

# SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary





**St Katharine Drexel Parish Prayer**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the rich blessings that have accompanied the foundation and growth of this, the first parish in the world named in honor of Saint Katharine Drexel. Send forth the Holy Spirit to create in us insight, concern, and resolve to carry out our twofold parish mission of devotion to the Eucharist and assistance to the poor and marginalized of our society.

Nourished by the Body and Blood of Your Son, and by Your Word, may we generously share our time, talent and treasure as we live our community of faith as witnesses to the Good News of our Lord, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever and ever.  
Amen.

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast in honor of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

**GREETING**

**PENITENTIAL ACT**

**GLORIA**

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks, for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**COLLECT (OPENING PRAYER)**

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**READING: 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16**

The LORD spoke to Nathan and said:  
“Go, tell my servant David,  
‘When your time comes and you rest with your ancestors, I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will make his kingdom firm.  
It is he who shall build a house for my name.  
And I will make his royal throne firm forever.  
I will be a father to him,  
and he shall be a son to me.  
Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me;  
your throne shall stand firm forever.’”

The Word of the Lord. R. **Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29**

**R. The son of David will live for ever.**

The promises of the LORD I will sing forever;  
through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness,  
For you have said, “My kindness is established forever”;  
in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.

**R. The son of David will live for ever.**

“I have made a covenant with my chosen one,  
I have sworn to David my servant:  
Forever will I confirm your posterity  
and establish your throne for all generations.”

**R. The son of David will live for ever.**

“He shall say of me, ‘You are my father,  
my God, the Rock, my savior.’  
Forever I will maintain my kindness toward him,  
and my covenant with him stands firm.”

**R. The son of David will live for ever.**

**READING: Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22**

Brothers and sisters:  
It was not through the law that the promise was made to Abraham and his descendants that he would inherit the world, but through the righteousness that comes from faith. For this reason, it depends on faith, so that it may be a gift, and the promise may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not to those who only adhere to the law but to those who follow the faith of Abraham, who is the father of all of us, as it is written, I have made you father of many nations. He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into being what does not exist. He believed, hoping against hope, that he would become the father of many nations, according to what was said, Thus shall your descendants be. That is why it was credited to him as righteousness.

The Word of the Lord. R. **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

**GOSPEL: Luke 2:41-51**

Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him.

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"

But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**HOMILY**

**CONSECRATION TO SAINT JOSEPH**

**CREED:**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

Holy Patron, Thee Saluting

Holy patron, thee saluting.  
Here we meet, with hearts sincere;  
Blest Saint Joseph, all uniting,  
Call on thee to hear our prayer.

Refrain

Happy saint, in bliss adoring Jesus,  
Savior of humankind,  
Hear thy children thee imploring,  
May we thy protection find.

Thou who faithfully attended  
Him whom heav'n and earth adore;  
Who with pious care defended  
Mary, Virgin ever pure.

Refrain

May our fervent pray'rs ascending  
Move thee for our souls plead;  
May thy smile of peace descending,  
Benedictions on us shed.

Refrain

Through this life, O watch around us!  
Fill with love our ev'ry breath,  
And, when parting fear surrounds us,  
Guide us through the toils of death.

Refrain



**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**SANCTUS**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

**MYSTERY OF FAITH**

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.

**DOXOLOGY**

**AMEN**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**SIGN OF PEACE**

**AGNUS DEI**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

**COMMUNION**

I Received the Living God

*I received the living God, And my heart is full of joy.  
I received the living God, And my heart is full of joy.*

1. Jesus said: I am the bread Kneaded long to give you life;  
You who will partake of me Need not ever fear to die.
2. Jesus said: I am the way, And my Father longs for you;  
So I come to bring you home To be one with us anew.
3. Jesus said: I am the truth; Come and follow close to me.  
You will know me in your heart, And my word shall make you free.
4. Jesus said: I am the life Far from whom no thing can  
grow,  
But receive this living bread, And my Spirit you shall know.

**Act of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**BLESSING**

**DISMISSAL**

Father / Deacon: Go in peace.

Response: **Thanks be to God!**

**PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL**

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Hail, Holy Joseph, Hail

Hail, Holy Joseph, hail! Chaste Spouse of Mary, hail:  
Pure as the lily flower in Eden's peaceful vale.

Hail, holy Joseph, hail! Prince of the house of God!  
May His best graces be, by thy sweet hands bestow'd.

Hail, holy Joseph, hail! God's choice wert thou alone.  
Cheer thou hearts that are faint, and guide the steps that fail.

Hail, holy Joseph, hail! Belov'd of angels Hail!  
To thee the Word made flesh was subject as a son.

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