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March 14 to 20, 2022

Week 11

Monday to Sunday



March 14, 2022

Monday

First Reading
Daniel 9:4b-10

The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against Him.

Monday of the
Second Week of Lent

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 79:8-9, 11, 13

Deliver us and forgive our sins for Your name's sake.

Gospel Reading
Luke 6:36-38

Do not judge, and you will not be judged. ...
Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

Reflection Guide Question

Have you ever been judged unfairly by another person? What did you do in that situation?

Challenge Of The Day

Today, ask God in prayer to help you forgive someone who you find difficult to forgive.

March 15, 2022

Tuesday

First Reading
Isaiah 1:10, 16-20

Wash and make yourselves clean.

Take your evil deeds out of my sight.

Tuesday of the
Second Week of Lent

Gospel Reading
Matthew 20:17-28

Do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach. ... Everything they do is done for people to see.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23

To the wicked person, God says: "What right have you to recite My laws ...?"

Reflection Guide Question

When was the last time you acted in a hypocritical way? Why did you do what you did?

Challenge Of The Day

Today, pray to God to help you avoid hypocrisy and instead remain honest and sincere.

Word of the Week

hypocrisy

/hə'pəkrəsē/

noun



Hypocrisy is "a form of lying in which a person pretends to have virtues or moral qualities" that that person does not have. In fact, according to Pope Francis, hypocrisy means "appearing one way but acting in another".

However, the situation wherein a person tries but fails to live up to one's principles or profession of faith "because of human weakness", while not hypocrisy, is something that should not be excused. Instead, let us pray to God to help us overcome our weaknesses with sincerity and humility.

References: *Modern Catholic Dictionary*, Rev. Fr. John Hardon (1980), *Catholic Culture* (2022)

March 16, 2022

Wednesday

First Reading
Jeremiah 18:18-20

*Listen to me, Lord;
hear what my accusers
are saying!*

Wednesday of the
Second Week of Lent

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 31:5-6, 14-16

*Deliver me from the
hands of my enemies,
from those who
pursue me.*

Gospel Reading
Matthew 20:17-28

The Son of Man
did not come to be
served, but to serve,
and to give His life as
a ransom for many.

Reflection Guide Question

Why do you think Jesus, who has ultimate authority, say that He came not to be served but to serve?

Challenge Of The Day

Today, in gratitude, do a good thing for another person that that person usually does for you.

March 17, 2022

Thursday

First Reading
Jeremiah 17:5-10

I the Lord searches the heart and examines the mind, to reward each person according to their conduct ...

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 1:1-4, 6

The Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

Thursday of the
Second Week of Lent
Saint Patrick

Gospel Reading
Luke 16:19-31

If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.

Reflection Guide Question

Why do some people refuse to believe in something true, even when faced with evidence?

Challenge Of The Day

Today, pray to God to help those who are struggling along their journey to believe in Him.

March 18, 2022

Friday

First Reading

Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a

When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him.

Friday of the
Second Week of Lent

Saint Cyril of Jerusalem

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 105:16-21

They bruised his feet with shackles ... till the word of the Lord proved him true.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

The kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.

Reflection Guide Question

Who are the modern-day equivalents of the vineyard owner and the tenants in the Gospel?

Challenge Of The Day

Today, use one of your God-given talents in order to help another person.

Saint of the Week

Saint Joseph, Spouse of Mary

Saint Joseph was the husband of Mary and foster father of Jesus. Apart from that, we know very little about him. Fr. William Saunders calls him "the silent figure of the New Testament". Regardless, through his silence and simplicity, he teaches us how to follow the will of God in our lives.

Saint Joseph was a carpenter, a simple working man, yet he lived with honor and dignity. He teaches us the value of honest work as he provided for his family.

Reference: *Catholic Education Resource Center (2003)*



March 19, 2022

Saturday

First Reading
Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15
or Exodus 17:3-7

... I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be his Father, and he will be My son.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 103:1-4, 6-8, 11
or Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9

And I will appoint him to be my firstborn, the most exalted of the kings of the earth.

Second Reading
Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22

*As it is written:
"I have made you a father of many nations."*

Saturday of the
Second Week of Lent
*Solemnity of Saint Joseph,
Spouse of Mary*

Gospel Reading
Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a
or Luke 2:41-51a

... and Jacob the father of Joseph, the Spouse of Mary, and Mary was the mother of Jesus ...

