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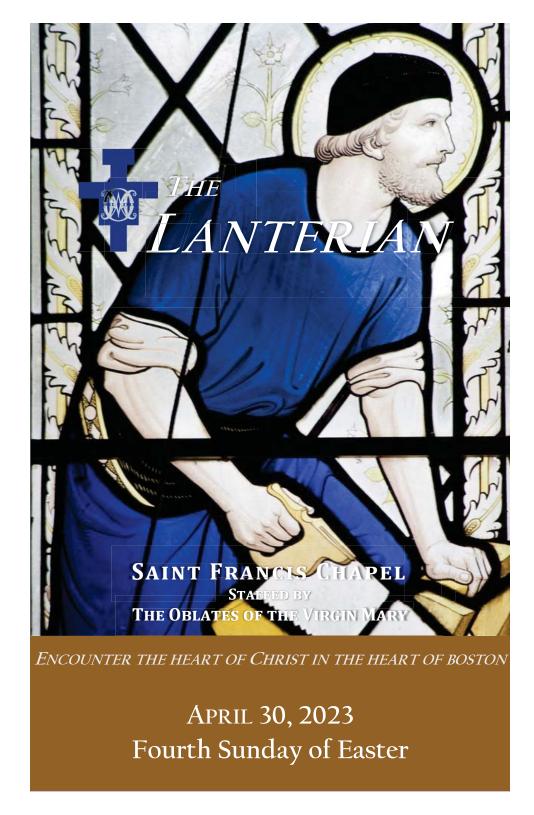
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### **Sundays:**

Fr. James Walther, OMV Fr. Sean Morris, OMV

Music: Steven Angelucci -Director. Saul Garcia, Cesar Garcia, Stacey Ibe

**Cleaning of Chapel Environment**: Nubia Viasus

### The Pope's Prayer Intention for April:

We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.



### SCHEDULE

### Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 4:00PM, 5:30 PM, (en español)

Sun. 8 AM, 9:15AM, 10:30AM, 11:45AM, 1:15 PM (en español), 4:00PM, 5:30PM

### Weekday Masses:

Mon.—Fri. 8:00AM, 12:05PM, 4:45PM Saturday 9:00AM, 12PM

#### Confessions:

Mon.—Fri. 11:15 -11:50AM, 12:45-4:15PM Saturday 9:30 - 11:45 AM, 12:45-3:30PM

### **Devotions:**

Tuesday after Mass: Our Lady Wednesday after Mass: St. Joseph Thursday after Mass: St. Jude

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Mon.—Fri. 8:30-11:50AM. 12:30-4:30PM: **Sat.** 9:30-11:30AM, 12:30-3:30PM; **Sunday** 2:30-3:30PM

### Gift Shop Hours:

Monday—Friday 10:00AM - 4:30PM\*; Saturday 9:30AM - 6:00PM\*; Sunday 8:45AM - 6:00PM\* (\*Closed during Masses)

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St. Joseph the Worker. Detail from a stained glass window by Webb in Ampleforth Abbey. Photo by Lawrence Lew, O.P. Flickr.



### Reflection by Fr. Michael Warren, OMV

Before he was known as Jesus the Christ, the Son of God, Jesus was known as the carpenter's son. *The* carpenter. St. Joseph was not known as *a* carpenter but as *the* carpenter. He was not just your average Joe the carpenter, no, Joseph excelled at his profession. He was the carpenter everyone called to get the job done. He knew his craft and he developed it. Joseph mastered the technical knowledge of his time. He was an honest worker. Through his talents Joseph sought to care for his family and provide good service to his community, thus aiding his customers—his neighbors—in having a more dignified life in their own homes.

Honest labor is a participation in God's creativity. God is a master artist: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void" (Genesis 1:1-2). God took His raw material of the formless earth and shaped it into a work of art with form and beauty and science. That is what St. Joseph did as a carpenter. He took the formless raw materials of the earth and through careful study of the sciences God embedded into this world he gave form and shape to a new thing. Joseph was an artist who gave form to the formless and meaning to that which was void. In doing so Joseph shaped himself. In being an honest worker St. Joseph developed not only his talents but his soul as he provided for his family and aided his neighbors to meet their material needs. This professional excellence was a work of sanctification. Joseph knew that holiness doesn't just pertain to the synagogue or church but to the shop, the office and the marketplace, to daily life. A student of scripture, Joseph knew that God called His creation "work" (Genesis 2:2-3).

Being a just man and a carpenter St. Joseph knew the marketplace to be much more than an opportunity for money or bartered goods (we know he was not wealthy for when he and Mary offered sacrifice at the Temple, they offered the offering of the poor, Luke 2:24). For Joseph the marketplace was a place of encounter and exchange, not just one good or service for another but of persons encountering each other for mutual good, making each other better men, not just wealthier men. The child Jesus would have observed in the life of Joseph a man who knew that wealth comes in more than one form. It is material, yes, but one may more importantly be rich in mercy, rich in virtue, rich in love. Joseph was a working man.

## Will You Be There?

### REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE 10TH NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

Join your Catholic brothers and sisters as we encounter the living Jesus Christ, experience profound renewal, and are sent out on mission for the life of the world. https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/

# EYES OPENED, Hearts on Fire

At the National Eucharistic Congress, the Church will draw into a deeper intimacy with our Eucharistic Lord, allowing our eyes to be opened and our hearts to be set on fire with his love.

