

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

On August 17th the Providence MOSJI hosted our annual Men's Day. Our guest speaker was Fr. Roger Landry who spoke to us about St. Joseph. Fr. Landry is from the Fall River, MA diocese and works in the UN in New York. His talks are available online using this link.

[Becoming Just Men Like St. Joseph.pptx \(catholicpreaching.com\)](#)

Each year it is also our privilege to have our chaplain, Fr. Francis Santilli, as our speaker. As usual, the men talked about Fr. Frank's homily as much as the main speaker's talks. Fr. Frank is a deeply spiritual priest who can most definitely speak to today's problems with clarity and great spiritual insight, and we are so very grateful to have him as our chaplain.

The day went very well even though we had half the number of men we usually do at our past events. This Covid-19 is the work of the evil one and it is going to take a lot of prayer and hard work to reverse this curse. I assume that most of the MOSJI groups around the world have been cut by half or more in the last eighteen months. This fact can be somewhat discouraging, but we know that nothing good comes easy and, more importantly, that nothing is impossible with God. As soon as the restrictions are lifted, we need to begin working diligently in order to recover the men that used to come to the meetings regularly and also work at recruiting new members.

Please remember to pray for MOSJI. Before Covid-19 we were in 18 countries with close to 10,000 members. At this point, we are hoping to make up for any lost members. The church has dedicated this year as the Year of St. Joseph. We are praying for the grace to move on and build while we have this special year in honor of St. Joseph. If we can safely meet in person, let us keep at it. Also, please remember to step out and evangelize other men to our groups or invite them to start another parish group.

In Christ,
Donald Turbitt

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectionary: 131

Reading I

Is 50:5-9a

The Lord GOD opens my ear that I may hear;
and I have not rebelled, have not turned back.
I gave my back to those who beat me,
my cheeks to those who plucked my beard;
my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting.

The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced;
I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.
He is near who upholds my right; if anyone wishes to oppose me,
let us appear together. Who disputes my right?
Let that man confront me. See, the Lord GOD is my help;
who will prove me wrong?

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.
I love the LORD because he has heard
my voice in supplication,
Because he has inclined his ear to me the day I called.
R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

The cords of death encompassed me; the snares of the netherworld seized upon me; I fell into distress and sorrow,

And I called upon the name of the LORD, "O LORD, save my life!"

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

Gracious is the LORD and just; yes, our God is merciful.

The LORD keeps the little ones; I was brought low, and he saved me.

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

For he has freed my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

I shall walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

R. I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

Reading II

Jas 2:14-18

What good is it, my brothers and sisters,

if someone says he has faith but does not have works?

Can that faith save him?

If a brother or sister has nothing to wear and has no food for the day, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well, " but you do not give them the necessities of the body, what good is it?

So also faith of itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

Indeed someone might say, "You have faith and I have works."

Demonstrate your faith to me without works, and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works.

Alleluia

Gal 6:14

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord
through which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Mk 8:27-35

Jesus and his disciples set out for the villages of Caesarea Philippi.
Along the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?"
They said in reply, "John the Baptist, others Elijah,
still others one of the prophets."

And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Peter said to him in reply, "You are the Christ."

Then he warned them not to tell anyone about him.

He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer greatly
and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes,
and be killed, and rise after three days. He spoke this openly.

Then Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

At this he turned around and, looking at his disciples,
rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan.

