



"DO NOT BE AFRAID"

I have a few small statues of my patron saint, Saint Joseph, in my room and in my office. Recently, I was given an additional statue as a gift. It is of a sleeping Saint Joseph. It is unusual; I don't know how many other saints have statues of them sleeping. It does, though, offer much food for reflection and prayer.

God communicated with Saint Joseph while he was sleeping, through his dreams, at very important moments in his life, in his relationship with Mary, and in his life with the new Holy Family. In each dream, as God was asking something of Joseph, God told Joseph not to be afraid. In whatever God was asking or expecting, Joseph had the assurance that God would be with him, and with the Holy Family.

Through Sacred Scripture, in the sacraments, in our prayer... and perhaps in our dreams, God speaks to us the very same words. Those words give us all the reassurance we need, that no matter what, God is with us. "Do not be afraid". Can we hear the Lord speaking those words, to us right now? Perhaps Joseph (and Mary, too, for she was greeted by the archangel Gabriel with the same words) had told a young Jesus about those dreams and those words. Jesus would have recalled those very words, when he spoke them to Peter, James and John in today's gospel. They left everything at once to follow Jesus. What trust and confidence they must have felt as Jesus called them to be "fishers of men". Their lives would never be the same.

We should have the same trust and confidence in God's providential love in our lives for He speaks to us in the quiet of our hearts the words we need to hear again and again: Do not be afraid!

The power of God's presence and Joseph's trust in His love must have also enabled him to sleep well. Joseph would have known that even when he had to stop each day to rest and sleep, God was still watching over, protecting and caring for him, Mary and a young Jesus.

I know that some people who have statues of the sleeping Saint Joseph write their prayer intentions on a piece of paper and put the paper under the statue so that even in his sleep, where God spoke so personally and powerfully to him, Joseph would be thinking of them. On my dresser, under the statue of Saint Joseph sleeping, each one of you and all of you together are always being prayed for every day and night.

Ite Ad Ioseph!
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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, February 10
8:30am Ralph Fazzolari
10:30am Pro Populo
Monday, February 11
8:30am Open
Tuesday, February 12
8:30am Open
Wednesday, February 13
8:30 am Open
Thursday, February 14
8:30am Gladys Bunyan (Deceased – Birthday)
Friday, February 15
8:30am Ivana Erazo (Prayer for sick)
Saturday, February 16
8:30 am No Mass
5pm Open
Sunday, February 17
8:30am Open
10:30am Pro Populo

PARISH OFFERING

*The offering to the parish of was: \$6675
Thank you for your generosity and support of
Queen of All Saints!*

PARISH WEEKLY GOAL

*Thank you for your sacrificial giving each week.
Please remember that in order for us to meet our
ordinary expenses, we need a minimum of \$7500
in each Sunday's offering. Please continue to be as
generous as you can. If you miss a week for any
reason, please try to make up for it the following
week or when you return. This is especially true
on holiday weekends and during the summer
months. Thank you again for your understanding.*

Secular Franciscan Blessed Josephine Leroux Fraternity –

Meeting at St. Francis College, 180
Remsen between Court and Clinton, **third
Saturday of every month at 3 PM.** All are
welcome to join us for prayer, learning about St.
Francis, fellowship and sharing experiences
living our faith following the example of St.
Francis.

Please call Marianne Bellucci, **646-826-9229** by
the Wednesday prior to the meeting so that we
can give your name to the front desk.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

*AA Meets every Monday at 6:30 pm and every
Wednesday at 7:15 pm in St Joseph Hall.*



THE PRAYER LIST FOR THE SICK

*Marlene McIntosh, Mirlande Guerrier, Danielle Prout,
Faith Prout, Marie Henry, Joseph Aitken, Stacy McGhie,
Ruby Allen, Dorothy Brown, Jacques Maurice, Idolly
Hutchinson, Bettye Pinkney, Helen C.Thousand,
Cordelia Howard & Khudan family, Clara Morehead,
Sylvester Allen, Morice Cunningham, Raquel Cruz,
Ernest Jackson, William Texidor & family, Cassandra
Matthews, Timmy Mallou, Hildred Baldirsingh, Ivana
Erazo, Veronica Quinn, Denise Quinn Sabet, Christina
Canecky.*

PRAYER LIST FOR DECEASED OF THE PARISH

*Jose Torres sr, Jacqueline Jones, Syble Iantha Deshong,
Renee Wolf Calvin, Margaret Walker, Sylvia Baker,
Mary Brown, Jacqueline Goeings, Elizabeth McCormick
McDonough, Carmela Pergamo, , June Catherine
Roberts, Roderick Estrellado, Mavis Gittens, Wiiliam
Howard Sr, Ernest Jackson, Joan Vincent, Providencia
Santos, Rooplal Khudan, Chrisandra Matthews, Arnold
Budd.
(Please call the rectory to add the names of your family
members).*