

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church Grand Rivers

Welcome to the Daily Information Page for St. Anthony of Padua Parish!

The information on this page will be updated everyday by 7:00am while we are dealing with the Corona Virus Pandemic. It is our hope that information given on our website will be helpful for you, your family and your friends. Each day will start with the Gospel reading and a reflection on the reading from various sources. We will also have other information like the Saint of the Day, a positive quote or saying, updates from Bishop Medley and/or Fr. Brian, and other information that may be helpful to you. If you have any suggestions on what you or other parishioners would like to see on this page, please email me at crecalvertcity@gmail.com.

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Solemnity of Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

MATTHEW 1: 16, 18-21, 24A

How the Birth of Jesus came about

Reflection from Bishop Robert Barron (wordonfire.org)

Friends, today we celebrate the feast of St. Joseph.

Every episode of Joseph's life is a crisis. He discovers that the woman to whom he was betrothed was pregnant. He resolved to divorce her quietly, but then the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream and explained the anomalous pregnancy. So Joseph understood what was happening in the context of God's providence and he took Mary as his wife.

Next, discovering that the child was in mortal danger, Joseph took mother and baby on a perilous journey to an unknown country. Anyone who has ever been forced to move to a new city knows the anxiety that Joseph must have felt. But Joseph went because God had commanded him.

Finally, we hear of Joseph desperately seeking his lost twelve-year-old son. Quietly taking the child home, Joseph once more put aside his human feelings and trusted in the purposes of God.

The little we know about Joseph is that he experienced heartbreak, fear unto death, and a parent's deepest anxiety. But each time, he read what happened to him as a theo-drama, not an ego-drama. This shift in attitude is what made Joseph the patron of the universal Church.

Reflect: Think of the last crisis you encountered. Did you handle it as part of a theo-drama

(God's plans and purposes) or as part of an ego-drama (your own plans and purposes)? Reflect on the differences between these two perspectives and how each one shapes your attitude and behavior.

Poem for the Day

Wherever you are, turn a frown upside down and just SMILE!
We are so lucky to live where we live, have the lives that we do.
Remember the word W I N What's Important Now!
Keep everything in perspective.....we will get through this!

SMILE

A smile will take you the distance in life.
A smile can bring some relief to your strife.
A smile attracts people closer to you.
A smile improves on the things that you do.
A smile is positive. Happy! A cheer!
A smile says one thing, and perfectly clear.
A smile enlightens all those whom receive it.
A smile returns one from all who perceive it.
A smile's a symbol. A statement applied.
A smile is confidence! Humbleness! Pride!
A smile is a natural thing people do.
Wouldn't a smile, look pleasant on you?