You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

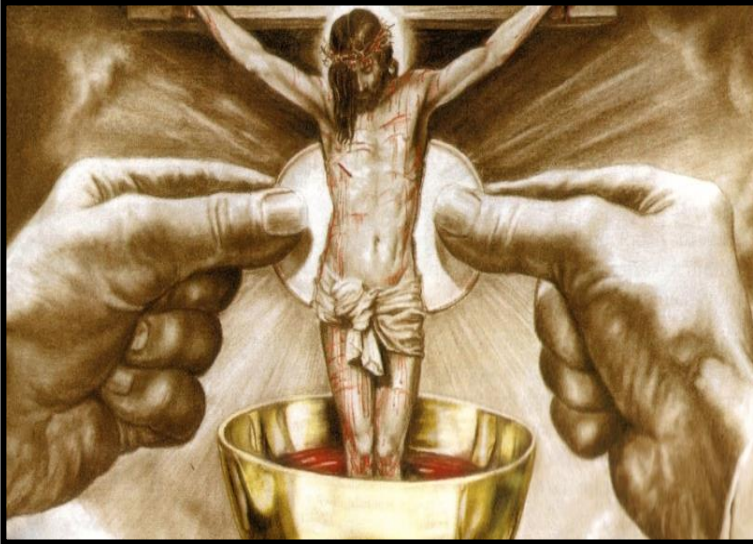
He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them,

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.

For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it,

but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it."

Hi men,



I've spent a lot of time over the last 10-15 years trying to educate myself on our faith. I do this for both personal growth and to better myself as a teacher, leader and evangelist. I've amassed quite a toolbox of religious videos, articles, books, teaching lessons, etc. Let's just say my laptop hard drive could use a break ☺. I must say that every time I've learned some new facet or understanding about our faith, without fail, it's always beautiful. But every now and now and again I come across something that really rocks me. I want to share a teaching I

heard from Drew Mariani on his Relevant Radio show a couple years ago. It has to do with the reality of Christ in the Eucharist. As you may know, an estimated 70% of Catholics do NOT believe this! In the Sunday mass Gospel on August 22 the reading contained **John 6:66** "**As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him.**" So why is this single line so incredibly important? As Drew explained that day, they left Jesus because he was being **literal**...the Eucharist is literally Jesus' body. Such a simple yet profoundly important fact. The key point being that they clearly would NOT have left Jesus if he taught them that it was SYMBOLIC. I love simple clarity like that in the Bible...it's makes such a powerful impact when absorbed. So put that beauty in your evangelizer's toolbox, what a great piece of simple logic. Stop for a moment and think what world-changing impact it would have if ALL Catholics believed in the reality of the Eucharist. What if the world came to believe this? Churches would be packed with people wanting to fed by God, lives forever changed, countless souls saved. I encourage you to share this simple yet powerful teaching.

God bless,

Steve Nolan



A directive from the Lord to reflect and act on “Plow that field”

There is a scene in the TV series *The Chosen* where James and John are plowing and planting a field because Jesus has asked them to. They don't know whose field it is or why they have been told to plow it, and since they are fishermen, not farmers, they find the work extremely hard and unpleasant. But they do it. Because it's Jesus who asked them to do it. If we think about our relationship with the Lord and if we really understood in our minds and hearts that the man talking to us was the Lord of all Creation, the One who was the ultimate Source of every planet, galaxy, and time and space itself, how would we react to His requests?

So God – not just any god, but the God of All Creation – has asked us to plow this field, the field we have before us and we do. ..what? We grumble. About everything under the sun. (God just loves grumbling. See the Book of Exodus. On how God deals with grumbling)

We say: “I want to plow a perfect field, the field over there with better soil, where the weather is nicer, not this field.” But God says, “No, this field.” And you say: “But there's a pandemic. And corrupt politicians. And horrible people. And God says: “Yup, that field.”

So you say to God: “Nope, not doing it. Not this field. Too rocky. No obvious pay-off. It's owned by a someone I don't like.” We grumble. And moan. And complain.

But it's God. Not your mother; not your boss; not a politician of the other political party. It's the God of All Creation – the One who loved you so much He suffered horribly and died so that you could live. That God. If that God asked you to plow a field, how foolish would you have to be to say no and then grumble about the working conditions?

As men of Saint Joseph, as husbands and fathers as parish members etc. how are you responding to the fields God has asked you to plow? Are you giving it 110% or are you finding ways to do just the bare minimum? How are you evangelization efforts going? Are you enthusiastic about your faith when talking to others or are you avoiding the opportunity?

(Portions of this material was taken from [The Catholic Thing](#), a daily publication on various Catholic topics)

Plow that field!

