St. Joseph Table 2021

The tradition of the “St. Joseph Table” of food (“la tavala di San Giuseppe”) has its origins in Sicily. Legends from the Middle Ages attributed the end of a devastating drought to a prayer-devotion that the Sicilian people made to St. Joseph. This celebration is a symbolic “thank you” and renewal of the Sicilian people’s devotion to Saint Joseph. It is a shared celebration with the entire community where the riches of food are given as alms to the poor: Traditional etiquette is that no one can be turned away from this table. (National Catholic Registry)

This year we have two celebrations: the year of St. Joseph and the one year anniversary of God guiding us through the COVID 19 pandemic.

* We are setting up altars to St. Joseph at all four of our parishes.
* People are invited to bring non-perishable food items to contribute to the altar.
* All are invited to take a gift away from our local Secular Franciscans.
* Prayer cards will be present to say a prayer for our families and communities through the intercession of St. Joseph.
* When: March 10 through March 21, 2021 (St. Joseph’s feast day is March 19).

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