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Fr. Matt's Musings The Feast of St. Joseph March 19, 2020

Five Things to Remember about St. Joseph:

1. There is no recorded word of St. Joseph in the Scriptures. The world is made up of the need for words and actions. St. Joseph demonstrates the lasting value and power of a person of strong deeds.
2. St. Joseph is called a just man. It is an important word in the Old Testament. Job is a just man among others. It is one who does what is right, good and holy and also avoids what is harmful. He decides to divorce Mary quietly after her pregnancy rather than exposing her to the harshness of the Law (possible stoning). It is a good lesson for our often too harsh society.
3. St. Joseph teaches us the importance of trust as the key to the journey of faith. He changed his life and maybe hopes

and dreams after the message from the angel and took Mary as his wife. The story of salvation depended upon that decision and Mary's yes.

4. St. Joseph shows us grace in the midst of upheaval. A virgin birth, a journey to Egypt, losing Jesus in the temple are all unexpected and unplanned moments, and he lived them with grace. I hope to show grace in those same times of upheaval.
5. St. Joseph is the patron of the universal Church. It is his quiet, steady, fidelity that we honor this day and strive to imitate in our own journeys.

Happy Feast of St. Joseph!

Live Jesus!

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