

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

Most of the people in the world are very happy 2020 is over. I certainly agree with that sentiment. At the same time, I am not so sure 2021 is going to be the best of years for the U.S. The governmental power has switched from Republican to Democrat which is difficult for many people to accept. So many do not think we are in a good place to be blessed.

We need God's power and wisdom to unite the U.S. and the world. As God's people we need to be praying for our governments to be blessed. Men around the world need to be in the churches in prayer and not in fear. As Pope Francis has said, "This is the year of St. Joseph." Let us seek his intercession so that the world will come to know Jesus as Lord and Savior.

Sincerely,

Don Turbitt

DAILY PRAYER



Matthew Kelly

As MOSJ we all strive to grow closer with God and no doubt most of us share the belief that daily prayer is a key towards that end. Likewise, many of us can stumble through cycles of varying levels “*connectedness*” in our daily prayer. Over the last 6-8 months I’ve added a very simple ingredient to my early morning prayer recipe that I thought worthwhile sharing. I found it in an article by Matthew Kelly and then ran into it again in reading his 2020 book *I Heard God Laugh*. In his method *The Prayer Process* we take time – maybe ten minutes – to spend time with Jesus every day. Pick a specific time when you will pray; for example, first thing in the morning or at night when all is quiet. The seven steps of The Prayer Process as described by Matthew himself are as follows:

#1 Gratitude: Begin by thanking God in a personal dialogue for whatever you are most grateful for today.

#2 Awareness: Revisit the times of the past twenty-four hours when you were and were not the-best-version-of-yourself. Talk to God about these situations and what you learned from them.

#3 Significant Moments: Identify something you experienced today and explore what God might be trying to say to you through that event (or person).

#4 Peace: Ask God to forgive you for any wrong you have committed (against yourself, another person, or Him) and to fill you with a deep and abiding peace.

#5 Freedom: Speak with God about how he is inviting you to change your life, so that you can experience the freedom to be the-best-version-of-yourself.

#6 Others: Lift up to God anyone you feel called to pray for today, asking God to bless and guide them.

#7 Finish by praying the Our Father.

Each of the first six steps in the process should stimulate a conversation with God. It’s easy to fall into the trap of merely thinking about these things. When you find yourself doing that, return to actually speaking with God about whatever it is you are thinking. The goal is to develop the ability to have intimate conversations with God during this time set aside for

prayer. The more deeply rooted we become in this daily habit of prayer, the more those conversations with God will spill over into the moments of our daily lives.

My experience has been that this process is really easy to do and is a quick way to truly connect with God on a personal level. It's been interesting to me to hear 3 people tell me recently that I seem calmer, more at ease in the last few months....and all during the craziness of 2020! My best guess is that it's due to this improved "**connectedness**" with God using Matthew's recipe. I recommend you give it a shot!

Good luck and God bless,
Steve Nolan

International Chapter News

From Paul Katuramu in Uganda

Hi Friends in Christ John 3:11 Really, we must love one another. I wish to thank you for the good efforts and prayers to words. Ugandans. Philippians 1:3 for sure you really understand what it is to be in need! and what it is to have more than enough Philippians 4:12, then verse 14. It was very good of you to help me in time troubles may God bless you abundantly. God you said in your holy books that the good church is to help the orphans and widows and all kind of vulnerable people. Here are your servants who have shown interest to help your children: By feeding and tuitions in Uganda. Dick Kiernan as programs O,r""1epjpaul and Thomas. Feeding hungry families on COVID-19 in Uganda. Ann kiernan Hallahan & Gerry- Mackline Sharon label-Nyangoma Kevin. Feeding hungry families on COVID-19 Bethany Knittel-Joyline

Don Turbitt -Feeding hungry families in Uganda through men's Association.Galatians1:20 what I write is true. God knows that I am not lying. I declare God's blessings to your families and be strong, firm in faith and above all do your work in love. Corinthians 6:13-14. Dick you're so wonderful servant of God let your fruits multiply and be shared by people in the Global for lord's love, and faith. Blessings Paul NB....Friends more prayers to Ugandans, we are now on 4th stage of COVID-19 more cases and deaths.so when one tested COVID-19 positive is told to go to his or her home! Hospitals full of COVID-19 patients. Lord be on our side.

Chapter News

Virtual Meetings

During these challenging times we know that it is difficult to meet in-person at some of our parishes for various reasons.

