an e-mail to Janet Lalonde, our prayer group leader, requesting prayers from the "Prayer Warrior Group" and confessing that I felt the devil was attacking us. She soon replied and yes, I did let go and let God. Father Patrick's words started to resonate back into my mind: "Stop casting your nets on the wrong side"; "God will always show up at our points of giving up"; "O that today you would listen to the voice of the Lord". Yes, the key to healing was once again given back to me. His promises are to be taken very seriously: "Do not be upset, close your eyes, and believe that I am still there." I found myself repeating over and over the prayer, "O Jesus, I surrender myself to You, take care of everything". I dug out the surrendering to the will of God Novena: "Why do you confuse yourself by worrying? I say to you that I will take care of it, and that there is no medicine more powerful than My loving intervention". True healing began with this rediscovering of Jesus. There is no doubt; life in its totality is a relationship with Him Who is the Source of Healing and Joy. Recovery was given back to me. I needed to trust Him with my life, giving Him the control of it again.

Well. I am still recovering, but must say that I truly am happy for our Lenten Mission top secret that Jesus is worthy to be rediscovered. He makes all the difference in the world.

— by Lorraine Sahadat





## The Seven “I AM Sayings” of Jesus

In the liturgy of the Word this May, we are invited to enter into a Christ-centered life and to carry Jesus to the world so that the world might be saved through Him. The Lord has spoken and will act. He is kind, gentle, and merciful; His compassion is over all He has made. He continues to sustain, to lead and guide, anoint and protect, shield, defend, rescue, deliver, and preserve. He will regard the prayer of the destitute.

Two of the “I AM sayings” were already spoken of in the April liturgy: “**I AM the Resurrection and the life**, whoever believes in Me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die” (John 11:26). We have received new life at the font of Baptism and were numbered among the members of the Church. We are alive in Christ and He will raise us up on the last day.

“**I AM the light of the world**. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life” (John 8:12). His Spirit continues to bring us out of darkness into His marvelous Light.

All the other “I AM sayings” are brought to our memory in this May’s Liturgy of the Word: “**I AM the Bread of Life**: Whoever comes to me will never be hungry and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty” (John 6:35). The God-shaped hole in our heart is being filled daily as we trust in Him. He sustains us.

“**I AM the way, and the truth, and the life**: No one comes to the Father except through Me” (John 14:1-6). The way, the truth, and the life He has identified with are what keeps us on the narrow way. The truth is absolutely sure for those who submit to God’s love. There is no other way into the

presence of the Father. We are shielded, defended, rescued, delivered and justified through Christ. There is life in Jesus.

**I AM the Good Shepherd**: The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep” (John 10:11-16). “My sheep hear my voice. I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life and they will never perish. The Father and I are one.” (John 10:26-30). He knows His own and His own know Him, just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father. The Good Shepherd has risen, Who laid down His life for His sheep and willingly died for His flock. He leads and guides; He shields, and defends.

**I AM the gate for the sheep**: The sheep follow Him because they know His voice. He said, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. Whoever enters by Me will be saved, and will come in and out and find pasture. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep” (John 10:1-10). We are kept safe from every trial through Christ our Lord. He protects and guards.

**I AM the true vine, you are the branches**: “I am the Vine and you are the branches. If you remain in Me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing” (John 15:5). This mystical union with Him will carry us through life to the fullest and preserve us forever.

### The 7 ‘I am’ sayings of Jesus



## May Birthdays



- 1 - Lorraine McCoshen
- 5 - Pamela Beauvais
- 6 - Magda Arsenault
- 7 - Suzanne Rancourt
- 8 - Keith Gauthier
- 9 - Daniel Faucon  
Marie Vautour
- 11 - Léo Fortin  
Lillian Hrytsak  
Viviane Kone
- 12 - Ron Botts  
Kevin Lalonde  
Ken Naples  
Marinella Pegoraro
- 13 - Hector Lemieux  
Lois Muncaster
- 15 - Fernande Richard
- 17 - Marie Rose Charron  
Diana Frappier
- 19 - Larry Joseph Arsenault  
Kate Bailey
- 22 - Donat Charron  
Bruna Souliere
- 24 - Marie-Anna D'Amour  
Marg Plausini  
Kim Woodbury
- 25 - Lydia Stopar  
Terry Woodbury
- 27 - Paulette Bean
- 28 - Sally Power
- 30 - Marie Proulx