Reflection Guide Question

Why is Saint Joseph an important part of the Holy Family?

Quotes of the Week

We wonder why the Gospel makes so little mention of St. Joseph.

But did it not say everything when it taught us that he was the husband of Mary?

—*Blessed William Joseph Chaminade*

Reference: Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father (2019)





After Mary, the Mother of God, no saint is mentioned more frequently in the papal magisterium than Joseph, her spouse. ...

The greatness of Saint Joseph is that he was the spouse of Mary and the father of Jesus. ...

As the spouse of Mary of Nazareth, Saint Joseph stands at the crossroads between the Old and New Testaments.

—*Pope Francis*

Reference: Apostolic Letter—*Patris Corde* of the Holy Father Francis (2020)

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He is Holy Joseph, because no other Saint but he lived in such and so long intimacy and familiarity with the source of all holiness, Jesus, God incarnate, and Mary, the holiest of creatures.

—*Saint John Henry Newman*

Reference: Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father (2019)



March 20, 2022

Sunday

First Reading
Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

*Take off your sandals,
for the place where
you are standing is
holy ground.*

Third Sunday
of Lent

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 27:1, 7-9, 13-14

*For as high as the heav-
ens are above the earth,
so great is His love for
those who fear Him.*

Gospel Reading
Luke 13:1-9
or John 4:5-42

But unless you
repent, you too
will all perish.

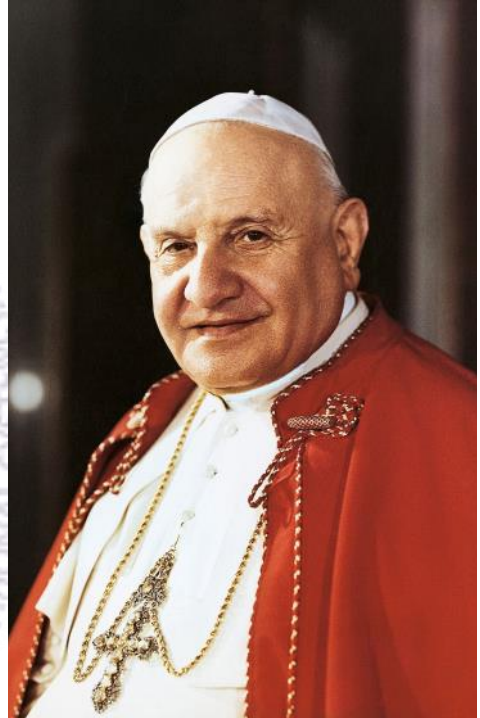
Second Reading
1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12
or Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

*These things ...
were written down as
warnings for us ...*

Reflection Guide Question

Why is repentance
is an important
part of being a
Christian?

Prayer of the Week



Saint Joseph, guardian of Jesus and chaste Spouse of Mary, you passed your life in loving fulfillment of duty. You supported the holy family of Nazareth with the work of your hands.

Kindly protect those who trustingly come to you. You know their aspirations, their hardships, their hopes. They look to you because they know you will understand and protect them.

You too knew trial, labor, and weariness. But amid the worries of material life, your soul was full of deep peace and sang out in true joy through intimacy with God's Son entrusted to you, and with Mary, his tender Mother.

Assure those you protect that they do not labor alone. Teach them to find Jesus near them and to watch over him faithfully as you have done.

Amen.

—*Saint Pius XXIII (1960)*

References: Patris Corde: With a Father's Heart, Center for Catholic Education at Aquinas College (2021)

