

March Reflection: St. Joseph

“Now, Venerable Brethren, you know the times in which we live; they are scarcely less deplorable for the Christian religion than the worst days, which in time past were most full of misery to the Church. We see faith, the root of all the Christian virtues, lessening in many souls; we see charity growing cold; the young generation daily growing in depravity of morals and views; the Church of Jesus Christ attacked on every side by open force or by craft; a relentless war waged against the Sovereign Pontiff; and the very foundations of religion undermined with a boldness which waxes daily in intensity...That God may be more favourable to Our prayers, and that He may come with bounty and promptitude to the aid of His Church, We judge it of deep utility for the Christian people, continually to invoke with great piety and trust, together with the Virgin-Mother of God, her chaste Spouse, the Blessed Joseph...It is of high importance that the devotion to St. Joseph should engraft itself upon the daily pious practices of Catholics...In giving Joseph the Blessed Virgin as spouse, God appointed him to be not only her life's companion, the witness of her maidenhood, the protector of her honour, but also, by virtue of the conjugal tie, a participator in her sublime dignity. And Joseph shines among all mankind by the most august dignity, since by divine will, he was the guardian of the Son of God and reputed as His father among men. Hence it came about that the Word of God was humbly subject to Joseph, that He obeyed him, and that He rendered to him all those offices that children are bound to render to their parents...The Blessed Patriarch looks upon the multitude of Christians who make up the Church as confided specially to his trust - this limitless family spread over the earth, over which, because he is the spouse of Mary and the Father of Jesus Christ he holds, as it were, a paternal authority. It is, then, natural and worthy that as the Blessed Joseph ministered to all the needs of the family at Nazareth and girt it about with his protection, he should now cover with the cloak of his heavenly patronage and defend the Church of Jesus Christ... Men of every rank and country should fly to the trust and guard of the blessed Joseph. Fathers of families find in Joseph the best personification of paternal solicitude and vigilance; spouses a perfect example of love, of peace, and of conjugal fidelity; virgins at the same time find in him the model and protector of virginal integrity. The noble of birth will learn of Joseph how to guard their dignity even in misfortune; the rich will understand, by his lessons, what are the goods most to be desired and won at the price of their labour. As to workmen, artisans, and persons of lesser degree, their recourse to Joseph is a special right, and his example is for their particular imitation. For Joseph, of royal blood, united by marriage to the greatest and holiest of women, reputed the father of the Son of God, passed his life in labor, and won by the toil of the artisan the needful support of his family. It is, then, true that the condition of the lowly has nothing shameful in it, and the work of the labourer is not only not dishonoring, but can, if virtue be joined to it, be singularly ennobled. Joseph, content with his slight possessions, bore the trials consequent on a fortune so slender, with greatness of soul, in imitation of his Son, who having put on the form of a slave, being the Lord of life, subjected himself of his own free-will to the spoliation and loss of everything.” (*Quamquam pluries*, Pope Leo XIII, 1889)

WELCOME

Our Lady of Fatima Church welcomes our visitors! New to Tradition or not, please stay after Mass and enjoy coffee and socializing!
Joining our community is easy! Please fill out a registration card and put it in the designated box in the hall near the Epistle side door.



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Our Lady of Fatima

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Mass Times: Check webpage for updates

- Sundays: 8 am Low & 10:30 Sung High
- Every Saturdays: 9 am & 1st Fridays: 7pm

Confessions: 30-45 minutes before all Masses

Rosary 30 min before all Masses

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

- 1st Fri 6pm, 1st Sat 10am

Baptisms, Extreme Unction & Sick Calls:

