

# MEN OF SAINT JOSEPH INTERNATIONAL



72 hours to a resurrected life

Ezekiel 34:23-24

"Three times in the year shall all your males appear before the Lord God, the God of Israel"

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## FOUNDER'S NOTES

### **Go make disciples (Matt 28:18-20)**

MOSJI have a God-given call to evangelize men to Jesus Christ. Matthew says, "Go make disciples." There is a difference between a convert and a disciple. A disciple reproduces what is produced in him. A disciple is one who is under discipline for instruction and to produce maturity. A convert is a believer. Salvation is free; discipleship cost you everything. Salvation takes a moment; discipleship takes a lifetime. Salvation is something God does for you; salvation is something you do with God.

Jesus is not a salesman. He is not trying to market or sell anyone. He is not trying to talk anyone into anything.

Luke 14:25-35 - Jesus talks about discipleship in very strong language. And he is honest with us about what it takes to truly be his disciple. A disciple is one who worships Jesus, serves Jesus, follows Jesus, obeys Jesus and believes Jesus. A disciple doesn't just believe in Jesus, but lives a life in light of that belief. Jesus is going to ask you if you truly want to live a life of discipleship.

One requirement is that you do not quit. Many people say, if it gets hard, quit. "If it gets hard, it must not be God's will." People quit on God, they quit on their marriages, they quit on their children.

Some continually look for the path of least resistance. "It's too hard! I need to find another way."

Everything that matters in life is costly; everything that matters will hurt. Jesus says "Do not quit" If you do want to quit, go out and evangelize another man to your group or go to another parish to begin another group and then spit in the eye of the evil one!

It's all about getting to heaven and I hope to see you there.

Don Turbitt

## **Gospel Reading for Sunday, May 9, 2021 the Sixth Sunday of Easter**

### **Alleluia**

#### **Jn 14:23**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord,  
and my Father will love him, and we will come to him.

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### **Gospel**

#### **Jn 15:9-17**

Jesus said to his disciples:

"As the Father loves me, so I also love you.

Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love,  
just as I have kept my Father's commandments  
and remain in his love.

“I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete.  
This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another.”

## **MOSJI Updates**

### **Virtual meetings**

- Most chapters have returned to in-person meetings. Some are conducting Hybrid meetings. We still have time slots available for those still need to meet virtually. Chapters that would like to use the MOSJI Zoom account, time slots are available on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays. Email [mosji72@gmail.com](mailto:mosji72@gmail.com) to request a time slot.

### **Chapter News**

- As part of our participation in the Year of St. Joseph, men from MOSJI groups across the diocese will be saying the rosary monthly outside of Planned Parenthood located at 175 Broad Street in Providence. We will meet there on the **3rd Saturday of every month at ~8:45 AM**. The next gatherings will be Saturday May 15. There is street parking on the parking lot side of Planned Parenthood. Plan on spending about 60-90 minutes and please bring others if you can to show our solidarity...they do not have to be MOSJI

members. Some people will be going to mass beforehand and then heading to Planned Parenthood. There is an 8:00 AM mass at St. Pius located at 240 Eaton Street in Providence. This act courageously embraces the virtue of St. Joseph as **protector of the family**. Hope to see you there.

- The St Augustine's chapter in conjunction with the parish Knights of Columbus council hosted a presentation by Fr Joseph Brice entitled **Reflections on St. Joseph as a Role Model for Young Men**. The



event, held on May 1<sup>st</sup>, the feast day of St



Joseph the Worker, was aimed at getting more young men involved with both organizations. The event was also available on social media. Over 170 people attended the event, some in-person, others through YouTube and Facebook. At the end of the

presentation John Olobri presented Fr. Brice with a black MOSJI shirt with a white logo, thanking him for his support. A representative from the Rhode Island Catholic attended and will publish a write-up in the magazine's next addition

## International News

### News from Fr Jude Kasaija in Uganda

The Men of St Joseph chapter at Christ the King Parish in Uganda meets every Saturday at the Parish for prayer meeting and sharing

Each week a selected member takes a lesson from the translated booklet and shares with us the world of God and then we all freely participate in discussion.

After two months we call upon wives of the men also to join us so that they can share with us how things are running in the family

From sharing, since we started the and dedicated the families under the patronage of Saint Joseph many things are changing and many are now walking in the right path becoming responsible in their families, family violence cases have reduced among men who are in the group

We are 60 in number and all fully registered and committed, we have plans of extending it to other churches with our Parish. For now, we are at the Parish center.



## **Make Time for St. Joseph**

### **Wednesday Dedication to St. Joseph**

Holy Mother Church in Her liturgical tradition has attributed different days of the week as particular focal points for reflection. Holy Mother Church has given **Wednesday**, “the day the week turns on” to St. Joseph. This means that the middle of the week is the perfect time to reflect on, be grateful for, and intercede on behalf of holy fatherhood, both spiritual and biological. Why not consider going to weekday Mass on Wednesdays

### **Are you preparing to make a consecration to St Joseph?**

Here is some helpful information on preparing for making a consecration taken from the Knights of Columbus website.

