

HOLY FAMILY PARISH & SCHOOL

ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON



April 25, 2021

5th Sunday of Easter

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

(Administrative Office for all 6 churches)

1010 35th St. Galveston, TX 77550

Office Phone: 409-762-9646

Emergency Number 409-354-6598

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HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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LIVE STREAM MASSES

Facebook: Holy Family Catholic Parish

CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays 4:30-5:30PM at St. Patrick's Church

Or by appointment, call 409.762.9646.

ADORATION

Wednesdays only at St. Patrick 10:30 AM - 5:30 PM

MASS SCHEDULE (OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)

Please wear a mask- no reservations required.

SUNDAY VIGIL (SATURDAY)

5 PM St. Patrick Church*

6 PM Our Lady by the Sea Church

7 PM Mary Star of the Sea Church

SUNDAY

7:30 AM Sacred Heart Church

9 AM Holy Rosary Church

10 AM St. Patrick Church (Youth Mass)*

11 AM Sacred Heart Church

12 PM St. Patrick Church (español)*

12:30 PM St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica

MONDAY - FRIDAY

10 AM St. Patrick *

WEDNESDAY

6 PM St. Patrick (español)*

*Denotes Mass is also available online.

(St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica will be closed during the week for construction.)

Welcome to Holy Family Parish. We are 6 Catholic churches united in the service and worship of God in the Galveston-Bolivar area.

Church Addresses of Holy Family Parish



Holy Rosary (HR)
1420 31st Street,
Galveston, TX 77550



Mary Star of the Sea (MSOS)
16626 San Luis Pass Road,
Galveston, TX 77554



Our Lady by the Sea (OLBS)
2400 State Hwy 87,
Port Bolivar, TX 77650



Sacred Heart Church (SH)
1302 Broadway,
Galveston, TX 77550



St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica (SMC)
2011 Church Street,
Galveston, TX 77550



St. Patrick Church (SP)
3424 Avenue K,
Galveston, TX 77550

You can find Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel (OLG), the Parish Office and your Parish Life Center all located at the St. Patrick's premises. New Parishioners can register online or at the office:
1010 35th St. Galveston, TX 77550.
Thank you for joining us!

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Recorder
Deacon Sam Dell'Olio
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Message from the Pastor

Dearly Beloved in Christ:

Easter is the season of hope and new life! Each year, this sacred time calls us in a special way to keep our focus on what is most important – the gift of everlasting life with God and His invitation to us to daily embrace this new life in hope.

Speaking of newness, we are all aware of the multifaceted changes that the pandemic has ushered into every sphere of human activities – most of which have been very difficult to navigate, to say the least. In particular, interpersonal communication have had to give way to virtual/digital forms, which in some cases have further distanced individuals and communities. We see this played out in churches/places of worship, schools, workplaces, etc.

In addition, the increase in digital forms of communication have also witnessed a rising surge in digital scams and fraudulent actions. Particularly, I am speaking in reference to **imposter priest email and texting scams**. We continue to receive numerous reports of individuals who are impersonating priests and soliciting donations – mostly in the form of gift cards – from parishioners. These fraudulent requests come mostly through emails and text messages.

The sad reality is that this is a national crisis. **The impostors try to trick unsuspecting parishioners by asking them to buy gift cards for a false charitable cause.** Not too long ago, Ken Paxton, the Attorney General of Texas issued a Consumer Alert to create greater awareness of this problem: “All Texans should be aware of unsolicited calls and texts from scammers impersonating leaders in their Church. This is a dirty trick criminals are using to make a quick buck at the expense of people of faith,” he said.

Please be advised that priests would never make such requests, asking you to purchase gift cards – or the likes – for some charitable cause, nor would the parish ask you for such. We encourage you to always verify when you receive financial solicitations, which claim to be coming from the parish or the priest. And if you do receive any unfamiliar donations requests, please always contact the parish office.

