

While you are praying for Medical Practitioners and Frontline Workers in this time of Crisis, please read and reflect upon these verses of Divine Revelation from Holy Scriptures in the Catholic Bible concerning Doctors and Pharmacists:

Ecclesiasticus / Sirach Chapter 38

38:1 Honour the physician for the need thou hast of him: for the most High hath created him.

38:2 For all healing is from God, and he shall receive gifts of the king.

38:3 The skill of the physician shall lift up his head, and in the sight of great men he shall be praised.

38:4 The most High hath created medicines out of the earth, and a wise man will not abhor them.

38:5 Was not bitter water made sweet with wood?

38:6 The virtue of these things is come to the knowledge of men, and the meet High hath given knowledge to men, that he may be honoured in his wonders.

38:7 By these he shall cure and shall allay their pains, and of these the apothecary shall make sweet confections, and shall make up ointments of health, and of his works there shall be no end.

38:8 For the peace of God is over all the face of the earth.

38:9 My son, in thy sickness neglect not thyself, but pray to the Lord, and He shall heal thee.

38:10 Turn away from sin and order thy hands aright, and cleanse thy heart from all offence.

38:11 Give a sweet savour, and a memorial of fine flour, and make a fat offering, and then give place to the physician.

38:12 For the Lord created him: and let him not depart from thee, for his works

are necessary.

38:13 For there is a time when thou must fall into their hands:

38:14 And they shall beseech the Lord, that He would prosper what they give for ease and remedy, for their conversation.

38:15 He that sinneth in the sight of his Maker, shall fall into the hands of the physician.

38:16 My son, shed tears over the dead, and begin to lament as if thou hadst suffered some great harm, and according to judgment cover his body, and neglect not his burial.

38:17 And for fear of being ill spoken of weep bitterly for a day, and then comfort thyself in thy sadness.

38:18 And make mourning for him according to his merit for a day, or two, for fear of detraction.

38:19 For of sadness cometh death, and it overwhelmeth the strength, and the sorrow of the heart boweth down the neck.

38:20 In withdrawing aside sorrow remaineth: and the substance of the poor is according to his heart.

38:21 Give not up thy heart to sadness, but drive it from thee: and remember the latter end.

38:22 Forget it not: for there is no returning, and thou shalt do him no good, and shalt hurt thyself.

38:23 Remember my judgment: for also shall be so: yesterday for me, and to day for thee.

38:24 When the dead is at rest, let his remembrance rest, and comfort him in the departing of his spirit.

The English Catholic Bible, translated from the Latin Vulgate: Douay, A. D. 1609: Rheims, A. D. 1582. N. B.: the King James Bible / Authorised Version was first published in 1611 using some of the English Catholic Scholarship from Douay - Rheims.

ST MARY OF THE CRAYS NEWSLETTER SUPPLEMENT

The Second Sunday of Christmas 2021

In the Year of St Joseph:

“ WITH A FATHER’S HEART: that is how Joseph loved Jesus, whom all four Gospels refer to as “The Son of Joseph”. ”

(opening of the Apostolic Letter: PATRIS CORDE of Pope Francis 8th Dec. 2020)

SAINT JOSEPH:

Comfort of the Afflicted:

Hope of the Sick:

Patron of the Dying:

Pray for us!

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FOR THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH - see:

The Apostolic Letter entitled

***PATRIS CORDE* (With a Father’s Heart),:**

http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papafrancesco-lettera-ap_20201208_patris-corde.html

The Holy Father wrote ***PATRIS CORDE*** against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic.

