

Novena for the Solemnity of St. Joseph (March 10-18)

Our Holy Father, Francis, wrote an Apostolic Letter December 8th, 2020 entitled “Patris Corde”, (With a Father’s Heart), commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the Proclamation by Pope Pius IX of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. He proclaimed **2021 the Year of St. Joseph**. Pope Francis’ letter, is only 13 pages, a beautiful reflection on our patron, St. Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin. You will find the letter in the attachment. If you get a chance, read and meditate on it slowly.

This year we have a chance to celebrate a **novena to St. Joseph** each day from March 10-18. The evening before, I will send out an email novena – a simple prayer, containing a short scripture quote, a moment to reflect briefly on it, and a concluding prayer.

Saint Joseph occupied a special place in the life of Jesus, faithfully caring for the beginnings of the mysteries of salvation in the life of Christ, and faithfully caring for us as these mysteries (the life, death and resurrection of Christ) are perpetuated in our lives, in our hearts, homes, and communities.

St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church and patron of Canada, pray for us.

Fr. Brian