ST. JOSEPH THE SILENT WITNESS TO THE POWER OF QUIET FAITH.

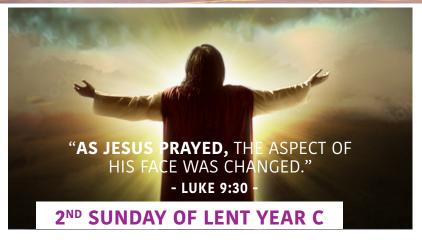
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As we look forward to the celebration of the Feast Day of St. Joseph husband of Mary on 19th March 2025 here at St. Charles Lwanga Catholic Parish Ntinda allow me to reflect on the profound and often overlooked figure of St. Joseph, the foster father of Jesus and the earthly spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In a world where words are often overabundant and action is valued for its visibility, St. Joseph stands as a silent witness to the power of quiet faith, humility, and obedience. His silence was not a sign of passivity, but a powerful expression and living example of the depth of his commitment, responsibility, and holiness.

St. Joseph's silence speaks volumes, not in words, but in the quality of his actions and fruits of his love for God. The Gospels provide us with no recorded words of St. Joseph, and yet his life is one of deep inspiration. In a time when men and women were often expected to act out of a sense of self-promotion or pride, St. Joseph responded with a humble and silent obedience to God's will.

The Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and told him that Mary had conceived through the Holy Spirit. Instead of questioning, doubting, or speaking out against this miraculous event, Joseph's silence reflects his complete trust in God's plan. He didn't need to understand everything in order to act in faith. His silence was not passive, but active trust. St. Joseph's example calls us to listen to God's voice in the quiet moments of our lives, to be receptive to His will, and to act with obedience and faith, even when we do not fully understand.

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FIRST READING

"God enters into a Covenant with Abraham, the man of faith."

A reading from the book of Genesis 15:5-12.17-18

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three- year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

This is the word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: The Lord is my light and my help.

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 3:17 - 4:1

"Christ will transfigure our bodies into copies of his glorious body."

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your modelsx everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the en-

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emies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown. This is the word of the Lord.

GOSPEL.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 9:28-36

"As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed."

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah ap-

pearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah - He did not know what he was saving. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him'. And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen. This is the Gospel of the Lord.

ESSOMO I

"Katonda yakuba ekiragaano ne Yibraimu." Bye tusoma mu Kitabo ky'Amasooka. (15, 5-12, 17-18).

Mu budde buli Omukama yatwala Yibraimu n'amugamba, nti: Tunula waqgulu ku ggulu, obale emmunyeenye oba osobola! N'amubuulira nti: Ezzadde lyo liriba lityo!

Yibraimu n'akkiriza Omukama. N'Omukama n'asinziira okwo okumubalira mu batuufu n'amugamba, nti: Nze Mukama eyakuggya mu Ur ey'Abakaldea okukufuula w'ensi eno. Yibraimu n'addamu, nti: Mukama wange, nnaamanya ntya nga ndigisikira? N'amugamba, nti: Nfunira enduusi eyaakamala emyaka esatu, ne kamukuukulu n'ejjiba etto. Ebyo byonna n'abireeta n'abityemulamu wabiri n'assa ekyuyi ku luuyi olumu ate ekyuyi nga kikitunuulidde ku luuyi olulala; naye ennyonyi teyazityemulamu wakati. Ensega zakka ku nnyama, Yibraimu n'azigobawo. Enjuba yali egwa Yibraimu ne yeebaka otulo tungi, n'ensisi n'emukwata.

Enjuba bwe yagwa ng'enzikiza ekutte ne walabikawo akabiga akanyooka n'ekitawuliro ekyagenda kiyita wakati w'ebiyingula by'ennyama. Ku lunaku olwo Omukama n'akola Endagaano ne Yibraimu n'amugamba, nti: Ezzadde lyo ndiwadde ensi eno, okuva ku mugga ogw'e Misiri, okutuuka ku mugga omunene, omugga Euphrates. Ebyo Omukama y'abyogera.

