

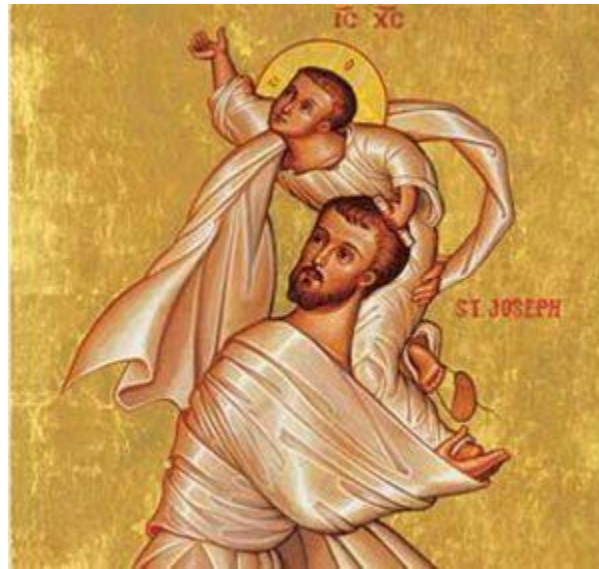
CHRISTIAN PRAYER:

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March 19, 2018

JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF MARY

Lent: Solemnity



Ironically, the Church Liturgy today interrupts our Lenten fasting with this great Feast and Solemnity of St Joseph, the husband of Mary. We're grateful for the brief reprieve it brings with it to our Lenten fasting!! Yet I think we can actually tie the two themes together when we consider St Joseph, with all his humanity, as the Just Man, the righteous one—*the man of virtue*. During the Eucharistic Prayer today we'll honor St Joseph, "this just man, given by [God] as spouse to the Virgin Mother of Christ, and set as a wise and faithful steward over God's household, to watch like a father over God's only begotten son. - *Fr. Stephen Dardis (2017)*
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COMMON OF HOLY WOMEN

Evening Prayer I

THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT - Week I

God, come to my assistance.

- Lord, make haste to help me.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.

Amen. Alleluia

HYMN, no 145 - [Look Down to Us, Saint Joseph](#) pg. 1667

PSALMODY

Ant. 1 Jacob became the Father of Joseph, the husband of Mary. She gave birth to Jesus who is called Christ. (*alleluia*)

Psalm 113 - From the Common of Holy Men - pg. 1448.

God the Helper of the Needy

Praise, O servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord! May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and forevermore! From the rising of the sun to the setting praised be the name of the Lord!

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High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory. Who is like the Lord, our God, who has risen on high to his throne yet stoops from the heights to look down, to look down upon heaven and earth?

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From the dust, he lifts up the lowly, from his misery he raises the poor to set him in the company of princes, yes, with the princes of his people. To the childless wife, he gives a home and gladdens her heart with children.

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Praise for God's Help

PSALM 146 - PRAYER 2

Ant. 2 The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph. (*alleluia*).

My soul, give praise to the Lord; I will praise the Lord all my days, make music to my God while I live.

Ant. 2 The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph. (*alleluia*).

Put no trust in princes, in mortal men in whom there is no help. Take their breath, they return to clay and their plans that day come to nothing.

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He is happy who is helped by Jacob's God, whose hope is in the Lord his God, who alone made heaven and earth, the seas and all they contain.

Ant. 2 The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph. (*alleluia*).

It is he who keeps faith forever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free,

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the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down,. the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan.

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It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign forever, Zion's God, from age to age.

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PSALM - PRAYER 3

Ant. 3 Mary the mother of Jesus was betrothed to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the power of the Holy Spirit. (*alleluia*).

CANTICLE - See Ephesians 1:3-10

Spiritual Blessings in Christ

Praised be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who bestowed on us in Christ every spiritual blessing in the heavens.

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God chose us in him before the world began, to be holy and blameless in his sight.

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He predestined us to be his adopted sons through Jesus Christ, such was his will and pleasure, that all might praise the glorious favor he has bestowed on us in his beloved.

Ant. 3 Mary the mother of Jesus was betrothed to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the power of the Holy Spirit. (*alleluia*).

In him and through his blood, we have been redeemed, and our sins forgiven, so immeasurably generous is God's favor to us.

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God has given us the wisdom to understand fully the mystery, the plan he was pleased to decree in Christ.

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A plan to be carried out in Christ, in the fullness of time, to bring all things into one in him, in the heavens and the earth.

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READING - *Colossians 3:23-24*

Rules for Christian Households

Whatever you do, work at it with your whole being. Do it for the Lord rather than for men, since you know full well you will receive an inheritance from him as your reward. Be slaves of Christ the Lord.

RESPONSORY

The just man shall blossom like a lily (*alleluia, alleluia*)

- The just man shall blossom like the lily (*Alleluia, alleluia*)

He shall flourish forever in the courts of our God,

- like the lily.

- (Alleluia, alleluia)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.

CANTICLE OF MARY

Ant. This is the faithful and prudent steward whom the Lord has set over his household. (alleluia) - pg.1108

INTERCESSIONS

All fatherhood in heaven and on earth has its origin in God. Let us turn to him and pray:

'Our Father in heaven, hear our prayer.'

All-holy Father, you revealed to Saint Joseph your eternal plan of salvation in Christ,

- deepen our understanding of your Son, true God, and true man.

Father in heaven, you feed the birds of the air, and clothe the fields with the fruit of the earth,

- give all your children their daily bread, to sustain soul and body.

Maker of the universe, you have entrusted your creation to our safekeeping

- may all who work receive a just reward for their labors.

God of all righteousness, you want us all to be like you,

- may Saint Joseph inspire us to walk always in your way of holiness.

Look kindly on the dying and the dead, and grant them your mercy,

- through the intercession of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

*For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.
Amen.*

PRAYER - pg.1108

Father,

you entrusted our Savior to the care of Saint Joseph. By the help of his prayers may your Church continue to serve its Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

DISMISSAL

May the Lord bless us, protect us from evil and bring us everlasting life.

- AMEN.

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