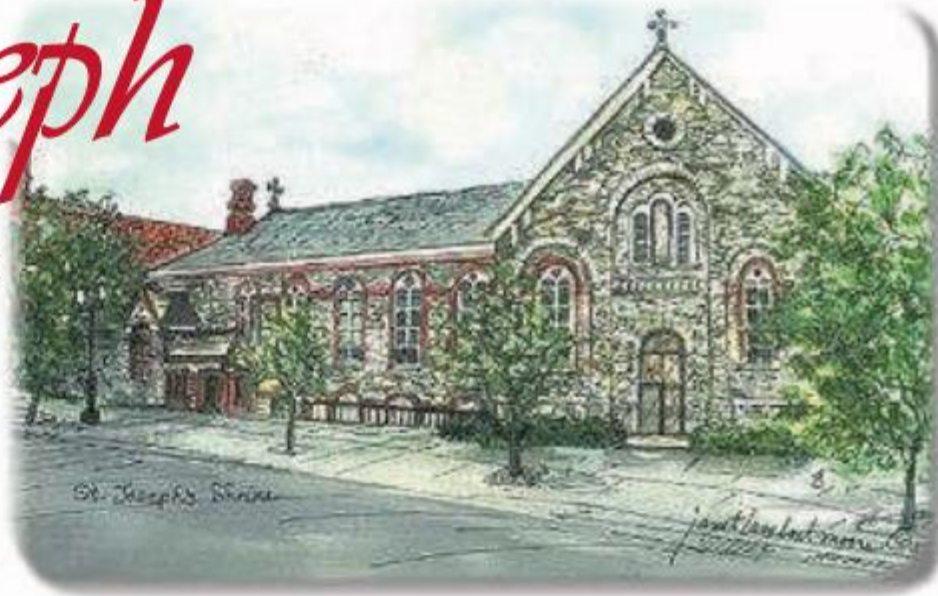


St. Joseph

The Worker Shrine

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Saint Joseph the Worker Shrine is a place of prayer, reflection, and social action undertaken in the spirit of Jesus Christ and Saint Eugene de Mazenod, founder of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate. Our mission is based on Matthew 11:28,

“Come to me, all you who labor and are overburdened, and I will give you rest.”

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Prayer to St. Joseph

O St. Joseph whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the Throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires. O St. Joseph do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, Our Lord; so that having engaged here below your Heavenly power I may offer my Thanksgiving and Homage to the Loving of Fathers. O St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press him in my name and kiss His fine Head for me, and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath.

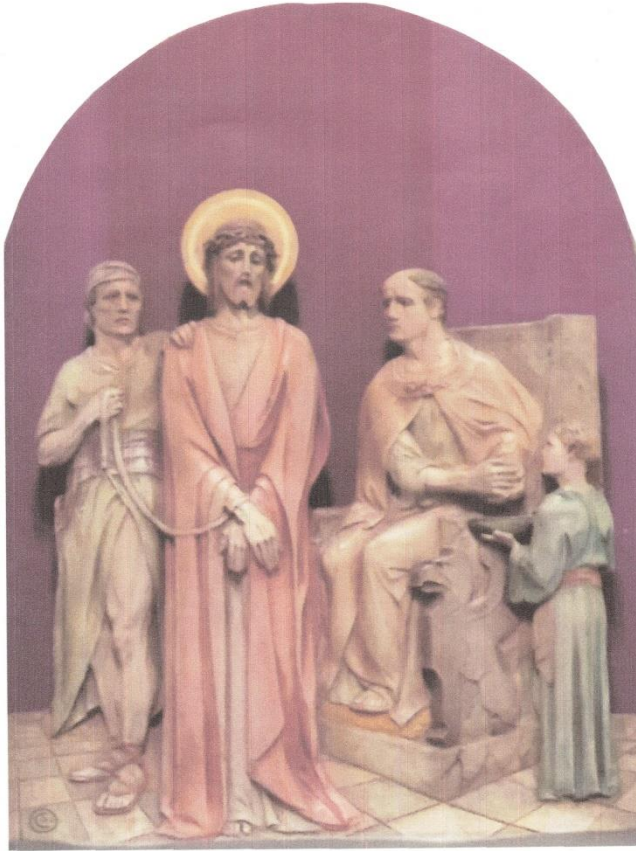
St. Joseph, Patron of departing souls, pray for us. Amen.



