

Christi simus, non nostri. + We belong to Christ, not ourselves.



March 14, 2021—4th Sunday of Lent

Letarea Sunday

ST. COLUMBAN PARISH

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Parish Office

360-458-3031

Hours: Monday—Thursday
9AM-12PM; 12:30-2PM

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Mass Schedule

Sunday: 10:30AM

Saturday Vigil: 5:00PM

Daily Mass: Wednesdays 9:00AM

Rosary is said 30min prior to each Mass

Sacraments

Anointing of the Sick: By Appointment

Confession: Fridays 4:00—5:00PM

****5:30—6:30PM during Lent****

The church may be opened upon request during office hours for private prayer

Faith Formation

Offered Sundays before and after the
10:30AM Mass, depending on grade

RCIA: Tuesdays 6:30PM

Adult Education & Outreach

Contact the parish office for more information

Bible Study

Thursdays 6:30PM

Hispanic Prayer Group

Tuesdays 6:00PM

Rosary Prayer Group

Mondays 7:00PM

ST. PETER MISSION

149 Keithahn St. S, Tenino, WA 98589

Mission Office

360-264-2124

Hours: Wednesdays & Fridays
10:30AM – 2PM

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Mass Schedule

Sunday 8:00 AM

Rosary is said 30min prior to Mass

Sacraments

Confession: Sunday 7:30 -7:45AM

Anointing of the Sick: by Appt.

Adult Education & Outreach

Contact the mission office for more information

Bible Study Thursdays 10:00AM

MISSION STATEMENT - WE ARE A CATHOLIC FAITH COMMUNITY THAT SEEKS TO PLACE GOD FIRST, TO KNOW HIM, AND TO GROW IN HOLINESS TOGETHER. WE STRIVE TO LIVE THE GOSPEL THROUGH THE EUCHARIST, IN OUR TEACHING AND WAY OF LIFE.

For emergency assistance contact the Society of St. Vincent de Paul at 360-458-1904. Please leave your name, number, and details of your need.

Winter Clothes Closet Hours: Tuesdays & Thursdays 6:00PM—8:00PM

SAINT COLUMBAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

WELCOME! Please contact the office to register as a parishioner, for questions about any announcement, how to prepare for a sacrament, schedule a funeral or Mass Intention or to update your contact information.

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Mass Intentions

Pray for all those affected by Covid-19 and for first responders and caregivers.

March 17—Vicente Susuico RIP

In Our Prayers

Loving God, we join with others of your people here asking you to hold in Your hands Joseph Waters, Jess & Jessica Nash, Maria Luisa Fregoso, Ray Wilson, Paul Hennigan, and all those in harm's way.

Our RCIA Candidates as they continue their journey towards the Sacraments of Baptism and Initiation this Easter.

Financial Stewardship

St. Columban St. Peter

Weekly Goal	\$5,762	\$712
March 7	\$4,045	\$1,466

From a sermon by Saint Bernadine of Siena, Priest

The faithful foster-father and guardian

There is a general rule concerning all special graces granted to any human being. Whenever the divine favor chooses someone to receive a special grace, or to accept a lofty vocation, God adorns the person chosen with all the gifts of the Spirit needed to fulfill the task at hand.

This general rule is especially verified in the case of Saint Joseph, the foster-father of our Lord and the husband of the Queen of our world, enthroned above the angels. He was chosen by the eternal Father as the trustworthy guardian and protector of his greatest treasures, namely, his divine Son and Mary, Joseph's wife. He carried out this vocation with complete fidelity until at last God called him, saying: *Good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Lord.*

What then is Joseph's position in the whole Church of Christ? Is he not a man chosen and set apart? Through him and, yes, under him, Christ was fittingly and honorably introduced into the world. Holy Church in its entirety is indebted to the Virgin Mother because through her it was judged worthy to receive Christ. But after her we undoubtedly owe special gratitude and reverence to Saint Joseph.

In him the Old Testament finds its fitting close. He brought the noble line of patriarchs and prophets to its promised fulfillment. What the divine goodness had offered as a promise to them, he held in his arms.

Obviously, Christ does not now deny to Joseph that intimacy, reverence and very high honor which he gave him on earth, as a son to his father. Rather we must say that in heaven Christ completes and perfects all that he gave at Nazareth.

Now we can see how the last summoning words of the Lord appropriately apply to Saint Joseph: *Enter into the joy of your Lord.* In fact, although the joy of eternal happiness enters into the soul of a man, the Lord preferred to say to Joseph: *Enter into joy.* His intention was that the words should have a hidden spiritual meaning for us. They convey not only that this holy man possesses an inward joy, but also that it surrounds him and engulfs him like an infinite abyss.

Remember us, Saint Joseph, and plead for us to your foster-child. Ask your most holy bride, the Virgin Mary, to look kindly upon us, since she is the mother of him who with the Father and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns eternally. Amen.

The Feast of St. Joseph Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary is March 19

Pax et bonum,
Fr. Dean.

SAINT COLUMBAN PASTORAL COUNCIL

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For daily Mass readings and Event Calendar please see our Monthly Insert, found in the narthex and on our website.

Faith Formation



*All Adult Learners
Welcome!*
R.C.I.A.

March 16th
Matrimony & Holy Orders

Tuesdays at 6:30PM in the Religious Ed Bldg.
Rm. 103. Also available via Zoom

CHILDREN'S PRAYERS



Last weekend 9 students prayed 752 prayers over the prior week.

*This is the time of fulfillment.
The kingdom of God is at hand.
repent, and believe in the good news.*
-Mark 1:15

Living Out the Pillars of Lent



PRAYER Table Time Theology

Since praying as a family is important, what are some ways that we could pray together more frequently? Do you have a memory of a time where you really enjoyed praying together as a family, whether at home or at church?



ALMSGIVING Acts of Kindness

While grocery shopping, purchase an additional day's supply of food and drop it off at a local food pantry.



FASTING Family Fasting

Fast from comparing yourself to others. It causes isolation and the illusion that we are all separate rather than one in God.

All Masses will resume with modifications, see below for details

MASS RESERVATIONS

In obedience to the COVID Safety Guidelines from the Archdiocese, public Mass at our parish has resumed with the following safety measures in place.

