

# LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Sun Apr 26	<b>SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER</b>	-	Lois Ludwig	John J. Tobak
		-	Francis Tan & Megan Tan	Julius & Aileen Pulmano
Mon Apr 27	St. Peter Canisius	-	Maria Procher & Family	Abbe Francis
		-	✠ Ramah Martin	
Tue Apr 28	St. Paul of the Cross	-	Ray Widjaja	Rustandi Family
Wed Apr 29	St. Peter of Verona	-	Antonia De Silva	Mr. & Mrs. James De Silva
Thu Apr 30	St. Catherine of Siena	-	Malcolm L Sturchio	Eva L. Sturchio
Fri May 1	<b>ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER</b>	-	✠ Henry Stulec	Louise Stulec
			Seth & Susan Josephson Fam	Susan Josephson
Sat May 2	St. Athanasius	-	✠ Souls in Purgatory in Thanks./Petition	Robert R. Streit
Sun May 3	<b>THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER</b>	-	✠ Margaret Becker-Hoebler	Christine Novak
		-	Amaris Tan	

## PRAYERS & INSTRUCTION

### SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER

The phrase *St. Joseph the Artisan "Worker"* usually evokes an image of the pious, dignified St. Joseph working quietly as a carpenter, with his square in hand and other tools aside some chiseled wood in his shop. This picture - he and his attitude toward work - is what we should emulate. The feast of St. Joseph the Worker was instituted by Pope Pius XII in 1955. The date was chosen to coincide with the date on which communist countries celebrated the workers' servitude to the state. Making it a feast in honor of this most honored silent worker and provider, St. Joseph, elevates and sanctifies the observance, bringing to light the dignity, moral and spiritual value of work.

Labor is rooted in human nature and is a necessary condition of a human being. Labor is a means for man's existence, and through it he brings forth his talents and uses them to raise his standard of living. Not just an individual matter, it also serves a social function. We must remember though, that man was not created for leisure; man was always destined to work.

But work is for man, not man for work. We often forget this in our fast-paced and demanding world. Work must either enrich us as persons who are to "subdue the earth," or it will dehumanize us, as in the case of those who are made slaves.

St. Benedict asserted that idleness was the enemy of the soul and insisted that his monks participate in manual labor every day. Work should be used as a tool to praise God. Man offers up his toils and labors, and his work becomes a prayer ascending to heaven all the day long. This is reflected in the motto of the Benedictines "To labor is to pray."

St. Francis de Sales claims that labor serves to mortify and subdue the flesh: "Provided the labor you undertake contributes to the glory of God and your own welfare, I would prefer that you should suffer the pain of labor rather than that of fasting," he said.

Work is part of our spirituality. Through our work, we are to come closer to God, the Creator and Redeemer. For

the Christian, work can become a participation in the continuing redemptive work of Jesus. He was always doing the work of the One who sent Him (John 9:3-4) and we are invited by grace to do the same.

### SEMINARY COLLECTION GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

While the virus is affecting many worldwide, there is one thing which we can be thankful for. This is the fact that due to the nature of our seminary, classes, prayer, and work, continue almost as usual for most of our seminarians.

Typically we would have our semi-annual Seminary Collection today, however this is clearly not possible. However if the Lord has placed you in the position to do so, please consider keeping up the formation of our future priests by contributing to this cause. Thank you very much in advance.

#### Pray for our Sick

**Yvette Tucker**, Steven Sander, Rush Limbaugh, Colette Forrester, M./M. Macedo, Sandra Dudeck, Margaret Anzul, Lois Ludwig, Mary De Silva, Margaret Papendick

#### Pray for our Deceased

**Theresa McGowan**, Margaret Dillon, Carol Sanchez, Belen Sumulong, Eileen Rzecinski, Carmen Negron, Judith Mignone, James White, William Evans, Betty Roache, Freda Mackay