

BE LIKE JOSEPH CAMPAIGN

CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

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ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

HUDSON, FL

THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

Pope Francis released an Apostolic Letter, *Patris corde* (“*With a Father’s Heart*”), in which he recalled the 150th anniversary of the declaration of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark this special occasion, the pope has proclaimed a “Year of Saint Joseph” from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021.

Saint Joseph is the husband of Mary, the Mother of God, and he is the foster father of Jesus, the Son of God. He is the patron saint of many things; although he is most famous for being the patron of fathers and the patron of a happy death.

Throughout this year, our parish will focus on a different title of St. Joseph each month, beginning with Patron of the Universal Church. You are invited to join our celebration of this great saint. Hopefully you will be inspired to become more like St. Joseph yourself.

THINGS TO DO TO BE MORE LIKE ST. JOSEPH

St. Joseph was blessed to guide, teach, protect, and experience Jesus Christ, the Word of God made Flesh. You too can learn about Jesus as the Word of God in the following ways:

1. Read the Scriptures, especially the Gospels, which highlight the life of Christ.
2. Complete our Gospel of St. Mark Online Reflection. This is an 81-day program which covers the entire Gospel of St. Mark while allowing you to encounter Christ in your life. It can be found on our website: saintmichaelchurch.org.

St. Joseph was a man of prayer who followed the will of God. The following are ways in which you too can utilize prayer to deepen your relationship with God:

1. Pray the Rosary. This devotion allows us to enter more deeply into the life of Christ and his mother.
2. Intercession to St. Joseph. Our parish has the Sleeping St. Joseph Devotion intention basket set up in our chapel. The Prayer to St. Joseph intention basket is set up in our main church.
3. Devotion to St. Joseph. There is a St. Joseph novena which can be done privately, and our parish will be engaging in a monthly one starting on March 20.

There are no recorded words spoken by St. Joseph in the entire Bible. He is therefore seen as a man of action. You too can allow your actions to speak louder than words in the following ways:

1. Perform the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy.
2. Participate in our monthly St. Joseph parish activities, which can be found on our parish website.
3. Get involved in a parish ministry.

St. Joseph was blessed with the privilege of being able to enter into the very mystery of Christ through his daily interactions with Our Lord. You too can enter more fully into the mystery of Jesus Christ in the following ways.

1. Attend Mass more frequently.
2. Spend Time with the Blessed Sacrament. This can be achieved by sitting in the presence of the Tabernacle while the church is open or by spending some time visiting Our Lord during Eucharistic Adoration.
3. Partake in the Sacrament of Reconciliation more frequently.
4. Strengthen your Theological Virtues (*Faith, Hope, and Love*):
 - a. Develop your Faith by reading a spiritual book.
 - b. Increase your Hope by trusting in God, like St. Joseph did.
 - c. Practice Love through acts of charity.



CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

1. Feed the hungry
2. Give drink to the thirsty
3. Clothe the naked
4. Give shelter to travelers
5. Visit the sick
6. Visit the imprisoned
7. Bury the dead

SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

1. Instruct the ignorant
2. Counsel the doubtful
3. Admonish the sinner
4. Bear patiently those who wrong you
5. Forgive offenses
6. Comfort the afflicted
7. Pray for the living and the dead

PLENARY INDULGENCE DURING THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

The Apostolic Penitentiary has issued a decree granting plenary indulgences until December 8, 2021. An indulgence is a grant by the pope of remission of the temporal punishment in purgatory still due for sins after absolution is received in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. All of the following conditions (1-4) must be completed to be granted the indulgence:

1. Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
2. Pray one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and one Glory Be for the pope's intentions.
3. Receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist.
4. Perform **one** of the following:
 - a. Meditate on the Lord's Prayer for at least 30 minutes.
 - b. Take part in a Spiritual Retreat that includes a meditation on St. Joseph.
 - c. Perform one of the spiritual or corporal works of mercy.
 - d. Recite the Rosary with your family.
 - e. Entrust your daily work and activities to St. Joseph.
 - f. Invoke the intercession of St. Joseph for those seeking to find work.
 - g. Recite the Litany to St. Joseph or any other prayer to St. Joseph for the persecuted Church and for the relief of all Christians suffering all forms of persecution.



**ST. JOSEPH, PATRON OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH,
PRAY FOR US!**