

My Dear Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ! This week is a special week for our parish and the Church at large.

- 1) On Thursday, our parish welcomes Archbishop Perez for his first visit to our parish. He will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for 25 of our young people. Congratulations to them and a welcome to our Archbishop!
- 2) On Monday & Saturday of this week, we celebrate two Lenten Solemnities: The Feast of St. Joseph and the Feast of the Incarnation, the Annunciation. Both of these Feasts come together in a remarkable way, as we consider the moment that the Word was made Flesh, its impact on creation and the role of both Mary and Joseph in Salvation History.

I share with you a beautiful reflection on both St. Joseph and The Feast of the Annunciation from catholic-daily-reflections.com.

Peace,

Fr. Rogers

Saint Joseph is a man that we know little about, but think about the importance of his role in salvation history. He was entrusted with the Son of God as his little child. At first, he was confused about how Mary could have gotten pregnant, but upon receiving the words of the angel in a dream, he accepted this Child as his own and cared for Him with a father's love.

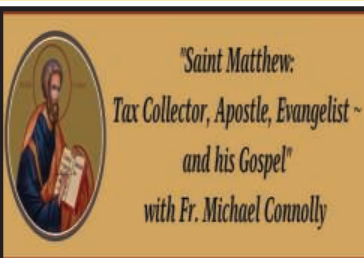
It's significant to note that Saint Joseph embraced the Christ Child because of a dream. But was it only a dream? We all have many dreams and some of them are strange and nonsensical. So why did Saint Joseph rely upon the authenticity of this dream?

The answer to this question is quite simple. Even though the dream he had was just that – a dream, it was also accompanied by the gift of faith. Joseph knew, with a certainty beyond human reason, that the voice of God had spoken to him and he responded with generous faith.

We may not have dreams through which God speaks to us in the form of an angel, but God does speak to us all day long. He speaks directly to our minds and hearts, and also through the care and mediation of countless hosts of angels in various ways. The angels of God are constantly bringing us divine messages and inspirations. The question is whether or not we are listening.

Listening to the voice of God, through the mediation of the angels, is not about us seeing or hearing the angels speak, literally. Rather, it's a matter of discerning this language of love spoken to us and calling us to faith.

Listen in the silence of your heart, this day, and allow yourself to follow the glorious witness of Saint Joseph as he responded to our Lord's will with perfect faith and trust.



St. Matthew's primary audience were Jewish/Christians in 1st century Palestine. His primary message was to identify Jesus of Nazareth as the promised Messiah. His perspective was as unique as is

His Gospel. **What does St. Matthew's Gospel tell us about Jesus? About the community Jesus left behind-the church? And about our 21st Century Christian lives, especially in this Year of the Eucharist? All are welcome to come and learn about St. Matthew with Fr. Michael Connolly in the St. Joseph Room on Sunday, March 26 & Sunday, April 2 at 1:00PM. 236**

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