- Arrange with Pastor

Holy Matrimony: see Pastor 6 months prior

-St. Anthony's Shut Ins & Outreach

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Announcements at a Glance

- **Ladies Annual Appreciation Tea:** Sat March 1 at 1pm. A special time for just ladies. Ages 18+, nursing babies are welcome.
- **Children of Mary Fundraiser:** Sun March 2 after both Masses. Funds for the investiture of Catherine Greninger and Molly Pearson is a Mardi Gras Fundraiser serving up Taco/Nacho Bar. Suggested Donation: \$10→8+yrs; \$5→under 8yrs. Families of 5+ →half price.
- **Confirmation:** Sunday, March 9 at 9:30 am in Veneta. Confirmands, arrive no later than 9am. No adult catechism classes on this date.
- **Fr. Kimball:** Since Fr. Washicko is staying at the priory to assist with Confirmations, Fr. Kimball will be here Mar 5-9 to offer us 5 days of Masses: Ash Wednesday, 1st Thursday (after PCP), 1st Friday, Saturday, and two Low Masses on Sunday. See calendar for Mass times & details.
- **St. Joseph Novena:** There are many to choose from and is most efficacious when prayed March 10-18, ending on the eve of his feast day. Or online at <https://sspx.org> > search St. Joseph Novena.
- **Stations, Mass, Lenten Soup Suppers and Compline:** Fridays in Lent, starting with Stations at 6:15, ending with Compline at 8:30. See pg 9 for details.
- **HNS Meeting:** Confirmations postpone the meeting to Sunday, March 16.
- **Ascende:** The young adult group will be heading off site for an outing on March 16 Questions> AscendeOLF@gmail.com
- **Book Clubs:** Men's club will meet off-site on Sat, April 5, the book TBD; Ladies' club meeting Mar 12 off-site and are reading *Anne of Ingleside* by LM Montgomery. Teens will meet at OLF on March 23 at 12:45pm, discussing *The Fellowship of the Ring* by JRR Tolkien.
- **Homeschool Lent Bingo:** Come together for an innovative game of Lent Bingo and a spiritual talk with Fr. Washicko on Fri March 28 before Stations. The group wants to thank all who supported their "Nacho Fundraiser".
- **Save the Date Lenten Work Day:** Saturday, April 5. Please plan to help as we ready the Chapel and property for Passiontide and Holy Week.

The Cry of the Deer

As St. Patrick shows in his famous breastplate (also called The Cry of the Deer), everything speaks to him of God. In all things he finds Christ. There is no detail of his day — no word, no action, no thought, no person, no event, no ray of light, no gust of wind — that cannot bring him to a deeper awareness of the Omnipresent Christ. With this perspective on life — this perspective of obsession with Christ — how can our impoverished soul not desire to grow in the riches of the knowledge and love of God, every moment of every day...

"I arise today through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity, through belief in the Threeness, through confession of the Oneness of the Creator of creation. I arise today through the strength of Christ's birth with His baptism, through the strength of His crucifixion with His burial, through the strength of His resurrection with His ascension, through the strength of His descent for the judgment of doom. I arise today through the strength of the love of cherubim, in the obedience of angels, in the service of archangels, in the hope of resurrection to meet with reward, in the prayer of patriarchs, in the prediction of prophets, in the preaching of apostles, in the faith of confessors, in the innocence of holy virgins, in the deeds of righteous men. I arise today through the strength of heaven, the light of the sun, the radiance of moon, the splendor of fire, the speed of lightning, the swiftness of wind, the depth of sea, the stability of the earth, the firmness of rock. I arise today through God's strength to pilot me, God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me, God's eye to look before me, God's ear to hear me, God's word to speak for me, God's hand to guard me, God's shield to protect me, God's host to save me, from snares of devils, from temptation of vices, from everyone who shall wish me ill, afar and near. I summon today all these powers between me and those evils, against every cruel and merciless power that may oppose my body and soul, against incantations of false prophets, against black laws of pagandom, against false laws of heretics, against craft of idolatry, against spells of witches and smiths and wizards, against every knowledge that corrupts man's body and soul; Christ to shield me today against poison, against burning, against drowning, against wounding, so that there may come to me an abundance of reward.



Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me. I arise today through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity, through belief in the Threeness, through confession of the Oneness of the Creator of creation." (Breastplate of St. Patrick)

Church Collections

<u>2025 Donations</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>December</u>
First Collections	\$ 13,053	\$ 18,237
Mother of Lu (1st Sun)	\$ 865	\$ 1,507
HNS Bldg Fund (2nd Sun)	\$ 796	\$ 1,130
Special Needs (3rd Sun)	\$ 712	\$ 1,316
Priory (STB) (4th Sun)	\$ 972	\$ 736



Average Sunday attendance for January 278

Thank you for your support & generosity!

