

Holy Rosary Church

March 14, 2010

4th Sunday of Lent

Joshua 5: 9-12; 2 Cor. 5:17-21; Luke 15:1:32

The St. Joseph's Table

The feast of St. Joseph's Table is a centuries old Sicilian tradition in honor of St. Joseph, recognized

as the model father, provider, and protector of the Holy Family of Mary and Jesus. He is also the Patron and protector of the universal Church.

Sicily experienced a severe and

devastating drought in the mid 1500s. People offered novenas of prayers to St. Joseph, and their prayers were rewarded with abundant rain and a rich harvest. With grateful hearts, rich families and farmers on the feast of St. Joseph shared their blessings every year, and prepared a huge altar-table filled with rich food, drinks and fancy desserts. They invited the poor and needy of the island to enjoy it. The yearly celebration originally was prepared by families in their homes. When Sicilians migrated to the United States, they brought this tradition with them.

Holy Rosary Parish was the pioneer in bringing the St. Joseph Table to Kansas City. From private homes, the St. Joseph's Table moved to the Holy Rosary parish hall over 50 years ago. A very large, three tier table is prepared with a statue of St. Joseph looking over the display.

The Table is filled with a variety of Sicilian cookies, fancy pastries, flowers, decorations, and other memorabilia. Volunteer women and men come daily for a whole month to prepare the best homemade Sicilian cookies, cannoli, and other delicacies. Several hundreds pounds of flour and choice ingredients are turned into delicious cookies using recipes passed down from generation to generation.

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About one thousand people come to view the Table, and enjoy a free lunch of the traditional pasta Milanese in a huge outdoor tent that accommodates the numerous visitors.

The St. Joseph's Table is more than a celebration in memory of a past event. It is the contemporary expression of our deep belief and experience that God continues to shower his rain and his blessings upon us and all his people through the intercession of St. Joseph, and our Blessed Mother Virgin of the Holy Rosary. The free lunch offered by the parish is a sign of our gratitude to God and our desire to share our blessings with the community and visitors.

Free will offerings are appreciated, and together with the proceeds from the cookie sales, make up a parish fund raiser for charity. The cookies are first blessed by the dedication, generosity, and love of our volunteers and generous donors. We are very grateful to all parishioners, friends, and the hundreds of visitors who help to make our St. Joseph's Table a huge success. Your generous support and the admirable dedication of our volunteers enable Holy Rosary to continue our works of charity.

The 2010 St. Joseph Table will be blessed on Thursday, March 18, at 4:00 p.m., and will remain open for viewing and sale of cookies and cannoli until 8:00 p.m.

The Feast of St. Joseph on Friday, March 19, begins at 10:00 a.m. with a special mass, followed by viewing of the Table and sale of cookies and cannoli until 6:00 p.m. A free lunch with spaghetti and Milanese sauce is served at the parish hall at 910 Pacific from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome. Bring friends and neighbors for a great surprise and a happy occasion. May St. Joseph continue to bless Holy Rosary, our families, and loyal supporters.

The story of the fava bean

Three fava beans are given to visitors of the Table. According to tradition, fava beans are a symbol of good luck, that saved many people during the famine. They grew wild under the worst conditions, and were usually fed to livestock. The famine was so severe that people resorted to eating fava beans to avoid starving. The tradition says that as long as you carry three fava beans in your pocket, you will never go hungry.

CHÚA NHẬT THỨ IV MÙA CHAY

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Nhân dịp chúng ta suy gẫm về câu chuyện người con trai hoang đàng và người cha nhân từ, chúng ta hãy nhớ lại những lần Chúa đã yêu thương và tha thứ lỗi lầm cho chúng ta. Thiên Chúa luôn là nguồn nhân ái cho chúng ta. Trong mùa Chay, chúng ta hãy cầu nguyện cho những ai đã xa lánh nhà thờ lâu ngày, được mau trở về lại với Thiên Chúa Cha nhân từ.

