

Year of St. Joseph

December 8, 2020 –

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## Annunciation Parish

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### Consecration to Saint Joseph

#### AN INVITATION FROM FR. ALEX

I have the above image hanging in my office as a gift from my previous parish. It is a reminder to me of the steady and necessary work of St. Joseph who was an invaluable presence in the life of Jesus.

**Pope Francis has called for this year to be the Year of St. Joseph.** He is, as Pope Francis says, “the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence.” This means that he is accessible to us. He was not without sin, but he was a righteous man who loved Mary and Jesus with tenderness and strength.

In order to celebrate this year, **I am inviting you to share in the Consecration to St. Joseph.** Last year during my sabbatical many of you joined me in the total consecration to Mary. I hope that this spiritual exercise can be fruitful for all of us.

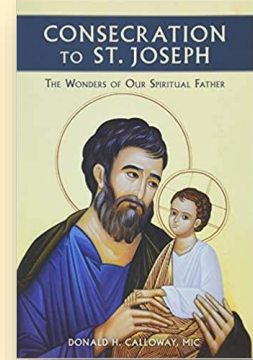
In particular, **I want to strongly urge all fathers to participate in this consecration.** We especially need you to be witnesses like St. Joseph and to take up your role as Christian fathers with wisdom and fortitude.

**Specifically, I would like to invite you to read and pray with me the book, *Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of our Spiritual Father*, by Donald H. Calloway, MC.** This book provides a 34-day retreat (33 days of preparation with the 34<sup>th</sup> day as the day of consecration) with short reflections each day that lead us to the point of being able to consecrate ourselves to St. Joseph. I have ordered 20 copies that can be purchased at the parish for \$15 (for fear that it would sell out) or you can buy it on Amazon.

I am proposing that we begin this retreat on **Sunday, February 14** and complete our consecration on the **Feast of St. Joseph the Worker on March 19, 2021.**

## SO WHAT DO YOU NEED?

1. You will need the book, *Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of our Spiritual Father* by Donald H. Calloway, MC. Again, we have some copies in the office or it can be found online or you could order it through a local bookstore. There is a link on our website to purchase the book online at various retailers. You are encouraged to order it by February 1 at the latest to ensure you have it in time.
2. You will need a desire to grow in your relationship with St. Joseph. St. Joseph wants to lead us to Jesus. I encourage you to pray for the desire to be led there.
3. You will need the schedule below. For your convenience, the schedule for all the days is shown there. The book is laid out very simply and is clear about how to follow these 34 days.



### The Daily Calendar in preparation for total consecration

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
February 14 Day 1	February 15 Day 2	February 16 Day 3	February 17 Day 4	February 18 Day 5	February 19 Day 6	February 20 Day 7
February 21 Day 8	February 22 Day 9	February 23 Day 10	February 24 Day 11	February 25 Day 12	February 26 Day 13	February 27 Day 14
February 28 Day 15	March 1 Day 16	March 2 Day 17	March 3 Day 18	March 4 Day 19	March 5 Day 20	March 6 Day 21
March 7 Day 22	March 8 Day 23	March 9 Day 24	March 10 Day 25	March 11 Day 26	March 12 Day 27	March 13 Day 28
March 14 Day 29	March 15 Day 20	March 16 Day 31	March 17 Day 32	March 18 Day 33	March 19 Consecration Day	