

SCHOENSTATT *Movement*



*The Lord Has Put His Faithful Servant in
Charge of His Household*

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LITURGICAL FOCUS

The month of March is dedicated to **St. Joseph**. The entire month falls during the liturgical season of **Lent** which is represented by the liturgical colour purple — a symbol of penance, mortification and the sorrow of a contrite heart.

The Gospel readings for March are taken from St. Matthew
All are from Year A, Cycle 2.

March 1st - 1st Sunday of Lent	Jesus is tempted by the devil in the desert.
March 8th - 2nd Sunday of Lent	. The Gospel relates the story of the Transfiguration of our Lord on Mt. Tabor.
March 15th - 3rd Sunday of Lent	This Gospel is about the Samaritan woman meeting Jesus at the well.
March 22nd - 4th Sunday of Lent	The Gospel tells the story of the blind man at the Pool of Siloam.
March 29th - 5th Sunday of Lent	This Gospel tells the story of Jesus bringing Lazarus back to life.

Highlights of the Month



As we continue our journey "up to Jerusalem" during the month of March, three prominent ideas are proposed for our contemplation by the liturgy of Lent: the Passion and Resurrection of Christ, baptism, and penance.

The **Solemnity of St. Joseph** is a special landmark this month in which we will celebrate the great honour bestowed upon the foster father of Jesus. And if you are Irish (who isn't), **St. Patrick's feast** is another cause for a joyful celebration. The feast of the **Annunciation** is celebrated on March 25.

The saints that we will focus on this month and try to imitate are **St. Katharine Drexel** (March 3), **St. Casimir** (March 4), **Sts. Perpetua and Felicity** (March 7), **St. Frances of Rome** (March 9), **St. Patrick** (March 17), **St. Cyril of Jerusalem** (March 18), **St. Joseph** (March 19) and **St. Toribio de Mogrovejo** (March 23).

The feast of **St. John of God** (March 8) is superseded by the Sunday liturgy.

A Time of Penance and Promise The Church's vibrant new life has been obscured, by the austerity of the penitential season of Lent. But that life is indisputable, and it will burgeon forth on Easter as Christ coming forth from his tomb!

During this month we will continue our journey to the cross with our acts of penitence. We will reflect on our mortality (*"Remember man thou art dust"*) and the shortness of life (*"and to dust thou shall return"*). We will heed the call, "Now is the acceptable time, now is "the day of salvation (2 Corinthians 6:2)." Just like Our Lord's earthly life every moment of our lives is leading up to the last moment—when for eternity we will either go to God or suffer the fires of hell. During this month we will go from the suffering of Good Friday to the joy of Easter Sunday. We will trade the purple of penance for the white of victory and resurrection. The feast of the Annunciation, normally celebrated on March 25, has been transferred to April 4 since it falls on Good Friday. As the weeks of Lent progress let us not tire of doing our good works and penance, but continue with the enthusiasm of the catechumens on their way to Easter and Baptism. May our Lenten observance be a joyful journey — and not a forced march.

March 17 St. Patrick

St. Patrick is called the "Apostle of Ireland." He established the Catholic Church throughout Ireland on lasting foundations. He traveled all over the country preaching, teaching, building churches, opening schools and monasteries, converting chiefs and bards, and everywhere supporting his preaching with miracles





Go to Joseph "This patronage must be invoked as ever necessary for the Church, not only as a defence against all dangers, but also, and indeed primarily, as an impetus for her renewed commitment to evangelization in the world and to re-evangelization," wrote St. John Paul II in *Redemptoris Custos (Guardian of the Redeemer)*.

John Paul II further said, "Because St. Joseph is the protector of the Church, he is the guardian of the Eucharist and the Christian family. Therefore, **we must turn to St. Joseph today to ward off attacks upon the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist** and upon the family. We must plead with St. Joseph to guard the Eucharistic Lord and the Christian family during this time of peril."

SCHOENSTATT AUSTRALIA

Dear Schoenstatt Family and Friends,



Greetings and blessings, as we join together as Schoenstatt Family around our Blessed Mother and our father and founder, to renew our commitment to our covenant of love and accept once again the task that Our Blessed Mother gives to each one of us from her shrines. Last month we looked at the theme from last year's National Conference:

A NEW BEGINNING FOR THIS NEW TIME - Continuing the Vision and what this means for our Schoenstatt Family here in Australia in these "new times".

