

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

Rick Warren wrote the greatest Best Seller book, "The Purpose Driven Life." We can benefit from many of his concepts on the spiritual life. Based on Colossians 1:16 – "Life is not about you". The purpose of your life is far greater than your own personal fulfillment, your peace of mind, or even your happiness. It is far greater than your family, your career, or even your wildest dreams and ambitions. If you want to know why you were placed on this planet, you must begin with God. You were born by His purpose and for His purpose. The search for the purpose of life has puzzled people for thousands of years. That is because we typically begin at the wrong starting point - ourselves. We ask self-centered questions like – What do I want to be? What should I do with my life? What are my goals, my ambitions, my dreams for the future? But focusing on ourselves will never reveal our life's purpose. The Bible says, "It is God who directs the lives of His creatures, everyone's life is in His power." You must begin with God, your Creator. You exist only because God wills that you exist. You were made by God and for God – and until you understand that life will never make sense. It is only in God that we discover our origin, our identity, our meaning, our purpose, our significance, and our destiny. Every other path leads to a dead end. Most Catholics live in the world and go out to Church one hour each week. I believe the Lord wants us to have our hearts and minds living in the Church (the body of Christ) and going out to the world. This probably means you will have to stop doing some other things. There are many "good" things you can do with your life, but God's purposes are the essential thing you must do.

Don Turbitt

Gospel Reading for Sunday, June 13, 2021

Alleluia

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the Sower.

All who come to him will live forever.

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Gospel

Mk 4:26-34

Jesus said to the crowds:

“This is how it is with the kingdom of God;
it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land
and would sleep and rise night and day
and through it all the seed would sprout and grow,
he knows not how.

Of its own accord the land yields fruit, first the blade, then the ear, then
the full grain in the ear.

And when the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once,
for the harvest has come.”

He said, “To what shall we compare the kingdom of God,
or what parable can we use for it?

It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground,
is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth.

But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants
and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its
shade.”

With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able

to understand it.

Without parables he did not speak to them,
but to his own disciples he explained everything in private.

MOSJI Updates

Chapter News

Hi men,

Many of you may remember me when I spoke at a MOSJ conference at St. Philip's pre-COVID and made the announcement of the **5TH of July parade** walk we as MOSJ are participating in. I told you I would get back in touch...this is my reminder and personal outreach. The announcement attached here has ALL the details and please send any questions. Are you upset and confused about the abortion rulings at the State House? Do you try and share our beautiful faith...or perhaps the great value of our MOSJ group...only to find yourself sometimes frustrated with the walls out there? This parade is a chance to get in front of many 1000's of people at once and share the good news and provide a living example. The reception in past years has been great...it's more fun than you would ever guess. A good chance to be COURAGEOUS...hope to see you!

God bless,
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**Men of Saint Joseph
International**



MOSJI walk in the Cumberland, RI 5th of July parade

-Come walk with your brothers and publicly share our faith. A 1.5 mile walk will be seen by 1000's of people...what an effective way to get the good word about MOSJ out there. We did it in 2018 with 12 men and it grew to 25 men in 2019. It's a blast...really received well. In 2021 we are looking to have 100 men. Let's really be COURAGEOUS!

-Nothing needed to bring except suntan lotion. Trucks (a few older guys can ride), MOSJ banners, USA flags, handouts for the crowd, and drinking water will all be there.

-Family/friends encouraged to attend parade...starts at 11:00. They should arrive to the parade located on Nate Whipple Highway in Cumberland no later than 10:15 when the police block off the road.

-Gathering place: MOSJI men are to arrive 9:45 latest at St. Joan of Arc parking lot located at 3357 Mendon Road in Cumberland, RI. We will all leave from there together to get lined up in the parade procession located on Nate Whipple Highway.



Make Time for St. Joseph

Prayer to the Sleeping St. Joseph

We have a powerful intercessor in St Joseph when our intentions are to do God's will. I received this great testimony from one of our members.

Ray Lapointe, one of our brothers and a member of our chapter development team, while working in Norwich Connecticut, began the process of developing MOSJI chapters in the Norwich diocese. He shared the following amazing story with me.

John Olobri

I was attending Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral in Norwich, CT last week and after the Mass, I went into the sacristy to introduce myself to Monsignor Rosaforte.

I started telling him about the MOSJI and he told me that the Cathedral had very few parishioners, so he suggested that I call Fr. Tito at Sacred Heart in Baltic, CT. I called Fr. Tito and I have an appt to see him next week.

Then he asked me if I had seen the special area of the Cathedral dedicated to Sleeping St. Joseph?

I said no, so he brought me to a corner of the church where St. Joseph was sleeping on the edge of a huge bowl. Next to the statue, there were pens and paper for prayer requests to St. Joseph and the bowl was practically full.

He told me that Pope Francis prays to the sleeping St. Joseph because EVERY time that God spoke to St. Joseph, he was sleeping. The Monsignor also prays to the sleeping St. Joseph.

A year ago, a huge stain glass window at the back of the church needed repair and the estimate came in at \$250,000. Monsignor prayed to sleeping St. Joseph and shortly thereafter, a parishioner died and left \$250,000 to the parish.

Monsignor then decided that the St. Patrick windows on the side of the church were leaking badly and also needed repair with another estimate of \$250,000. He again prayed to the sleeping St. Joseph and again, another parishioner died and left the parish \$250,000.

So Monsignor decided to get an estimate to repair a window of the Blessed Mother, which happened to be the largest stain glass window in the Cathedral. The estimate came in at \$500,000, so once again he prayed to the sleeping St. Joseph.

Lo and behold, a 3rd parishioner died and left the parish \$4,000,000. Yes, that's 4 Million Dollars!



Events and Dates

June 30, 2021 Chapter Leaders meeting 7:00PM
July 10, 2021 Annual Men's Conference
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

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