- ♦ Masks will be required. Those with a medical exemption will be seated according to Archdiocesan guidelines.
- ♦ Attendance will be limited to 90 people per Mass at St. Columban and 40 people per Mass at St. Peter.
- ♦ The cry room at St. Columban is limited to one family per Mass and will be reserved on a first come-first served basis.

Reservations at St. Columban: call the parish office at 360-458-3031 ext. 5

Reservations at St. Peter: call the mission office at 360-264-2124

If you are unable to call during office hours, please leave your name, phone number, and how many will be in your party and we will call you back to confirm your reservation.

Please note that leaving a voicemail does not confirm your reservation

Important Things to Remember

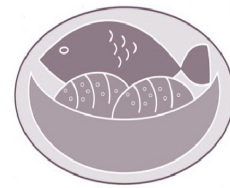
- ♦ Only persons who are under the same reservation will be seated together.
- ♦ **Please arrive at least 20 minutes early for Mass.** You will be checked in by a Greeter and then seated by an Usher. Seating is first come, first served.
- ♦ We recommend you bring your own missal with you for the readings as they will not be provided.
- ♦ Please do not sing along with the Cantor in accordance with COVID-19 guidelines.

Reservations for Holy Week and Easter Masses are now open

Bonus Bulletin Content!

To save on printing, some extra bulletin content will now be exclusively found in the online edition of our bulletin, which is also emailed weekly to parishioners.

Sign up at flocknote.com/saintcolumbanvelm or visit our website saintcolumbanvelm.org



In place of our customary Soup Suppers during Lent, we are accepting donations to St. Vincent de Paul.

Please mark your envelope "for SVDP" and place it in with the regular offering.



March 19 6:00PM	Stations of the Cross Both Locations
March 21 10:30AM	3rd Scrutiny—RCIA St. Columban
March 26 6:00PM	Stations of the Cross Both Locations
March 28 8:00AM 10:30AM	Palm Sunday Mass at St. Peters Mass at St. Columban



3 Year Goal for St. Columban: \$307,368

As of: January 7, 2021

Total Pledged: \$164,000 53% of Goal

Number of Families Participating: 292
Potential Share: \$24,600

3 Year Goal for St. Peter: \$54,327

As of: January 7, 2021

Total Pledged: \$105,000 193% of Goal

Number of Families Participating: 45
Potential Share: \$43,350

Thank You for Pledging Your Support!

HELP Jesus IN DISGUISE



The Catholic Relief Services Collection is an opportunity for you to help improve the lives of some of the most vulnerable people around the world and here in the United States. Funds from the collection support Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and other organizations that aid victims of natural disasters, immigrants in need of legal assistance and resources to help them adapt to life in their new home, and refugee children with special educational needs.



The years-long civil war in Syria has had catastrophic effects on the lives of millions of Syrians. More than six million people have been displaced within the country, while five million more have left their homeland for other countries as refugees. Neighboring Jordan

and Lebanon have taken in many Syrian refugees, over half of whom are children. With limited educational resources, Jordan and Lebanon cannot provide counseling for trauma and loss or meet other essential needs of the Syrian children living in the refugee camps.

To address the needs of refugee children, CRS and local church partner organizations provide educational opportunities for refugee children facing unique challenges. One boy, Ibrahim, had behavioral problems and poor academic performance that

hindered his learning. With the help of a CRS-sponsored educational program for special needs children, Ibrahim excelled in his studies and became happier, more sociable, and more engaged in the classroom.

You give children like Ibrahim opportunities to learn and grow when you contribute to The Catholic Relief Services Collection.



Your Donations Help Our Brothers and Sisters . . . In the United States

Feed Jesus' hunger in suffering refugees . . . through the **USCCB's Migration and Refugee Services (MRS)**.

Offer legal assistance to Jesus in struggling immigrants . . . through the **Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC)**.

Reach out to comfort Jesus' loneliness in isolated workers . . . through the pastoral work of the **USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church**.

And Around the World

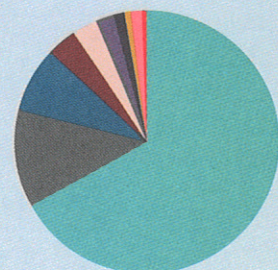
Give water to quench Jesus' thirst in the people of Syria and Niger . . . through the humanitarian work of **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)**.

Advocate on behalf of Jesus in the poor and marginalized . . . through the public policy work of the **USCCB Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development**.

Send aid to Jesus in the victims of natural disaster . . . through the **Holy Father's Relief Fund**.

The Catholic Relief Services Collection 2019

Grants	Amount	Percentage
Catholic Relief Services	\$11,119,987	67.1%
CLINIC (Catholic Legal Immigration Network)	\$1,976,905	11.9%
USCCB Migration & Refugee Services	\$1,353,710	8.2%
USCCB International Justice & Peace	\$590,516	3.6%
Holy Father's Relief Fund	\$500,000	3.0%
USCCB Pastoral Care of Migrants, Refugees & Travelers	\$362,267	2.2%
USCCB Asian & Pacific Island Affairs	\$228,361	1.4%
USCCB Justice, Peace, & Human Development Education & Outreach	\$136,052	0.8%
Administration		
Promotion & Education Costs	\$232,228	1.4%
Administrative Expenses	\$73,174	0.4%



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ES Jesús CON OTRO ROSTRO, ¿LE AYUDARÁS?



La The Catholic Relief Services Collection es una oportunidad para que ustedes ayuden a mejorar la vida de las personas más vulnerables alrededor del mundo y, aquí mismo, en los Estados Unidos. Los fondos de la colecta mantienen a Catholic Relief Services (CRS) y a otras organizaciones que ayudan a las víctimas de desastres naturales, a los inmigrantes que necesitan asistencia legal y los recursos que les ayuden a adaptarse a vivir en su nuevo hogar y ayudar a los niños refugiados que tienen necesidades educativas especiales.



La guerra civil en Siria, de varios años de duración, ha tenido efectos catastróficos en la vida de millones de sirios. Más de seis millones de personas han sido desplazadas dentro del país, mientras que otras cinco millones se han marchado del país hacia otros países y están en calidad de refugiados. Países vecinos como

Jordania y Líbano han recibido a muchos refugiados, de los cuales más de mitad son niños. Jordania y Líbano, países que cuentan con limitados recursos educativos, no pueden brindarles asesoramiento para ayudarles a enfrentar el trauma y la pérdida, ni responder a otras necesidades básicas de los niños sirios que viven en campamentos para refugiados.

