

Dear Padre,

My friend's parish is having a St. Joseph's Day Altar. What is that?

According to tradition, the altar to St. Joseph originated in the Middle Ages by Sicilians who invoked their patron saint during an extended drought and famine. When rain finally brought relief, the people expressed their gratitude in two ways: by displaying a table with the foods they harvested and by distributing their plenitude to those most in need.

Over time, the custom of an altar around the March 19 feast day of St. Joseph gained popularity and is now embraced by the faithful of any nationality wishing to share their good fortune with those who have less. The meatless feast usually includes baked items, beans, nuts, fruits, and seafood presented in ways that symbolize elements of the faith. Prayerful rituals and children portraying the Holy Family add to the celebration and heritage.

Whether the altar is modest or elaborate, at home or in church, it's a labor of love meant to strengthen the bonds of family and friends in its preparation and to strengthen one's faith and charity in its execution.

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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Saint Joseph appears as a strong and courageous man, a working man, yet in his heart we see great tenderness, which is not the virtue of the weak but rather a sign of strength of spirit and a capacity for concern, for compassion, for genuine openness to others, for love. We must not be afraid of goodness, of tenderness!

SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH, MARCH 19, 2013



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Calendar

- Monday**
 MARCH 15
Lenten Weekday
 Is 65:17-21
 Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday**
 MARCH 16
Lenten Weekday
 Ez 47:1-9, 12
 Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday**
 MARCH 17
Lenten Weekday
 Is 49:8-15
 Jn 5:17-30
- Thursday**
 MARCH 18
Lenten Weekday
 Ex 32:7-14
 Jn 5:31-47
- Friday**
 MARCH 19
 St. Joseph,
 Spouse of the
 Blessed Virgin Mary
 2 Sm 7:4-5a,
 12-14a, 16
 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22
 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
 or Lk 2:41-51a
- Saturday**
 MARCH 20
Lenten Weekday
 Jer 11:18-20
 Jn 7:40-53
- Sunday**
 MARCH 21
 Fifth Sunday of Lent
 Jer 31:31-34
 Heb 5:7-9
 Jn 12:20-33



4th Sunday Of Lent

March 14, 2021



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Holy Spirit Mass Schedule & Intentions

Week of March 13 – March 19

- Sat 6:00 pm †Marianne Weinzierl
 Sun 11:00 am †Len Sumter
 Sun 6:00 pm Parishioners Living & Deceased
 Mon 8:00 am NO MASS
 Tue 8:00 am Rana Walley (Healing)
 Wed 8:00 am †Joe Clarke
 Thr 8:00 am Sandra Hill (Healing)
 Fri 8:00 am Albert & Bunny Lechner

Christ the King Mass Schedule & Intentions

Week of March 13 – March 19

- Sat 4:00 pm †Ann Newman
 Sun 9:15 am †Souls in Purgatory, esp. Johnson
 And Falcone Family
 Tue 6:00 pm Jonathon Phillips (Birthday)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Before and after daily Mass, and by Appointment

1st Friday Adoration – 8:30am- 6:00pm
 at Holy Spirit in St. Patrick's Chapel

Adoration at Christ the King – Tuesday 5:30pm-6pm

