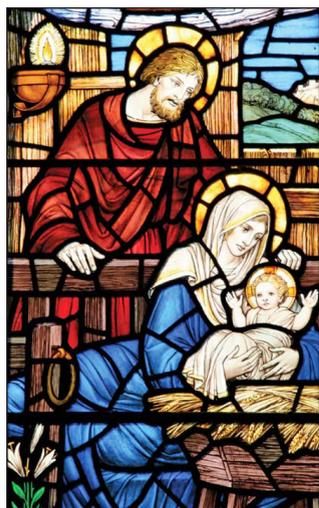


Year of St. Joseph

December 8, 2020 — December 8, 2021



Pope Francis Proclaims “Year of St Joseph”

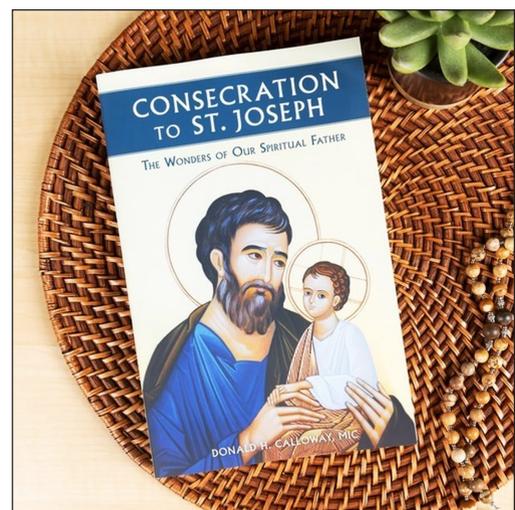
*In a new Apostolic Letter entitled *Patris corde* (“With a Father’s Heart”), Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows.*

The Letter marks the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX’s declaration of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To celebrate the anniversary, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special “Year of St Joseph,” beginning on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 2020 and extending to the same feast in 2021.

*The Holy Father wrote *Patris corde* against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of “ordinary” people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble Saint Joseph, “the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence,” who nonetheless played “an incomparable role in the history of salvation.”*

An Invitation for Parishioners

Throughout this Year of St Joseph, we strive to honour St Joseph as the guardian and protector of the Church and her faithful, encouraging all to take his virtuous life as our model towards holiness. The Adult Faith Formation Committee has copies of the ***Consecration to St Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father*** by Father Calloway. The book has 33 daily reflections on the life and virtues of St Joseph, ending with a prayer of consecration where you entrust yourself to his spiritual care. There are also YouTube supplements for each day’s readings and prayers under “Consecration to St Joseph (Day #) Fr Donald Calloway, MIC.”



The latest cycle will start on **November 8th** and end with the consecration on **December 10th**. Complete the consecration on your own—or take part in group sessions starting **Friday, November 5th at 10 am**, and each following Friday until Consecration Day on December 10th. We hope you will participate!

Books can be signed out (or purchased for \$20). For more information, please text or phone Judy at 306-315-9894.