Bàn Tiệc Thánh

Giuse:

Lễ vinh danh Thánh Giuse của đảo Sicile ở Ý vì đã được Thánh ban mưa thuận gió hòa, mùa màng tươi



tốt. Dân chúng ở đây ăn chay cầu nguyện để được ban ơn phước. Và họ đã được toại nguyện cho nên mỗi năm cứ đến ngày lễ thánh Giuse 19 tháng Ba họ lại chuẩn bị một bàn Tiệc đầy đồ ăn thức uống để mời những người nghèo đến tham dự. Truyền thống này còn tiếp tục tại giáo xứ Holy Rosary và tại đây hàng trăm pounds cookies được bày bán và tiền thu được sẽ sung vào quỹ từ thiện.

Bàn tiệc thánh Giuse sẽ được làm phép lành sáng thứ Năm 18 tháng Ba lúc 4 giờ chiều và được chiêm ngắm đến 8 giờ tối cùng với việc bán bánh cookies.

Thứ Sáu 19 tháng Ba thánh lễ trọng thể lúc 10 giờ sáng để kính thánh Giuse sau đó là ăn trưa miễn phí với mì Milanese Ý từ 11 giờ trưa đến 6 giờ chiều.

Bánh cookies và cannoli sẽ bán đến 6 giờ chiều. Giáo xứ hoan nghênh mọi đóng góp của anh chị em. Xin mời tất cả anh chị em đến tham dự.

Rest in Peace

Please keep in your prayers long-time parishioners Anthony Scarcello, Josephine Becchina and Pauline Zagursky who were buried from Holy Rosary this past week. We extend our condolences to the families. We also extend our sympathy to Jeanne Tyson on the death of her father, Ret. Lt. Col. Clyde "Mac" McConnell.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 13

4PM Peter and Lorane Serrone by Thelma Wingerter
Mary Penque by Rosalie George

Sunday, March 14

8AM Fannie Ferrantelli by Henry Gargotta
11AM Catherine Jenssen by Holy Rosary Choir
Mary Penque by Holy Rosary Parish
Anna Mae and Marc Pisciotta by the family

Monday, March 15

8AM Parishioners and friends of Holy Rosary

Tuesday, March 16

8AM For the workers and donors of the St. Joseph's Table

Wednesday, March 17

8AM Special Intention

Thursday, March 18

8AM Mass in honor of St. Joseph
4PM Blessing of the St. Joseph's Table

Friday, March 19

St. Joseph's Day

8AM In honor of St. Joseph by devotees

Saturday, March 20

4PM Catherine Vigliaturo by Josephine and Carl Privitera

Sunday, March 21

8AM Annette Orlando by friend Concetta LaCapra
11AM Giovanna Pirrello by Maria Urnise and family
Esther Zicarelli and Lena Giglione by family

WEEKLY COLLECTION

March 7, 2010

Collections: \$4007.00

Other Income: \$840.00

TOTAL: \$4847.00

"Never measure your generosity by what you give, but rather by what you have left." —



Bishop Fulton J. Sheen

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES March 20 & 21

LECTORS

4PM: Dominick Armato
8AM: Joyce Strain
11AM: Sal Occhipinti

EUCHARIST MINISTERS

4PM: Mui Bui
8AM: Tony Gumina
11AM: Linda Venable

ALTAR SERVERS

4PM: Brian Bui
8AM: Triston & Fantasia Ta
11AM: Yen & Lang Bui

In Memory of Fannie Ferrantelli

Holy Rosary wishes to express our thanks and gratitude to Henry Gargotta for the generous donation of \$10,000 made in the memory of his beloved sister Fannie Ferrantelli. Holy Rosary is blessed to have such a wonderful benefactor and parishioner.

Religious Vocation

Fr. Joe Miller, C.P.P.S., presided and preached the masses last Sunday. Fr. Joe is the Director of Vocation Ministry for the Missionaries of the Precious Blood and the Church. He would be willing to visit with anyone interested in a religious vocation as priest, brother, or sister. Contact him at 2130 Saint Caspar Way, Liberty, MO 64068; or 816.781.4344 or voc.office@yahoo.com.