A fin de responder a las necesidades de los niños refugiados, CRS y organizaciones asociadas a la iglesia local, brindan oportunidades educativas a los niños refugiados quienes enfrentan unos singulares desafíos. Un niño, Ibrahim, tenía problemas

de comportamiento y un bajo rendimiento académico que obstaculizaban su aprendizaje. Con la ayuda de un programa educativo para niños con necesidades especiales, auspiciado por CRS, Ibrahim sobresalió en sus estudios y se volvió más feliz y sociable y participaba más en el salón de clase.

Cuando contribuyen a The Catholic Relief Services Collection, ustedes les brindan a niños como Ibrahim oportunidades para aprender y desarrollarse.

Tus donativos ayudan a nuestros hermanos y hermanas. . .

En los Estados Unidos

Alimentando el hambre de Jesús en los refugiados que sufren. . . a través del **USCCB's Migration and Refugee Services (MRS)**.

Ofreciendo asesoría legal a Jesús en los inmigrantes que luchan por salir adelante. . . a través del **Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC)**.

Acercándose a consolar la soledad de Jesús en los trabajadores que se sienten aislados. . . a través de la labor pastoral del **USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church**.

Y, alrededor del mundo

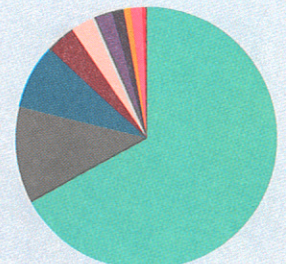
Dando agua para saciar la sed de Jesús en los pueblos de Siria y Níger. . . a través de la labor humanitaria de **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)**.

Abogando en nombre de Jesús por el pobre y el marginado. . . a través de la labor que hace en las políticas públicas el **USCCB Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development**.

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Easter Egg Hunt

April 4th after the 10:30AM Mass
In the prayer garden behind the church



Children of all ages welcome to participate!

Parents must be present and all COVID safety guidelines observed while on parish grounds.

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Soup of the Week

on behalf of the Women's Club

Vegetarian Hot Pot

Ingredients:

5 1/4 cups vegetable broth, or reduced-sodium chicken broth

4 1/4-inch-thick slices fresh ginger, peeled

2 cloves garlic, crushed and peeled

2 teaspoons canola oil

1 3/4 cups shiitake mushrooms, stemmed, wiped clean and sliced (about 4 ounces)

1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper, or to taste

1 small bok choy, cut into 1/2-inch pieces, stems and greens separated

3 1/2 ounces Chinese wheat noodles, or rice sticks

1 14-ounce package firm tofu, drained, patted dry and cut into 1/2-inch cubes

1 cup grated carrots, (2 large)

4-6 teaspoons rice vinegar

2 teaspoons reduced-sodium soy sauce

1 teaspoon toasted sesame oil

1/4 cup chopped scallions, for garnish



Directions

Step 1

Combine broth, ginger and garlic in a Dutch oven; bring to a simmer. Simmer, partially covered, over medium-low heat or 15 minutes. Discard the garlic, and ginger .

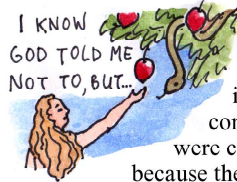
Step 2

Meanwhile, heat oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Add mushrooms and crushed red pepper; cook, stirring often, until tender, 3 to 5 minutes. Add bok choy stems; cook, stirring often, until tender, 3 to 4 minutes.

Step 3

Add the mushroom mixture to the broth. Add noodles, reduce heat to medium-low and simmer for 3 minutes. Add bok choy greens and tofu; simmer until heated through, about 2 minutes. Stir in carrots, vinegar to taste, soy sauce and sesame oil. Serve garnished with scallions.

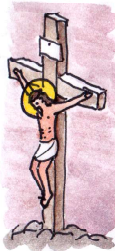
For God so Loved the World



I KNOW GOD TOLD ME NOT TO, BUT...

When God made the world He wanted the people to be His friends and always live in happiness. But instead of choosing to love God completely, the people sinned. They were cut off from the happiness of God because they chose to love themselves more than they loved God.

But God still loved the people so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to save the people from their sins. Now we just need to choose to believe in Jesus, and to love Him. As today's Gospel reading says, "...so must the Son of man be lifted up, that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life."



How can we turn to Jesus so that we can be saved from our sins?

Here are a few things that can help you a lot:

1. When you wake up in the morning, tell Jesus that you are offering everything that happens today to Him.

2. Every day look at a crucifix (a cross with Jesus on it.) Think about how much Jesus loves us. How much do we love Him back?



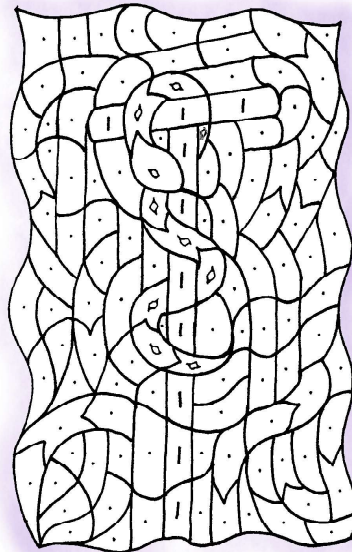
HOW HAVE I LOVED GOD TODAY?

3. Each night before you go to sleep, think about your day. Did you show your love for God today? If you did something bad, be sorry and think about how can you do better tomorrow.

Answers to sort-out-the-picture puzzle: top-6, 3, middle-4, 1, bottom-2, 5. www.thekidsbulletin.com

The Kids' Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 14, 2021



Jesus died on the cross so that our sins could be forgiven and we could go to Heaven.

When God's people in the desert were bitten by snakes, Moses held up something he made from bronze that the people could look at and live. What was it? Use the colour code to find out!

