

Go Forth

Growing in faith is a life-long process. God continually invites believers into a deeper relationship. Our GO FORTH opportunities will challenge you to dig deeper into your Catholic faith in a variety of ways and put your faith into action.

“I am the light of the world.” –John 8:12

[Past Months](#) –Link to activities and replays from previous months

Live Your Faith

We each have a vocation and state of life. We are young, old, and somewhere in between. We are single, married, parents. We are consecrated religious, others are ordained. We all know the lyrics of the old familiar song, “They Will Know We Are Christians by Our Love.” How we live touches the lives of others, whether or not we take notice. How do we live our Catholic faith out in the world? Here we offer some ideas and suggestions to influence our world or make a difference in the lives within our community by simply living our faith.

- Read Pope Francis’s [official message for Lent](#).
 - Attend a Station’s of the Cross (5pm on Fridays during Lent) or purchase [“The Way of the Cross”](#) to pray any time.
 - Consider adding [Make Room: A Child’s Guide to Lent and Easter](#) to your library.
 - [Practice Virtues of Faith, Hope & Love](#)
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Meet the Saints

One of the beautiful things about our faith is the saints. As Catholics we respect and honor the saints and consider them to be heroes of the Church. The saints are timeless examples of how to live a Christian life, providing endless hope. Not only were they sinners who kept trying to grow closer to God, but they also exemplify ways a person can serve God. The Church emphasizes that they were ordinary people from ordinary families and they were totally human. We will highlight a different saint each month of Together in Faith.

St. Joseph

Pope Francis announced a special year dedicated to St. Joseph that started on December 8, 2020 and will go until December 8, 2021. During this year, the Apostolic Penitentiary issued a Decree granting special indulgences for the duration of this year to celebrate the anniversary and “to perpetuate the entrustment of the whole Church to the powerful patronage of the Custodian of Jesus.” During this time, we will have the opportunity to commit ourselves “with prayer and good works, to obtain with the help of St. Joseph, head of the heavenly Family of Nazareth, comfort and relief from the serious human and tribulations that besiege the contemporary world today.”

Learn more about St. Joseph with these free resources on Formed.org:

- [**Joseph of Nazareth: The Story of the Man Closest to Christ**](#)
- [**The Year of St. Joseph**](#)
- [**St. Joseph: Patron of the Universal Church by Mark Miravalle**](#)
- [**Saint Joseph \(4-Part Series\)**](#)
- [**Lukas Storyteller: Saint Joseph**](#) (for kids)

Read about the [**year of St. Joseph**](#) from the Vatican.

Interested in a consecration to St. Joseph, Check out [**Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father by Fr. Donald Calloway.**](#)

Serve the Lord

The Church is known for its emphasis on social justice and the importance of service to express the love of Jesus Christ to the world. Our faith teaches us that we should serve others, showing love and kindness to everyone. Those who learn how to serve others grow in many ways: empathy, awareness, concern, and closeness to Christ. There are many ways to serve Jesus by serving others and the Church. Below is one opportunity

Lenten Crosses

Beginning Ash Wednesday and continuing throughout Lent, the Lenten crosses will again be set up in the Gathering Space. Please take some time to look at the cross cards and see how you can inspire yourself, those around you, and those in the community. Opportunities for prayer and reflection, volunteering and also providing items for those in need are included on the cards. All items are due by March 28th.

Let the Works of Mercy inspire your Lenten journey this year.

Sing His Praises

Music is a beautiful way to elevate our prayer and express our faith in God. Enjoy and pray with these resources:

- [Music with Miss Emmy and Fr. Mark](#), (for the young and the young at heart)
- Enjoy [What Wonderful Love is This](#) and [O Sacred Head Surrounded](#) by our own St. Francis Musicians!
- March Spotify Playlist