

An Invitation to The Men of Our Parish

33 Days to Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father

“Go to Joseph; do whatever he tells you.” — Genesis 41:55

Introduction: Why St. Joseph?

In a world that often struggles to define masculinity, St. Joseph stands as the ultimate model of strength, silence, and sacrifice. Based on Fr. Donald Calloway’s book, this journey reveals St. Joseph as a courageous and fierce protector—the **Terror of Demons** and the **Guardian of the Universal Church**. By entrusting ourselves to him, we enter into his household to learn how to be better husbands, fathers, and men of God.

The Fellowship Commitment

To participate in this group journey, we invite you to commit to the following:

- **Purchase the Book, *The Consecration of St. Joseph*, <https://bit.ly/stjosephpdf>, by Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC.**
 - * Each participant needs their own copy of *Consecration to St. Joseph*
 - * Order online at Paschal Lamb, <https://bit.ly/PaschalLambSite> or Amazon, <https://bit.ly/StJosephBookAmazon>
- **Daily Devotion:** Commit to ~15 minutes of daily reading and praying the **Litany of St. Joseph**.
- **The Meetings:** We will hold **six meetings** over five weeks in the Parish House.
- **Meeting Format:** Every gathering will follow a traditional structure: opening with the *Veni, Sancte Spiritus* prayer, followed by specific readings, group discussion questions, and concluding with the *Litany of St. Joseph*.
- **Presence of St. Joseph:** We will have a beautiful statue or image of St. Joseph present at every meeting to remind us of his paternal presence.

Action Plan and Schedule: Summer 2026

Meeting Date	Focus: Readings Covered	Key Themes & Discussion
Wed, May 6	Intro & Day 1	Kickoff: Understanding why "now is the time of St. Joseph".
Wed, May 13	Days 2–8	Titles of St. Joseph: Spiritual fatherhood and being a "Knight of Our Lady".
Wed, May 20	Days 9–15	The Virtues: Exploring Joseph’s prudence, fortitude, and obedience.
Wed, May 27	Days 16–22	The Mirror of Patience: Learning from Joseph’s hidden life and heroic patience.
Wed, June 3	Days 23–29	Wonders of St. Joseph: His role as the Patron of the Dying and the "Terror of Demons".
Sun, June 7	Days 30–33	Consecration Day: Final reflections and group Act of Consecration after Mass.

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Why Consecrate on June 7th?

Our Consecration Day aligns with the **Solemnity of Corpus Christi** (The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ). Just as St. Joseph provided the "Daily Bread" for the Holy Family, we will finish our journey on the day the Church honors the True Bread from Heaven. This day also marks a major stop for the **National Eucharistic Pilgrimage** in the Diocese of Arlington.

Local Pilgrimage Sites (DMV Area)

For those wishing to deepen their devotion, Fr. Calloway highlights the importance of visiting shrines dedicated to St. Joseph. Local options include:

- **Images of St. Joseph**, <https://bit.ly/stjosephimages>: Inside the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (DC).
- **St. Joseph's on Capitol Hill**, <https://stjosephsdc.org>: A historic workers' parish in DC.
- **St. Joseph Catholic Church**, <https://stjosephva.org/>, (Alexandria, VA): A beautiful local place for a holy hour.
- **St. Joseph**, <https://sjcherndon.org/>, (Herndon, VA): St. Joseph Catholic Church is a Franciscan Friar (TOR) staffed parish

Next Steps

1. **Order your book today** so you have it by May 6th.
2. **Mark the five Wednesdays and the final Sunday** on your calendar. We will meet in the Parish House.
3. **Invite a brother:** St. Joseph is the "Pillar of Families"; let's build ours together.

"I've received so much grace, peace, and comfort through entrusting myself to St. Joseph, and I truly believe you will as well."

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