• blue | brown ~ green

SAINT PATRICK MARCH 17

<p>PATRICK WAS BORN TO A ROMAN FAMILY IN BRITAIN. WHEN HE WAS STILL YOUNG HE WAS KIDNAPPED AND TAKEN TO IRELAND.</p>	<p>HE WAS SOLD AS A SLAVE. WHILE LOOKING AFTER ANIMALS IN THE FIELDS HE HAD PLENTY OF TIME TO PRAY.</p> <p>Our Father who art in Heaven...</p>
<p>AFTER SEVERAL YEARS HE ESCAPED AND WENT BACK TO ENGLAND.</p> <p>Thank God!</p>	<p>THEN HE RETURNED TO IRELAND.</p> <p>And thank God again!</p> <p>HE STUDIED, BECAME A PRIEST, AND THEN WAS MADE A BISHOP.</p>
<p>HE TAUGHT THE PEOPLE OF IRELAND, WHO WERE ALL PAGANS, ABOUT GOD.</p> <p>The shamrock is like the one God in three persons.</p>	<p>THE PAGAN LEADERS WHO DID NOT WANT PATRICK TO TEACH ABOUT GOD TRIED TO GET RID OF HIM BUT HE STAYED.</p> <p>Have you tried to poison him yet?</p>

SAINT PATRICK DIED IN IRELAND IN 461. BY THE TIME HE DIED ALMOST ALL OF IRELAND HAD CONVERTED TO CHRISTIANITY. SOON MISSIONARIES WERE GOING OUT FROM IRELAND TO BRING THE FAITH TO PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD! PRAY THAT YOU WILL LOVE GOD AND BE ZEALOUS LIKE SAINT PATRICK!

The Deportation to Babylon

Do you know what happened to the people of Jerusalem when they sinned against God?

These pictures are in the wrong order. Put the numbers from 1 to 6 in the boxes to sort them out!

<p>GOD'S PEOPLE REBUILT THE TEMPLE.</p>	<p>THE ENEMY CAME AND DESTROYED THE TEMPLE AND CITY.</p>
<p>THE SURVIVORS WERE TAKEN AWAY TO BE SLAVES FOR 70 YEARS.</p>	<p>THE PEOPLE SINNED AGAINST GOD.</p>
<p>GOD SENT PROPHETS TO WARN THEM.</p> <p>REPENT!</p>	<p>THE KING OF PERSIA SENT GOD'S PEOPLE BACK TO THEIR CITY.</p>

Go to Joseph
March 14, 2021
4th Sunday in Lent



ARCHDIOCESE OF SEATTLE

At Home with Faith

On March 19, the Feast of St. Joseph, Pope Francis will declare the beginning of the Year of the Family. We can all look to St. Joseph for an example of the hard work, humility and tenderness that enrich family life.



March 19, 2021 – June 26, 2022

**CELEBRATE
WITH YOUR
FAMILY**



Read

Take time to read and reflect on the Scriptures for this day.

Don't have access to a Bible?

Visit www.usccb.org/bible/readings or download an app such as *Laudate* or *iBreviary* to access the Mass readings.

This is *Laetare Sunday*, a midpoint in Lent when we pause in anticipation of Easter and God's grace. Thus, our Gospel reminds us of how God so loved the world that he gave his Son Jesus as a sacrifice for us.

Rather than thinking we earn God's love with our good actions, we remember that our good actions are a response to his love. This keeps our focus on God and encourages us to look for signs in our family life of God transforming our hearts and helping us to grow.

Pope Francis declared a special Year of the Family that begins on March 19, 2021 - the Feast of St. Joseph.

Check out our weekly issues of *At Home with Faith* to learn more.

2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

Return and rebuild the temple!

Psalms 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6

Let my tongue be silenced if I forget you!

Ephesians 2:4-10

By grace we have been saved.

John 3:14-21

For God so loved the world he gave his only Son.

At Home with Faith

Talk

Here are some reflection questions to help you have **Great Conversations** with the whole family.

Do these three things to help our children learn more about St. Joseph:

- **Ask your child what they know about St. Joseph.** See what they can remember about him. Don't worry if they can't remember much because, while the Bible tells us about what he did, it doesn't quote him. Getting to know St. Joseph takes a little observation.
- **Invite your children to observe some things about Joseph and see what those things tell us about him.**
 - God asked him to take care of Mary and Jesus. Joseph did this generously.
 - Joseph was obedient to God, even when it was hard.
 - Jesus regarded him as his father and would have learned about fatherhood from him.
 - Joseph was a carpenter and taught Jesus how to be a carpenter too.
 - Joseph did not draw attention to himself.
- **Encourage them to ask Joseph to pray for us.** Close to God, the saints are happy to pray for us so that God may help us to grow up to be saints too.



Pope Francis declared the start of the Year of the Family on March 19, the feast of St. Joseph. He also proclaimed a Year of St. Joseph from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021, to mark the 150th anniversary of the declaration of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. No doubt, he wants us to look to Joseph as an example for our own family life.

Joseph, when he found Mary was with child, responded with tenderness and compassion. Rather than responding impulsively, he listened to God. Our families need this kind of patience, tenderness and compassion.

During Jesus' childhood and youth, Joseph taught him how to work as a carpenter and care for a family. In his earthly father, Jesus would discover a reflection of his divine Father's humility and goodness.

[Click here to read *Patris Corde \(With a Father's Heart\)*, Pope Francis' letter introducing Joseph as an example and an advocate eager to ask God to bless us with his virtues.](#)

A prayer to St. Joseph from Pope Francis:

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.



For more resources, visit us online at:

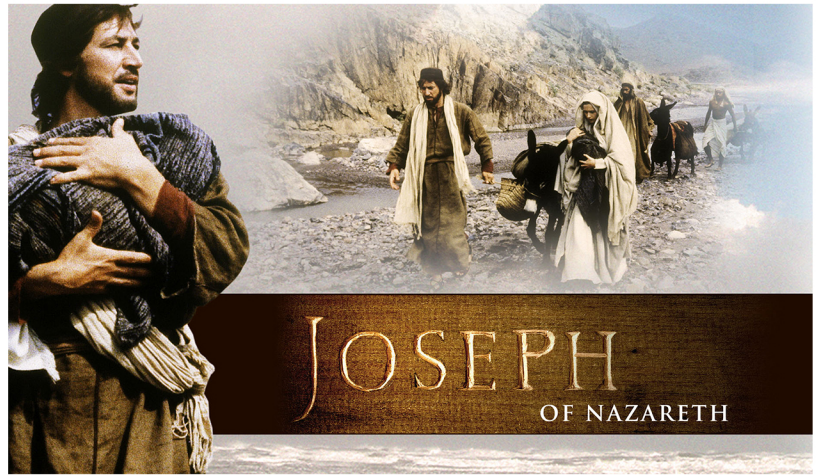
<https://marriagefamilylife.seattlarchdiocese.org/athomewithfaith>

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WATCH

JOSEPH OF NAZARETH: THE STORY OF THE MAN CLOSEST TO CHRIST

With this year being consecrated to St. Joseph, we celebrate the feast day of Christ's foster father with even more joy and respect! Enter into the life of this great saint through the movie Joseph of Nazareth!