Capital Campaign Updates: Total raised **\$806,741**

Pledges: **79,455**; Funds available: **\$45,126**



Our Priory Needs Our Help & Our 3rd Sunday Collections

The Priory in Veneta is a beautiful edifice, and as was explained in the Focus on Groups, maintenance and repair are a byproduct of property management. A major heating system problem has arisen at STB which requires immediate repair. This unfortunate event has added an unforeseen financial burden to their operating budget.

The OLF 3rd Sunday Collections have been set aside for Quarterly District requirements. In recent months a need for more funds to offset expenses related to our priests' incidental needs; therefore we added a consistent collection for this purpose.

Fr. Pezzutti explained to us that the minimum cost for our priests' (Fr. Washicko and Fr. Kimball) healthcare insurance is an exorbitant \$800 per month per priest. What has been collected at OLF monthly barely covers the insurance for just one priest, let alone all their other expenses: food, car insurance and maintenance, gas, personal needs etc...

OLF receives a multitude of graces because the Priory has generously carved time for the priests to come for extra Masses on Holy Days, (*and non-Holy Days*), which means more Confession time, and Sick Calls for our shut ins. The Priory is also home to the beloved Sisters who work diligently for us and for our children: linen repair, First Communion retreats, Children of Mary activities and fundraising, summer camps. Suffice it to say that OLF benefits tremendously from our Priory and Convent.

Fr. Pezzutti is appealing to OLF to HELP alleviate their financial crunch by asking that we give more toward our Priory's needs. If this is only \$1600/month, to cover healthcare insurance for both Frs. Washicko and Kimball, it would be welcomed. If it can be more, then our Good God, who is never outdone in generosity, will reward us abundantly.

Focus on Groups: St. Joseph Maintenance Group

They shall make a sanctuary for Me, that I may dwell in their midst. (Exodus 25:8)

St. Joseph, Model of Artisans, pray for us (Litany of St. Joseph)

St. Joseph is getting his fair share of bulletin space as we move from his spiritual example (in the reflection for this month) to see him as the builder of all things needed to provide a place for the Holy Family to live, and keeping that space in order.

When OLF moved from Portland to Vancouver, the physical plant space tripled in size. In supporting Father's management of all things that bring the Mass and the sacraments to us each week, many groups were formed with specific functions. Some groups focus on liturgical needs, while others handle social activities.

Through it all there is an ongoing need to make sure the building is properly maintained. Let's face it: stuff wears out; plumbing leaks; climate control can crump. When things like this happen **St. Joseph Maintenance Group** is called on to work out the problem.

Their mission is to prioritize, plan, implement, and budget all building maintenance. They manage the maintenance closet and work with our pastor and coordinators to organize work crews for our seasonal All Chapel Clean-Up events.



As with most of these OLF groups, more volunteers are needed! If you have a working knowledge of plumbing, electrical, painting, and repair, or if you can use a screwdriver, wrench, or hammer; or if you just like playing around with power tools, Our Lord and OLF can use your skills. Contact Andy, Carson, or Joe Dodge if you are interested in being part of this handyman group. While our Dodge Dudes do have a lot of combined skills and talents they can't manage it all, so more help is needed. To throw your hammer into the toolbox email joedodge48@gmail.com and let him know of your talents/interests.



Setting Your Lent Up for Success

It is always good to go into Lent with a plan for spiritual success. The minimum requirement would be to follow the laws of Fast and Abstinence:

- On fasting days only one full meal is allowed; two smaller meatless meals may be taken, but together should not equal another full meal
- Meat taken at the principal meal except on Fridays and Ash Wednesday
- Between-meal eating is not permitted; liquids including milk and fruit juices are allowed

However, there is always more we can do to prepare for the solemn Easter Season, and to earn great graces for ourselves, others, and the Church. Consider doing:

Spiritual Reading: Spend time with the greatest spiritual minds in Church history!

