



ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
June 6, 2021

ORDER OF CELEBRATION FOR

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

PROCESSION WITH THE BLESSED SACRAMENT (10:00am)

WELCOME! A few important notes on this weekend's liturgy:

- + **Masks continue to be mandatory. Your mask must cover both your nose and your mouth at all times.**
- + **The clergy and readers are permitted to remove their masks when they are speaking. They will wear masks at all other times.**
- + **Thank you! We can all help each other stay safe and comfortable by following these common sense guidelines.**

PRELUDE

The celestial banquet
Olivier Messiaen (1908–1992)

ENTRANCE

Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face
PEEL CASTLE

Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face; Here would I touch and handle things unseen;
Here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace, And all my weariness upon thee lean.
Here would I feed upon the Bread of God: Here drink with thee the royal Wine of heaven;
Here would I lay aside each earthly load, Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.
I have no help but thine; nor do I need Another arm save thine to lean upon;
It is enough, my Lord, enough indeed; My strength is in thy might, thy might alone.
Mine is the sin, but thine the righteousness; Mine is the guilt, but thine the cleansing Blood.
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace; Thy Blood, thy righteousness, O Lord, my God.

Horatio Bonar (1808–1889)

PENITENTIAL ACT

New Plainsong Mass
David Hurd

The musical notation for the Penitential Act consists of three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The first staff is for the Kyrie, with the Cantor part on the left and the ALL part on the right. The second staff is for the Christe eleison, with the Cantor part on the left and the ALL part on the right. The third staff is for the Kyrie, with the Cantor part on the left and the ALL part on the right. The lyrics are: Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

GLORIA

New Mass for Congregations
Carroll Thomas Andrews (1919–2014)

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will. We

praise you, we bless you, we a - dore you, we glo-ri-fy you, we give you thanks for

your great glo - ry, Lord God, heav'n-ly King, O God, al - might-y Fa - ther.

Cantor or Choir:

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - - - - men.

COLLECT

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

Exodus 24:3-8

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 116

Michel Guimont (b. 1952)

I will take the cup of sal - va-tion, and call on the name of the Lord.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 9:11-15

SEQUENCE (10:00)

Lauda Sion
chant

Sion, praise thy Saviour singing,
Hymns with exultation ringing
Praise thy King and Shepherd true.

Honor Him, thy voice upraising,
Who surpasseth all thy praising;
Never canst thou reach his due.

Let the Bread, life-giving, living,
Be our theme of glad thanksgiving,
Now indeed before thee set;

As of old the Lord provided
When the twelve, divinely guided,
At the holy table met.

Very Bread, good Shepherd, tend us,
 Jesus, of thy love befriend us,
 Thou refresh us, thou defend us.
 Thine eternal goodness send us
 In the land of life to see;

Thou who all things canst and knowest,
 Who on earth such food bestowest,
 Grant us with thy saints, though lowest,
 Where the heavenly feast thou showest,
 Fellow heirs and guests to be. Amen.
 (attributed to St. Thomas Aquinas)

ALLELUIA

Melchior Vulpus (1570–1615)



GOSPEL

Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

HOMILY

Father Michael G. Ryan

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God,
 the Father almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
 the Only Begotten Son of God,
 born of the Father before all ages.
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,
 consubstantial with the Father;
 through him all things were made.
 For us men and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven,

[ALL BOW]

and by the Holy Spirit
 was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
 and became man.

[ALL STAND UPRIGHT]

For our sake he was crucified
 under Pontius Pilate,

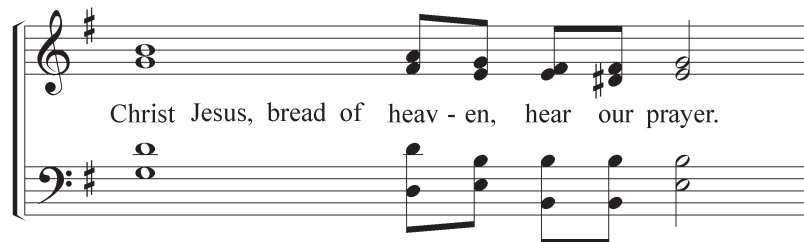
he suffered death and was buried,
 and rose again on the third day
 in accordance with the Scriptures.
 He ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory
 to judge the living and the dead
 and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son
 is adored and glorified,
 who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy,
 catholic and apostolic Church.
 I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
 and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Jacques Berthier (1923–2004)



The Liturgy of the Eucharist

PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR AND THE GIFTS

Offertory (10:00 & Noon)


Ave verum corpus
 Camille Saint-Saëns (1835–1921)

Hail, true body, born of the Virgin Mary!
 Truly having suffered, and been offered on the cross for all,
 whose pierced side flowed with blood and water,
 be an example for us in the trial of death.