John Olobri

MOSJI Updates

International Update

MEN OF ST JOSEPH INTERNATIONAL DIOCESE OF KASESE. (MOSJI) KASESE, UGANDA.

BRIEF REPORT MEN OF ST JOSEPH INTERNATIONAL-KASESE UGANDA.

HOW MEN MINISTRY STARTED IN UGANDA.

MOSJI, was introduced by me by lord's a friend" Dick Kiernan " who saw a need to uplift men's faith and making them fully participating in the church activities as well as disciples to increase lord's kingdom in Uganda. I started this with my own brothers within our family and see how it will work out best for the rest of the communities. 1thimothy 5:8 and Isaiah 58:7. many of my brothers has benefited fully and grows up good fruits that please the lord. However, some few did not pick up the idea of this message and in the world of suffering! After wards, men of St Joseph International were introduced to the men within come Follow me Discipleship groups both in churches, institutions like schools, secondary, and NGO'S. Our goal was to a achieved men's attention for lord's work 100% as a great impact seen within the men's community of St Johns' Catholic Church in Kasese parish, Diocese of kasese as piloting church of men of St Joseph International.

FRUITS OF MOSJ ARE AS FOLLOWS;

- Scripture reading and interpretations of the content material for proper understandings.

Isaiah 9:2 the people walking in the darkness have seen a great light. On those living in the land of the shadow of death. Alight has dawned. You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy they rejoice before you as people rejoice at harvest, as men rejoice when diving the plunder.

➤ **RETURNING TO THE RIGHT WAY OF JESUS.**

Many more things happening to men's lives such as returning those men who were deeply involved in wrong acts like alcoholism, smoking, adultery, theft, and many more acts that displease God.

Romans 2:6-9 For God will reward every person according to what each one has done. Some people keep on doing well and seek the glory, honor and immortal life to them God will eternal life. Other people are selfish and reject what is right in order to fellow what is wrong on them God will pour out his anger and fury they will be suffering and pain for all those who do what is evil but God will give glory, honor and peace to all who do what is good and God judges everyone on the same standard.

➤ **MEMBERS PARTICIPATIONS IN THE LORD'S WORK.**

MOSJI- in my local church it has contributed much due to the good fruits realized and honors the men keeps on increasing in the temple of the lord! Some are doing lord's work in the church, holy sacraments at heart and respected,

Acts 2:43-47 many miracles and wonders were being done by the apostles and everyone was filled with the Holy Spirit. Believers continued together in close fellowship and shared their belongings with one another. Sharing meals with glad and humble hearts, praising God and enjoying the good will of all the people. We always work like bees in a beehive. Bees are insects that work closely to each other to give out honey which so sweet and liked by many human beings. Therefore, to have good impacts we need to work closely it's not work for only one person.

Men of St Joseph International started with me as an individual extended to ten brothers of my relatives as 1 Timothy 5:8 and after wards it was extended to my ministries such as come follow me discipleship groups and Alpha ministry best at the parish level. MOSJI was seen as a tool that can be used at the Diocese level to evangelize, I had meeting with my Bishop to allow men's association in the Diocese, told him the aims and objectives of the association he welcomed the idea, accepted and signed Rev. Fr. Kirungi Joseph as men's Champlain in our Diocese, we are working well with him.

Men of St Joseph Uganda operate in the Diocese of Kasese with some partners of other Dioceses in Fort portal, Hoima, Masaka, and at the archbishop of Mbarara Uganda.

