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Women of St. Joseph

MAY 2018



President's Message

Dear Women Of St Joseph:

*It is my honor to present to you our upcoming Executive Board for 2018-2019: **Gloria Reed** will be a new President, **Judy Huckabay** will be a new Vice President. Secretary is Purcel-Briskin Margaret, and Parliamentarian/Historian is Kim Nguyen.*

The members of our upcoming Committees: Donna Phair will be a Spiritual/Sunshine and Prayer Shawl, Peggy Mosko will be a Newsletter Editor. Helping Hand is Madelyn Rudy, Membership is Nancy Dorighi, and Telephone Tree is Vivian Mason.

Please join me in welcoming and thanking our new officers for their willingness to take over the leadership of Women of St Joseph.

In the meantime, we're still short-handed for one more Vice President, Treasurer in the Executive Board positions. Hospitality, Membership in the Committees positions. Please review and consider becoming a volunteer to involve with our organization.

As we celebrate Mother's Day in May, we pray that the Blessed Virgin Mary will wrap her mantle around all mothers, and through her powerful intercession, strengthen them in their maternal role!

Have a Blessed Mother's Day to you all!

Sincerely,



Kim Nguyen

WOSJ President

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS--- Mark Your Calendars!



May 15th	Board Meeting <i>6:00 pm – 7:00 pm</i> <i>Church Hall</i> General Meeting <i>ELECTION 2018-2019</i> Topic: <i>Visit Medjugorje - 7:00 pm Church Hall</i> <i>Present by Loren Gross</i>
June 19th	Potluck Installation of Officers 2018 -2019 6:30 pm at Church Hall



Helping Hands

Do not let a transportation problem stop you from attending our meetings or events. If you need a ride, please call Madelyn Rudy at 510-683-3816 or 510-304-1938.



Women of St. Joseph Polo Shirts

WOSJ POLO SHIRTS are a symbol of unity and provide visibility for our organization when participating as a group in service or other gatherings. It is \$20 and will be available in sizes S, M, L, XL, 2XL, and 3XL. Contact Nancy Dorigi at 510-657-7543 or email at ndorigi@comcast.net.



Pocket Prayer Squares

Like the Prayer Shawls, these are prayed over by the person making them and then blessed by a Priest. They can be placed in your pocket and, when you are in need of comfort, just reach into your pocket and rub the square.

We would like to accumulate a large amount to put in a basket at the back of the church for church members to take if they need comfort. If you can help make these squares, please contact Donna Phair at 510-651-9307 or email at phair_math@yahoo.com.



Visit to Medjugorje

May 15th 7:00 pm

Since 1981, God has sent his Mother daily to us through the six visionaries of Medjugorje. We are living in a time unlike any in the history of the world. Society is drifting further and further away from God; families are struggling to stay together; our youth are finding themselves in difficult situations daily, etc. Come and hear the message of Medjugorje. Loren has been there many times and is willing to share his story with us.

How It Went



Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home

April means spring is here and time to go out and tend our gardens. We learned at our meeting that our garden is *everyone's* garden. Pope Francis's 2015 Encyclical was addressed to all of humanity on environmental issues, our place in creation and responsibility towards our common home.

Many thanks to Sister Marcia for helping with the technical aspect of the meeting and adding her comments to help with a deeper understanding of the topic. S. Marcia has a great collection of books to continue our education on *Care for our Common Home*. Contact her at 510-502-5797 or sistermarci@gmail.com.

The "green" Cobb Salad was a hit. I heard many, "oh, this is so good!" Kudos to Judy Huckabay for planning and for members for bringing the ingredients.

Lastly a few words, food for thought, from our beloved Pope Francis. "As stewards of God's creation, we are called to make the earth a beautiful garden for the human family. When we destroy our forests, ravage our soil and pollute our seas, we betray that noble calling." —*Speech, Manila, Philippines, January 18, 2015*. "We received this world as an inheritance from past generations, but also as a loan from future generations, to whom we will have to return it!" —*Remarks, meeting with political, business and community leaders, Quito, Ecuador, July 7, 2015*.

Peace and love from your fellow Earthling, Adrienne



Happy Birthday to those born
in May

Adrienne Stephens	5/5	Dorothy Benya	5/20
Patricia Picard	5/24	Bency Chennat	5/29
Kathleen Wade	5/30	Vasanthi Victor	5/31

Spiritual Corner



The Month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. *The whole month of May is dedicated to our Blessed Lady, Mother of God. The pious practice of honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary during the entire month of May has been especially recommended by many Popes.*

Mary is our loving mother. Her maternal heart is full of love and mercy for her beloved children. She is always waiting for us to turn to her for her motherly guidance. She constantly presents all our prayers to her dear son, Jesus. Mary is known as the “Gate of Heaven“. We need Mary to guide us to heaven so that we may not lose our way by falling into sin.

We need to pray the Rosary every single day during the month of May. If you cannot pray the entire rosary with dedication, pray at least one decade with all your heart, and if a decade is not possible, recite at least one Hail Mary with complete devotion.

When we pray the Hail Mary, we ask our heavenly mother to intercede for us now and at the hour of our death. Our merciful mother will help us during that fateful hour. We only need to pray to her without ceasing.

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Peggy Mosko

Spiritual Chairperson