

# Families in Mission:

## St. Joseph, Righteous and Just

Third Sunday of Lent

Dear Jesus, let us be able to see the injustices in our neighborhoods, cities, and the world. Give us the courage and ability to work against them

*Let's pray!*

in order to build a world the way that you would like it to be. Amen.



*Good News!*

Read today's Gospel  
John 2:13-25

### Reflect Together:

In today's gospel, Jesus was upset because what was happening in the temple, God's house, was not respectful, holy, or just. In the bible, St. Joseph is called a "righteous" man, which means that he always tried to do what was fair and just even when he faced great challenges. When things were hard, St. Joseph did not avoid doing the right thing. He took Mary as

his wife even when he didn't fully understand how she had become pregnant by the Holy Spirit. How can we too take the path of justice even if it is not easy?.

**Discuss some or all of these questions as a family:**

- What is justice?
- What do you see in your neighborhood, school, workplace, or in the world that is unjust?
- What could you do about it?

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Take  
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"a family!"



During Lent we are invited to come closer to God by praying, fasting and giving in a special way. Discuss and write a plan of how you will do this in your family. Post it on your refrigerator.

**Pray:** As a family, pray to God for a courageous heart like St. Joseph's and that you too can be righteous and just.

**Fast:** From acting unjustly or thinking only of your own benefit.

**Give:** Your time and heart! This week, pick one injustice that you have identified. Decide as a family one action that you will take to work against it.



### *A favorite prayer of Pope Francis*

from a 19th century prayer book of the Congregation of the Sisters of Jesus and Mary:

**"Glorious Patriarch Saint Joseph, whose power makes the impossible possible, come to my aid in these times of anguish and difficulty. Take under your protection the serious and troubling situations that I commend to you, that they may have a happy outcome. My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power. Amen."**