What has been achieved;

- Managed to establish 93 groups of 830 men.
- Selecting local service Team in each local church of the Parish for small groups sharing.
- Men's bylaws in place for the proper direction and guidance.
- Endorsements of acceptance for men of St Joseph International by our Bishop in Kasese Diocese.
- Registered and accepted by men of St Joseph International and become partners in lord's work.
- Subsequent gatherings, highlighting on the signposts contents and taking pause on the 52 lessons as each lesson has subsection message for man's improvement.
- Scriptures reading and interpretation of the message. This prepares one for becoming lord's preacher.
- Re-union of marriages in the communities
- Participations in building churches, this is done by our members to contribute towards the need on table that need quick response.
- Able to translate sign post contents How to be a catholic man in the world by Bill Baw den and Tim Sullivan all the 52 lessons in our native language for people to understand well. Sponsor-Don Turbitt, thank you God blesses you more.
- Some of the Members benefited on the covid food relief sponsored by Dick Kiernan and friends. Isaiah 58:7

Obstacles on the way:

- Sufficient copies of the translated Signposts that contain all 52 lessons to fit 93 group members all of over the country.
- Lack of enough bibles to use in our groups in communities
- Hard in monitoring groups due to facilitation manpower
- We have been threatened by corona virus and its ongoing spread.

What we hope to do:

- We hope to preach men of St Joseph Gospel to other Diocese in Uganda to help men and renew their faith for the lord's salvation.
- Changing men's attitudes in wrong acts and fully returning, participate in the lord's activities to impress God in all fields. Jeremiah 8:4 "say to them, this is what the lord says:"when men fall down, do they not get up? When a man turns away, does he not return? Why then have these people turned away?
- We hope to have more copies 1000 of the Translated "How to be a catholic man "and more Signposts.

- We hope to double our efforts and reach 150-200 centers/groups in the country
- It's our prayers at least one of us to attend international men's retreat, men's conference for experience. Our aim is to reach every man in the country without discrimination of religion, lord's message for their eternity.

John 14:8-10, Philip said to him, lord, show us the father. That is all we need. Verse 9, Jesus answered, for a long time I have been with you all you do not know me, Phillip? Whoever has seen me have seen the father? Why then do you say show us the father? Verse 10, Do not believe, Phillip that am in the father and the father is in me. The words that I have spoken to you, Jesus said to his disciples do not come from me. The Father remains in me does his work Verse 11 Believe me when I say when I say that am in the father and the father in me. If not, believe because of the things I do.

- John 18:31 Pilate said, "Take him yourselves and judge him by your own law", But we have no right to execute anyone". This has so many meanings to our leadership! Let us call for the Holy Spirit to guide for the smooth running of the lord's work.

Acts 8:4 those who had been scattered preached the ward wherever they went. Phillip proclaimed the Christ and when the crowds heard of Phillip and saw the miraculous signs, he did they all paid close attention to what he said, with shrieks, evil spirits came out of many, and many paralytics and cripples were healed, so there was great joy.

Following "Saul's way of faith-to Paul "Saul was Pharisee who hated Christians. After Jesus spoke to Saul, Saul become Christian. Later Saul's name changed to Paul. Paul becomes the greatest missionary of all times. Acts 9:1-31, kind of person Saul was before converted. Acts 9:1-2 what kind of person was he after he was converted (Acts 9:20-22, 27-28)? Even you wherever you are turn to God for your eternity. Acts 10:33 now we are all here in the presence of God to listen to everything the lord has commanded you tell us! Using these scripture message will help our men in different communities to reflect on their ways of life, renew of faith and repentance.

Men's meetings.





I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of Heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy spirit, and born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Almighty Father. From thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead believe in the Holy Spirit, Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen

Blessed Joseph, husband of Mary, Be with us this day. You protected and cherished the virgin, loving the child Jesus as young son; you rescued him from danger of death. Defend the church, the household of God, purchased by the blood of Christ. Guardian of the Holy family, Be with us in our trials. May your prayers obtain for us the strength to flee from error and wrestle with the power of corruption so that in life we may grow in holiness and in death rejoice in crown of victory. Amen

Romans 16:20. The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of the lord Jesus be with you.

Blessings
Katuramu Paul
MOSJI-UGANDA

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

- September 29, 2021, Chapter Leaders meeting 7:00PM
- October 13 – 17, 2021 International Men's Conference Rome Italy
- November – Annual Men's Retreats:

Nov 5 -7 (for diocesan men)

Nov 19 – 21 (for St Philip's men)

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

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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