Recommended books from our OLF Librarian include among others:

Meditations for Lent (St. Thomas Aquinas)

The Passion and Death of Jesus (St. Alphonsus de Liguori)

Fifty Meditations on the Passion (Abp Alban Goodier, SJ - 1925)

Adopt a Devotion:

- Say an additional Rosary each day
- Make the effort to attend Stations of the Cross and Mass on Fridays of Lent
- Find a prayer encouraging meditation on penance and acquiring virtue (like the Lenten Prayer of St. Ephrem) → →

Almsgiving and Corporal Works of Mercy

- Increase tithing (or begin the practice)
- Donate food, clothing, or money to charity groups. (Lenten Soup Supper donations go to SSPX Foreign Missions)
- Give time to worthwhile activities (hint: OLF Lenten Work Day, April 5)

Lean into Lent and know that you will reap the rewards of grace when we reach the start of the Solemnity of Solemnities at Easter!

Lenten Prayer of St. Ephrem



O Lord and Master of my life, take from me the spirit of sloth, despair, lust of power, and idle talk. But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience, and love to Thy servant. Yea, O Lord and King, grant me to see my own transgressions, and not to judge my brother, for blessed art Thou, unto ages of ages.

Holy Week Recollection For Young Ladies 18-30yrs:

The SSPX Sisters in Browerville, MN invite young ladies to assist at the Sacred Triduum April 16-19, 2025. See flyer on bulletin board or call them at 320-594-2944 for details.

Our Lady of the Rosary Girls' Camp For Girls 8-17 yr.

June 16-20, 2025
Hosted by our priory Sisters near STB at Camp Lane, OR
\$250/camper.
Camps fill up quickly; full payment & paperwork due by April 1.
Questions -> zentnerdj@msn.com

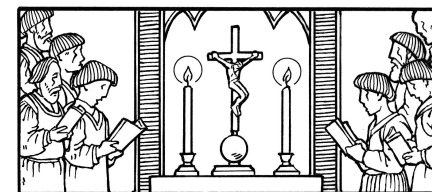
Lenten Practices Offered at OLF: As Lent begins, OLF is blessed to be able to offer ways to help us more fully embrace the penitential season. Thanks to Father and the men of the Holy Names Society, we will have more opportunity for Confession, Holy Mass, and public prayer services - Stations & Compline. Included as well is the OLF Soup Supper Potluck. Here is the schedule for Fridays in Lent:




1. Come pray with the Holy Names Society as they lead the Stations of the Cross (while Father hears Confessions) at 6:15 pm
2. Holy Mass at 7 pm
3. OLF Lenten Soup Supper. Please bring a crock pot of soup to share. The Chapel will provide bread/rolls and butter.
4. Enjoy a meal of soup and bread and settle down for conversation and Catholic fellowship
5. End the evening with the official night prayer of the Church:



Compline at 8:30 (beginning Mar 14)



Father has suggested that in the spirit of penance and as a Corporal Work of Mercy, OLFsters should consider taking the money they would have spent on dinner and donating it to the SSPX Foreign Missions Trust Fund. A box for donations will be available at the soup dinners.




Eucharistic Crusaders

Contact Catherine Haslebach at cathasle09@gmail.com

Crusaders offered their work in January

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life

Treasure Sheets turned in: 14




Masses: 112	Holy Communion: 80	Visits to Our Lord: 80
Sacrifices: 1023	Spiritual Communions: 116	Good Examples: 145
Daily Offerings: 447	Decades of Rosary: 1798	15 Mins of Silence: 58

March dedication for those who will die today

Before Mass Rosary Leaders


Contact Jay Marvin at jmarvinjr@hotmail.com



Sundays	8am Mass	10:30am Mass
1st	Shane Meyerhofer	Michael Wisniewski
2nd	Tim Cleary	Zach Brehm
3rd	Michael McBee	Jay Marvin
4th	Aaron Meyerhofer	Matt Hamilton
5th	Joe Wisniewski	Joe Haslebach



Prayer Petitions



In your kindness, please add to your daily prayers those of our chapel who serve our communities and nation, and their families. Remember those struggling with chronic illness, family or financial problems. For all souls in purgatory, especially those from our chapel.



Prayer Chain

Have an urgent prayer request for yourself, family member or friend?

