



THE MONTH OF MARCH/THE MONTH OF SAINT JOSEPH (COME HOME DRESSED IN PURPLE)

Just as there were more people dressed in *red* on 14 February 2018 for Saint Valentine (Roman Catholic Priest and Bishop of the third century who was martyred for freely expressing his faith in Jesus. How many of our children know that?) than there were dressed in *purple* on Ash Wednesday (the first day of Lent, which this year took place on: 14 February) there will be more people talking on 1 March 2018 about the weather (did March come in like a lion or a lamb?) than about Saint Joseph (Renowned offspring of David, Spouse of the Mother of God, Chaste guardian of the Virgin, Foster father of the Son of God, Diligent protector of Christ.) Come to think of it: what did most people talk about on 2 February: the Presentation or Ground Hog Day? Anyway, back to March.



We can certainly concern ourselves with, and talk about weather conditions in March (and on 2 February for that matter) but for Catholics, our conversation and concern (about any topic) must flow from our conversation with God and our concern for Him. The month of March offers us an opportunity to remember (and pray to) a man who did just that: Saint Joseph. Even though there are no recorded words of his in the Scriptures, we know that this “dreamer” (cf. Saint Matthew I:20) was in conversation with God by the concern he had for His spouse and the Child in her womb! That concern found a place for the Child to be born (cf. Saint Luke II:7), kept the Child and His mother safe from harm (cf. Saint Matthew II:14), and allowed the Child to “grow in grace and wisdom before God and man” (Saint Luke II:52).

May the good Saint Joseph protect all of our efforts to *pray more fervently, fast more sacrificially, and give alms more generously* throughout the month of March and the entire Season of Lent, so that whether or not March goes out like a lamb,

the Lamb of God Who takes away the sins of the world will come with us wherever we go.

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"Ashless Wednesdays" have begun [@OHRFreeportNY](#). No ashes. Just Jesus! Mass Times in [#FreeportNY](#) are: 7:30 A.M., 9:00 A.M., 12:10 P.M., 7:00 P.M. Let us go to the Altar of God [@DailyMass](#)