We continue to be mindful of many challenges that face not only the Church and society here in Australia, but also our Schoenstatt Family. With this in mind I would like to quote from an address that father gave during a family's consecration on 2nd October 1966:

.....**You may not ignore the fact that we are living in times of radical change, in times which are said to be the newest times. (...)**

When we look into the present-day situation, when we pay attention to what is preached, when we listen to discussions in the work place, we realize the efforts to simply remove the Blessed Mother from these newest times, from this newest Church, so to speak.

It seems to me we are justified in saying that the Blessed Mother has established herself in our shrines. What does she want in the shrines? She wants to speak her Fiat for the newest Church on the newest shore.

What task does the Blessed Mother have?She has the task to glorify herself in the newest Church on the newest shore by bestowing graces of transformation wherever people entrust themselves confidently to her. She wants to form this new person who is capable of dealing with the newest times. (...)

You see, for these times, too, she wants to act from her shrine. Let me repeat, it does not matter whether we think of the original shrine or of daughter shrines. That's why we are well-advised to respond to the intentions of the Blessed Mother. Naturally, it is not just a matter of establishing a corner for God or a Schoenstatt corner in our homes; we may not be satisfied with offering the Blessed Mother a little spot; on the contrary, we have to allow the Blessed Mother to take care from this home shrine that a religious atmosphere permeates the whole house, **Page 5**



that a religious atmosphere unites father and mother, that a religious atmosphere also enters the heart of the children and grandchildren. But the greatest task which the Blessed Mother wants to fulfill in the home shrine is to see to it that slowly a heart shrine will develop in us and that this heart shrine will increasingly influence and permeate all of life."

*We are united in the shrine
where the flames of our hearts
beat for our Mother Thrice Admirable
who, through us, wants to build your
kingdom.*



(From: Heavenwards, Morning Consecration)

United in covenant loyalty I wish you many blessings and graces from our Shrine

"One Heart in the Father for the Family of God"

Shirley Hall

MARCH EVENTS PERTH WA

- 11 March Women's Reflection Day
10.00am-2.00pm includes Mass and Reconciliation
Theme: Wake Up and Awaken Each Other
- 14 March Women's Reflection Day (Repeat Theme)
10.00am-2.00pm includes Adoration
Bookings Ida 0468 837 434 by March 5
- 22 March Covenant Sunday
1pm Introduction to Schoenstatt's Covenant of Love

PILGRIM MOTHER APOSTOLATE WA

ACKNOWLEDGING INTERCESSION AND BLESSINGS

My name is Mridula. My husband Roy and I were blessed with a wonderful baby girl on the 28th of June 2019. I firmly believe that this is through the intercession of Mother Mary. The first thing I prayed for when the Schoenstatt Pilgrim Mother came to visit my home was to have a healthy baby,

and it happened in no time. I would like to acknowledge the blessing that my family have received. Thanks and regards,

Mridula S –

Brookdale Circle Member at St Francis Xavier Parish, Hilbert

LENTEN REFLECTION DAY

THEME: WAKE UP AND AWAKEN EACH OTHER

Sunday, March 8, 2020, 1:30pm –4:00pm

Schoenstatt Centre, 9 Talus Drive, Mount Richon
6112



Cost: \$10/Family (incl. Afternoon Tea & Children's Program) **Bookings: Phone 0417 936 757** (Philomena) by 05 March or email schoenstattwa@gmail.com

Led by: **Sr. M. Elizabeth Foley** & Schoenstatt Families



Enjoy a time of prayer and reflection at the beginning of Lent. Experience the love of God and Our Lady at the Schoenstatt Shrine

MESSAGE FROM POPE FRANCIS



The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of March 2020 Catholics in China: We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity . We *pray* that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

Do What You Are Doing

Their amazement went beyond all bounds: " He has done everything well"(Mark7:37)

There is a story told about a student of the spiritual life who visited a great master with the hope of learning how she was to spend her life.



