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The Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 13, 2016

Bishop Cary Celebrates Chrism Mass at Cathedral March 17

The annual Chrism Mass for the Diocese of Baker will be offered by the Most Rev. Liam Cary, this Thursday, March 17, at 7:00 PM at the cathedral. It is within the Chrism Mass that the bishop blesses the holy oils used in the administration of the sacraments in our parishes. Also during this Mass all of the priests in attendance renew their vows of ordination and promise, once again, to be faithful and true to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and to the Magisterium, the teaching authority of His Holy Catholic Church.

Please give prayerful thought to assist at the Chrism Mass to thank God for the gift of the Sacrament of Holy Orders and the priesthood and to thank Him for all of the other sacraments as well. It really means a great deal to us priests to have people from our own parishes in attendance at this Mass.

Fr. Julian Cassar is planning to attend the Chrism Mass. He will be retiring as a priest of the Diocese of Baker on Easter Sunday. The reception following the Chrism Mass will afford people an opportunity to say good-bye to him and wish him well as he returns to Malta.

Saint Joseph, The Husband of Mary: The Holy and Just Man

The Church joyfully celebrates the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, the Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, on Saturday, March 19. Holy Mass will be offered on that day at 8:00 AM followed by the rosary and devotions to Saint Joseph.

After the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph is honored above all of the angels and saints for his cooperation in God's plan for our salvation as he said yes to becoming the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Guardian of our Lord Jesus Christ. Chosen from all of the men of the world to be the head of the Holy Family, St. Joseph tenderly loved Jesus and Mary and worked hard, as a carpenter, to provide a home and refuge for them in Nazareth.

On earth, St. Joseph was everything a good husband and father should be. In heaven, he continues to watch over and assist the Church, the Bride of Christ, with his prayers. St. Joseph is the patron of the Universal Church, the patron of fathers, the patron of carpenters and he is the patron of a happy death. May St. Joseph pray for us and lead us to the Sacred Heart of his Son, Jesus Christ.