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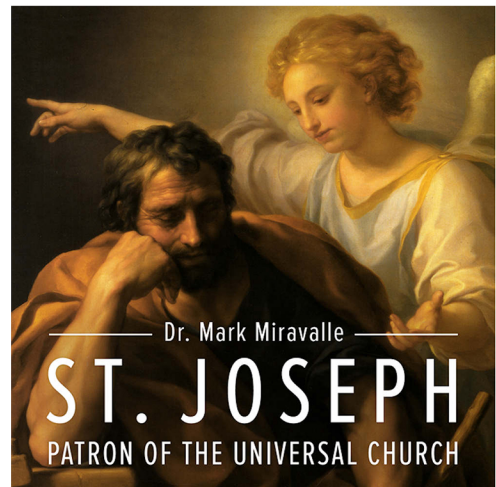
As foster father of Christ and virginal husband of Mary, St. Joseph fully gives himself to both his family and to God. Explore how we can emulate this gift of self in this episode of our Beloved series!

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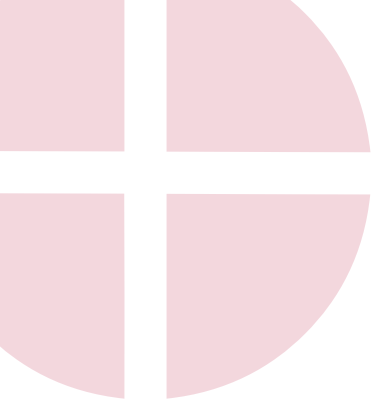
ST. JOSEPH: PATRON OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH BY MARK MIRAVELLE

St. Joseph, the holiest of the patriarchs, serves as a model of fatherhood, obedience, chastity, and so many other virtues. Join Dr. Mark Miravalle as he shares incredible lessons found in the hidden life of Joseph.



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The Fourth Sunday of Lent

MARCH 14, 2021

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is the midpoint and known as Laetare Sunday. Laetare means “rejoice” and the Church expresses hope and joy in the middle of our penitential Lenten practices.

Catholic Relief Services Collection

This weekend, we will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection at Mass! #JesusInDisguise #1church1mission www.usccb.org/catholic-relief



Solemnity of Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

In celebration of the Year of St. Joseph, we pray today for all fathers, that through the example of St. Joseph, they may fully embrace their vocation and accept the privilege and responsibility of caring for their children as St. Joseph cared for Jesus.

The Year of the Family

Today marks the fifth anniversary of the Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris laetitia*, on the joy and beauty of familial love. Pope Francis announced the Year of *Amoris Laetitia*, which will conclude on with the X World Meeting of Families in Rome on June 26, 2022.

We pray for each of you and your families!