OLF has a wonderful means of getting the word out to storm Heaven! Many thanks to Mary Hardon who manages our Prayer Chain apostolate! Reach out to her at: OLoFPrayerChain@gmail.com

Church Cleaning Schedule

We NEED more volunteers even if it's just 1-2 times/year

Please contact Monique Dodge at monique.dodge06@gmail.com

Mar 3-8	Mendez
Mar 10-15	Pearson
Mar 17-22	** 'OPEN **
Mar 24-29	McBee
Mar 31-Apr 5	Causseaux

OLF Hospitality Committee

Sundays	Clean up after 2nd Mass
1st/Mar 2	Greninger family
2nd/Mar 9	J&M Dodge family
3rd/Mar 16	Marvin family
4th/Mar 23	OPEN

Thank you Marion Wheeler who does set up every Sunday

Recommended Reading for March from
OLF's Librarian Tim Cleary

G.K. Chesterton, **St. Thomas Aquinas - The Dumb Ox**, 1933. Feast day March 7
There is also an entire section of the library dedicated to St. Thomas Aquinas!

Francis L. Filas, SJ, **Joseph: The Man Closest to Jesus**, 1962. Feast day March 19
For Youth: Mary Fabyan Wendeatt, St. Benedict - The Story of the Father of the Western Monks, 1943. Feast day March 21

Note from the Librarian regarding St. Patrick, who is considered by one person at least to be among the greatest saints in the Church, (Feast day March 17): Anyone who would like to make a donation of a book on this great saint would be fondly remembered.

A Word About Stipends

As a matter of justice, our priests should be compensated for activities performed outside of bringing the Mass to us. Here are recommendations:

- ❖ Sick Calls: \$25 and Baptisms: \$25-\$50; server stipend optional.
- ❖ Funerals and Weddings: \$100 to priest; \$20 to each server
- ❖ Organist, Schola, or Choir. Stipends help expand our music inventory.
- ❖ Flowers: Unless a florist is used, cost of flowers plus \$150.

To reiterate, these are *recommendations only and not required, but appreciated*. Certainly be as generous as you are able to our priests and their helpers!

- ❖ Father is once again available to accept Mass stipends, but you may still see the Coordinators for stipend options for out of the country Masses.

Our Lady of Fatima Masses and Activities for March 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4th Sunday of Lent - Laetare Sunday Mass 8am & 10:30am 2nd Collection for an Easter Gift Fr. W teach adult catechism March 30	31	Confessions 45 min & Rosary 30 min before all Masses		Adult & Children Catechism Classes Every Sunday 9:15-10am		1st Saturday Mass 9am & Benediction 1st Sat Groups 10:30-12:30pm Ladies Appreciation Tea 1pm 1
Quinquagesima Sunday Mass 8am & 10:30am Mother of Lu Prayers & 2nd Collection 1st Sun Server Practice 12:30 COM Mardi Gras Food Fundraiser 2	3	4	 ASH WEDNESDAY Mass 7pm Fr. Kimball 5	PCP 6-7pm Mass at 7pm Fr. Kimball 6	1st Friday <i>No Exposition/Benediction</i> Stations of the Cross 6:15pm <i>Confessions during Stations</i> Mass 7pm then Soup Supper <i>Compline starts next week.</i> 7	Mass 9am Fr. Kimball 8
1st Sunday of Lent (Fr. Kimball) Mass 8am & 10:30am 2nd Sun Blessing of Articles HNS Sun & 2nd Collection No Adult Catechism or HNS Meeting CONFIRMATIONS 9:30am at STB 9	Novena to St. Joseph March 10-18 <i>(many good Novenas to choose from)</i> 10	11	Ember Wednesday 12	13	Ember Friday Stations of the Cross 6:15pm Confessions during Stations Mass 7pm then Soup Supper * Compline 8:30pm 14	Ember Saturday Mass 9am 15
2nd Sunday of Lent Mass 8am & 10:30am 2nd Collection Priest's Special Needs HNS, Ascende & TM Meetings ~ 12:30 16	Saint Patrick  17	18	 Saint Joseph 19	20	Stations of the Cross 6:15pm Confessions during Stations Mass 7pm then Soup Supper *Compline 8:30pm 21	Mass 9am Tertiary Meetings 10:30-12pm 22
3rd Sunday of Lent Mass 8am & 10:30am 2nd Collection for Priory Teen Book Club ~ 12:30 23	24	Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 	26	27	Stations of the Cross 6:15pm Confessions during Stations Mass 7pm then Soup Supper *Compline 8:30pm Homeschoolers Lent Bingo & Father's talk before Stations 28	Mass 9am 29