Here at Holy Family parish, we do our best to communicate via the parish bulletin, our Facebook page, parish website, Flocknote and through the announcements we make in church. We encourage you to rely primarily on these sources to stay connected with our parish family.

We are **one Holy Family Parish, united in the joy of the Holy Spirit and in charity, as missionary disciples, amen!**

Your Servant-Leader in Christ,

Fr. Jude Ekenedilichukwu Ezuma
shepherdhfp@gmail.com

Mensaje del Pastor

Queridos amados en Cristo:

¡La Pascua es el tiempo de la esperanza y la vida nueva! Cada año, este tiempo sagrado nos llama de una manera especial a mantener nuestro enfoque en lo más importante: el regalo de la vida eterna con Dios y su invitación a abrazar diariamente esta nueva vida con esperanza.

Hablando de novedad, todos somos conscientes de los cambios multifacéticos que la pandemia ha introducido en todas las esferas de las actividades humanas, la mayoría de las cuales han sido muy difíciles de transitar, por decir lo mínimo. En particular, la comunicación interpersonal ha tenido que dar paso a formas virtuales / digitales, que en algunos casos han distanciado aún más a los individuos y las comunidades. Vemos que esto se desarrolla en iglesias / lugares de culto, escuelas, lugares de trabajo, etc.

Además, el aumento de las formas digitales de comunicación también ha sido testigo de un aumento en las estafas digitales y acciones fraudulentas. En particular, me refiero **a las estafas de mensajes de texto y correos electrónicos de sacerdotes impostores**. Seguimos recibiendo numerosos informes de personas que se hacen pasar por sacerdotes y solicitan donaciones, principalmente en forma de tarjetas de regalo, de los feligreses. Estas solicitudes fraudulentas provienen principalmente de correos electrónicos y mensajes de texto.

La triste realidad es que se trata de una crisis nacional. **Los impostores intentan engañar a los feligreses desprevenidos pidiéndoles que compren tarjetas de regalo para una causa benéfica falsa.** No hace mucho, Ken Paxton, el Procurador General de Texas emitió una Alerta al Consumidor para crear una mayor conciencia de este problema: “Todos los tejanos deben estar al tanto de las llamadas y los mensajes de texto no solicitados de estafadores que se hacen pasar por líderes en su Iglesia. Este es un truco sucio que los criminales están usando para ganar dinero rápido a expensas de las personas de fe”, dijo.

Tenga en cuenta que los sacerdotes nunca harían tales solicitudes, pidiéndole que compre tarjetas de regalo, o similares, para alguna causa benéfica, ni la parroquia se las pediría. Lo alentamos a verificar siempre cuando reciba solicitudes financieras, que afirman provenir de la parroquia o el sacerdote. Y si recibe solicitudes de donaciones con las que no está familiarizado, comuníquese siempre con la oficina parroquial.

Aquí, en la parroquia Holy Family, hacemos todo lo posible para comunicarnos a través del boletín parroquial, nuestra página de Facebook, el sitio web de la parroquia, Flocknote y los anuncios que hacemos en la iglesia. Lo alentamos a que confíe principalmente en estas fuentes para mantenerse conectado con nuestra familia parroquial.

Somos **una parroquia de la Sagrada Familia, unidos en el gozo del Espíritu Santo y en la caridad, como discípulos misioneros, ¡amén!**

Tu Siervo-Líder en Cristo,
P. Jude Ekenedilichukwu Ezuma
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Office Announcements:

Interested in Volunteering?

We would love for you to get involved! Holy Family has an active community with numerous organizations and ways to help. Ask the Parish Office for a stewardship directory to learn more about each group and where you would love to contribute!

Every volunteer must complete the diocesan safe environment training (CMG which has replaced the old Virtus program). You can get started with your CMG training in the comfort of your own home at:

galvestonhouston.cmgconnect.org/, or stop by the office if you need a computer.

NEED AN ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE BULLETIN?