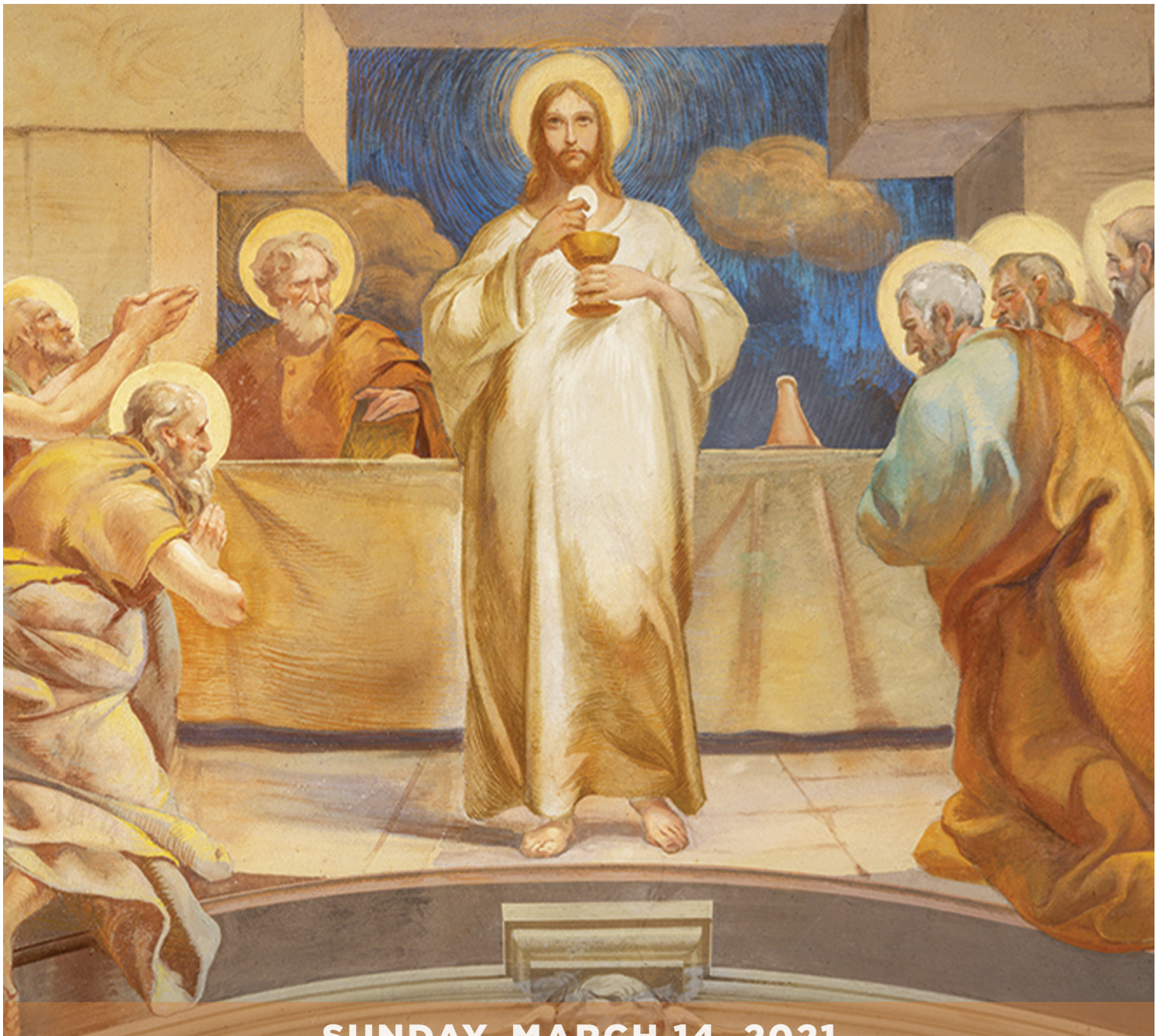


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BULLETIN





SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2021

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT



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WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 14, 2021

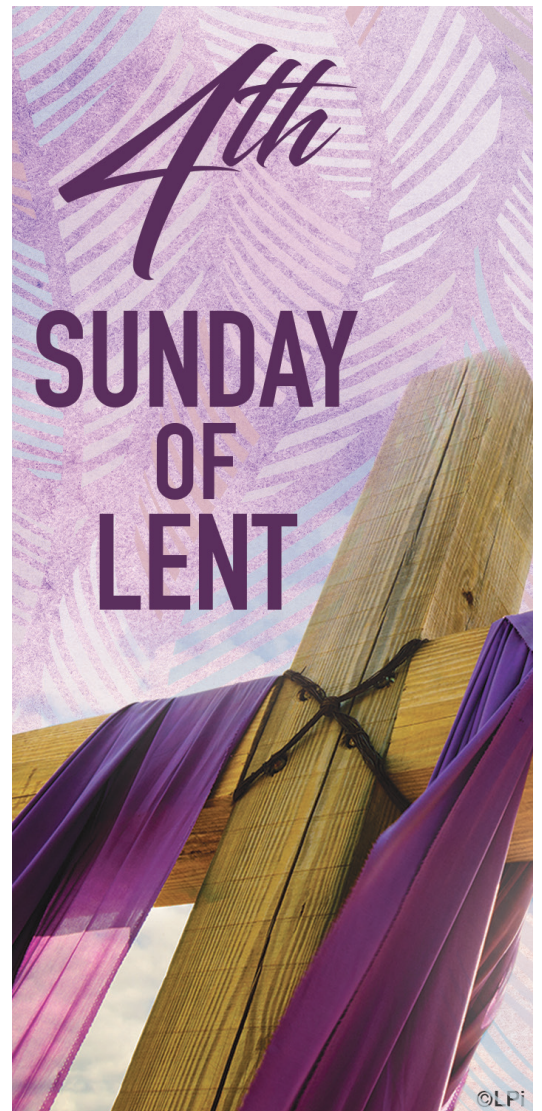
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- MON 3/15** Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54
- TUE 3/16** Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16
- WED 3/17** Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30
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- FRI 3/19** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
- SAT 3/20** Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53
- SUN 3/21** Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 14, 2021

- Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins
- Wednesday:** St. Patrick, Bishop; St. Patrick's Day
- Thursday:** St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Friday:** St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Lent

LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

God's messengers always seem to get mocked. They speak a truth that some folks do not want to hear. While on the one hand we admire them, we also are quite happy keeping them at a distance. After all, they are not referring to me but someone else, aren't they? We often wrongly conclude that because we may be more avant-garde, contemporary, politically sensitive, and untraditional, we are somehow more in the light than others. People tend to prefer darkness more than light, even the most spiritually sensitive among us. The light always carries with it the richness of God's mercy and compassion which see beyond ideologies and concepts to relationships that cultivate life, earthly and eternal. Every hand of compassion and mercy extended to a human being must always point back to God. The call always involves ordering our lives in accord with our truth and essence of being. As God never forgets us, we must never forget God. Now is the time to take stock of our infidelity and return to the light, even though it is difficult to look at.



*"We need to find
God and He
cannot be found in
noise and restlessness.
God is a friend of
silence."*

— ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA

WORSHIP & MEDITATION



FIRST READING

Their enemies burnt the house of God,
tore down the walls of Jerusalem,
set all its palaces afire,
and destroyed all its precious objects.
(2 Chr 36:19)



PSALM

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!
(Ps 137)



SECOND READING

For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus
for the good works
that God has prepared in advance,
that we should live in them. (Eph 2:10)



GOSPEL

For God so loved the world that he gave
his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him
might not perish
but might have eternal life. (Jn 3:16)

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

Is there something to Lent that goes beyond our own spiritual house cleaning and spiritual refinement? Yes, there is! It has to do with listening and learning so that we can take up the task of the Gospel with greater clarity and fortitude. While the spiritual refocusing of Lent is necessary, the fruit of this Lenten conversion has much more to do with learning how we can be a better Church than it does about our eternal salvation. Salvation is a gift that flows out of God's unconditional Mercy and cannot be merited. The spiritual maturity we can experience as a result of our Lenten disciplines serves to reduce the anxiety and apprehension we may experience as messengers of good, but very challenging, and unsettling, news.

St. Oscar Romero said that, "a church that doesn't provoke any crises, a gospel that doesn't unsettle, a word of God that doesn't get under anyone's skin, a word of God that doesn't touch the real sin of the society in which it is being proclaimed, what gospel is that?" When we listen to those descriptive and provocative words, do they resonate with anything in our experience? As messengers of the Gospel, we are called to bring an unsettling message to the world. If our main concern is protecting our self-interests, then we are missing something huge! Many really struggle with being rejected, dismissed, or perceived as someone who is speaking out of turn. There is a counter cultural message that must be preached that clearly sides with the poor, marginalized, victimized, oppressed, neglected, disregarded, and lost souls throughout the world. There is a widespread misery among the peoples that is all too often allowed to fester with no one coming forward to offer a change or resolution.

