

My steadfast  
love I will  
keep for him  
forever, and  
my covenant  
will stand firm  
for him. PSALM 89:28



# CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH

March 19, 2021

**CELEBRANT** :: Fr. Nicholas Mtey

**MUSICIAN** :: Ann Marie Moore and Carmen Massaro

**OPENING SONG** :: Table of Plenty

O come and sit at my table where saints and sinners are friends.  
I wait to welcome the lost and lonely to share the cup of my love.

**REFRAIN:**

**Come to the feast of heaven and earth!**  
**Come to the table of plenty!**  
**God will provide for all that we need,**  
**Here at the table of plenty.**

O come and eat without money; come to drink without price.  
My feast of gladness will feed your spirit with faith and fullness of life.

**REFRAIN**

**GLORIA** ::

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**FIRST READING** :: 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16

**RESPONSE: Thanks be to God**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** :: Psalm 89:2-5, 27 and 29

**RESPONSE: The son of David will live forever.**

The promises of the LORD I will sing forever,  
Through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness,  
For you have said, "My kindness is established forever";  
In heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness. ... **RESPONSE**

"I have made a covenant with my chosen one,  
I have sworn to David my servant:  
Forever will I confirm your posterity  
and establish your throne for all generations." ... **RESPONSE**

He shall say of me, 'You are my Father,  
my God, the Rock my savior.'  
Forever I will maintain my kindness toward him,  
and my covenant with him stands firm. ... **RESPONSE**

**SECOND READING** :: Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22  
**RESPONSE: Thanks be to God**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** ::

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of Endless Glory  
Joseph, husband of Mary, made a home for Jesus.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of Endless Glory

**GOSPEL** :: Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a  
**RESPONSE: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

**PROFESSION OF FAITH** :: Nicene Creed

**INTERCESSIONS** ::

**RESPONSE: Lord hear our prayer**

:: For all Church leaders, that they may care for the Church as Joseph cared for Mary and Jesus, we pray... **RESPONSE**

:: For civic leaders, that they may work for justice and right relationships in our society, we pray... **RESPONSE**

:: For those in need, especially the homeless, that generous people may provide for them, as Joseph provided for his family, we pray... **RESPONSE**

:: For the sick, and those who are suffering, that we may treat them with compassion and care, we pray... **RESPONSE**

:: For all of us gathered here, that we may grow in the virtues of humility and respect for one another following the example of St. Joseph, we pray... **RESPONSE**

:: For the board members, staff, volunteers and all who are involved in the care of the mission of Joseph's Home, that they may continue to respond to the promptings of God in their lives, we pray... **RESPONSE**

:: For the residents of Joseph's Home, that they may come to the realization of God's love for them and a fresh enthusiasm for life, we pray... **RESPONSE**

:: For those who have died – especially our alumni who have passed: David Jackson, Douglas Houston, Lindsay Martin, Richard Folbert, Dionne Golston, Joshua Brinkley – that they may come to share in the glory of heaven, we pray... **RESPONSE**

God of great wonders, hear the prayers we present to you, and bring joy to those for whom we pray.

**PRESENTATION SONG ::** Here I Am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

**REFRAIN:**

Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard You calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if You lead me.  
I will hold Your people in my Heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain. I have borne My people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

**REFRAIN**

**COMMUNION SONG ::** Taste and See

**REFRAIN:**

Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.  
O taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times. His praise shall always be on my lips;  
My soul shall glory in the Lord for he has been so good to me.

**REFRAIN**

Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us all praise his name.  
I called the Lord and he answered me; from all my troubles he set me free.

**REFRAIN**

Worship the Lord, all you people. You'll want for nothing if you ask.  
Taste and see that God is good; in him we need put all our trust.

**REFRAIN**

**CLOSING SONG ::** The Glory of These Forty Days

The glory of these forty days  
We celebrate with songs of praise;  
For Christ, by whom all things were made,  
Himself has fasted and has prayed.

Alone and fasting Moses saw  
The loving God who gave the law;  
And to Elijah, fasting came  
The steeds and chariots of flame.

**CLOSING REFLECTION ::** Beth Graham – Executive Director

## A PRAYER FOR THE FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH

Within the Christian tradition, the feast of St. Joseph is celebrated today. St. Joseph's life was that of an ordinary workman, yet his ability to see and communicate the presence of God made him extraordinary. Although Sacred Scripture doesn't tell us a great deal about him, we know St. Joseph listened to God in his dreams, and he protected and cared for Jesus and Mary.

### **Prayer to Joseph, Who is Known by Many Titles**

#### **Faithful Joseph:**

Teach us to listen and not be afraid to trust  
as you did in God's promise.

#### **Loving Joseph:**

Teach us to love courageously with a heart  
that is free and just.

#### **Protector Joseph:**

Teach us to protect one another and all  
that belongs to God.

#### **Dreamer Joseph:**

Teach us to dream a world where all are neighbors;  
a vision illuminated by God's light.

#### **Teacher Joseph:**

Teach us to keep the Word of God close to our hearts, and to proclaim it in word and action.

#### **Gentle Joseph:**

Teach us to be gentle with our power and  
strong in our tenderness.

#### **Parent Joseph:**

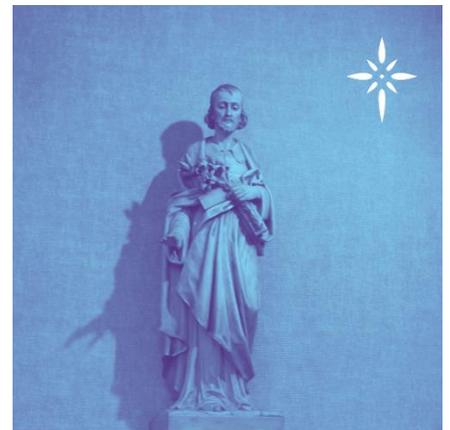
Teach us to be for all persons a living lesson  
of goodness and truth - a blessing for all  
generations to come.

Amen.

**\*Adapted by the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Carondelet**

## THE YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

The Year of Saint Joseph was proclaimed by Pope Francis on December 8, 2020. The Year of Saint Joseph celebrates the 150th anniversary of the saint's declaration as Patron of the Universal Church and comes at a time when the extraordinary patience and hope of "ordinary" people, like Saint Joseph, "are surely shaping the decisive events of our history."



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