



Peter's Paper

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CANCELLATION OF MASS IN THE CALGARY DIOCESE

On March 16th, Bishop McGrattan cancelled all Masses throughout the Diocese of Calgary, and issued a Decree dispensing the Faithful from their Sunday obligation. Here at St. Peter's, we will be live-streaming **Weekday Mass** @ 8:30 am, however the church will be closed during this time. www.st-peters.ca/live
Sunday Mass will be live-streamed at St. Mary's Cathedral at 10:00 am, and the link to view the live-streaming will be provided as soon as possible.

The church will open at 11:00 am until 4:30 pm on weekdays, (Monday-Thursday), and 9:30 am - 12 pm on Friday. On Saturday, the Church will be open from 9:30 am until 1 pm. Sunday hours will be from 8 am until 1pm. This will provide an opportunity to pray individually before the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle.
Note: No groups can assemble in the church.

CONFESSIONS: Will be by appointment only. Please contact the parish office.

MEN'S BREAKFAST STUDY will meet online at <https://meet.google.com/uqq-pwmr-mfs?hs=122>

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL services are operational and vital during these unpredicted times. **Please remember the economically vulnerable as you are purchasing your supplies.** We are graciously accepting any monetary donations and pantry items during this Lenten season. The church remains open for those who would like to pray or drop off non-perishable goods in the SSVP donation box.

SPECIAL MASS INTENTIONS: Any special Mass Intentions that have been booked with the parish office will be offered silently by Father Jonathan and Father Arjay when celebrating their private Mass.

All meetings of various ministries are cancelled as are Sacrament Preparation and RCIA.

Pastor's Perspective

One of the spiritual practices many of us have been exercising during Lent is the Consecration to St. Joseph. A dimension of the Holy family's life that I had never thoughtfully considered before were the years they spent in Egypt. Matthew describes the Egyptian Exile this way: "An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Rise, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there till I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.'¹⁴ And he rose and took the child and his mother by night, and departed to Egypt,¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. (Matt 2:13-15).

Father Callaway, whose book we have been reading, says of this text: "It took courage for St. Joseph to take his family into Egypt. Egypt was a land of notorious thieves, pagan rituals, idols, and sorcerers. St Joseph fears no one because God is with him."

Currently, we are in an Egypt. Did Joseph want to take the Holy family to the land of Egypt? No, but he had to. Do we want to be in the Egypt we have involuntarily entered because of COVID-19? No, we do not. But here we are. At such a time we can be fearful or ask for the grace to be courageous. The root word for courage is "cour," meaning "heart". To be courageous is to love the good more than to fear the evil and suffering. The courageous person asks for the grace to cast every anxiety of God because he cares for us. (1 Peter 5.7). St Joseph understood this and so allowed himself to be led by God into a place that asked of him patience, and fortitude. Such is the invitation offered to us as well. May the example of the Holy Family's Egyptian suffering encourage your family though this season of trial and hardship.

Please keep in your prayers all of those who are working in government, public safety, healthcare, and retail. I pray you keep your family and friends close to your heart as we pray: "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us now and at the hour of our death, Amen".

Father Jonathan

Litany of Saint Joseph

Lord, have mercy. *Lord, have mercy*
Christ, have mercy. *Christ, have mercy*
Lord, have mercy. *Lord, have mercy*
Christ, hear us. *Christ, graciously hear us.*

God, the Father of Heaven, *have mercy on us.*
God, the Son, Redeemer of the world, *have mercy on us.*
God, the Holy Spirit, *have mercy on us.*
Holy Trinity, One God, *have mercy on us.*

Holy Mary, *pray for us*
Saint Joseph, *pray for us*
Renowned offspring of David, *pray for us*
Light of Patriarchs, *pray for us*
Spouse of the Mother of God, *pray for us*
Chaste guardian of the Virgin, *pray for us*
Foster-Father of the Son of God, *pray for us*
Zealous Defender of Christ, *pray for us*
Head of the Holy Family, *pray for us*

Joseph Most Just, *pray for us*
Joseph Most Chaste, *pray for us*
Joseph Most Prudent, *pray for us*
Joseph Most Courageous, *pray for us*
Joseph Most Obedient, *pray for us*
Joseph Most Faithful, *pray for us*

Mirror of Patience, *pray for us*
Lover of Poverty, *pray for us*
Model of Workmen, *pray for us*
Glory of Domestic Life, *pray for us*
Guardian of Virgins, *pray for us*
Pillar of Families, *pray for us*
Comfort of the Afflicted, *pray for us*
Hope of the Sick, *pray for us*
Patron of the Dying, *pray for us*
Terror of Demons, *pray for us*
Protector of Holy Church, *pray for us*

Let us pray.

O God, who in your loving providence, chose Blessed Joseph to be the spouse of your most Holy Mother, grant us the favor of having him for our intercessor in heaven whom on earth we venerate as our protector. You, who live and reign forever and ever. Amen



Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world,
Spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world,
Graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us.

V. He made him the lord of His household:

R. *And prince over all his possessions*