Game of the Week

Criss-Cross Word Puzzle

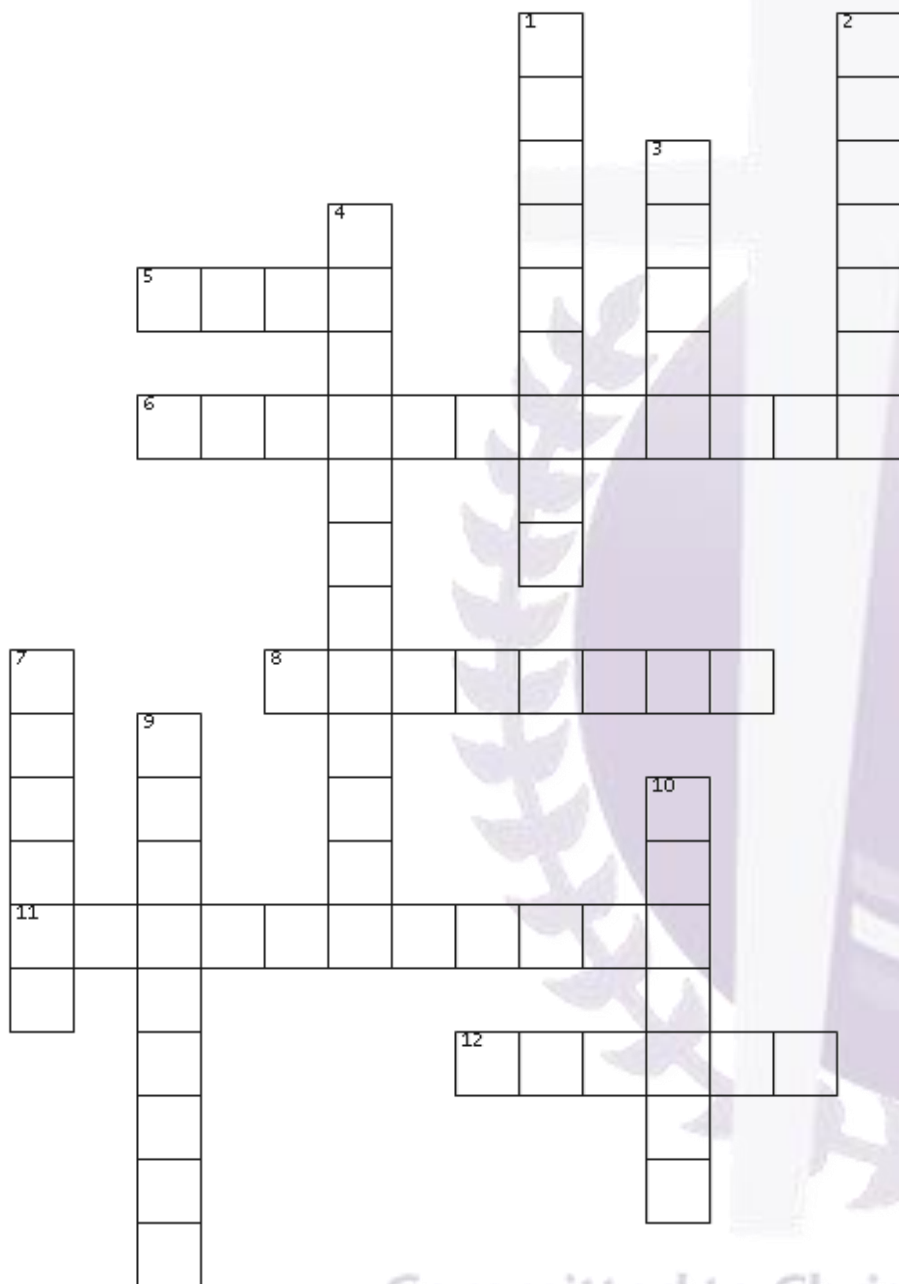


ACROSS

5. The number of words that Saint Joseph spoke in the Bible.
6. The flowers usually used as a symbol for Saint Joseph.
8. The place where Saint Joseph and his family lived.
11. The church leader who declared December 8, 2020, to 8 December 8, 2021 as the Year of Saint Joseph.
12. The woodworking tool usually used as a symbol for Saint Joseph.

DOWN

1. A feast day of the highest rank celebrating a mystery of the Catholic faith.
2. Saint Joseph is the patron of these people.
3. The messenger that told Saint Joseph that Mary's baby was the Son of God.
4. Saint Joseph's relationship with Jesus.
7. The name of the Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
9. Saint Joseph's occupation
10. Saint Joseph's relationship with Mary.



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Last Week's Game

Word Search

L	I	S	N	V	D	Q	G	G	D	L	I	K	A	E
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LENT
ABSTINENCE
FASTING

PRAYER
ALMSGIVING
REFLECTION

FORTY DAYS
PENANCE

VIOLET
KUWARESMA

A black and white photograph of a person's hands clasped in prayer, with the text "DICES, let us pray." overlaid. The hands are the central focus, with fingers interlaced and palms pressed together. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the texture of the skin and the creases on the fingers. The background is dark and out of focus. The text is white and positioned in the lower right quadrant of the image.

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let us pray.