

March 19, 2020

Feast of Saint Joseph

Hi everyone,

We hope you are all safe and healthy. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We have been thinking that we might want to join in prayer as a community even though we cannot be together physically.

Pope Francis has the same idea as he has invited all of us to join in praying the Rosary at 4:00 PM Eastern Time. He will use the Luminous Mysteries toady, March 19, the Feast of Saint Joseph. Pope Francis has composed a prayer to Our Blessed Mother to address our needs during this pandemic. We have included a copy of the prayer with this note.

Also, daily mass is televised on Channel 268 each day at 9:30 AM and 7:00 PM.

We hope each of you decide to use some form of prayer as we go through this difficult time of separation from one another. Prayer is a great way to unite us.

If you are able to spread this message to friends and family, we urge you to do so.

The community that prays together stays together. Let's be a community of prayer and hope.

Sincerely,

Deacon John, Deacon Bill, Sister Cindy, Father David

**Pope Francis' prayer imploring the intercession of Our Lady for protection against the Covid-19 Coronavirus:**

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and do what Jesus tells us:

He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God,

Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – deliver us from every danger,

O glorious and blessed Virgin.