SANCTUS

Corpus Christi Mass
chant, adapt. Richard Proulx (1937–2010)


Cantor, then All:



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Choir: Heaven and earth are full of your glory.


Cantor, then All:



Ho - san - na in the high - est, in the high - est.

Choir: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Cantor, then All:




Ho - san - na in the high - est, in the high - est.


MYSTERY OF FAITH

chant, adapt. Proulx

Cantor, then All:



When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,




we pro-claim your Death, O Lord, un-til you come a-gain.

AMEN

chant, adapt. Proulx

All:




A - men, A - men, A - - - men.

LORD'S PRAYER

AGNUS DEI


Norah Duncan IV

Cantor:




1. A - - gnus De - i, qui
2. Cor - de - ro de Dios, que qui - tas el pe -
3. Lamb of God, you take a-way the

ALL:



tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun - di, mi - se - ré - re
ca - do del mun - do, ten pie - dad de no -
sins of the world, grant us



no - bis, mi - se - ré - re no - bis.
so - tros, ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
peace, grant us peace.

Please kneel following the Lamb of God and remain kneeling until it is time for your row to go forward for Holy Communion.

Distribution of Holy Communion

- + **Communion is given only in the hand.**
- + **Maintain social distance as you come forward.**
- + **Wear your mask. Hold your hands out as flat as possible so that the minister can easily put the host on your open palm without touching your hand.**
- + **After receiving Holy Communion, lower your mask with one hand, put the host in your mouth, and then put your mask back on.**

COMMUNION

"This is my body which is given up for you; this is the cup of the new covenant of my blood," says the Lord.
"Each time that you partake thereof, do it in memory of me."

Hoc corpus

Mode VIII

(10:00)

Tantum ergo

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

Upon returning to your place after Holy Communion, please kneel or be seated.

Low-gluten hosts are distributed at the credence table near the presider's chair.

Eucharistic Procession (10:00)

Please join in the procession at the direction of the ushers.

Please, no photography during the procession.

The procession will begin with those seated in the south transept, followed by the east nave,
the north transept, and the west nave.

Procession with the Blessed Sacrament following 10:00am Mass

PLEASE JOIN IN THE PROCESSION AT THE DIRECTION OF THE USHERS.

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on Terry Avenue

HYMN ALL BOW OR KNEEL

Pange lingua gloriosi

**Sing my tongue, the Savior's glory,
Of His flesh the mystr'y sing,
Of the blood all price exceeding,
Shed by our immortal king.
Destined for the world's redemption,
From a noble womb to spring.**

**Tantum ergo sacramentum
Veneremur cernui,
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui,
Præstet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui. Amen.**

Father Ryan: You have given them bread from heaven.

ALL: Having all sweetness within it.

EUCCHARISTIC COLLECT

EUCCHARISTIC BLESSING

*All make the sign of the cross as Father Ryan blesses the assembly with the
Blessed Sacrament, exposed in the monstrance.*

Blessed be God.
Blessed be God's holy name.
Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man.
Blessed be the name of Jesus.
Blessed be his most Sacred Heart.
Blessed be his most Precious Blood.
Blessed be Jesus in the most holy sacrament of the altar.
Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.
Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.
Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.
Blessed be her glorious assumption.
Blessed be the name of Mary, virgin and mother.
Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse.
Blessed be God in the angels and in the saints.

REPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

THE CORPUS CHRISTI ACCLAMATION ALL RISE

Christus vincit, 9th century

Elliott Bay Pipe Band — Tyrone Heade, *Director*

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL

The Most Reverend Paul D. Etienne, Archbishop of Seattle

PASTOR

The Very Reverend Michael G. Ryan

PAROCHIAL VICAR Reverend Alex Pablo

IN RESIDENCE Reverend David A. Brant

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Tang Nguyen, Facilities Supervisor (206-264-2087)

Alan Frasher, Michelle Knipp, Lino Nillas

CELEBRATIONS of the SACRAMENTS

MASS

Sundays 8:00am - 10:00am - 12 Noon - 5:30pm

Weekdays 8:00am (M, T, W, Th, F, S) & 12:10pm (M, W, F)

Saturdays 8:00am & "Vigil" 5:30pm

VESPERS and BENEDICTION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT

Sundays at 4:00pm

BAPTISM Communal celebrations are held monthly. A preparation program for parents and godparents is required. Contact Jennifer Wong for information, 206-619-0816.

