

MEN OF SAINT JOSEPH INTERNATIONAL



72 hours to a resurrected life

Ezekiel 34:23-24

"Three times in the year shall all your males appear before the Lord God, the God of Israel"

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FOUNDER'S NOTES

As we completed the month of September, I finished a very large part of my life. I am stepping back from me and my wife Pat's missionary career. For the past 25 years Pat and I have been working with Renewal Ministries, traveling, and ministering to over twenty-five countries. We have established family bonds with so many people in all these countries.

I personally do not want to stop; how can you leave family? But God has called us to change. Pat will continue her work at home with women's retreats and a yearly women's conference. I hope she will be invited with me as I travel around the world building MOSJI and perhaps she can address the women.

As for me, it is time to build. It is clear to me that men's ministry is a very crucial component to assist in the rebuilding and renewal of the Catholic Church. My hope is to bring enthusiasm to the leaders around the world that will enable them to receive "the vision". The vision is to have men experience a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and a good relationship with other Catholic men. Our personal holiness is first, second is Catholic fellowship, and from that strength the surrounding of your parish priest with a minimum of twelve men. This plan has the potential to change the family, which can change the parish, which then can change the Church and the world. That's not my dream, that's God's dream.

Even though I know God has called me to work fulltime for MOSJI it was very difficult to step back from 25 years of missions. Fortunately, Pat and I work with two of the most extraordinary men on the planet. Peter Herbeck runs the missions for Renewal Ministries and invited Pat and me to return to the annual gathering of the Country Coordinators' Meeting. Peter and Ralph Martin said, "We are family". Ralph not only invited us back but offered to be speakers for MOSJI and give us financial help if needed.

We stayed in the home of Ralph and Ann Martin for our three-day conference which, of course, in many ways made it even more difficult to say good-bye. Doing God's will can often be such sweet sorrow, but that all turned to great joy at the end of the conference when we were told, "We are family, and we want you to be with us at our annual missionary meetings". What a wonderful way to end our three-day gathering as missionaries for Renewal Ministries!

God bless you,

Don Turbitt

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectionary: 143

Reading I

Wis 7:7-11

I prayed, and prudence was given me; I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me.

I preferred her to scepter and throne, and deemed riches nothing in comparison with her, nor did I liken any priceless gem to her; because all gold, in view of her, is a little sand, and before her, silver is to be accounted mire.

Beyond health and comeliness I loved her, and I chose to have her rather than the light, because the splendor of her never yields to sleep.

Yet all good things together came to me in her company, and countless riches at her hands.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17

R. (14) Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart.

Return, O LORD! How long?

Have pity on your servants!

R. Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness, that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days.

Make us glad, for the days when you afflicted us, for the years when we saw evil.

R. Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Let your work be seen by your servants and your glory by their children;

and may the gracious care of the LORD our God be ours;

prosper the work of our hands for us!

Prosper the work of our hands!

R. Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

Reading II

Heb 4:12-13

Brothers and sisters:

Indeed the word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating even between soul and spirit, joints and marrow, and able to discern reflections and thoughts of the heart.

No creature is concealed from him, but everything is naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must render an account.

Alleluia

Mt 5:3

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up, knelt down before him, and asked him, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Jesus answered him, "Why do you call me good?"

No one is good but God alone.

You know the commandments: *You shall not kill;*

*you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal;
you shall not bear false witness; you shall not defraud;
honor your father and your mother."*

He replied and said to him,

"Teacher, all of these I have observed from my youth."

Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said to him,

"You are lacking in one thing.

Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven;
then come, follow me."

At that statement his face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions.

Jesus looked around and said to his disciples,

"How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!"

The disciples were amazed at his words.

So Jesus again said to them in reply,

"Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!

It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle
than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves,

"Then who can be saved?"

Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God.

All things are possible for God."

Peter began to say to him, "We have given up everything and followed you."

Jesus said, "Amen, I say to you, there is no one who has given up house or brothers or sisters
or mother or father or children or lands for my sake and for the sake of the gospel
who will not receive a hundred times more now in this present age:
houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands,
with persecutions, and eternal life in the age to come."

