ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

No words of St. Joseph are recorded in Sacred Scriptures. Most of what we know about him comes from the first two chapters of the Gospel of St. Matthew. We learn St. Joseph was a “righteous man” (cf Mt. 1:19). We learn that St. Joseph was planning to leave Mary and changed his mind when God invited him to be Mary’s husband (cf Mt. 1:20). We celebrate St. Joseph’s “yes” to God on March 19th, the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

CONSECRATION OF DIOCESE TO ST. JOSEPH

You are invited to participate in the consecration of our diocese to St. Joseph on March 19th. Following the Ordination Mass, Bishop Edward Rice will lead the Act of Consecration. Livestream link can be found at: dioscg.org

NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH

MARCH 10 – MARCH 18

A novena is 9 days of prayer to ask for special graces or implore for a particular intention.

In this Year of St. Joseph, the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops (USCCB) has composed a beautiful novena with numerous verses from both the Old and New Testament.

Please pray with your family, co-workers, and parishes.

Downloadable brochure and videos can be found HERE.

ST. JOSEPH’S TABLE

This tradition is celebrated by many Italians on the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary (March 19) in which a table is prepared with flowers and breads baked in symbolic shapes and a statue of St. Joseph is placed at the center of the table. The origin of and meaning of this tradition can be learned HERE.

The USCCB has also provided prayers and Scripture that can be used to bless the breads and foods. LINK

PRESENTATION

This presentation was for Pope Francis to celebrate the Year of St. Joseph. It was given by Bishop Joseph Tyson, Diocese of Yakima.

It has excerpts from “Patris Corde” (With a Father’s Heart), quotes from the saints, and the 7 qualities of St. Joseph’s fatherhood.

Use this presentation with parish councils, adult faith formation groups, men’s group, outreach groups, and more.

Available in both English and Spanish. HERE

ACTIVITIES

Use these activities to help children learn more about St. Joseph. These resources are created by Children Celebrate! and Pflaum Gospel Weekly teams. HERE

MARCH RESOURCE FOR FAMILIES, CLASSROOMS, AND PARISHES

www.dioscg.org/year-of-st-joseph/