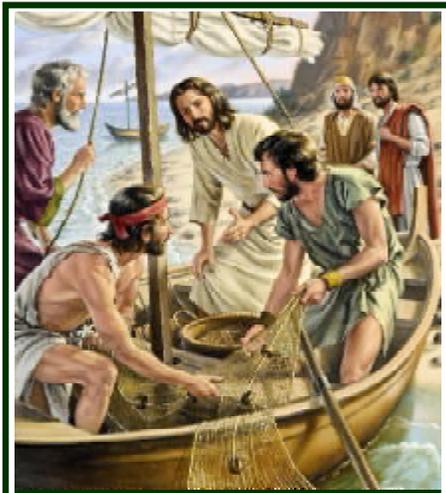


January 24, 2021 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Follow me and I will make you fishers of people"

OUR OFFICE CONTINUES TO BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

As you are aware, our Parish Office will remain closed to all in-person visits until after February 10, 2021.

Essential messages can be left on our telephone's answering machine and e-mail inquiries can be made online.

PLEASE NOTE:

Letters, Sunday envelope donations, C. W. L. Membership dues and all other written messages can either be sent by mail or delivered manually through the Rectory front door mail slot.

MASS INTENTIONS TRANSFERRED



Although we are continuing to celebrate daily Masses privately, all Mass Intentions that were scheduled during the lock down will be moved to the days after February 10, when you will be able to attend.

BULLETIN ADVERTISING SPACES AVAILABLE

Two ad spaces are available on the back cover of our soon to be published 2021 Cathedral Bulletin. The cost for the 12 months of the year for one space is \$325. OR \$500. if two are purchased together. Call 622-5389 and please leave a message.



FOR PRAYER AND REFLECTION AT HOME

During this lock down, our parishioners are encouraged to participate in the Liturgy each weekend by watching the live-streamed Masses and/or by quietly reflecting on the Sunday Readings and Mass Prayers which can be found on this website.

To access them, simply click on:
"This Weekend" or
"Mass and Confession Times"
on our Homepage.



LAST WEEK'S DONATIONS

Donations (mailed or brought to the Office this week)..	\$ 2, 215.00
Online Donations (Jan. 10-17)	585.00
New Year's Donations (more)	1, 150.00
Christmas Donations (more).....	90.00
Monthly Renovations Collection (more).....	90.00
Initial Offering (for purchase of envelopes - more)	85.00
Fuel Collection (more).....	90.00
Bulletin Advertising	325.00

We thank our parishioners for continuing to generously support our Parish during this period of lock down.

C.W.L. REMINDER

The League's National Office relies on a portion of every member's dues to operate and function, especially now! For this reason, members are urged to submit their annual \$25. dues soon. During this lockdown or when we reopen, please mail or bring them to the Parish Office.

For 150 years, St. Joseph has been recognized by Catholics as the Patron Saint of the Universal Church. To mark this milestone, Pope Francis recently proclaimed this current year 'The Year of St. Joseph' (from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021). The Papal document announcing this is named, 'Patris Corde' ('A Father's Heart'), a fitting title for St. Joseph, who loved Jesus with a father's heart. This week's column is meant to shed some biblical light on the life of this Saint, who is also the Patron of Canada. P.S.

Why Year Designations in the Church? Throughout the Church's history, many Popes have declared worldwide 'Jubilee Years' which are especially designed to promote prayer, a re-dedication to Gospel values and a renewal of spirituality. Although particular activities are encouraged for a specified year, it is the Church's goal to inspire us to adapt these practices for life.

You may recall the more recent ones, like: 'The Year of St. Paul', 'The Year of the Priest', 'The Year of Faith', and Pope Francis', 'The Year of Mercy'.

The Bible and Joseph

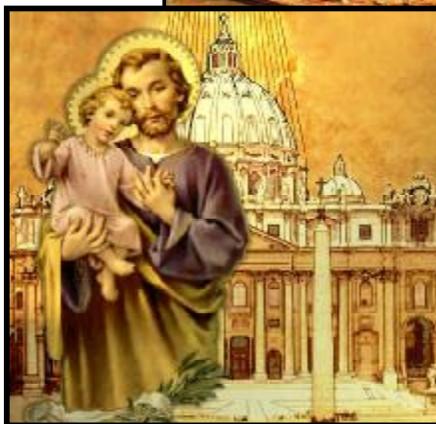
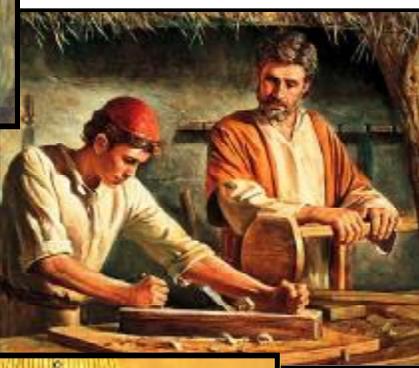
Although very little is recorded in the Bible about him, we still read enough about Joseph to appreciate what sort of a foster father he was. Most of the facts about him are found in passages from the 'Infancy Narratives' in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, and which are read around Christmas time.

Facts about Joseph from St. Matthew's Gospel

- Joseph was a descendant of King David (Mt. 1:16);
- he was a just man (Mt. 1:19);
- the angel announced to him that Mary's child was God's Son (Mt. 1: 20-22);
- he accepted Mary as his wife (Mt. 1:24);
- he named the child, Jesus (Mt. 1:25);
- after the visit of the Magi, an angel warned him about the impending violence against the child by Herod and he led his family to safety (Mt. 2:13);
- when Herod died, he obeyed God's call to settle in Nazareth (Mt. 2:22-23);
- Joseph was a carpenter (Mt. 13:55).

Facts about Joseph from the Gospel of Luke

- Luke repeats Matthew's facts, adding these nuances:
- the census of Augustus, obliged Joseph to travel to



- Bethlehem for registration, since he was a descendant of King David, (Lk. 2:1-6);
- he sought shelter there for Mary and was present at Jesus' birth (Lk. 2: 6-7);
- Joseph was a devout Jew who, with Mary, presented Jesus in the Temple, to fulfill the Law of Moses (Lk. 2:22-38);
- he then settled in Nazareth (Lk. 2:39-40);
- with Mary, he searched for Jesus and found him in the Temple (Luke 2:41-50).

A logical assumption about Joseph

Though it is not specifically mentioned in the Bible, we can safely assume that Joseph must have died before Jesus began his public ministry because there is no mention of his presence with Mary at the wedding feast at Cana, nor is his name mentioned at any

other event in Jesus' adult life, including Christ's Passion and death. Had he been alive, it is certain that he would have been present at these major events in Jesus' life.

♦ A Double Patronage

We know, from our Canadian history that in 1624, Pope Urban VIII, at the request of Samuel de Champlain, named Joseph, the Patron Saint of what was then, the Colony of New France. Then, after Confederation the Catholics of our new nation continued to look to Joseph as a fitting model for all Canadians, in admiration of his righ-

teous living, his humility, his positive work ethic and his commitment to serve others.

Therefore, for Canadian Catholics, this is an exceptionally special year in which we honour both the Patron of our Church and of our nation!