
Notifications

As far as the pandemic allows, every last Monday of a month prayer meetings will be held in Germany. The holy Mass will be celebrated for the living and deceased sisters and brothers of the Marian Blessing Circle. Father Aniceth Mosha also includes all daily in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Please inform us of any change of address and of members who have died. Thank you very much!

Dear members and supporters:

In this special time, in which everybody is challenged in equal measure, we ask Saint Joseph for his support. We are all connected by the universal bridge of prayer and blessing.

Let us remain in the love of CHRIST and let us follow him, so nothing can concern and disturb us.

—Saint Joseph, bless us and pray for us!

With Marian greetings

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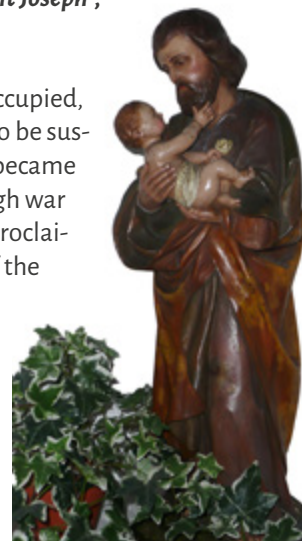
The year of Saint Joseph

***Dear members of the Marian Blessing Circle!
Pope Francis commemorates the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of Saint Joseph as patron of the universal Church and announces the „Year of Saint Joseph“, ending on 8 December 2021.***

In the days when Rome was occupied, the First Vatican Council had to be suspended and the Papal States became part of the Italian State through war and revolution, Pope Pius IX proclaimed Saint Joseph as patron of the Church on 8 December 1870.

„After Mary, the Mother of God, no saint is mentioned more frequently in the papal magisterium than Joseph, her spouse“, Pope Francis writes in his apostolic letter „*Patris Corde*“ (With paternal heart) dated 8 December 2020. „My Predecessors

reflected on the message contained in the limited information handed down by the Gospels in order to appreciate more fully his central role in the history of salvation.“ In addition to the title of patron of the Church, Pope Pius XII gave Saint Joseph the title „Patron of Workers“, Pope John XXIII included his name in the first Consecration of the Eucharist, Pope John Paul II described him as the „Guardian of the Savior“, Pope Benedict XIV included his name also →



Statue of Joseph in the house chapel of the MBC in Leuterod

in the other three Consecrations and the believing people invoke him for a good death.

But, what is the reason for proclaiming the Joseph's Year?

The Pope answers: „My desire to do so increased during these months of pandemic, when we experienced, amid the crisis, how “our lives are woven together and sustained by ordinary people, people often overlooked. People who do not appear in newspaper and magazine headlines, or on the latest television show, yet in these very days are surely shaping the decisive events of our history.“ And Joseph is one of those silent helpers who assist their fellow people. „Each of us can discover in Joseph – the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence – an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble. Saint Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation. A word of recognition and of gratitude is due to them all“, commended Pope Francis. Let's join this multitude: Praying for and blessing our neighbors, especially the sick, their relatives and the care personnel is also a silent service.

To this silent service may the Almighty GOD bless + and protect you through the intercession of Saint Joseph in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Your priest
Monsignor Michael Haupt

Let us pray!

„We need only ask St. Joseph,“ writes the Holy Father, „for the grace of graces: our conversion.
Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. *Amen.*”

The Pope's prayer intentions

May 2021: Let us pray that those in charge of finance will work with governments to regulate the financial sphere and protect citizens from its dangers.

June 2021: Let us pray for young people who are preparing for marriage with the support of a Christian community: may they grow in love, with generosity, faithfulness and patience.

July 2021: We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.

August 2021: Let us pray for the Church, that She may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

September 2021: We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

October 2021: We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

November 2021: We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

December 2021: Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.