OKWEBUULIRIRA:

EKIDDIBWAMU: Omukama kye kitangaala kyange, era bwe bulokofu bwange.

READINGS AND SAINTS OF THE WEEK: 19th MARCH - 22nd MARCH, 2025							
MON 17 th MAR	TUES 18 th MAR	WED 19 th MAR	THUR 20 th MAR	FRI 21st MAR	SAT 22 nd MAR		
St. Patrick	St. Cyril	St. Joseph	St. Claudia	St. Nicholas	St. Lea		
Daniel 9:4b-10	Isaiah 1:10, 16-20	2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-16	Jeremiah 17:5-10	Genesis 37:3-4, 12-28a	Micah 7:14-15, 18-20		
Luke 6:36-38	Matthew 23:1-12	Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22	Luke 16:19-31	Matthew 21:33-46	Luke 15:1-3, 11-32		

St. Joseph's silence had a tremendous impact on those around him, most especially on the Holy Family. His protection, guidance, and sacrifice were all expressed in quiet ways. Think of how Joseph protected Mary and the child Jesus when the angel warned him to flee to Egypt. His decision to move his family, without hesitation, in the darkest hours of night, was a silent but decisive act of love. His daily life of hard work as a carpenter was humble, yet it provided for the needs of his family.

In the quiet of his work and his actions,

St. Joseph's holiness was not defined by what he said or by grand gestures, but by the way he lived each moment with integrity, faith, and a deep sense of responsibility. St. Joseph shows us that holiness is not about loud proclamations or dramatic acts but about the small, everyday choices we make to serve God and others faithfully.

St. Joseph was entrusted with the responsibility of raising the Son of God. This is a responsibility that none other has ever been called to. And yet, he accepted this divine role with humility and silence. In this silence, he exhibited a tremendous sense of duty not only to protect the child Jesus but to serve God with his whole life.

In our own lives, we are also entrusted with great responsibilities, whether as parents, teachers, leaders, or simply as members of the Body of Christ. St. Joseph teaches us that our responsibility is not something to be taken lightly or as a burden, but as a sacred duty that requires our full commitment. His example encourages us to approach our responsibilities with reverence, to carry

ESSOMO II

"Kristu alitufaananya omubiri gwe ogw'ekitiibwa."

Bye tusoma mu bbaluwa Paulo Omutume gye yawandiikira ab'e Filippi. (3,17-4,1.)

Ab'oluganda, muyise nga nze, era mulabire ku abo abayisa bwe batyo nga bwe mwandaba mpisa. Kasooka mbabuulira si lwajjo; naye kati mbabuulira nga nkaaba n'okukaaba: waliwo bangi, engeri gye bayisaamu, ya balabe ba Musaalaba gwa Kristu. Basigadde kuzikirira: Olubuto lwe lufuuse Katonda waabwe. Beepankira mu by'e-nsonyi ebiswaza; n'ebirowoozo byabwe babimali-dde ku bya nsi. Sso ffe, obutaka bwaffe buli mu ggulu, tulindirira nti Omulokozi gy'anaava, Omu-kama Yezu Kristu: afuule omubiri qwaffe quno ogutalina bwe guli agufaananye omubiri gwe ogw'ekitiibwa; obuyinza bwe anti tibulemwa, na-ndibadde ensi yonna emugondera.

Kale nno baganda bange abaagal-wa, be ndowoozaako ennyo, essanyu lyange, engule yange, mukakate mutyo, mu Mukama. Ebyo Omukama y'abyogera.

EVANJIRI

Olwatuuka bwe yali nga yeegayirira, enfaanana ye mu maaso n'efuuka bulala. Ebigambo by'Evanjrri ya Mukama waffe Yezu Kristu ebivudde mu Luka. (9, 28b- 36).