*Happy Birthday  
and  
God's Blessings*



- Sister Dorothy Brown – May 1, 1991
- Marie Lafreniere – May 9, 1993
- Laurier Bonin – May 5, 1995
- Leslie John Stinson – May 2, 1996
- Ben Moroney – May 9, 1999
- Lorraine Brunet – May 12, 2008
- Patricia Anne McArthur – May 14, 2008
- Louis Anzil – May 17, 2009
- Mary Donnelly – May 22, 2009
- Annette Trehan – May 1, 2013
- Don Davidson – May 9, 2014
- Mariette Sobchuk – May 4, 2015
- Antonio (Tony) Pasquale – May 9, 2015
- Raymonde Fex – May 9, 2016
- Inez Campbell – May 29, 2017
- Carmen Pelland – May 19, 2018

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful  
departed, through the mercy of God,  
rest in peace. Amen.*

*I brought all my anxieties, struggles  
and what seemed like unresolvable  
issues before Jesus. And gradually by  
His Grace, the answers have been  
coming because I have spent time in  
the Adoration Chapel.*

## **All in the Spirit of the Kingdom of God**

“Come you who are blessed by My Father... whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did it for Me.” (Matthew 25:31-40)

In 2013, Pope Francis was declared in Time Magazine as Person of the Year. He did some incredible progressive things to lead the Church in the spirit of true faith:

- He spoke out against frivolous spending by the Church. He urged Church officials to dress modestly and not to squander such money that could help the destitute.
- He mercifully manifested compassion and cheerful love towards those suffering. He invited Alberto di Tullio, a Downs Syndrome boy to ride in his Popemobile while thousands witnessed what it means when the Holy Spirit moves us to joy.
- The Pope showed no fear in wrapping his arms and pulling Vinicio Riva in a tight embrace. The man, defaced by hundreds of boils, had his faith restored. It left him blessed by the knowledge that God loves and protects him.
- Pope Francis denounced the judgment of homosexuals, although he maintained the right of the Church to express its opinions on homosexuality. He believed that Christians should not judge or ridicule others.
- Pope Francis held a major Holy Week service at the chapel of a youth prison rather than the Vatican. He washed and kissed the feet of twelve young offenders, including women and Muslims to commemorate Jesus' gesture of humility.
- He urged the protection of the Amazon Rainforest. He encouraged that the Amazon be treated as a garden and protected along with its native people who had been fighting ranchers and farmers attempting to invade their land.
- Pope Francis called and consoled a victim of rape who had written to him.
- Pope Francis regularly leaves the Vatican, dressed as an ordinary priest, to join Cardinal Konrad Krajewski to feed the poor in Rome.
- Pope Francis donated his own Harley Davidson motorcycle to fund a hostel and soup kitchen in Rome.
- He spoke out against the common interpretation within the Church that atheists, by nature, are bad people. He acknowledged that atheists could be good people.
- He denounced the global financial system for tyrannizing the poor and turning humans into expendable consumer goods. “Money has to serve, not rule.”
- He fought child abuse. He took effective actions against such atrocities by members of the Church. He amended Vatican law to make sexual abuse of children a crime and established a committee to fight abuse.
- He condemned the violence of the Syrian civil war. It never leads to peace.
- Upon his election, Pope Francis redirected Vatican employee bonuses to charity.
- He spoke against the Church's unhealthy “obsession” with abortion, gay marriage, and contraception. He criticized the Church for putting dogma before love, and for prioritizing moral doctrines over serving the poor and the marginalized.
- He called for the cooperation between Catholics and Muslims who worship the same God and hope we would work together to promote mutual respect.
- He invited homeless men and their dogs to his birthday meal.
- He refused to send away a child who had run on stage to hug him.

## **ST. JOSEPH**

St. Joseph is the patron saint of many causes, especially fathers, families, married couples, children, pregnant women, workers, craftsmen, against doubt, the dying, and a happy and holy death. He is also the guardian and protector of the Universal Church. He has two feast days: St. Joseph the Husband of Mary on March 19th, and St. Joseph the Worker on May 1st.

Pope John Paul II had once said: "Saint Joseph is a man of great spirit. He is great in faith, not because he speaks his own words, but above all because he listens to the words of the Living God. He listens in silence. And his heart ceaselessly perseveres in the readiness to accept the Truth contained in the word of the Living God".

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