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Lent can often come across as particularly sober, even depressing, at times. But in the midst of it all, there arrives some relief. Thursday, March 19, is the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Husband of Mary. It's a solemnity, so like a Sunday, it's a celebration in the midst of Lent — with the Glory to God and the Creed at Mass!

We rightly make note of Mary's yes to the angel, which continued God's plan for salvation. But we must also thank God for the yes of Joseph to the angel in his dream, which also had a part in the Incarnation of Jesus Christ. Mary says yes to so much mystery. And so does Joseph. Mary says yes from innocence. So does Joseph. Mary agrees to the unforeseen. So does Joseph. And for their willingness to do God's holy will, we are rightly grateful.

We ourselves are asked in mysterious ways, in the innocence of our faith, to make Christ more apparent in our world as well. Can't we see that our Lenten good works do just that: if they are well-ordered, they help others see Jesus. They help us turn away from our favorite sins to be faithful to the gospel, the Word of God spoken to us.

So celebrate with St. Joseph. Let's allow his obedience to the will of God to be inspiration for us.

May his assent to the mystery of God's way encourage us. And with good St. Joseph and our Immaculate Virgin Mother, may we cooperate always with God's plan: the salvation of His people.

SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH MARCH 19

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St. Joseph, pray for us.





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