MARRIAGE Registered parishioners may begin the scheduling process up to 14 months in advance. Contact Margaret Lynch, 206-382-4288 or mlynch@stjames-cathedral.org.

ANointing of the SICK A communal celebration is held twice yearly. In case of serious illness, impending surgery, or advanced age, please call the parish office. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick should not be delayed until the person is unconscious or in imminent danger of death. Call the parish office for information.

FUNERALS for parishioners, contact Nancy Granger, 206-382-4269

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Monday through Friday, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm.

After-hours Emergency answering service for parishioners: 206-467-3049

804 Ninth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104

Telephone: 206-622-3559 FAX: 206-622-5303

Website: www.stjames-cathedral.org

WELCOME, VISITORS! *If you are a visitor to the Cathedral, we want you to know how welcome you are – whether you have come from another part of the country, from across the world, or simply from another parish here in the Archdiocese.*

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ June 6, 2021

ON THE COVER *To you will I offer sacrifice of thanksgiving, and I will call upon the name of the Lord.* Detail of the Cathedral's tabernacle. Ulrich Henn, sculptor.

FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR are offered by Paul Nguyen in honor of the 8th anniversary of the death of Marcy and in celebration of birthdays for Marcelline, Rosalie, Thanh-Thuy, Paul, Donald, Marissa and Clarissa. *Floral offerings are a wonderful way to remember a deceased loved one, celebrate an anniversary, or give thanks for an answered prayer. We currently have openings for floral donations several weekends in August. Information, Micki-Jo Palmer, mpalmer@stjames-cathedral.org or 206-654-4650.*

NEW WEEKDAY MASS AT 12:10PM Beginning Monday, June 7, Father Ryan will offer a 12:10pm Mass on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. All are welcome – no registration is required.

WEDNESDAY TOURS RESUME Our regular 1:00pm tours of the Cathedral have resumed! No registration is required; just meet your guide in the Cathedral vestibule at 1:00pm. *Masks are required and social distancing will be observed during our tours.*

VACCINATION POP-UP CLINIC: MONDAYS, JUNE 7, 14, AND 21, 2:30PM-4:30PM IN THE CATHEDRAL King County Public Health will be at St. James Cathedral for the next three Monday afternoons. They will offer the Johnson & Johnson (1-shot) and Moderna (2-shot) vaccines for free to anyone 18 years of age and older. No appointment necessary. *Please note there will be no pop-up clinic on Memorial Day.* Information, Patrick Barredo, pbarredo@stjames-cathedral.org.

TEXT TO GIVE

The Cathedral is now equipped for you to text donations! Simply text the amount you want to donate (e.g. for \$25, just the number **25**) to **206-312-3452**. You'll be invited to click on a link to connect to your existing Our Sunday Visitor account or you can make a one-time gift without logging in or setting up an account. An easy way to make a spontaneous gift!

PARISH REMEMBRANCE *Throughout the year, because we are the Cathedral Church, we remember in prayer at Mass and Vespers each of the parishes and missions of the Archdiocese of Seattle on a Sunday near their feast day. This week we pray for the parishes of Blessed Sacrament in Seattle and Sacred Heart in Seattle, Bellevue, Bellingham, Tacoma, and Lacey.*

GET YOUR HANDS DIRTY AT THE ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL GARDEN

Now that the sun is starting to come out more often, consider becoming a volunteer at the St. James Cathedral Garden at the intersection of Terry Ave and Madison St. The Cathedral Garden helps provide food for roughly 100 people each weeknight at the Cathedral Kitchen. *Information*, Lonnie Larsen, llarsen@stjames-cathedral.org.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL HELPLINE During the pandemic, the SVdP Helpline may be able to refer you to sources of aid if you need help paying your rent or electricity bill or getting enough food or other basic necessities of life. If you live in Seattle or elsewhere in King County, please submit your request for help online at <https://svdpseattle.org/get-help/online-help-request-form/> anytime or by calling 206-767-6449 between 8am and 3pm Monday through Friday. Especially if you cannot handle a growing rent debt because you lost your job or had your hours reduced, please contact the Helpline. The temporary eviction moratorium is scheduled to end on June 30. Start seeking help now rather than waiting until that happens, when so many more people are expected to need help, too. *Information*, Jo Ann Wiesner, 206-291-4012 or wiesnerjo@gmail.com.