Email theofficehfp@gmail.com 2 Wednesdays prior to distribution. Please include the word "Bulletin" along with desired posting dates in the header of your email. Thank you!

Preparing for sacraments?

INFANT BAPTISMS: We look forward to welcoming your little one into the faith of the Church. Come meet with a priest who will guide you through the process. For Spanish Baptisms, contact Fr. Jorge for an appointment, or Fr. Stephen for English Baptism interviews. Walk-ins welcome.

MARRIAGE: Our office manager, Vera Gavlik, is experienced in helping you get started with your wedding plans at Holy Family Parish. She can help answer any questions. Please see our website at holyfamilygb.com to begin the process by filling out the marriage intake form which can be found under the Sacraments/Marriage tab at the top of the front page. 409-762-9646 Ext. 114

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK: Contact the Parish Office or call our emergency line: 409-354-6598

FOR OTHER INQUIRIES: Please contact the Religious Education Department 409-762-9646 Ext. 202

Financial Updates

Thank you for your generous tithes which help maintain our beautiful churches and facilities where we draw closer to God. If you are unable to attend Mass, you are welcome to donate online or mail your contribution to:

1010 35th St. Galveston, TX 77550

May God bless your generosity.

Parish Contributions	Combined Churches
April 17-18, 2021	\$17,316.85
Online Contributions (April 19-23, 2021)	\$ 5,430.13
Home Mission	<u>\$ 1,502.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 24,248.98

For those who are able, it is easy to sign up for online giving. Go to holyfamilygb.com and click the link on the front page.

Or text "give" to 409.515.7625.

Online Giving is available 24/7 at holyfamilygb.com, on MyParish App and on the Online Giving website at: <https://tinyurl.com/n3jrnmq>. Thank you for your continued support of Holy Family Parish.

Fund	Goal	Pledge	Paid	Partici-
DSF	\$83,000.00	TBA	\$35,621.71	165
IGNITE	\$1,180,291	\$646,178	\$558,399.50	236

UPCOMING COLLECTIONS: Please turn in your envelope(s)!

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2020 Contribution Statements are available by request:
Please email secretaryhfp@gmail.com for your statement or call 409-762-9646 ext. 114.

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PRAYER LIST

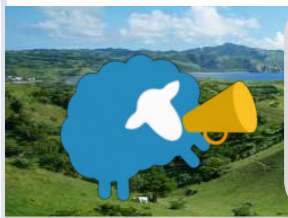


*Dear Holy Family Parish,
Please join us in praying for: Jim,
Gilbert Garza, Jr. , Arthur Gilmer,
and Patricia Guisti, the intentions
of the Lee Family, for Joseph
Patrick Danesi's Improved Health,
and the Special Intentions of the
Shirley Danesi Family, David
Altamirano, and Marissa Soto.*

Reflections: 5th Sunday of Easter, May 2nd

That our daily actions reflect the goal of good discipleship. *"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth."* - 1 John 3:18

Regarding our Catholic faith, do you "walk the talk?" Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs? If not, it's not too late to start!



Sign up for Flocknotes for easy access to our Holiday Mass Schedules and important parish announcements!

Flocknote is a communication tool that helps keep you updated on holiday Mass times, weather cancellations, ministry updates and more. Important notices are sent straight to your phone.

To sign up for Flocknote:

Text: FULLOFGRACE to 84576

Or sign up online at HFParrish.flocknote.com

Text STOP to 84576 to stop text notifications at any time. Text HELP for help. There is no charge for this service, but your carrier message and data rates may apply. View privacy policy & conditions at flocknote.com/txt.



Galveston Catholic Young Adults

Look for upcoming Tuesday events with Galveston Catholic Young Adults through our facebook page.