Hi men,

It seems that a topic of growing interest in that of “End Times”. I think because of such things as the pandemic, growing intolerance/violence, increasing weather disasters, etc., that the 2021 culture is becoming more aware of this topic of End Times. Surely even many of the leaders in our church are talking to the point that there are many signs indicating we are likely getting closer...but closer to exactly what? This got me thinking. My brother’s wife recommended that I check out the 2000 popular movie “Left Behind” about End Times. Early in the movie people started disappearing into thin air as part of what some people believe is “The Rapture”. Some Christians believe this scenario to be part of End Times but I knew it was not part of Catholic teaching. So given all of this, I decided as I often do when it comes to faith...to learn the truth. After a # of hours Googling and reading I came across what I believe to be true Catholic teaching. Thank God as Catholics we have the authority and clarity of the Magisterium, we would be lost without it. My research brought me to Father Chris Alar, a Catholic priest with the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception located at the Divine Mercy Shrine in Stockbridge, MA. What better resource than a Catholic priest devoted to Mary whose apparitions are so key to church teaching. He is a well know YouTube speaker and I listened to his 3 talks on the subject of End Times from the Catholic perspective;

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d5hG_wy3fCE . I recommend you check them out and educate yourself on this important topic so you have better understanding and are able to share the truth. As mentioned, this topic is becoming more and more top of mind in as the world gets crazier. You’ll find that he is easy to understand and on point. Below are 2 slides I compiled as I took notes from his talk. The 1st slide is direct from scripture and is established Catholic teaching. As Father explains regarding the 2nd slide, Catholics can choose whether or not they want to embrace this information. There’s a lot of similarity with both and it’s fascinating stuff.

I think all of us MOSJ should understand and certainly take heed of these teachings. It seems though that some people can get overly consumed...where to draw the line? As Father teaches...even though the End Times feel as they are getting closer...it’s still probably likely we will all die before they arrive. So that means we will die and face our Particular Judgement...which is a whole other topic for another day!

5 signs from Scripture of Christ's 2nd coming (end of the world)

- ✓ 1. **Spreading of faith throughout the world** (internet has helped)
- ✓ 2. **Great Apostasy** (definition: the abandonment of a religious belief).
3. **Conversion of Jews to Christianity**
4. **Antichrist and Great Tribulation** (major hard times for 3.5-7 years)
5. **2nd Coming of Christ**
(Armageddon; Satan destroyed, Final Judgement, bodies reunited with souls)



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5 signs from Mary & prophecy of the Saints for Christ's 2nd coming (end of the world)

1. **Time of great sin** ✓
(“new” sins: porn, euthanasia, abortion, test tubes, marriage assault, LGBTQ, loss of faith, church scandals)
2. **Time of minor chastisement** ✓
(similar to tribulation; hard times....WW I & II, hurricanes/earthquakes rising, civil unrest, violence, etc.)
3. **Era of peace** (restoration to Christianity)
4. **Antichrist** (major chastisements)
5. **2nd coming of Christ and ‘Final’ Judgement**



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God bless,
Steve Nolan

Our God is a god of order

When you reflect on your day-to-day activities is there order in your life?

Do you try to understand and follow God's plan for you or are you "winging it"?

Worse yet are you telling God what your plan is and asking Him to make it happen?

Here is a little exercise you can do to add order to your daily life.

In every area of importance, you have or should have priorities.

Pray for and write down on paper your first and second priorities for the following areas:

- Prayer
- Church (including the MOSJI)
- Family (especially time with wife, children)
- Work
- Health
- Recreation

Next write down next to each priority the amount of time (hours and minutes) you think you should spend each week at those priorities.

Finally take the next week and write down the actual amount of time you spent on each of your priorities

It may surprise you.

Then prayerfully seek God's grace to add the proper order and discipline in your life for each of these areas. The peace, confidence and growth you will experience with this order in your life will be amazing.

God bless,
John Olobri

MOSJI Chapter News

- The St John the Evangelist chapter is sponsoring a Pro-Life event
Pro-Life Mass for us to pray and those who have experienced Abortion
On Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 7:00 Pm
St John the Evangelist Church
63 Church Street
Slatersville, RI. 02876
This Mass will be offered for anyone wanting to show respect for life and receive healing. We welcome Men and Women who are suffering from terminal illness, experienced miscarriage, abortion, or loss of a child.
- The St Agatha's chapter in Woonsocket is showing the *Into the Breach* series and using the study guide for chapter meetings.

- We are working with several parishes in Norwich CT to develop chapters there. Ray Lapointe has been working with Brian Daly from Norwich to schedule a Courageous movie night to get things started there.
- Jeff Pelletier with the Holy Trinity chapter in Woonsocket along with the pastor and other members of the chapter released a new podcast episode <https://www.holytrinityri.com/>

International Chapter News

Good news from Uganda!

After several weeks of again being locked down due to Covid-19, Fr Jude reports that they are opened for mass now. They can gather with 200 people and their weekly men's meeting will resume this weekend.

He states "We are happy, and all men are happy they can't wait to meet again for prayers and sharing"

Fr Jude has prepared information for their meeting and will discuss with the men these points.

- Benefits of the available father
- Consequences of the absent father
- Who is a father?
- Personality traits & qualities of a good father
- How to be a good and faithful father
- The role of the father in the home?