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RACIAL EQUITY AT ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL At last month's prayer service on the anniversary of George Floyd's murder, Fr. Ryan committed the Cathedral to pray and work for Racial Justice by continuing to shape our community as one that is formed by the Gospels. Please consider joining the newly-formed Racial Solidarity team, to work with parish leaders to encourage the use of resources like Racial Equity toolkits and other programs that can educate parishioners about behaviors that perpetuate racism. We will also build community by inspiring parishioners to connect with one another on a deeper level through Racial Equity Healing Circles and Contemplative Dialogues. *Information*, Patrick Barredo, pbarredo@stjames-cathedral.org or 206-382-4515.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES DURING THE PANDEMIC

Catholic Community Services/Catholic Housing Services (CCS/CHS) has asked the Cathedral to provide meals for their day centers and shelters. Unopened store-bought casseroles and unopened sandwich-ingredients (bread, deli meat, vegetables and condiments) are greatly appreciated. In addition, toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrushes, soaps and shampoos, feminine hygiene products), canned ready-to-eat meals (ie soup or chili), cup of noodles, easy mac & cheese, K-cup coffee, cocoa and tea, individual servings of chips, crackers, granola bars and cereals have been requested. Deliver food to Cathedral Hall (803 Terry Ave.), Tuesdays, 9am to 11am. *Information*, Patrick Barredo, pbarredo@stjames-cathedral.org.

Summer Recital Series

As we transition to live concerts and recitals, Cathedral Guitarist Mark Hilliard Wilson will continue presenting livestreamed Musical Prayer on the first Friday of every month throughout the summer. We will welcome audiences back into the Cathedral with our summer recital series beginning on Wednesday, June 23 at 7:00pm with Cathedral Organist Joseph Adam. The program will include Louis Vierne's *Symphony No. 4 in G Minor, op. 32*, and music by Johann Sebastian Bach and his cousin Johann Bernhard Bach.

Registration will be required to attend summer concerts, and we will not be livestreaming them. More information can be found on our website at <https://www.stjames-cathedral.org/music/concerts>.

OUTREACH AND ADVOCACY NEWSLETTER

Learn about upcoming events and opportunities as well as stay informed on Catholic social teaching by receiving this twice-monthly newsletter. Subscribe, outreach@stjames-cathedral.org.

ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL ON SOCIAL MEDIA Be sure to follow the Cathedral on social media for up-to-date information about ongoing events in the life of the Cathedral! On Instagram: @stjamescathedral. On Facebook and Twitter: @stjamesseattle. The Cathedral has a podcast as well! Search "St. James Cathedral, Seattle" on Apple podcasts or visit <https://stjamescathedral.simplecast.com>. And of course, you can always visit www.stjames-cathedral.org for up to date information on Cathedral happenings, or to sign up for our weekly e-bulletin.



Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

JANUARY 23—FEBRUARY 1, 2022

Father Ryan will lead a parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land early in 2022. Over ten memorable days, we will retrace the steps of Jesus, all the way from Nazareth and Bethlehem, to Galilee and the River Jordan, to the Holy City of Jerusalem. We will also have the option of continuing on in the footsteps of the apostles Peter and Paul, following them to Rome and Vatican City. A pilgrimage to the Holy Land is truly a life-changing, faith-deepening experience.

The pilgrimage has now reached capacity. You can still be added to the waiting list. Find out more about the pilgrimage by visiting the Cathedral website, www.stjames-cathedral.org. *Information*, Maria Laughlin, 206-382-4284 or mlaughlin@stjames-cathedral.org.

PASSION FOR OUR FAITH

LOVE FOR OUR FAMILY

**A FUTURE
FULL OF
HOPE**

PROMISE FOR OUR FUTURE

CARE FOR OUR COMMUNITY

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**Mondays, May 24, June 7, 14, 21
2:30PM — 4:30PM**

INSIDE THE CATHEDRAL!