Mass Intentions

**Online Masses can be found through our facebook page: Holy Family Catholic Parish.*

SATURDAY, 5/1/2021 Vigil

5PM SP † Antonio C. Jaramillo (ann. of death)

6PM OLBS For the People

7PM MSOS Priests and Deacons of Holy Family

SUNDAY, 5/2/2021 5th Sunday of Easter

7:30AM SH † Jesse Gavlik

9AM HR † Dominick Smith

10AM SP* † Peggy Dallas

11AM SH † Billie Termini

12PM SP* (ESP) † Frank Joseph Descant, Jr.

12:30PM SMC † Dolores Gallardo (In Memory of)

Acts 9:26-31 ; PS 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 ; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

MONDAY OF THE 5th WEEK OF EASTER 5/3/2021

Feast of St. Philip and James Apostles

10AM SP/ONLINE

Rosemary (for family & friends)

TUESDAY 5/4/2021

10AM SP/ONLINE

Patrick Danesi (for improved health)

WEDNESDAY 5/5/2021

10AM SP/ONLINE (Mass)

† Juan Vargas

6PM SP/Online (Spanish)

† Fr. Jesus Martinez

THURSDAY 5/6/2021

10AM SP/ONLINE

Erica Woodard

FRIDAY 5/7/2021

10AM SP/ONLINE

† Theresa Jozwiak

Readings can be found at www.usccb.org.
Click on the Daily Readings tab.



HOLY FAMILY
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Holy Family Catholic School

Creating Future Saints and Scholars!

Holy Family Catholic School is upgrading and renovating our local parish school. We are excited to announce that after 58 years our building is getting a new roof! You read that correctly, our school is currently rocking the original roof from the 1960s. Construction will begin in May and continue through the summer months. We look forward to its completion for the start of the 2021-2022 school year. Visit our Facebook page to see the roof progress and what other improvements we have in store for the new school year.

Is your family looking for a way to give back to the local community? Consider donating an item off of the school's Amazon Wish List https://smile.amazon.com/.../2ZC3LSBW.../ref=cm_wl_huc_view. Items in all price ranges are available for you to choose from. Every donation big or small helps us get one step closer to our dream school. If you are not an Amazon user but would still like to donate, we ask that you consider donating funds toward our classroom mini blind project. Majority of the mini blinds are no longer fully functioning and need to be replaced. Help our students enjoy the view while maintaining a cool learning environment. Donations can be dropped off or mailed to the school office.

Holy Family Catholic School thanks all of our supporters, especially our parishioners! Without your generosity the legacy of Catholic education on the island would not be possible. Your help is much appreciated and goes a long way in making a difference in the lives of our students!

2601 Ursuline Ave.
Galveston, TX 77550

Schedule a tour today!

(409) 765-6607
www.hfcsgalv.org

UPCOMING EVENTS— RCIA-C

May 5	RCIA-C Year 2 English & Spanish	6:15pm - 7:30pm	In Person
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UPCOMING EVENTS— SACRAMENTAL PREP

May 8	First Holy Communion Rehearsal (English Group 1 & 2)	12:00pm-1:00pm	St. Patrick
May 8	First Holy Communion Rehearsal (Spanish)	1:00pm-2:00pm	St. Patrick
May 9	First Holy Communion Celebration (English Group 1)	10:00am	St. Patrick
May 9	First Holy Communion Celebration (Spanish)	2:00pm	St. Patrick
May 16	First Holy Communion Celebration (English Group 2)	10:00am	St. Patrick

Mary and the Month of May

Did you know that the month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary? Why would the Church dedicate a month to her? What is so special about this lady in blue? Whenever St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) was asked this sort of question, she had a quick and easy response: “No Mary, no Jesus.” and this is absolutely the case. In the infancy narrative of Jesus Christ in the Gospel of Luke, we read the account of Mary’s cooperation with God’s plan. God asked Mary for permission to bear His Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember this moment on the Feast of the Annunciation, celebrated on March 25th (9 months before Christmas). In Luke 1:28, Mary said, “yes” to the angel Gabriel, and ultimately to God, to help bring about the salvation of the world. Jesus needed a mother and Mary was chosen for this role.