Luke 22:19-20

19. And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying,
“This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.”

20. In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying,
“This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.”



**The First Station:
Jesus is Condemned to Death**

Christ, help us lead a better life
and seek your will.

Scripture: Mark 15:1-5, 15

And as soon as it was morning the chief priests,
with the elders and scribes, and the whole council
held a consultation; and they bound Jesus and
led him away and delivered him to Pilate.
And Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"
And he answered him, "You have said so."
And the chief priests accused him of many things.
And Pilate again asked him,
"Have you no answer to make? See how
many charges they bring against you."
But Jesus made no further answer,
so that Pilate wondered. So Pilate, wishing to
satisfy the crowd, released for them Barab'bas;
and having scourged Jesus,
he delivered him to be crucified.



The Second Station:
Jesus Carries the Cross

Lord, we join you in your journey
of suffering.

Scripture: John 19:6, 15-17

When the chief priests and the officers saw him,
they cried out, "Crucify him, crucify him!"

Pilate said to them,

"Take him yourselves and crucify him,
for I find no crime in him." They cried out,
"Away with him, away with him, crucify him!"

Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?"

The chief priests answered,

"We have no king but Caesar."

Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.
So they took Jesus, and he went out, bearing his
own cross, to the place called the place of a skull,
which is called in Hebrew Gol'gotha.



The Third Station:
Jesus Falls for the First Time

Christ, help us who fall in our sinful ways;
teach us to rise with you.

Scripture: John 19:1-3

Then Pilate took Jesus and had him
scourged. And the soldiers wove a crown
out of thorns and placed it on his head,
and clothed him in a purple cloak, and
they came to him and said,
"Hail, King of the Jews!"

And they struck him repeatedly.



**The Fourth Station:
Jesus Meets His Mother**

Lord, we implore your mother to
console us who mourn.

Scripture: John 19: 25-27

So the soldiers did this.
But standing by the cross of Jesus
were his mother, and his mother's
sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and
Mary Mag'dalene. When Jesus saw
his mother, and the disciple whom
he loved standing near,
he said to his mother,
"Woman, behold, you son!"
Then he said to the disciple,
"Behold, your mother!"
And from that hour the disciple
took her to his own home.



**The Fifth Station:
Simon Helps Jesus Carry His Cross**

Christ, help us as we try to do your
work in our world.

Scripture: Mark 15:21

And they compelled a passer-by,
Simon of Cyre'ne,
who was coming in from the
country, the father of
Alexander and Rufus,
to carry his cross.



**The Sixth Station:
Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus**

Lord, help us as we help others

Scripture: Isaiah 53:2-3

He had no form or comeliness
that we should look at him,
and no beauty that we
should desire him.
He was despised
and rejected by men;
a man of sorrows,
and acquainted with grief
and as one from whom men
hide their faces he was despised,
and we esteemed him not.



**The Seventh Station:
Jesus Falls a Second Time**

Christ, teach us the healing
power of penance.

Scripture: Romans 8:31-39

If God is for us, who can be against us?
God who did not spare his own Son
but handed him over for us all,
how will he not also give us
everything else along with him?
What will separate us from the love of Christ?
Will anguish, or distress, or persecution,
or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?
No, in all these things we conquer
overwhelmingly through him who has loved us.
For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor principalities, nor present
things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height,
nor depth, nor any other creature will be
able to separate us from the love of
God in Christ Jesus our Lord.



**The Eighth Station:
Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem**

Lord, help us to comfort those who have
no one to help them.

Scripture: Luke 23:27-31

And there followed him a great multitude of the people, and of women who bewailed and lamented him.

But Jesus turning to them said,

“Daughters of Jerusalem,
do not weep for me, but weep for
yourselves and for your children.

For behold, the days are coming
when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren,
and the wombs that never bore, and the
breasts that never gave suck!’

