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Fourth Sunday in Lent (B) 14th March 2021

SUNDAY MASS: Sunday 9:45am & 12noon
WEEKDAY MASS: Monday & Friday 12.30pm; Tuesday & Wednesday 8am
(no Mass on Thursdays, and no Vigil 6:30pm Saturday Mass, for the time being)
CONFESSIONS on Mondays from 11.30-12.15pm (and on request)

FRIDAYS IN LENT

6-7PM

STATIONS of the CROSS
ADORATION & CONFESSIONS

LENTEN ALMS



black Box
at the back
of the Church

*Keep your deeds of
mercy secret*

Friday 19th March
Solemnity of Saint Joseph
Mass at 12:30pm

after Mass, each day, for nine days,
we will pray the Litany of St. Joseph

Your weekly
offering



Preparing for **HOLY WEEK...**

Special liturgies for **families with children.**

Extra help for cleaning of the Church will be needed.

Joseph Iustissime Joseph Most Just



March 19th is the Solemnity of Saint Joseph. This year it is even a more special day, because of the 'Year of Saint Joseph' wanted by Pope Francis.

Among the many invocations used to turn to Joseph in prayer is *Joseph Iustissime*, which in Latin mean "Joseph Most Just". "To be just" – wrote Saint Francis de Sales – "is to be perfectly united to the Divine Will, and to be always conformed to it in all sorts of events, whether prosperous or adverse. That Saint Joseph was this, no one can doubt".

In our life lots of things happen to us, and often we do not their understand. A sudden death, a betrayal, a miscarriage, traumas, rejections, illnesses... our first reaction is one of disappointment and rebellion. Yet, Joseph set aside his own ideas in order to accept the course of events, mysterious as they seemed, and he learned to embrace them, to take responsibility for them and make them part of his own history.

An unusual marriage and a very unique child... a life familiar with Angels, Magi and prophecies... confronted with puzzlement, persecutions, precariousness, suffering, fears... in front of all of this Joseph is neither passive nor resigned, he embraces life as it is with all its contradictions, frustrations and disappointments. Joseph learned to 'ad-just' his life to the will of God, event after event, day by day, this made him 'Most Just'.

This year, at the 'school of Saint Joseph' we can learn how not to throw away any event of our life, nothing, not even what we regard as wrong and evil !

Joseph can teach us to accept the whole of our life, with its irreducible complexity, with all its lights and shadows. Unless we are reconciled with the whole of our own history, we will be unable to take a single step forward, for we will always remain hostage of our painful past, or of the expectations and disappointments that follow.

This year, let us go to Joseph *the Most Just*. Let us ask him the grace to ad-just our life to the Will of God. Joseph's embrace to his son is more than tenderness, it is the image of the one embraces the Will of God, in the small and big events of our life.

fr. Ivano

Father Ivano

Litany of Saint Joseph

Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy
Christ, hear us

*Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy
Christ, graciously hear us*

God the Father of heaven,
God the Son, Redeemer of the World,
God the Holy Spirit,
Holy Trinity, one God,

*have mercy on us
....*

Holy Mary,
Saint Joseph,
Noble offspring of David,
Light of Patriarchs,
Spouse of the Mother of God,
Chaste guardian of the Virgin,
Foster father of the Son of God,
Zealous defender of Christ,
Head of the Holy Family,

*pray for us
...*

Joseph most just,
Joseph most chaste,
Joseph most prudent,
Joseph most courageous,
Joseph most obedient,
Joseph most faithful,

Mirror of patience,
Lover of poverty,
Model of workmen,
Glory of domestic life,
Guardian of virgins,
Pillar of families,
Comfort of the afflicted,
Hope of the sick,
Patron of the dying,
Terror of demons,
Protector of Holy Church,

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
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*spare us, O Lord
graciously hear us, O Lord
have mercy on us, O Lord*

He made him the lord of his household
And prince over all his possessions.

Let us pray:

O God, who in your loving providence, chose Saint Joseph to be the spouse of your most holy Mother; grant, we beg you, that we may be worthy to have him for our intercessor in heaven whom on earth we venerate as our Protector, You who live and reign forever and ever. Amen

Saint Joseph, pray for us