

**This Week's Message
from Fr. Amesse
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St. Joseph is one of the most beloved saints in the Church. Although not a single word spoken by him is recorded in Sacred Scripture, his life speaks eloquently of faith, humility, hard work, and unwavering trust in God.

As the foster father of Jesus and the husband of Mary, St. Joseph embraced God's plan with quiet confidence. He faithfully cared for his family, worked with his hands, and lived an ordinary life in an extraordinary way. For that reason, the Church honors him as the Patron of Workers, and we are blessed to have him as the patron of our Shrine.

Each year, St. Joseph the Worker Shrine presents the Christian Worker Recognition Award to someone whose life reflects the virtues of St. Joseph. Since the award was established in 2016, we have recognized individuals whose Christian faith is evident in their homes, their workplaces, their parishes, and throughout the community.

These are not people seeking recognition. More often, they are the quiet servants among us. They lead by example. They treat others with kindness and respect. They perform their work with integrity. They make a difference, often without expecting thanks or praise.

Perhaps someone has already come to mind as you read these words. If so, I encourage you to take a few moments to submit a nomination. Please read the insert included in this week's bulletin. It explains the purpose of the award, the selection process, and recognizes those who have received this honor in previous years.

Recognizing faithful Christian workers is more than presenting an award. It is an opportunity to thank God for the many people who quietly live the Gospel each day. Their example reminds us that holiness is often found not in extraordinary accomplishments, but in ordinary lives lived with extraordinary faith.

May St. Joseph continue to inspire each of us to serve God faithfully in our homes, our workplaces, and our community.

**Saint Joseph, Pray for us.
I remember you at Mass.**