The whole Congress will be an experience of prayer: a liturgical act offering the Catholic Church—those in attendance in Indianapolis as well as across the country—to the Father, through the Son, and in the Holy Spirit. This reconsecration will result in a massive outpouring of grace and renewed missionary sending as participants are moved to share the Eucharistic love of the Lord "for the life of the world" (John 6:51).

### **MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**

### Sunday, April 30

8:00 AM In honor of St. Joseph 9:15 AM In honor of St. Lucy 10:30 AM In honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

11:45 AM + Joseph Manning

1:15 PM +Maria Doralba-Lopera & +Jesus Alfredo Tobon

4:00 PM Oisin Sherlock

5:30 PM Special Intention of Sandra

### Monday, May 1

**8:00 AM** O'Dwyer Family **12:05 PM** Antonia Ruiz & Mendoza-Perez Family **4:45 PM** +Patricia Rhodes

### Tuesday, May 2

8:00 AM +Ann Feitelberg 12:05 PM Jason Feitelberg 4:45 PM Special Intention, Lauren Baldau

### Wednesday, May 3

8:00 AM Jack & Jill Cummings—health 12:05 PM Deceased Members & friends of Cotter & Bane Families 4:45 PM Maria Roy

### Thursday, May 4

8:00 AM +Tom & +Terri Portello 12:05 PM +Diana Jeanette Lataif 4:45 PM +Mr. & +Mrs. Lim Sio Pek & Family

### Friday, May 5

8:00 AM +Mr. & +Mrs. Chin Fun & Family 12:05 PM +Patrick Brown 4:45 PM +Sin Chin Lim

### Saturday, May 6

9:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. Jason Allain 12:00 PM +Ercilia Nunez & +Leoncio Huaman 4:00 PM +John Murphy & his +wife 5:30 PM Chen Ruo—blessings

### **Prayer Before Mass**



by Ven. Bruno Lanteri

My God, I offer you this holy sacrifice to proclaim, honor and glorify your infinite greatness, and in recognition of the supreme dominion which, as the first principle and last end, you have above all created things. I give you this homage for all those who still do not know you or do not want to recognize you.

I offer this too in thanksgiving for the benefits that I and all the world have received and will receive from your infinite goodness; in satisfaction for my sins and those of the whole world; to implore the graces that are necessary for my eternal salvation and for all mankind. Oh, my God, I offer to you the merits of Jesus Christ; grant me at this Holy Mass a profound adoration of him.

My God, my Creator, I implore you to grant me the grace of final perseverance. I know by faith that I do not deserve it, nor can I deserve it, but your Divine Son deserves it for me with all his virtues and with all the wounds he shows you in his Most Holy Body, on behalf of my wounded love. Amen.

### Prayer to St. Joseph, the Worker—Feast Day May 1

Joseph, by the work of your hands and the sweat of your brow, you supported Jesus and Mary, and had the Son of God as your fellow worker.

Teach me to work as you did, with patience and perseverance, for God and for those whom God has given me to support. Teach me to see in my fellow workers the Christ who desires to be in them, that I may always be charitable and forbearing towards all.

Grant me to look upon work with the eyes of faith, so that I shall recognize in it my share in God's own creative activity and in Christ's work of our redemption, and so take pride in it.

When it is pleasant and productive, remind me to give thanks to God for it. And when it is burdensome, teach me to offer it to God, in reparation for my sins and the sins of the world. Amen.

(Note: This prayer was taken from the booklet "Devotions to Saint Joseph" by Brian Moore, S.I., printed and published by the Society of St. Paul.)

### St. Joseph, Working Father By Pope Francis

An aspect of Saint Joseph that has been emphasized from the time of the first social Encyclical, <u>Pope Leo XIII</u>'s <u>Rerum Novarum</u>, is his relation to work. Saint Joseph was a carpenter who earned an honest living to provide for his family. From him, Jesus learned the value, the dignity and the joy of what it means to eat bread that is the fruit of one's own labour.

In our own day, when employment has once more become a burning social issue, and unemployment at times reaches record levels even in nations that for decades have enjoyed a certain degree of prosperity, there is a renewed need to appreciate the importance of dignified work, of which Saint Joseph is an exemplary patron.

Work is a means of participating in the work of salvation, an opportunity to hasten the coming of the Kingdom, to develop our talents and abilities, and to put them at the service of society and fraternal communion. It becomes an opportunity for the fulfilment not only of oneself, but also of that primary cell of society which is the family. A family without work is particularly vulnerable to difficulties, tensions, estrangement and even break-up. How can we speak of human dignity without working to ensure that everyone is able to earn a decent living?

Working persons, whatever their job may be, are cooperating with God himself, and in some way become creators of the world around us. The crisis of our time, which is economic, social, cultural and spiritual, can serve as a summons for all of us to rediscover the value, the importance and necessity of work for bringing about a new "normal" from which no one is excluded. Saint Joseph's work reminds us that God himself, in becoming man, did not disdain work. The loss of employment that affects so many of our brothers and sisters, and has increased as a result of the Covid -19 pandemic, should serve as a summons to review our priorities. Let us implore Saint Joseph the Worker to help us find ways to express our firm conviction that no young person, no person at all, no family should be without work!