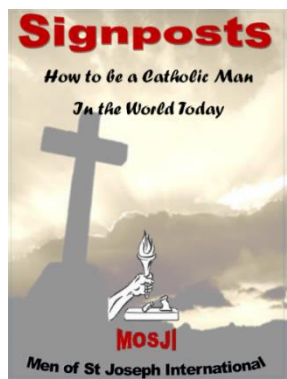
Signposts

The Signposts workbook/study guide, a main tool used when new chapters are started, has been out of print for some time. We have exhausted our supply and have contacted the authors and copyright holders for permission to reprint it.

We are pleased to tell you that they have given us permission to reprint.

Reprinting will take place shortly. We will let chapter leaders know as soon as the new books are available.

Here is what the new front cover will look like.



Pray a litany to St Joseph daily.

Litany of St Joseph

Lord, have mercy	Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy.	Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy on us.	Lord, have mercy
Christ hear us.	Christ, graciously hear us.
God the Father of Heaven	Have mercy on us.
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,	Have mercy on us.
God the Holy Spirit	Have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, One God,	Have mercy on us.
Holy Mary,	pray for us.
Saint Joseph,	pray for us.
Illustrious son of David,	pray for us.
Light of the patriarchs,	pray for us.
Spouse of the Mother of God,	pray for us.
Chaste guardian of the Virgin,	pray for us.
Foster-father of the Son of God,	pray for us.
Watchful defender of Christ,	pray for us.
Head of the Holy Family,	pray for us.
Joseph most just,	pray for us.
Joseph most chaste,	pray for us.
Joseph most prudent,	pray for us.
Joseph most valiant,	pray for us.
Joseph most obedient,	pray for us.
Joseph most faithful,	pray for us.
Mirror of patience,	pray for us.
Lover of poverty,	pray for us.
Model of workmen ,	pray for us.
Glory of domestic life,	pray for us.
Guardian of virgins,	pray for us.
Pillar of families,	pray for us.
Solace of the afflicted,	pray for us.
Hope of the sick,	pray for us.
Patron of the dying,	pray for us.
Terror of demons,	pray for us.
Protector of Holy Church,	pray for us.

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world,	Spare us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,	Graciously hear us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,	Have mercy on us.

V. He made him the lord of His household, R. And prince over all His possessions.

Let Us Pray.

O God, Who in your loving providence chose Blessed Joseph to be the spouse of your most Holy Mother, grant the favor of having him as our intercessor in heaven whom on earth, we venerate as our protector. You who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

Events and Dates

- November – Annual Men's Retreats:

The theme of this year's retreat is:

My sheep here My voice; I know them, and they follow Me (John 10:27)

The aim of the retreat is to help the participants to deepen their life of prayer and ultimately, their intimate friendship with God; To facilitate a real "life in the Spirit" for each man, especially regarding prayer, discernment, listening, and worshiping. To guide each man in honing his listening skills and truly discerning the will of God, leading to obedient faith.

Presentations will include:

-Lectio Divina: Praying with Scripture & imagination

-Listening Prayer: Hearing and Discerning God's Voice in prayer, with some attention to Journaling

-Charismatic Prayer: Following the Movements of the Holy Spirit by using the Charismatic Gifts of the Spirit

-Eucharistic Prayer: Praying the Sacrifice of the Mass

Cost for a double occupancy room is \$180 per person

Cost for a private room is \$200.00 per person

Checks should be made payable to MOSJI

Retreat dates are:

Nov 5 -7 (for diocesan men)

Nov 19 – 21 (for St Philip's men)

Space is limited, please register soon!

Prayer Requests

The Men of St Joseph International is concerned for all our members, their families, and friends. We strongly believe in the power of prayer. Our team of Prayer Warriors have committed time each day to pray for the needs presented to them in your petitions sent through our web portal. Click on the Prayer Warrior link on the home page, entitled "**Send Your Petition to Our Prayer Warriors**", to detail and submit your request. Please be as clear and succinct as possible and **include, at least, the first name of the person** you are requesting prayers for.

Contact Us

For more information on starting, developing, or running a chapter in your parish contact one of our Service Team members.

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Pray to St Joseph

O Blessed Joseph,
faithful guardian of the Redeemer, Jesus Christ,
protector of the Mother of our Lord,
we choose you this day
to be our patron and advocate.
As Men of St. Joseph, we humbly ask you
to receive us as your cause,
leading us to Jesus for instruction in doubt,
comfort in affliction, strength in times of testing.
Obtain for us, and for all, the knowledge
and love of the Heart of Jesus Christ.
May men of good faith turn to you, Joseph.
May you defend and protect us and our families
as we grow more like Jesus by your example,
now, and all the days of our lives.
Amen