Mu budde buli Yezu yatoola Petro ne Yoanna, n'alinnya ku lusozi okwegayirira, Bwe yali yeegayirira, enfaanana ye mu maaso n'efuuka bulala; ebyambalo bye ne bitukula, ne bimasamasa. Ne wabaawo abasajja babiri nga boogera naye: ye Musa ne Elia; baalabikira mu kitiibwa; baali boogera ku kugenda kwe kwe yali agenda okutuukiriza mu Yeruzalimu. Petro n'abaali naye, otulo twali tubali bubi. Bwe baazuukuka, ne balaba ekitiibwa kye n'abasajja bali ababiri abaali bayi-miridde naye. Olwali olwo, bwe baali bavaawo, Petro n'agamba Yezu nti: Muyigiriza, kirungi tubeere wano: tukole na wano ensiisira ssatu: emu yiyo, endala ya Musa, endala y'Elia: vali tategeera ky'ayogera. Yali akyayogera, ekire ne kijja ne kibabuutikira, ne batya nga balaba bakiyingi-ramu. Awo eddoboozi ne liva mu kire, nga ligamba nti: Ono ye Mwana wange omwagalwa ennyo mumuwulire. Eddoboozi lyaqenda okusirika, nga Yezu yekka y'aliwo. Bo ne basirika; mu nnaku ezo, ebyo bye baalaba, tiwaali gwe baabibuulirako!

Ebigambo by'Evanjiri eno bikomye awo.

THE PAPACY

hy do Catholics believe that the Pope is the head of the Church, and the successor of St. Peter? Well, first Jet's take a look at the role of St. Peter.

In Matthew 16:18-19, Jesus says, "And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church. I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Here we see that Jesus is to establish a church, and that Peter, by being given the keys to the kingdom and the power to bind and loose, or teach authoritatively, is to be the earth ly head of Christ's Church. Jesus, as a Jew, came to re-establish the Davidic Kingdom in a perfect way. The Davidic Kingdom had a Prime Minister, or master of the palace who, when given the "key to the House of David," as we see in Isaiah 22:15-24, was given the authority of the King. By giving Peter the keys, Jesus established the office forever... an office that has been filled by Peter and 265 successors, all the way to Francis I - an Unbroken line to this very day.

FOR FURTHER STUDY:

MATTHEW 16: 18-19: IS: 22: 15-24

PROGRAM FOR THE WAY OF THE CROSS ON FRIDAYS DURING LENT 2025

DATE	COMMUNITY ON DUTY	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	
21ST FEB. 2025	St. Balikuddembe & St. Atanansi	According to St. Alphonse Liguori pg.55	
28TH FEB. 2025	St. John Mary Muzeyi & St. Matia Mulumba	Mary's way of the cross by Richard G. Furey	
4TH APR. 2025	Eucharistic Apostles of Divine Mercy	For the suffering people pg. 105	
11TH APR. 2025	St. Kizito & St. Andrew Kaggwa	According to the Sisters of Adorers of the Precious Blood	

them out with the same quiet diligence that Joseph showed in raising Jesus.

The silence of St. Joseph was not an absence of commitment; it was, in fact, the very expression of his total commitment to God and to the mission he was given. In a noisy and distracting world, the silence of St. Joseph invites us to commit to holiness by stepping back from the clamor of everyday life and seeking God's presence in the quiet of our hearts. Holiness is often cultivated not in the loud noisy moments, but in the stillness of silence where we encounter God most intimately.

When we commit to following St. Joseph's example, we begin to understand that our holiness doesn't need to be demonstrated through grandiose acts or eloquent speeches. Holiness can be found in the simple, everyday acts of love, service, and quiet sacrifice that we make for others, as Joseph did for his family. It's in the silence of our hearts that we hear God most clearly and align our actions with His will.

St. Joseph, the silent servant of God, is a guiding light of inspiration, responsibility, and holiness for all of us. His silence calls us to listen more deeply to God's

voice in our lives and to respond with the same quiet faith and obedience. It is in this silence, this stillness, that we find true holiness—not in what we say or do to be seen by others, but in the love, faithfulness, and commitment with which we serve God in the quiet moments of our lives.

Let us, then, follow the example of St. Joseph, committing ourselves to a life of holiness, service, and responsibility, guided by the powerful silence of a heart that is fully open to God's will.