In early May, Catholic churches all over the world will celebrate the Crowning of Mary, in which we honor her title as Queen of Heaven and Earth. This very simple young maiden, who became the mother of Jesus Christ, would ultimately become the queen of all. We know that Mary, through her “yes” not only became the mother of Christ but was also saying yes to so much more, to being our own spiritual mother. In the Gospel of John, Jesus, in the midst of His painful crucifixion, gives us such a precious gift. He gives us His mother. In John 19:26-27, Jesus says to Mary “Woman, behold your son!” and to John, the beloved disciple, “Behold, your mother!”. In this moment, Jesus is giving us His mother as our own. We can turn to her in our time of need, especially through our praying of the Memorare.

REMEMBER, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly to thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother; to thee do I come; before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.



**FOR ADULTS WISHING TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE FAITH OR
COMPLETE YOUR SACRAMENTS: JOIN US FOR INSPIRING RCIA CLASSES**

**EVERY TUES., 7—8:30 P.M. AT THE PARISH LIFE CENTER
(ACROSS ST. PATS’ PARKING LOT, THRU THE DOUBLE DOORS)
ALL COVID RULES OBEYED.**

Around the Parish

ATTENTION ALL PARISH LADIES

HFPAS IS PLANNING OUR ANNUAL MAY LUNCHEON FOR THE 11TH FROM 11-1 PM

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR & PLAN TO JOIN US!

MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW –

WATCH FOR YOUR INVITATION!

FOR QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS

PLEASE CONTACT

MARTIE J TERRY 713-504-4202

martiejerry@comcast.net

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS ANNUAL FUNDRAISER MEMORIAL DAY GIVEAWAY!!

COURT #228 IS ANNOUNCING OUR ANNUAL FUNDRAISER!! WE ARE OFFERING A CHANCE FOR FOLKS TO BUY ONE OF ONLY 200 TICKETS SOLD FOR A DRAWING FOR THREE PRIZE WINNERS...FIRST PRIZE IS \$1000 CASH & 2ND PRIZE IS \$250 CASH & 3RD PRIZE IS \$150!

THE TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FROM ANY CDA MEMBER & THE COST IS \$20 PER TICKET. THE DRAWING WILL BE HELD AT THE KC HALL ON SATURDAY MAY 29TH 2021! THERE WILL BE A COOK OFF AND REFRESHMENTS FOR SALE AT THE KC HALL ON THE 29TH & YOUR TICKET FOR THE DRAWING WILL BE YOUR TICKET FOR ENTRY TO THE EVENT! THE TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE AFTER THE MASSES AT ALL CHURCHES EVERY WEEKEND IN MAY! WE APPRECIATE YOUR INTEREST & YOUR SUPPORT! REMEMBER...THERE IS A LIMIT OF 200 TICKETS ONLY TO BE SOLD!! PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF OUR MEMBERS TO PURCHASE A TICKET FOR THIS OUTSTANDING EVENT!!

THANK YOU & STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION!

**CYNTHIA SCHAAF, REGENT
(EMAIL cyschaaf1@gmail.com)**

**MARTIE TERRY, EVENT CHAIR
(EMAIL martiejerry@comcast.net)**

Catholic Charities' St. Frances Cabrini Center

for Immigrant Legal Services advises that renters facing eviction during the pandemic can get free information in English and Spanish from Stop Texas Eviction, a website set up by established nonprofit legal aid providers. Visit StopTxEviction.org to learn more about tenant rights and available rental assistance.

Congratulations to Barbara Roberts who has completed the Nullity Case Sponsor Program!

She will be an integral part of assisting couples in need of annulments.

If you are divorced and remarried outside the Catholic Church, and would like assistance with getting an annulment so you can be married in the Catholic Church, please contact Fr. Jude at shepherdhfp@gmail.com.

Mass for all Health Care Providers



Sacred Heart Church on Sunday, May 2, 2021 at 7:30 AM.

