

Christ the King Catholic Church East Greenmount

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March Newsletter

Month of Saint Joseph

The month of March is dedicated to **St. Joseph**. The entire month falls during the liturgical season of **Lent** which is represented by the liturgical colour purple — a symbol of penance, mortification and the sorrow of a contrite heart.

Most of everything we know about Saint Joseph comes from Scripture. There is some disagreement about his genealogy, but both Mark and Matthew say his descent is from David, the greatest king of Israel — and yet, he was a very humble, working man. He was a carpenter.



It is said that it was probably in Nazareth that St. Joseph was betrothed to and married Mary. After discovering that Mary was pregnant, also after their betrothal, he knew that the child was not his — and as such, he had planned on divorcing her quietly.

However, an angel came to him in a dream and told him that the child Mary was carrying was the son of God. Immediately upon hearing this, Joseph took Mary as his wife.

The angel came a second time to tell him his family was in danger, and he also reacted immediately by leaving everything behind him — his family, friends, and all that he owned — to go to Egypt with Mary and their newborn baby, Jesus. There is a lot we don't know about St. Joseph, but we do know that he loved Jesus as his own son, he respected God and he was a righteous man. (Matthew 1:18)

Pope Leo XIII in his encyclical *Quamquam Pluries* (*On the Devotion to St. Joseph*) in 1889 explains why we place so much trust in this saint:

"Thus in giving Joseph the Blessed Virgin as spouse, God appointed him to be not only her life's companion, the witness of her maidenhood, the protector of her honor, but also, by virtue of the conjugal tie, a participator in her sublime dignity. And Joseph shines among all mankind by the most august dignity, since by divine will, he was the guardian of the Son of God and reputed as His father among men. Hence it came about that the Word of God was humbly subject to Joseph, that He obeyed him, and that He rendered to him all those offices that children are bound to render to their parents. From this two-fold dignity flowed the obligation which nature lays upon the head of families, so that Joseph became the guardian, the administrator, and the legal defender of the divine house whose chief he was. And during the whole course of his life he fulfilled those charges and those duties. ...It is, then, natural and worthy that as the Blessed Joseph ministered to all the needs of the family at Nazareth and girt it about with his protection, he should now cover with the cloak of his heavenly patronage and defend the Church of Jesus Christ."

"This patronage must be invoked as ever necessary for the Church, not only as a defense against all dangers, but also, and indeed primarily, as an impetus for her renewed commitment to evangelization in the world and to re-evangelization," wrote St. John Paul II in *Redemptoris Custos* (*Guardian of the Redeemer*).

John Paul II further said, "Because St. Joseph is the protector of the Church, he is the guardian of the Eucharist and the Christian family. Therefore, we must turn to St. Joseph today to ward off attacks upon the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist and upon the family. We must plead with St. Joseph to guard the Eucharistic Lord and the Christian family during this time of peril."



Prayer to St Joseph

O Blessed Saint Joseph, faithful guardian and protector of virgins, to whom God entrusted Jesus and Mary, I implore you by the love which you did bear them, to preserve me from every defilement of soul and body, that I may always serve them in holiness and purity of love. **Amen.**

St. Joseph is known to help the faithful especially by praying for the following:

- People
 - Cabinetmakers, carpenters and craftsmen
 - Confectioners
 - The dying
 - Engineers
 - Families
 - Fathers
 - Workers
 - House Hunters
 - People in doubt
 - Travellers
- Countries
 - Canada
 - China
 - Korea
 - Viet Nam
- Other
 - Happy death
 - Holy death
 - Universal Church
 - Vatican II



Christ the King Fundraiser

A second collection is being taken at every Mass to enable the Church to be repainted.

Please give generously



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2 Hodgson Street, East Greenmount

Mass times for March 2018

(Month of St Joseph)

Date	Time	Details
Sunday 4th March Third Sunday of Lent	9:00am	Low Mass
Sunday 11th March Fourth Sunday of Lent	9:00am	Low Mass
Sunday 18th March Passion Sunday	2:00pm	Low Mass
Sunday 25th March Palm Sunday	2:00pm	Low Mass

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