



Cove Side Chatter

Our Lady of the Cove Catholic Church - Kimberling City, Missouri

Sunday, February 26, 2012

March – Month of St. Joseph

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Although the month of March is often associated with St. Patrick's Day, corn beef and cabbage, green beer, clothing, etc., on March 19th, Catholics celebrate the Feast of Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and foster father of Jesus Christ.

The Catholic Church dedicates the entire month of March to Saint Joseph, and urges us to pay special attention to his life and example. Pope Saint Pius X (1903-14) approved a public litany, the *Litany of Saint Joseph*, while Pope John XXIII (1958-1963) wrote *A Prayer for Workers*, asking Saint Joseph to intercede for them.

Even though Joseph was a working man, he came from a royal lineage. He was a descendant of the house of David, the greatest king of Israel (Matthew 1:1-16 and Luke 3:23-38). When Joseph was first greeted by the angel about Jesus, he greeted him as "son of David", a royal title used also for Jesus.

Joseph was a man of faith, obedient to whatever God asked of him. When the angel came to Joseph in a dream and told him the truth about the child Mary was carrying, Joseph, without question or concern for gossip, took Mary as his wife. When the angel came again to tell him that his family was in danger, he immediately left everything he owned, all his family and friends, and fled to a strange country with Mary and the infant Jesus.

Joseph loved Jesus and his one concern was for the safety of this child entrusted to him. Not only did Joseph leave his home to protect Jesus, but when he returned, he settled in the obscure town of Nazareth out of fear for his life. When Jesus stayed in the Temple, Joseph,

along with Mary, searched for three days for him. Joseph treated Jesus as his own son for over and over the people of Nazareth said of Jesus, "Is this not the son of Joseph?"



Joseph is the patron of the dying because, assuming he died before Jesus' public life, he died with Jesus and Mary close to him, the way we all would like to leave earth. He is also the patron of the universal Church, fathers, carpenters, and social justice. There are two feast days for Saint Joseph: March 19 for Joseph, the Husband of Mary, and May 1, for Joseph the Worker.

Throughout the Gospels, Saint Joseph remains silent, but his actions speak louder than words. He lived his life in service to Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary, in perfect conformity to the will of God. Therefore, it is appropriate that we ask Saint Joseph to pray for us, so that we, too, may live the lives that God wills us to live.

Prayer to St. Joseph over 1900 years old

O St. Joseph whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the Throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires. O St. Joseph do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, Our Lord; so that having engaged here below your Heavenly power I may offer my Thanksgiving and Homage to the most Loving of Fathers. O St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press him in my name and kiss His fine Head for me, and ask Him to return the Kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, Patron of departing souls, pray for us. Amen.

St. Joseph, pray for us.
Marina Mosier

Sources: <http://catholicism.about.com>, www.newadvent.org

Youth News

SkateWorld

In January, the Youth Group, grades 4th - 8th, enjoyed an evening out at SkateWorld in Branson. It was a double celebration for Sierra Cardenas, as she also celebrated her tenth birthday.



Miniature Golf

The OLTC Youth Group, enjoyed a February afternoon of golf at the Grand Country Indoor Golf Course in Branson.



FROM THE DESK OF THE CRE

Where do real Catholics live!

Why am I Catholic? Am I truly Catholic? What makes me Catholic? What is the basis for my faith? Am I true to what the Church teaches or do I make my own decision about matters of faith? All these questions are valid not only for our parish, our diocese but for any Christian faith. If I cannot define what makes me true to a particular faith then why call myself a member of that community? If I chose to reject the teachings of a church, then why adhere to the community of faith? So if I believe abortion is acceptable or I really don't believe I commit a sin if I fail to attend Mass on Sunday through my own fault, or I don't believe in the Real Presence in the Eucharist, or believe it's up to me to determine what sin is, then maybe just maybe I need to redefine my role as a Catholic.

Consider this quote, "Many who consider themselves Catholics believe they are justified in rejecting those teachings they don't agree with. Often there is an inadequate understanding of the Church's teaching, and unfortunately the Church's teaching on issues such as contraception or homosexuality is caricatured in the media. Yet, even the most honest and well-researched disagreement with the Church on an issue of faith or morals is problematic, because it involves replacing God's laws with our own private judgment."