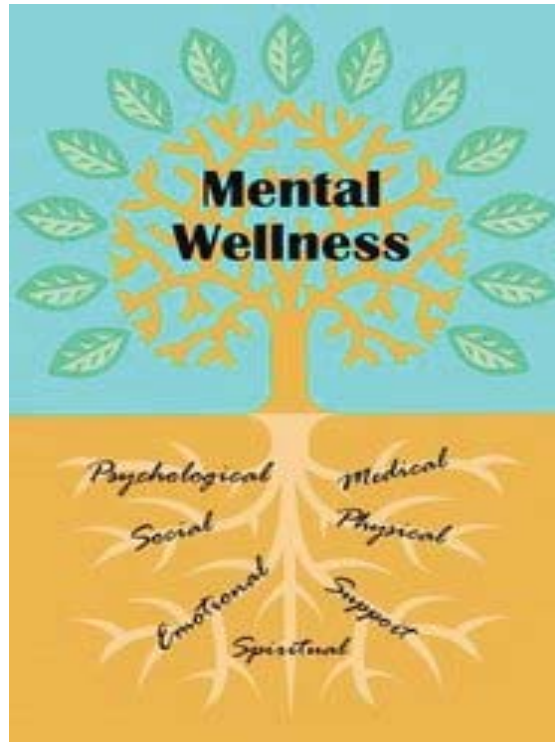
**St. James Cathedral
(804 Ninth Avenue)**

No appointment necessary.

The Johnson & Johnson (1-shot) and Moderna (2-shot) Covid-19 vaccines will be offered **for free** to everyone, age 18+.

St. James Cathedral Mental Health & Wellness Ministry

HEALING MONDAYS



Weekly Presentations about Emotional and Mental Health

Every Monday at 7:00 PM Online via Zoom

* Educational Talk *Discussion *Q & A with Experts

Presented by Blessed Sacrament parishioners and psychiatric providers:

Antonina Kozlowska, ARNP and Ava Kozlowska, ARNP

Topics through June 2021:

6/07 Mindfulness: Ways to increase our awareness by observing

6/14 How to be nonjudgmental

6/21 Mental health benefits of spirituality

6/28 Connection between food and our emotions

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83364268237?pwd=Q3ZyeTJPRjBrKzRxTVIHRE1GaTA0Zz09ZOO>

Mtg. ID 833 6426 8237 Passcode: Healing

Or contact info@healingtms.com or Nancy Granger at ngranger@stjames-cathedral.org

ST. JOSEPH

Protector of the Child and His Mother



At the end of every account in which Joseph plays a role, the Gospel tells us that he gets up, takes the child and his mother, and does what God commanded him (cf. Mt 1:24; 2:14.21). Indeed, Jesus and Mary his Mother are the most precious treasure of our faith....

We should always consider whether we ourselves are protecting Jesus and Mary, for they are also mysteriously entrusted to our own responsibility, care and safekeeping. The Son of the Almighty came into our world in a state of great vulnerability. He needed to be defended, protected, cared for and raised by Joseph. God trusted Joseph, as did Mary, who found in him someone who would not only save her life, but would always provide for her and her child.... In his continued protection of the Church, Joseph continues to protect the child and his mother, and we too, by our love for the Church, continue to love the child and his mother.

That child would go on to say: "As you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me" (Mt 25:40). Consequently, every poor, needy, suffering or dying person, every stranger, every prisoner, every infirm person is "the child" whom Joseph continues to protect. For this reason, Saint Joseph is invoked as protector of the unfortunate, the needy, exiles, the afflicted, the poor and the dying. Consequently, the Church cannot fail to show a special love for the least of our brothers and sisters, for Jesus showed a particular concern for them and personally identified with them. From Saint Joseph, we must learn that same care and responsibility. We must learn to love the child and his mother, to love the sacraments and charity, to love the Church and the poor. Each of these realities is always the child and his mother.

—Pope Francis, *Patris Corde*, Apostolic Letter for the Year of St. Joseph



"St. Joseph and Jesus" St. Joseph Parish, Vancouver, WA

The Saints on St. Joseph:

"I ask you to obtain from St. Joseph for us all, and especially for me who feels myself most in need of his aid, the grace of not hampering in any way the work which God has been pleased to entrust to us; rather, I ask that we may cooperate in every way with His designs by refusing no sacrifice to His grace."

—St. André Bessette

A prayer to St. Joseph:

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that by Saint Joseph's intercession
your Church may constantly watch over
the unfolding of the mysteries of salvation,
whose beginnings you entrusted to his faithful care.
Through Christ our Lord.

—Roman Missal, Prayer for the Solemnity of Saint Joseph,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

FOR REFLECTION:

- Think of the life of St. Joseph and how many times he took action to protect Mary and Jesus. Are there times in your own family life where a family member has shown the same protective care for you—or where you have been the protector?
- Pope Francis writes that the mission of the Church is to be like Joseph, "to love the child and his mother," in the Church, in the sacraments, and in the poor. Where do you find it easy to love? Where do you find it difficult?