The Church can speak to the needed structural changes that will allow people to earn just wages, feed their families and share abundantly and equally in the gifts of God's good earth. Such a vision is not some optimistic fairy tale, but the vision of the Creator himself. Lent reminds us, as St. Oscar Romero also states, that, "we are workers, not master builder, ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own." We are not called to labor simply for the benefit of the here and now but of the "what is to come." Our myopic vision can be replaced by a more far reaching Lenten vision that is much greater and deeper in scope. As long as we are carrying the right blueprints with us and our thoughts extend beyond ourselves, then even the little things we do and the simplest prayer we utter go a long way. They give witness to our preference for the light of Christ and not the darkness of error and sin.

LITURGICAL LIFE

RESPONDING *to the Call*

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

Awake, O Sleeper!

This morning came a little earlier than I would have liked — Daylight Savings Time always does. Sometimes that morning sunlight seems more intrusive than illuminating. You're still half-lost in sleep, and that sun is demanding of you a lot more than you're ready to give.

I've said it, and I'm sure you've said it, too. "Just five more minutes." You hit the "snooze" button on your iPhone once (maybe twice? Show of hands?) and turn away from the window.

So many kings of the Old Testament were steadfast in their sleepy ways, rejecting the light their God tried to share with them. Likewise, John tells us that, though Light — Christ — was sent into the world, the world preferred darkness.

Sometimes it seems, when reading through Scripture, that all throughout salvation history, God has been trying to pull back the curtains, to rouse us from our defiant slumber. And we resist Him. Time and time again, we resist Him.

Light brings a certain responsibility with it. It seems to compel productivity. Furthermore, there's no hiding in the light. Any photographer worth his salt knows how to manipulate it, highlighting the good and casting some merciful shade on the bad.

As we enter into the fourth week of Lent, we're getting so close to the main event. Can we handle the light that will come on Easter morning, bursting into the tomb as the stone is rolled away? Can we keep ourselves from hitting the "snooze" button on our souls, and sit up to face the dawn of a new day?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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WHY DO WE DO THAT? Catholic Life Explained:

Question:

Why do priests wear a Roman collar?

Answer:

The practice of priests wearing the Roman collar developed in the mid-nineteenth century as an alternative to wearing the cassock which in some places was seen as impractical or which was even outlawed by anti-Catholic legislation. Since its introduction, it has taken different forms, and if you visit different countries today, you will see variation in what priests wear.

The Code of Canon Law simply observes that priests wear "suitable ecclesiastical garb" according to the judgments of the national bishops conferences and local custom (no. 284). The US Bishops have instructed that outside of liturgical functions, a "black suit and Roman collar are the usual formal attire for priests. The use of the cassock is at the discretion of the cleric." Priests who are members of religious communities are to follow the rules of their institute regarding the habit or other approved clothing.

In the end, whether a priest wears the Roman collar, a religious habit, or, as is the case in many European countries, a suit and tie (to distinguish them from Protestant clergy who wear a collar) the goal of their clerical clothing is to serve as a sign of their commitment to guide and to serve, and to also allow them to be truly public figures because they are ordained for the service of all.

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- Jn 3:20-21

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

Invite Parishioners to Reflect and Respond to Scripture

First Reading

The author of 2 Chronicles reflects on how historically God's fidelity and mercy was often met with Israel's disobedience and arrogance. How does the Lenten journey provoke an examination of conscience for you and your faith life?

Second Reading

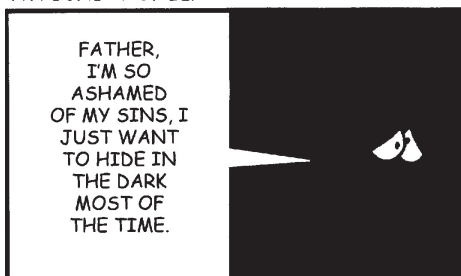
Paul speaks of our faith and our salvation as “the gift of God” to us. In what ways do you show appreciation for God's grace?

Gospel Reading

Jesus taught Nicodemus that God sent His only Son into the world to offer eternal life to believers. Who in your life needs to hear this message?



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT



LITURGICAL LIFE

3 EASY STEPS

To Keeping Yourself & Others Healthy!

We are cautioned to be especially careful during the Coronavirus outbreak. Here are some simple ways to keep sickness away.



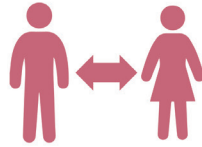
Wash Your Hands

Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water. If you can't wash your hands, use hand sanitizer frequently.



Don't Touch Your Face

Especially around the eyes, nose and mouth. If you must sneeze, use a tissue or your arm.

