

***Eucharistic Catholic Church***  
***Prayer Circle for the Month of January 2021***  
***Month of the Holy Name of Jesus***



***“My servant Job will pray for you, and I will accept his prayer on your behalf.”***  
(Job 42: 8)

**The month of January** is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. After the Blessed Virgin Mary conceived by the Holy Spirit, the angel Gabriel appeared to St. Joseph and told him that the Child’s name should be Jesus, meaning “God Saves.” According to Jewish law, on the 8th day after his birth a male child was to be circumcised, receive his name, and become a full member of God’s covenant people. For Catholics, Jesus’ sacred name is the object of a special devotion symbolized by the monogram “IHS,” (sometimes called a Christogram), which is the first three letters of the Greek spelling of His name.

**Year dedicated to St. Joseph:**

*To describe the life and the glories of Joseph is to describe at the same time the life of Jesus and the glories of Mary; for Jesus, Mary, and Joseph are so intimately united, that it is impossible to speak of one without treating of the others...they are the three powerful advocates of our cause, the three guiding stars of our salvation...[The Life & Glories of Saint Joseph by Edward Healy Thompson, pp. 1, 3-4]*

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our afflictions, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God’s Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your aid, we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen. *[The official prayer of the Year of St. Joseph—To you, O blessed Joseph (Ad te, beate Ioseph)—composed by Pope Leo XIII]*

**The petitions included in the Monthly Prayer Circle are placed on our Altars and included daily at Divine Office, Rosary and Mass throughout the month.**

**Please join us in praying for the following intentions:**

**Church Monthly Cycle:**

- + We pray for the Church Universal, that in her many members, we may be guided in the unity of God the Holy Spirit.

**From Archbishop Roger, O.F.A.:**

- + That our devotions to the Holy Name of Jesus may grow and deepen our love for Jesus.
- + That in this year dedicate to St. Joseph, we may deepen our devotion to him.
- + For the repose of the soul of Reverend Mother Silvia de la Fé Gonzalez, O.F.A., who died on December 20 from complications of COVID-19; for the comforting of her son and daughter-in-law, two granddaughters, adopted daughter, and loved ones.
- + That we may become more intentional in of care of God's creation.
- + For our seminarians, for dedication in their studies and devotion in their spiritual lives.
- + For vocations to our Church and Franciscans of the Annunciation.
- + For generous benefactors to our Church.
- + For Mark, special intentions.
- + For meaningful, collaborative relationships leading to increased unity among autocephalous Catholic Churches' bishops, clergy, religious and members.
- + For all former members of our Church.
- + For all who are suffering or in pain.
- + For all persecuted Christians.

**From Mother Jean Michelina Francesca FCJM:**

- + May the Blessing of Christmas lift away sadness and bring Joy for the coming year.
- + May we continue to pray for the U.S.A. and the communication with the world.
- + A healing from the lingering virus.
- + For respect for one another.

**From Msgr. Oliver, ECC Diocese of Sierra Leone:**

- + Please pray for our School project in Sierra Leone that God touch the heart of good people to support the construction work.

**From Father Richard:**

- + For Jocilan killed in a road accident in the state of Bahía, Brazil three days before Christmas and for friend, Landrus.

**From David L:**

- + For Henri L who is in hospital with his kidneys shutting down due to high blood pressure.

**From Friar Pete, O.F.A.:**

- + For all members of our church.
- + Special intentions for Dan, David, Karen, Doreen, Roger, Hiromi, Larry, Yumi, Rinto, Kyanna, Shawn, Lauren, Zoe, Sookie, support workers and supports.
- + Special intention for myself as well--a difficult undertaking starting tomorrow--we've made the hard choice to evict my 85-year-old father because he's too impossible to live with. This is a hard, painful choice that will no doubt have a lot of fireworks.

- + Special intentions for myself in practicing saying Mass diligently.

**From Marilyn M:**

- + For my son, Darin who has been diagnosed with Covid-19 virus.

**From Padre Humberto, O.F.A., Misión San Pablo, Cuba:**

- + El descanso de la Reverenda Madre Silvia de la Fe Gonzalez.
- + Por el fin de la Pandemia que azota el mundo.
- + Por el mejoramiento economico y social del pueblo de Cuba.
- + Por la renovacion espiritual de la Iglesia y el mundo.
- + Por el Arzobispo Roger OFA y todos los minsitros de la ICE.

**Friar Adrian Seán, O.F.A.:**

- + For my step-brother Eric, diagnosed with liver cancer.
- + For all animals, who are lonely, frightened or in pain.
- + That I be able to obtain a new guide dog in the very near future.
- + For those engaged in seeking a vaccine for Covid that God may guide their research.
- + For Grace, who has been struggling with isolation at university far from home.
- + In thanksgiving for the grace of Priesthood.
- + For the most forgotten souls in Purgatory.
- + For those people, most abandoned and who have no one to care for them or pray for them.
- + For peace in the souls of all who have been wounded and injured by the institutional church, when it has taken its eyes off Jesus, specifically including but not limited to, women in general and those with vocations to ordained ministry, gay people, members of various racial groups and those living with disabilities.
- + For the repose of the soul of Steven M.
- + For my sponsored child, Marcos, in Paraguay and for his family.
- + For the ability to secure the resources to assist the blind people of Paraguay.
- + For lonely Catholics seeking a spiritual refuge where their essential equality in Christ will be valued, that they may find their way to the Eucharistic Catholic Church.
- + For global and national leaders and decision makers, that they may take the decisive steps required to avert climate change.
- + For gratitude to the Eucharistic Catholic Church and Abp. Roger for my ordination.