If you don't understand a teaching of the church or want to know what the tenants of our faith are or what the dogma of the Catholic Church is, there are so many sources to find the answers. Scripture itself gives us the answer of God, Himself in the Old Testament and Jesus Christ in union with God the Father and the Holy Spirit in the New Testament. One of the most reliable and important is the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Another great resource is the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops at USCCB.org. Catholicanswers.com and NewAdvent.org are also helpful sites, but the defining answer lies in the Bible. The answer should never be, "I don't know!" but if it is then follow it up with "Let me find the answer!" The Fathers of Mercy at fathersofmercy.com have a pamphlet called "Examination of Conscience and Catholic Doctrine" which is an awesome guide at the tip of your fingers. I know so many of us went to Catholic school or have been Catholic all our lives but if you stop learning and growing your memory fails you.

The crux of the problem is when you make a judgment to follow the law of the land or your own decision of what is right or wrong and not what the Church teaches, are you Catholic? I'm not saying you're wrong or you don't have the right to make a decision for yourself or believe what

you wish but the question is, "Are you still a Catholic?" Remember the last four things are Death, Judgment, Heaven or Hell. How will you be judged, as a Catholic or as one of the 38,000 Christian denominations here on earth? Remember if you believe the Catholic Church is the church established by Christ, the true church then why question what it teaches? And if you don't believe this to be true, then which Christian denomination do you want to join?

Source: Leon J. Suprenant, Jr., from the "Catholic Exchange" website.

Southern Stone County Food Pantry At Our Lady of the Cove 2/21/2012

The **Southern Stone County Food Pantry (SSCFP)** located at Our Lady of the Cove Catholic Church is open the first three Wednesdays of the month.

The Southern Stone County Food Pantry helped to feed 626 people this past February.

The Southern Stone County Food Pantry at Our Lady of the Cove is grateful to all who donate to the food pantry, for as you can see there is a great need here. The food pantry relies entirely on donations, from individuals, other churches, and other organizations. **No one receives a salary, all are volunteers.**

Country Mart in Branson West and Panera Bread in Branson provide us with left over bread. Harter House gives us a good deal with very large quantity purchases.

Thank you and God bless all who gave groceries, money, or whatever to the food pantry. 100% goes to help the ones in need.

Dottie

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- 3/1-31 Irish month at the Titanic; 800-381-7670
- 3/7-11 NAIA Division II Men's Basketball Ntl. Championship; 335-NAIA
- 3/29-31 Viet Nam Veterans Exposition & Registration
www.bransonveteransevents.com
- 3/31 Silver Dollar City Young Christians Day:
www.silverdollarcity.com

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DIABOLICAL INFLUENCES

When writing articles for the CSC on subject matters that are suggested by parishioners, I have to think, "Does this affect us or our faith?" For example, last month when I wrote about Catholic Conscience, that subject is very important to the core of what we as Catholics believe, LIFE FOR ALL. Albeit, some people thought it was about abortion but the HHS Mandate was really an attack on religious freedom. Abortion just happened to be the central part of it for us. The new mandate is an attack on religious freedom for everyone, and not just Catholics; but at the core of it for us is the abortion issue. It was very important to get that message out to every Catholic, and we just happen to be on target printing it Wednesday before it broke out on the evening news.

Tim Tebow, *Cultural Warrior Revisited* was another article last month that was controversial. Yet, as a society we make a mockery out of this kid praying to God and yet we accept others praying openly to their gods? I believe the picture included in that article said it all.

Several parishioners have told me that I am brave writing such controversial articles. I don't think that I'm brave; I just know that there are some things that should be shared with you when they affect our faith. I believe, and have said so in previous articles, that we have to let our voices be heard and let the world know that we have God in our lives. God wants us to share His message of love. The world needs God now more than ever before. It is our job to help spread His love.

That brings me to my article this month, *Diabolical Influences*. Characteristics of the diabolic are alive and flourishing in the modern Western part of the world.

In July of 2011, Msgr. Charles Pope wrote an article in answer to the question: "What are Three Characteristics of Diabolical Influence?"

They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across the lake from Galilee. When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town. For a long time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his voice, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg don't torture me!" For Jesus had commanded the evil spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him, and though he was chained hand and foot and kept under guard, he had broken his chains and had been driven by the demon into solitary places. Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" "Legion," he replied, because many demons had gone into him ...)
Luke 8:26-30)

Bishop Fulton Sheen states that the following three characteristics are sure fire ways to determine diabolical activity: Love of Nudity, Violence and Division.

Love of Nudity: There is a widespread tendency of immodest dress. Fashion today reveals more than is reasonable. Too many in our culture see little problem parading in various stages of undress, wearing clothing that are more intended to disclose and call attention to, than to conceal the private parts of the body.