Inviting all health care professionals of our parish to attend a special Mass where you will be honored, prayed for and receive a blessing of the hands.

Please come and help us pray for and honor the health care workers of our parish.

Growing in Love And Understanding



In the Gospel today, Jesus says “Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.” Indeed, by helping the poor we can “bear much fruit” and we find that with Jesus we can do everything.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will show that you are indeed the disciple of Jesus as it will bring your love to those who struggle to meet their basic needs.



“For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.”

Bring God into your marriage to honor Him by going on a virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend!

May 14-16, 2021

September 10-12, 2021

November 5-7, 2021

Contact Brian & Tina Little at (281) 773-4014 for more information, or go online to houstonme.org.

Joe's Masterclass Video Series for Men

The Office of Family Life Ministry has a new resource for the men in your communities: [Joe's Masterclass](#), a video series about the spirituality of St. Joseph, as we begin the Year of the Family (which is from 3/19/21-6/26/22)

In this series of short videos, designed for social media sharing, Deacon Ly Nguyen will cover different aspects of manhood in a relaxed and profound way. Topics include righteousness, active prayer, work ethic, protection, and many others. A new video will be released every Friday for twelve weeks. We hope you find these videos useful for the men in your communities.



The Feast of St. Joseph The Worker

May 1, 2021

O Glorious Saint Joseph, model of all those who are devoted to labor, obtain for me the grace to work in a spirit of penance for the expiation of my many sins; to work conscientiously, putting the call of duty above my natural inclinations; to work with thankfulness and joy, considering it an honor to employ and develop by means of labor the gifts received from God; to work with order, peace, moderation, and patience, never shrinking from weariness and trials; to work above all with purity of intention and detachment from self, keeping unceasingly before my eyes death and the account that I must give of time lost, talents unused, good omitted, and vain complacency in success, so fatal to the work of God.

All for Jesus, all through Mary, all after thy example, O Patriarch, Saint Joseph. Such shall be my watch-word in life and in death. Amen.

(Composed by Pope St. Pius X)

Year of St. Joseph Indulgences

Granted by the Holy See from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021

Below is a summary of how you can receive the special indulgences granted by the Holy See for the Year of St. Joseph.

The plenary indulgence is granted under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer according to the intentions of the Holy Father) to the faithful who, with a spirit detached from any sin, participate in the Year of Saint Joseph on the occasions and in the manner indicated by this Apostolic Penitentiary:

- Meditate for at least 30 minutes on the Our Father
- Participate in a spiritual retreat of at least one day that includes a meditation on Saint Joseph
- Perform a corporal or spiritual work of mercy
- Recite the Holy Rosary in families and between the husband and wife
- Entrust their work daily to the protection of Saint Joseph and to all believers who invoke with their prayers the intercession of the worker of Nazareth
- Pray the [Litany of Saint Joseph](#) in its entirety or at least part of it (for the Byzantine tradition), or some other prayer to Saint Joseph, typical of the other liturgical traditions, for the persecuted Church and for the relief of all persecuted Christians
- Pray any lawfully approved prayer or act of piety in honor of Saint Joseph, for example, "To you oh blessed Joseph," especially on:
 - March 19th (Solemnity of St. Joseph)
 - May 1st (Feast of St. Joseph the Worker)
 - December 26th (Feast of the Holy Family)
 - The Sunday of Saint Joseph (according to the Byzantine tradition)
 - The 19th day of every month
 - Every Wednesday (a day dedicated to the memory of the Saint according to the Latin tradition)

The gift of plenary indulgence extends particularly to —

- The elderly
- The sick
- The dying
- All those who for legitimate reasons cannot leave their home

— who, with the spirit detached from any sin and with the intention of fulfilling, as soon as possible, the three usual conditions, in your own home or wherever the impediment holds you, pray an act of piety in honor of Saint Joseph, consolation of the sick and patron of good death, confidently offering God the pains and difficulties of his life.