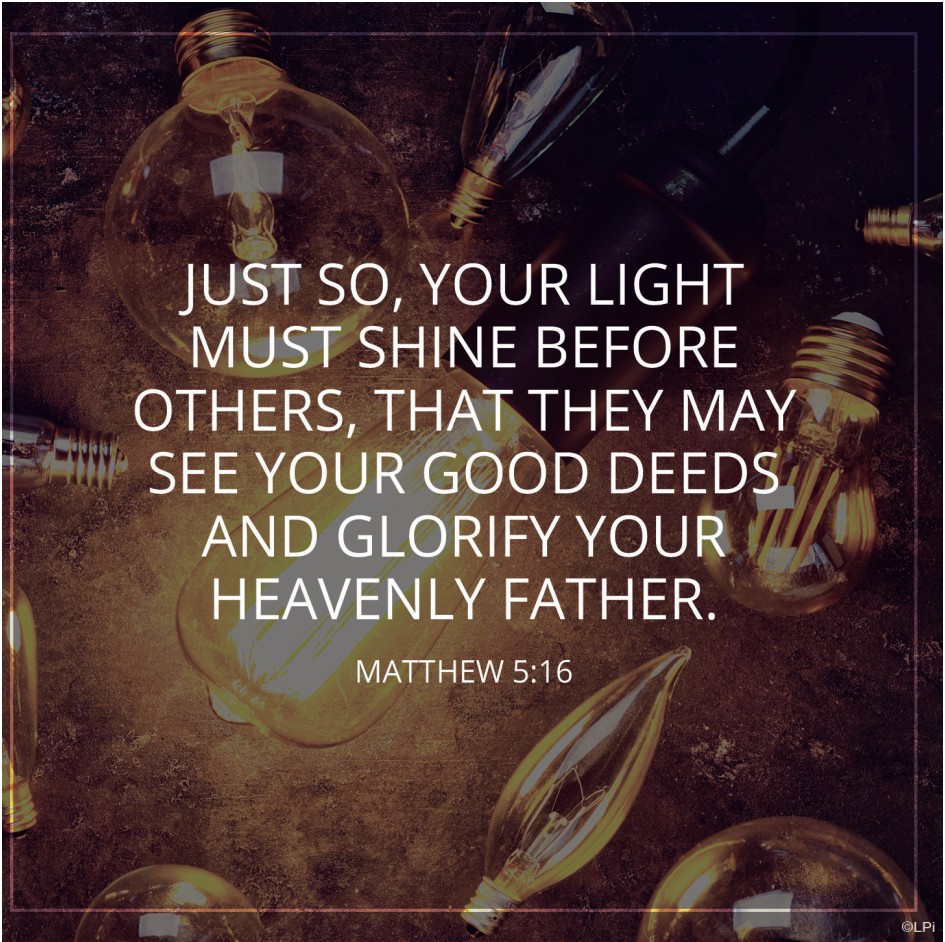


Keep Your Distance

Practice social distancing during this epidemic and stay away from large groups. Instead, call, email or check up on family and friends using social media.

And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed.

- Jn 3:19-20



JUST SO, YOUR LIGHT
MUST SHINE BEFORE
OTHERS, THAT THEY MAY
SEE YOUR GOOD DEEDS
AND GLORIFY YOUR
HEAVENLY FATHER.

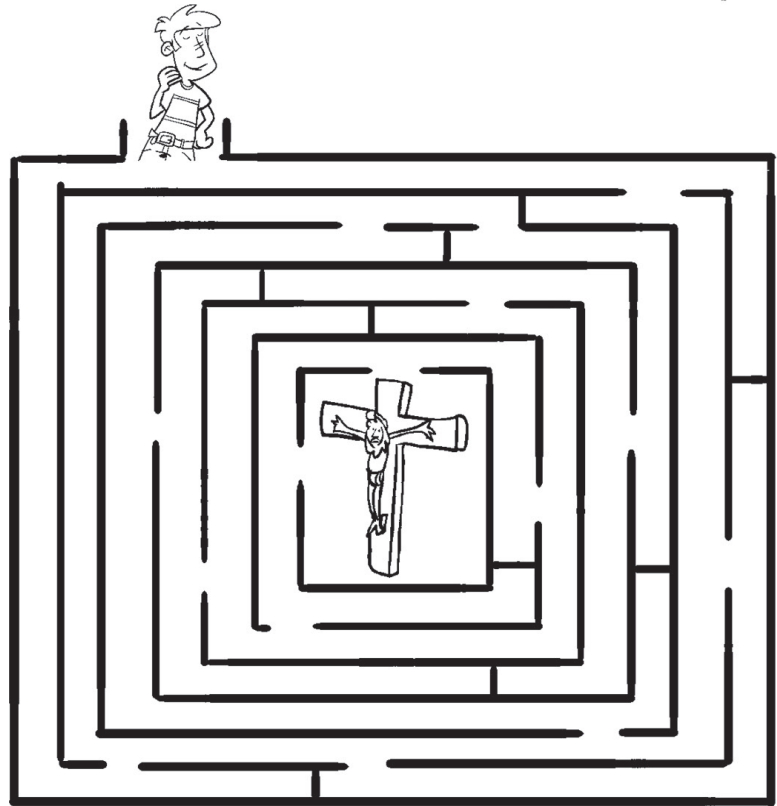
MATTHEW 5:16

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KIDS CORNER

READ THE GOSPEL AND COMPLETE A PUZZLE!

Help the boy find Jesus:



SHARING THE GOSPEL

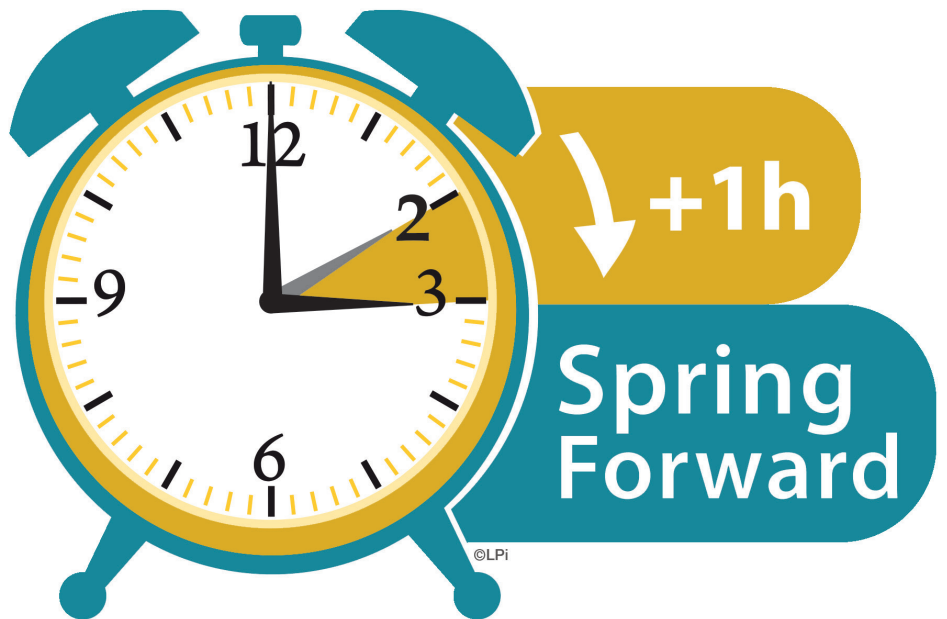
When the Hebrews sinned in the desert, snakes came to bite them. Moses lifted up a metal snake in the desert. If God's people looked at the metal snake, their painful snake bites would be healed. Instead of dying from their snake bites, they would live. Our sins are a lot like those snake bites. Sins turn us away from God, hurt us, and hurt other people. When Jesus was lifted up on the cross, he washed our sins away. Jesus gave us healing and forgiveness. We don't need to die from our sins. We can believe in Jesus, follow God with our whole hearts, and live forever.

PRAYER

God, thank you for sending Jesus to wash away my sins.

MISSION FOR THE WEEK

Help your parents wash dishes. As you take dirty dishes and wash them clean, talk about how Jesus washed our sins away on the cross.



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