This is very evident with "stars" whose pictures are taken where their private parts have to be covered with a banner because their most intimate parts have been captured on film. We see it in young girls who haven't even reached their teen years and their mothers are buying them bikini thongs and tight, tight shorts. These girls are still babies and yet they are dressed like miniature adults. What has happened to sensibility?

Pornographic sites on the Internet outpace all others tenfold. Pornography has become widespread because it's just a click away and Americans are viewing enormous amounts of pornography. More and more, women are sexualized to sell products. The overall sexualization of culture ties in to Satan's love of nudity.

Violence: Violence has been turned into a form of entertainment. Not only in movies, but video games turn to violence as entertainment and death into a "solution". Recent Popes have warned us of the culture of death where death is increasingly proposed as the "solution" to problems. In our culture, violence begins in the womb as the innocent are attacked and we call it "choice" or rights". The violence and embrace of death continues to ripple through our culture through contraception, violent gang activity, easy recourse to war and capital punishment. Satan loves violence and he loves to set fires and watch us blame each other as we burn.

Division: Satan loves to divide. Today, we see our families divided, the Church divided, our culture and country divided. We are divided at almost every level; racial, religious, political, and economics. Our families are broken, our marriages are broken. Divorce is rampant and commitments of any sort are rejected and deemed impossible. The Church is broken and divided into factions, so too the State, all the way down to the level of school boards. Though once we agreed on essentials, now even appeals to shared truth are called intolerant.

What do you think? The first step in over-coming the enemy's agenda is to know his moves, to name them and then rebuke them in the Name of Jesus. You have just taken the first step.

MEMORARE ARMY

Prayer Campaign for Religious Freedom

I've been writing for almost five years now, not only the CSC, but the weekly Bulletin. Do you know how many covers, articles, poems and announcements are covered in five years? A LOT!! I would like to thank all the people who have sent me articles of interest, poems and prayers. The following was received in an email just as we were getting the Cove Side Chatter ready for this weekend's Bulletin, and it couldn't have come at a better time.

"We go to Mary only as a way leading to the goal we seek: Jesus, her son." St. Louis Marie de Montfort

One of the things I've learned in recent years about Lent is that it's not just about "giving up something we like", but also maybe "doing something more." Doing something more? What does that mean?

While I've worked in the office, I've received calls from people asking me about Lent? They tell me they don't really know much about Lent, or have been away from the Church for many years and are wondering what or why they should give up something? Hmmmm..... I tell them that, personally, for me the answer is, "You don't have to give up anything if you don't want to, but giving up something is a sacrifice that you are willing to do for God. I then suggest that maybe they would like to try giving." Giving? Giving what? Money seems to be the obvious answer. But no, it's not always about money. It's the giving of yourself, your time, your talents. Giving of yourself by doing a random act of kindness. Giving of your time by praying more on a daily basis. Giving of your talents by volunteering to help decorate Church, or help working at the fish fries on Friday nights. Talent doesn't mean singing and dancing, but rather sharing in the work that is done by all to help our Church.

"The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced January 20th that almost all employers, including Catholic employers, will be forced to offer their employees health coverage that includes sterilization, abortion-inducing drugs, and contraception," wrote Archbishop Joseph Naumann. "We cannot --- and we will not --- comply with this unjust law. People of faith cannot be made second class citizens."

Recently, Archbishop Joseph Nauman of Kansas City-Kansas asked Stephen D. Minnis, president of Benedictine College, Kansas, to launch a national Memorare Army prayer campaign for religious liberty. Mother Teresa started the first Mmemorare Army in Calcutta, India, gathering pledges for 85,000 Memorares for her work.

They are asking to people to commit to saying 1,000 Memorares for religious liberty. This can be accomplished by praying three Memorares a day for a year, for example, or quicker if you pray more per day, or if your family joins you in this effort.

I know, you are going to say, "I don't know if I can do it everyday for a year." We all get into this mode where our days get so busy, and yes, it is hard because life is complicated. But, here is a good example of how you can give during Lent. You don't have to commit to praying the Memorare everyday for a year, but what if you just tell yourself that you will at least try to pray it during Lent? I believe that most people are willing to commit to a shorter time period, and the prayer is short and can be said in a minute or two. Give it a 40-day trial period, and maybe, just maybe, you will get to the point where you will join in praying the Memorare for a year.