For information about **THE MANY INDULGENCES** that may be gained, either for yourself, or for deceased loved ones – the Holy Souls in Purgatory – those “who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith” please see:

[Church grants plenary indulgence for year of St. Joseph - Vatican News](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2020-12/apostolic...)
<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2020-12/apostolic...>

Or, as we offered on **the Newsletter Supplement** for the Fourth Sunday of Advent 20th December 2020:

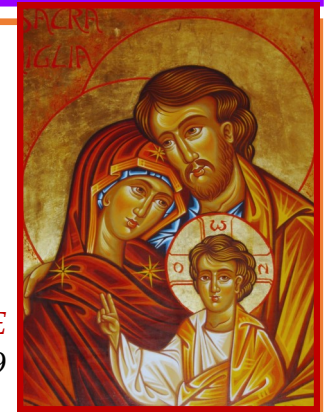
THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH: WHAT CATHOLICS NEED TO KNOW

For more information about the Year

and a link to the Apostolic Letter can be found at the Bishops’ Conference website:<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/year-of-st-joseph/>

Please look for CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH :

THE WONDERS OF OUR SPIRITUAL FATHER by Donald H. Calloway, MIC, by the Marian Press, c. £12.99 - www.consecrationtostjoseph.org



THE PROCLAMATION OF THE BIRTH OF CHRIST

“Today, the twenty-fifth day of December, unknown ages from the time when God created the heavens and the earth and then formed man and woman in His own image.

Several thousand years after the flood, when God made the rainbow shine forth as a sign of the covenant.

Twenty-one centuries from the time of Abraham and Sarah; thirteen centuries after Moses led the people of Israel out of Egypt.

Eleven hundred years from the time of Ruth and the judges; one thousand years from the anointing of David as king; in the sixty-fifth week according to the prophecy of Daniel.

In the one hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad; the seven hundred and fifty-second year from the foundation of the city of Rome.



The forty-second year of the reign of Octavian Augustus; The whole world being at peace,

JESUS CHRIST, eternal God and Son of the eternal Father, desiring to sanctify the world by His most merciful coming, being conceived by the Holy Spirit, and nine months having passed since His conception, was born in Bethlehem of Judea of the Virgin Mary.

TODAY IS THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO THE FLESH.”

(The Proclamation of the Birth of Jesus Christ ... chanted or recited during the Liturgy of the Hours of 24th December (First Vespers of Christmas/Evening Prayer I of The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)), or could be recited before the start of the First Mass of Christmas during the night (Midnight Mass),

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE DATE OF EASTER ON THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD THE SIXTH OF JANUARY 2021:

“Dear Brothers and Sisters, the glory of the Lord has shone upon us, and shall be manifest among us, until the Day of His Return. Through the rhythms and times and seasons let us celebrate the mysteries of salvation.

Let us recall the year’s culmination, **THE EASTER TRIDUUM OF THE LORD**, His Last Supper, His Crucifixion, His Burial, and His Rising, celebrated between the evening of the **first of April** and the evening of the **fourth of April**.

EACH EASTER – as on each (and EVERY) SUNDAY – the Holy Church MAKES PRESENT THE GREAT AND SAVING DEED BY WHICH CHRIST HAS FOREVER CONQUERED SIN AND DEATH.

From Easter are reckoned all the days we keep holy.

ASH WEDNESDAY, the beginning of Lent, will occur on the **seventeenth of February**.

THE ASCENSION (THURSDAY) OF THE LORD will be commemorated on the **thirteenth of May**.

PENTECOST, the joyful conclusion of the season of Easter, will be cele-

brated on the **twenty-third of May**.

And this year the **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT** will be on the **twenty-eighth of November**.

Likewise the pilgrim Church proclaims the passover of Christ, in the **feasts of the holy Mother of God**, in the **feasts of the Apostles and Saints**, and in the **commemoration of the faithful departed**.

To Jesus Christ, Who was, Who is, and Who is to come, Lord of time and history, be endless praise for ever and ever. **AMEN.”**



The Proclamation of the Date of Easter on Epiphany dates from a time when calendars were not readily available.

It was necessary to make known the date of Easter in advance, since many celebrations of the liturgical year depend on its date. The number of Sundays that follow Epiphany, the date of Ash Wednesday, and the number of Sundays that follow Pentecost are computed in relation to Easter.

*Although calendars now give the date of Easter and other feasts in the liturgical year for many years in advance, the Epiphany proclamation still has value. It is a reminder of the centrality of **THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD** in the liturgical year and the importance of the great mysteries of faith which are celebrated each year.*