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• **Muhoozi Rolland** of Najjera son of Byaruhanga Stephen and Tibasiima Anna of Bukinda, Nyabirerema wishes to marry **Nashaba Agnes** of Bubaare daughter of Bananuka Evaristo and Tumuhairwe Peace of Ibanda

MARRIAGE BANNS

- **Ngabirano Wilbert** of Mutojo son of John Musiime and Kemirembe Immaculate of Buhweju wishes to marry **Aliguma Immaculate** of Kyema daughter of Gerald Wandera and Immaculate Nyanjura of Kigumba
- Mbanawe Stephen of Kitala son of Tadeo Rwakaisho and Tuhirirwe Priscilla of Ibumba,rubanga,rukungiri wishes to marry **Doreen Mary Immaculate Kobusingye** of Nsooba daughter of Matovu Daniel and Asiimwe Catherine of Kyebando - Kampala
- Mugisha Innocent of Najjera son of John Bwomezi and Late Kasigwa Federensi of Kitonzi Lc11,kitagwenda wishes to marry **Atuhereza Privah** of Najjera daughter of Byaruhanga Disan and Kellen Byaruhanga of Mukora Kyabuqimbi Igara
- Mugabe Benedict of Kyanja son of Samuel Nsenga and Beatrice Tumusiime of Kyebando Kisalosalo wishes to marry Faith Samuel of Kyanja daughter of Samuel Macha and Dinatu Samuel Daisou of 7 Yakowa Street Narayi Kaduna



Mon 3 - Sun 9/3/2025	Amount	
Tithe	12,220,100	\$ 100
Sunday Offertory	10,404,200	
Week Day Offertory	18,059,950	\$ 13
Kalooli Tower Project	5,100,000	
Marriage Stole Fees	750,000	
Baptism Stole Fees	30,000	
Catechism Stole Fees	200,000	
Thanksgiving	2,847,000	
Donations	1,199,500	
Christmas Gift	65,000	
Scroll Sales	200,000	
Easter Envelopes	50,000	
Liturgy Booklets	40,000	
Joint Choir	160,000	
Queen of Peace	80,000	
Sacred Heart of Jesus	987,500	
St. Jude Devotion.	50,000	
St. Joseph Devotion	130,000	
St. Bazekuketa	210,000	
Women's Guild	3,205,000	
Radio Maria	25,000	
Family and Marriage	463,000	
Youth for Christ	260,000	
Procure Items	2,497,500	

- We have celebrated the second Sunday of lent year C. Today is our Good Samaritan Sunday, the team is under the tent ready to receive your donations both in cash and in items in kind.
- We welcome back all those that managed to make it for our pilgrimage to Munyonyo yesterday. Let us continue Walking together as pilgrims of hope and as one family of God.
- On Wednesday19th March 2025, we shall have three Masses in commemoration of St. Joseph husband of Mary, at 7am, 1pm and 6pm where the devotees to St. Joseph will consecrate themselves.
- We shall have our monthly Adult Catechesis on Tuesday 25th March 2025 at 6pm. Our topic will be Mary, Our Model in Faith and Pilgrimage: Finding Hope, Strength, and Trust in God's Plan for Our Lives. We are all encouraged to attend.
- The leaders of Divine Mercy devotion are moving within our communities with the image of Divine Mercy with the spirit of propagating the devotion and strengthening the spirit of prayer during the lent. Community members are encouraged to coordinate with your leaders to host the image.
- We are starting the novena to the Annunciation which will lead us to the Solemnity of the Annunciation on 25th March.
- The Youth for Christ invite all their fellow youth and well-wishers to Coffee at Church on March 28th under the theme, "Recharged in Christ Jesus." It will be a day of prayer and fasting, culminating in breaking the fast together at 7:00 PM. Those who can are encouraged to join the Way of the Cross at 6:00 PM. Afterward, we shall move to the church for prayers of healing, deliverance, and exaltation of the cross, led by Fr. Ronald Kyambadde at 7:30 PM.

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