The Memorare Prayer

(From the Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church)

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession, was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

Together, let us pray,
Marina Mosier

Source: www.thegregorian.org

Thank You Lord

On Ash Wednesday, as I heard the musicians and cantor practicing for Mass, it again dawned on me how truly beautiful the people are in our parish. Not only the people, but the church itself. It made me thank God again for bringing me to this parish, and for allowing me to serve you in the office. It made me thankful for so many things in my life. I felt the peace of the Lord and at that moment I prayed that everyone in this parish could have that same peace that I was feeling.

As we now walk our Lenten journey, let us love one another, pray for one another and forgive those who have hurt us, and ask forgiveness from those we have hurt. It is a time for healing and healing cannot take place without forgiveness and love – love that is freely given, as God has given His love to us. God loves us so much that He gave us His only Son, who died so that we may live. Let us make ourselves worthy of His love.

May God continue to pour His many blessings on us,
Marina Mosier

Tear Out the Roots of Vanity Live Lent as a Christian Again

The following is an article I've had in my files for several years. I don't have the source for it, and I don't know which Pope wrote it but I do know that it was written for Ash Wednesday many years ago; and it is still relevant as it is being printed today, Ash Wednesday, 2012.

“The Message from our Holy Father this Ash Wednesday. Lent is a time for conversion. Conversion is a process, a journey we need to embrace with love along with the cross and responsibility on our part.”

1. Lent is a time to embrace conversion as a journey of return to God and to reject self-realization.
2. Lent serves as an opportunity for the faithful to go back to being Christian.
3. Lent is a time of conversion in which we return to our baptism in order to rediscover it and experience it more profoundly. It is an occasion to go back to being Christian via a constant process of interior transformation, and of progress in the knowledge and love of Christ.
4. Conversion is a process ... a journey ... that cannot be limited to a specific period but must embrace all existence.
5. In Lent, the Christian is called to tear out vanity's roots.
6. Lent is an appropriate spiritual moment to train ourselves more earnestly to seek God, opening our hearts to Christ.
7. Conversion means seeking God.
8. Conversion is not an effort of self-realization, but is found in submitting to God's will.
9. Self-realization is a contradiction, and it is too little for us. We have a higher destiny. Conversion consists precisely in not thinking that one is the 'creator' of oneself, and thus discovering the truth.
10. The immense love that God has for us, and invites Christians to remain with Mary and John, the disciple Jesus loved, next to him who on the cross gave his life for humanity.
11. Love, the cross, and the responsibility of Christians to respond to love in dealings with others.
12. The cross is the definitive revelation of love and divine mercy.
13. The conversion of the cross stands in contradiction to a culture that is too often distracted by worldly and momentary concerns and interests.
14. God is love and his love is the secret of our happiness. To enter into this mystery of love there is no other way than that of losing ourselves, giving ourselves, the way of the cross.

15. The liturgy of Lent invites us to reject sin and evil, and overcome selfishness and indifference. Prayer, fasting, penance and works of charity are all becoming spiritual paths to follow in order to return to God.

May Lent be a time to learn how to give, once again, our love to our neighbors, especially those who are suffering or are in difficulty.

In His Service,
Marina Mosier

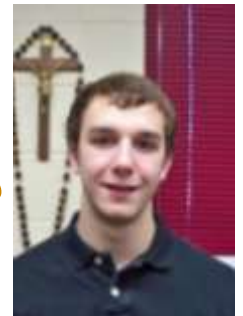
RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a liturgical rite flowing from the Second Vatican Council. It details the process of initiation into the Roman Catholic community for adults and children of catechetical age. It describes how people are guided and cared for as they awaken in faith and are gradually introduced to the Catholic way of life. The RCIA process is a series of carefully prepared stages that new members embrace when embarking on a continuous and always deepening conversion of faith and discipleship. The RCIA takes each individual's history and spiritual needs into account, differentiating between the baptized and unbaptized, the catechized and uncatechized. There are four stages: Pre-Catechumenate, Catechumenate, Purification, and Enlightenment and Post-Baptismal Catechesis (Mystagogia). Each is marked by various liturgical rites, usually celebrated in the presence of the whole community, including the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens, the Rite of Election or Enrollment of Names, and the Celebration of Sacraments of Initiation at the great Easter Vigil.

We are asking you to pray for our Candidates and Catechumens in our RCIA class during Lent and through Pentecost. Mark White and Tom Porch are in preparation to come into the church. Please include them in your prayers as they discern their decision to become members of our community of faith. We ask you to also include Carrie White, who will be confirmed during the Easter Vigil.



Mark White



Tom Porch