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Office of Parish Stewardship

We are pleased to present our March issue of **ONE FAMILY IN MISSION** newsletter. We invite you - as part of that **FAMILY** - to share articles, best practices and any other items that you believe would benefit our community of Stewards. Please send them to tzalud@drc.org.

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St. Joseph and St. Patrick

St. Patrick, pray for us! St. Joseph, husband of Mary and foster-father of Jesus, pray for us! The month of March provides us with the feast days of both St. Patrick and St. Joseph, and this March we also will celebrate Easter Sunday (something we haven't done in March since 2016). We are given so many opportunities by God to grow closer to Him, especially through the lives of the saints. We can turn to St. Patrick and St. Joseph this March and not only be inspired by their lives to grow closer to God but also ask for their intercession to help us grow closer to God. In doing so, when we emerge from this Lenten season and celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord at the end of the month—we can truly say we opened our hearts and strengthened our spiritual life this Lent.

When we think of St. Joseph, it is easy to find examples of the **Pillar of Service** in his life. St. Joseph answered God's call to be the foster-father of Our Lord, Jesus. Similarly, St. Patrick also lived a life of service to the Lord as a missionary to the people of Ireland. We too are called by God to live our lives according to His will. We don't have to be missionaries in a foreign land to serve God and spread the Gospel, we can do so right where we are. Pray for your family and friends, have Masses said for them, and let them know that Jesus loves them. Through actions and words, let them know that God is real, and He wants them to know Him better.

When we approach the feast days of these two great saints, strengthen the **Pillar of Formation** in your life by reading about their lives. Most Catholics know the story of St. Joseph and St. Patrick but have you meditated on their lives to see how God may be calling you to spread His love? Our office invites you to read (or re-read) the Pastoral Letter by our Bishop, Bishop John Barres, entitled "Go to Joseph!". Click **HERE** to read it, in either English or Spanish.

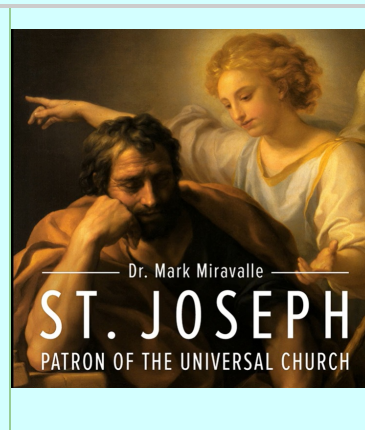
Using the **Pillar of Hospitality**, we should remember the love St. Joseph had for Mary and Jesus and the love St. Patrick had for his people. Remove all anger, hatred and jealousy from your heart and fill it with God's love- then you can spread God's love to all you meet.

Finally, using the **Pillar of Prayer**, we would do well to recite St. Patrick's Breastplate, "Christ be with me, Christ within me...". Also, as Bishop Barres' pastoral letter states, go to St. Joseph! St. Joseph is so powerful and prayers to him can have miraculous results. As you read from St. Teresa of Avila mentioned in Bishop Barres' pastoral letter, "I don't recall up to this day ever having petitioned him for anything that he failed to grant...".

May you have a blessed Holy Week and a Happy Easter!

Formed Stewardship Content of the Month

Each month, our office suggests Stewardship content from Formed.org that will help you grow in the faith! If you are not signed up with Formed.org, check with your parish to see if they have a subscription. This month, we recommend "St. Joseph: Patron of the Universal Church".



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