"Teacher, what is the most important thing in the world for me to do?" she asked expectantly. " What are you doing right now?" replied the Master." I am waiting for your reply, Master" And what were you doing yesterday at this time?" " I was helping with the yard work," stated the young woman, confused. The master gazed at her expectantly for a few moments,

awaiting comprehension. Noting only bewilderment, he finally said: " the most important thing for you to do now is to pay attention to yourself and to listen to my words." The most important thing for you to have been doing yesterday at this time was to be paying attention to yourself and to be working in the yard" *Throughout life, your most important task is to do what you are doing right now, and to do it well.*"

The student looked at the master in disbelief. Convinced that she had wasted her time making this journey, she left immediately. Most of us are like this young student of the spiritual life. We tend to think that certain moments are more unimportant, and we concentrate only on the activities we consider most important. **If we think this way, we shall find it difficult to live in the present.** Consider briefly the life of Jesus. Jesus never forgot the importance of ordinary life lived well. He taught that those who do small things well can be entrusted with larger ones. But He also reminded us that those who do not do well what they are doing now are not yet ready for other things (see Luke 16:10). **The kingdom of God is now, and nothing we do is unimportant in the eyes of God.** That is the meaning of the incarnation. Even those big moments of life– the conception and birth of a child, Baptism, weddings, funerals, etc.– are meaningless if we do not live well what has gone before them.

In fact, celebrations are hollow and empty if they do not celebrate something that is already there. Big moments can help to affirm the dignity of small moments, but only if those small moments have been lived well.

At each and every moment of the day we must decide what is the most important thing for us to be doing. Perhaps we will decide to pray, to work, to play, to reminisce, or even to do nothing. This decision may not be entirely ours to make; our work schedule or a crying child may decide for us how we spend our time. The important thing is to remember that life is calling for a response from us, then to surrender ourselves completely to doing what we decide to do in the best way we know how. Know that all moments are equally sacred in the eyes of God and that no task is too unimportant to be done well. Stop several times a day and greet yourself and God. Ask yourself, "what am I supposed to be doing now?" **Listen to your heart for a response; then do what you are doing and do it well in gratitude.**



On 21 February 2020, Pope Francis granted an audience to His

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Eminence Cardinal Ángelo Becciu, Prefect for the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. During audience, the Pontiff gave permission for the Congregation to promulgate various decrees, among them, the heroic virtues of Servant of God Mario Hiriart Pulido, a lay person born in Santiago de Chile (Chile) on 23 July 1931 and who died in Milwaukee (United States) on 15 July 1964. —

In December 2019, Fr. Eduardo Aguirre published the news from the Congregation for the Causes of Saints that the process **Page 9**

for the beatification of Mario Hiriart, a Schoenstatt Brother of Mary, had received the green light from the theologians who studied and ruled that Mario had lived the Christian virtues heroically. This was



signed on 8 December 2019. His process thus passed to the Plenary Assembly of Cardinals and Bishops for the same Congregation, who during their last session recommended to the Holy Father that he should be declared "venerable.

Thank you, Mother and Queen for this gift on the Feast Day of The Chair of St. Peter
One year later



WYD2019PANAMA •

"A year after celebrating this wonderful World Youth Day, we can say that this small seed has grown and is bearing much fruit." So says José Ulloa Mendieta, Archbishop of Panama, underscoring that one of the most important fruits is the renewal of pastoral ministry to young people.

"This renewal is centered on listening to what the youth are asking. We have held many diocesan assemblies, as well as the national assembly, where young people were able to contribute (...) At the parish level," he recounted, "ecological groups were organized for the care of our common home.

Furthermore, a movement of young people interested in studying the social doctrine of the Church has emerged, who are asking us if we can offer tools for their leadership, not only within the Church but also within society.”



The Archbishop of Panama also emphasized that the visit of the Holy Father strengthened the entire nation. “I believe that the most valuable fruit is that Panamanians were able to discover the beautiful definition that the Pope gave the country: Panama is a noble country. This message of the Pope was received strongly and positively by the Panamanians,” he recounts.

On the occasion of the first anniversary of WYD 2019, the budget for the event was presented in Panama. As Victor Chang, the executive secretary of the Local Organizing Committee explained, the total cost for WYD for the local Church—20.7 million dollars—was 73% covered by the pilgrims’ registration fees, and the rest was provided by the contributions of donors.



The 34th World Youth Day, on the theme of: “Behold the Handmaid of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word” (Luke 1:38) was celebrated in Panama from 22 – 27 January 2019, with around 700 thousand participants from 140 countries taking part in the final Mass celebrated by the Holy Father Pope Francis. Almost 46 million people followed WYD over social media. The main celebrations for this first anniversary, entitled “Celebremos Panamá 2020,” took place from 31 January through 2 February and will open a new pastoral initiative in the local Church: the youth vocational triennium.

COMING EVENTS

Fridays

Shrine 10.00 am **HOLY MASS**

11.00am to 8.15pm **Silent Eucharistic Adoration**

Sunday

22nd March.

Covenant Sunday Devotion 3.00 pm

Followed by social and refreshments

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