Then they will begin to say to the mountains,
‘Fall on us’; and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’

For if they do this when the wood is green,
what will happen when it is dry?”



**The Ninth Station:
Jesus Falls a Third Time**

Christ, teach us the joy of obedience.

Scripture: Psalm 38

I am overwhelmed by a
burden beyond my strength.
I am stooped and deeply bowed;
all day I go about mourning.
My heart shudders, my strength forsakes me;
the very light of my eyes has failed.
Friends and companions shun my pain;
my neighbors stand far off.
Those who seek my life lay snares for me;
they seek my misfortune, they speak of ruin;
they plot treachery all the day.
I am very near to falling;
my pain is with me always.
Come quickly to help me,
my Lord and my salvation.



**The Tenth Station:
Jesus is Stripped of His Garments**

Lord, help us to model your life of holiness.

Scripture: John 19:23-24

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus
they took his garments and made four parts,
one for each soldier; also his tunic.

But the tunic was without seam,
woven from top to bottom;
so they said to one another,
“Let us not tear it,
but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.”

This was to fulfill the scripture,
“They parted my garments among them,
and for my clothing they cast lots.”



**The Eleventh Station:
Jesus is Nailed to the Cross**

Christ, draw us closer to you from
this day forward.

Scripture: Luke 23:33-34

And when they came to the
place which is called The Skull,
there they crucified him,
and the criminals,
one on the right and
one on the left. And Jesus said,
“Father, forgive them;
for they know not what they do.”
And they cast lots to
divide his garments.



**The Twelfth Station:
Jesus Dies on the Cross**

Lord, we pray that you will be with
us at our hour of death.

Scripture: Luke 23:44-46

It was now about the sixth hour,
and there was darkness over the
whole land until the ninth hour,
while the sun's light failed;
and the curtain of the
temple was torn in two.
Then Jesus, crying with
a loud voice, said,
“Father, into thy hands I
commit my spirit!”
And having said this he
breathed his last.



**The Thirteenth Station:
Jesus' Body is Removed
from the Cross**

Christ, open our hearts to the
beauty of your love for us.

Scripture: John 20:38-42

Now there was a virtuous and
righteous man named Joseph
who went to Pilate and
asked for the body of Jesus.

Pilate permitted it.

So Joseph came and took his body.

Nicodemus also came.

They took the body of Jesus
and bound it with burial
cloths along with spices,
according to the Jewish burial custom.



**The Fourteenth Station:
Jesus is Laid in the Tomb**

Lord, help us to walk in your ways
all the days of our lives.

Scripture: Matthew 27:57-60

And Joseph took the body,
and wrapped it in a
clean linen shroud, and
laid it in his own new tomb,
which he had hewn in the rock;
and he rolled a great stone to the
door of the tomb, and departed.



The Pietà - Stabat Mater Dolorosa

At the cross her station keeping,
stood the mournful mother weeping,
close to Jesus to the last
Through her heart, his sorrow sharing,
all his bitter anguish bearing,
now at length the sword had passed.
Oh, how sad and sore distressed
was that mother highly blessed,
of the sole-begotten One!
Christ above in torment hangs;
she beneath beholds the pangs
of her dying glorious Son.
Is there one who would not weep,
whelmed in miseries so deep
Christ's dear Mother to behold?
Can the human heart refrain
from partaking in her pain,
in that Mother's pain untold?

Plan to visit St. Joseph the Worker Shrine's Museum

Saturday: 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Sunday: 8:30 AM – 1:15 PM

Visitors to St. Joseph the Worker Shrine find our History Museum,
which is part of the Shrine, very interesting.

The museum contains information about the founding of the
Oblates of Mary Immaculate and their worldwide missionary work,
as well as maps, pictures and memorabilia.

Br. Richard Coté, OMI, the museum curator,
will be happy to give you a tour
and explain the missionary endeavors of the Oblates in countries
such as the Philippines, Japan, Laos, South Africa, etc.
Free-will donations for the missions are always welcome.

Plan to visit St. Joseph the Worker Shrine's Gift Shop

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It is a ministry of the
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and all proceeds are in support of its missionary
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