It is important that we maintain the ability to meet and share our Catholic faith and fellowship.

The Men of St Joseph International has decided to invest in a Zoom account which will allow chapters that cannot meet in person to conduct virtual meetings without meeting time limits.

It will be a single license account which means that only one group can use it at a time.

Your chapter can schedule a time and date with the service committee to use it.

Once we have the license set up, we will inform the chapter leaders so they can begin to develop the schedule for its use.

From a pastor of one of our parishes with an MOSJI chapter

Dear Parishioners on December 8, 2020, the Church commemorated the 150th anniversary of *Quemadmodum Deus*, the decree in 1870 by Pope Pius IX declaring St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church. In observance of this anniversary and to highlight the importance and efficacy of devotion to the intercession of St. Joseph, a special Year of St. Joseph was declared by Pope Francis from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021. In union with the Church,

I invite all of you to open your minds and hearts to increased devotion to St. Joseph and to join me in imploring his intercession during these challenging and uncertain times. It would make a good spiritual resolution at the beginning of a new year to do so. Why St. Joseph? As a point of reflection, I offer you this invitation for the following reasons:

1. We need the example and witness of St. Joseph now more than ever. St. Joseph, the just man, was chosen by God to be the foster father of Jesus, the Incarnate Son of God. The Church here and everywhere, which we call the Mystical Body of Christ, is in need of the protection of our heavenly patron.
2. Joseph espoused himself to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Joseph, the faithful and chaste husband, is a marvelous example for all husbands and fathers to embrace their vocations with renewed fervor and dedication. Pornography and sexual sins are destroying marriages and families every day. We need St. Joseph's powerful assistance to inspire lives of chastity and purity, especially in our young people.
3. Joseph stands out as a role model for priests and bishops who, like St. Joseph, are charged to oversee the family of the Church, to lead her in charity and truth toward eternal life. As in all

times, we need a powerful intercessor to help us remain steadfast in our pastoral duties as shepherds and teachers.

4. Joseph is an honorable man. The men of our culture need positive examples of men who embrace justice, courage, purity of heart and body, commitment to their faith and accompaniment of their children on their own journeys of faith.

These are just some of the reasons that we see this year dedicated to St. Joseph as an opportunity for grace for our parish, our diocese and the entire Church. St. Joseph, pray for us!

With the Apostolic Letter “Patris Corde” (With a Father’s Heart), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a “Year of Saint Joseph” from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021. Pope Francis encourages all of us to pray together:

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.

Events and Dates

February 27, 2021 - Annual Men’s Conference, Rhode Island has been postponed until June/July. Watch future newsletters, emails, and the website of updates.

March 31, 2021 – Chapter Leaders meeting 7:00PM

October 13 – 17, 2021 International Men’s Conference, Rome Italy

Readings of the day for January 12, 2021

Brothers and sisters:

In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways
to our ancestors through the prophets;
in these last days, he spoke to us through the Son,
whom he made heir of all things
and through whom he created the universe,....(Heb 1:1-6)

After John had been arrested,
Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the Gospel of God:
“This is the time of fulfillment.
The Kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and believe in the Gospel.”... (Mk 1:14-20)

Prayer Requests

The Men of St Joseph International is concerned for all of our members, their families and friends. We strongly believe in the power of prayer and have set up a team of Prayer Warriors that 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.

John 15:7 - If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want, and it will be done for you.

MOSJI Updates

Our current website was developed and launched in August of 2014. It has served our needs and had many new features added since then including a prayer request line where request can be sent to our prayer warrior team who pray for these requests daily, a store where MOSJI logoed apparel can be purchased, a link to the readings of the day, a donation link where you can contribute to the MOSJI to name a few.

The event tab lists current, future, and past events that include slide shows of the men in action at the events.

It is time now to develop a completely new site incorporating the latest technology and functionality.

It is important also that we address the needs and requests from our membership to make this new site more appealing and a valuable resource for you.

We would like to hear from you regarding the features, topics, resources, and other ideas you would like the new website to offer. Please email your thoughts and comments to John Olobri at jolobri2@verizon.net. New site development is planned to start by the end of January.

We would like to hear from you

If your chapter has news and or chapter dynamics that would be good to share with all the MOSJI members, please email it to mosji72@gmail.com. We will include it in future newsletters

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