John Olobri

### **Preparing for a Consecration**

How to Prepare: The word consecration literally means “association with the sacred,” and as such it requires a much larger commitment than simply reciting a prayer off of a card. To receive the full benefit of intercession, one must cleanse the body, mind and soul. The decision to consecrate oneself needs to be intentional and a process through

which you completely surrender to God. Pope Pius XII described the act of consecration as “a total gift of self, for the whole of life and for all eternity; and a gift which is not a mere formality or sentimentality, but effectual, comprising the full intensity of the Christian life.” In light of this, such an act must only be performed in a fully aware and serious manner, after a period of intentional preparation.

Four suggested steps before the act of Consecration:

- 1 Discuss the importance of this consecration with your group members. Reflect on what it means and why it is being undertaken. Why, as a group, are you offering this act of dedication and sanctification? Why, as an individual, are you consecrating yourself?
- 2 Receive the sacrament of reconciliation. Consecrating yourself is an act that fills you with the grace of God. To prepare yourself to receive that grace, receiving forgiveness of your sins through the sacrament of reconciliation is an important part of preparation.
- 3 Fast. This fast should be for at least a week. As our physical bodies are drawn to things of the world, it is strongly encouraged that you fast from something that you would normally do or consume. Fasting helps to discipline our minds and hearts to refrain from secular activities and be more focused on God.
- 4 Prepare for the commitment you are making. This consecration is not a single event. You have chosen a way of life. You are consciously choosing to be a beacon of light of God’s love through his Church. In the week before the consecration, prayerfully reflect on what this means and what the ramifications will be on your life.

## Events and Dates

May 19, 2021	Chapter development team meeting 7:00PM
June 30, 2021	Chapter Leaders meeting 7:00PM
June/July	Annual Men’s Conference Date to be announced
August 19, 2021	Chapter development team meeting 7:00PM
September 29, 2021	Chapter Leaders meeting 7:00PM
October 13–17, 2021	International Men’s Conference, Rome Italy
November	– Annual Men’s Retreats, Dates to be announced

## Psalm 95

- 1 Come, let us sing to the Lord!  
Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come to him with thanksgiving.  
Let us sing psalms of praise to him.
- 3 For the Lord is a great God,  
a great King above all gods.
- 4 He holds in his hands the depths of the earth  
and the mightiest mountains.
- 5 The sea belongs to him, for he made it.  
His hands formed the dry land, too.
- 6 Come, let us worship and bow down.  
Let us kneel before the Lord our maker,
- 7 for he is our God.  
We are the people he watches over,  
the flock under his care.

### **Fearless Faith Prayer**

Lord of the Nations, thank you that you are the light of the world, guiding my steps on your path. You have guided me throughout this day and I entrust you to guide me tomorrow. May I sleep securely, safe in your hands. Replace my fear of the future with faith in your providence. You are the God of peace, the great shepherd of the sheep. May you equip me with everything good that I may do your will. Work in me, that I may be pleasing in your sight. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Hi men,

If you're like most of the guys in MOSJ, I think you likely have the good intention of always trying to improve your prayer life. I know for me that's been easier said than done at certain times of my life. You may remember 3 months ago I shared an article explaining a simple 7-step process of prayer offered by Matthew Kelly that touched on Gratitude, Awareness, Significant Moments, Peace, Freedom, Lifting up of others, and the concluding with the Our Father. I'm following up here with 2 short prayers I suggest to those looking to add to their routine that work well for me. Psalm 95 is known to be said by religious in the morning. I suggest you make this one of your very 1<sup>st</sup> prayers and that you say it aloud. It helps set the tone of awareness in worship for the day to come. The Fearless Faith Prayer is a great way of closing your day united with God and asking for His guidance for tomorrow. Short, sweet, and powerful.

God bless,

*Steve Nolan*

## Prayer Requests

The Men of St Joseph International is concerned for all our members, their families, and friends. We strongly believe in the power of prayer. Our team of Prayer Warriors have committed time each day to pray for the needs presented to them in your petitions sent through our web portal. Click on the Prayer Warrior link on the home page, entitled "**Send Your Petition to Our Prayer Warriors**", to detail and submit your request. Please be as clear and succinct as possible and **include, at least, the first name of the person** you are requesting prayers for.

## Contact Us

For more information on starting, developing, or running a chapter in your parish contact one of our Service Team members.

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## Pray to St Joseph

O Blessed Joseph,  
faithful guardian of the Redeemer, Jesus Christ,  
protector of the Mother of our Lord,  
we choose you this day  
to be our patron and advocate.  
As Men of St. Joseph, we humbly ask you  
to receive us as your cause,  
leading us to Jesus for instruction in doubt,  
comfort in affliction, strength in times of testing.  
Obtain for us, and for all, the knowledge  
and love of the Heart of Jesus Christ.  
May men of good faith turn to you, Joseph.  
May you defend and protect us and our families  
as we grow more like Jesus by your example,  
now, and all the days of our lives.  
Amen