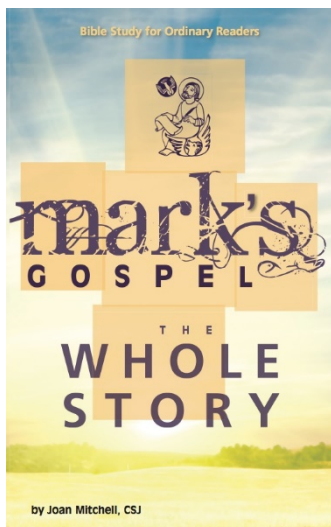




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Bible Study on Mark's Gospel



Our 2019 Chapter calls us to continue our intra-congregational dialogue and sharing. St. Paul is offering a class on Mark's Gospel beginning next week that is free to all sisters and ACOF. We will gather on Zoom to

learn more about Mark, to share our insights, and to enjoy getting to know one another. We hope to see you next week.

[Click here for more information, including the dates and registration form](#)

To sign up, contact Lucy Sietsema at 800-232-5533 or lucy@goodgroundpress.com.

Three principles of living simply

Consociate Alicia Meyer, who is one of our discerning agrégée companions, wrote this reflection on the three principles that guide the agrégée commitment.

The agrégée commitment, living simply in the spirit of Gospel values, adheres to a directive of the 2019 Acts of Chapter. It is discerned through the lens of Pope Francis' encyclical letter *Laudato Si'* to ground our movement as we strive for "the more".

There are three principles that ground and guide us as we live and grow into living simply within the spirit of Gospel values:

1. Living simply is a spiritual act ... a spiritual way of being
2. Living simply is experiential ... a lifelong call animated by love and informed by *Laudato Si'*

3. Living simply is a relationship ...
relationship is the threshold and
pathway to living "Sacred is the Call"

[read more](#)

Reflecting on the "God of Surprises"

As you know, after our annual ACOF Convocation for Associates, Consociates, 'Ohana and Familia de San José was canceled this past summer, they adapted the content into a series of virtual presentations hosted by each of the provinces. The St. Louis Associates invite you to the final presentation, where we will consider the surprises we have encountered in the last year, move toward a sense of resiliency and participate in an imaginative process to vision for the future. It is open to all who affiliate with the CSJ community: sisters, ACOF, St. Joseph Workers, partners in mission and ministry, Federation members, and more. Spanish interpretation will be available.



Wednesday, February 24, 2021

7pm EST / 6pm CST / 5pm MST / 4pm PST
/ 2pm Hawai'i / 9pm in Chile / 7pm in Peru /
Thu, February 25 at 9am in Japan
Gathering and greetings on Zoom start 30
minutes prior.

[read more and register](#)



THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH EL AÑO DE SAN JOSÉ セントジョセフの年

In this 150th anniversary year of the proclamation of St. Joseph as patron of the universal church, Pope Francis has written an apostolic letter entitled: [PATRIS CORDE](#) or With a Father's Heart.

Of course, this makes it a special year for the Sisters of St. Joseph and our ACOF and colleagues. So during the year, in each We Are Carondelet newsletter, we will be offering a quote, asking a question and praying a blessing for one of the "behind-the-scenes" persons, who, like Joseph, contributes to the wellbeing of our world.

A quote:

Matthew and Luke, the two Evangelists who speak most of Joseph, tell us very little, yet enough for us to appreciate what sort of person he was and the mission entrusted to him by God's providence.

A question:

How do I live out God's mission for me in my daily life?

A blessing:

Joseph, we ask your blessing on postal and delivery workers who organize and bring us mail and packages.

Calls for Justice

“We invite all people of good will to reflect on the next steps we must take to repair our democracy, eliminate white privilege, and contribute to the work of building a more perfect union.”



Last week, we echoed the statements made by the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR) and the U.S. Federation of Sisters of St. Joseph condemning the violence at the U.S. Capitol.

[read the LCWR statement](#)
[read the Federation statement](#)

The CLT also created a Novena for Solidarity, Peace and Justice in our World, which they invite all sisters and ACOF to join. It was intended to be started yesterday (Monday, January 11) in order to finish the day before Inauguration Day, but you are welcome to join anytime.

[download the Novena](#)



Moving always toward . . . a congregational Lenten practice for 2021

by Mary McGlone, CSJ

The practice of Sharing of the Heart/Order of the House is rooted in the way our first sisters gathered in their kitchen to talk about what they had learned as they had divided the city, to seek to understand their people's needs and to decide how they might best serve the dear neighbor.



Among the ways the 2019 Chapter addressed the implications of being "Called Together for the Life of the World" was the Chapter Direction to "articulate and authentically live our vows in ways that witness and speak to today's realities" and a call to the CLT to continue to provide opportunities for intra-congregational dialogue and sharing. In response to those mandates, **we are inviting the congregation to a communal experience of Sharing of the Heart and Order of the House during Lent of 2021.**

In preparation, we invited a number of sisters from our congregation and the Federation to share their expertise and experience of the practice. From what they

told us, we developed two short videos that will help us develop a common understanding and appreciation of the practice. **Everyone who wishes to participate is invited to congregational Zoom meetings on the weekends of January 29-30 and February 5-6.** Those meetings will allow us to meet one another, view the videos, and talk about the practice. [Register now](#)

Then, between February 6 and 12, **all the participants can sign up for a small Sharing of the Heart/Order of the House group.** Those groups of five will meet between Ash Wednesday (February 17) and Easter (April 4). **Those who wish may also participate in a concluding Zoom gathering on Friday, April 9.**

You will soon receive a mailing repeating this invitation and giving you additional information and a tear-off card summarizing the practice.

This opportunity has been put together by a committee that includes Sisters Anne Davis, Linda Markway, Mary McGlone, Chris Pologa, Carolyn Puccio and Kathleen Patrice Sullivan. If you have any questions about it, feel free to call or write any one of them.

Artwork: Marion Honors, CSJ "Solemnity of the Sacred Heart"



- **Albany:** [Saint Rose Counseling Professor Continues Sister's Legacy](#)

- **Albany:** [Nine Sisters of St. Joseph die in Covid-19 outbreak in New York](#)
- **Los Angeles:** [2020 Year In Review](#)
- **St. Paul:** [St. Joseph's Hospital staffers hope history of serving people in need will continue](#)
- **St. Louis:** [Sister Jean Abbott, dedicated advocate for St. Louis war refugees, dies at 77](#)

Recent Publications

- [Together, January 2021](#) (St. Paul)
- [Noticiero, Diciembre 2020](#) (Peru)
- [Carondelet East, January 2021](#) (Albany)
- [e-designs, January 2021](#) (Los Angeles)
- See all recent newsletters on the [Publications page](#) in the Members Only Section of the congregational website.



Rest in Peace

[Associate Marie Talerico](#)

May 25, 1933 - November 7, 2020

[Gloria DeCotis, CSJ](#)

June 5, 1927 - December 22, 2020

[Joan Marie Curley, CSJ](#)

June 17, 1936 - December 22, 2020

[Juanita Mary Meyer, CSJ](#)

March 12, 1938 - December 22, 2020

[Imelda D'Agostino, CSJ](#)

November 6, 1936 - December 25, 2020

[Constance Fitzgerald, CSJ](#)

November 13, 1913 - December 28, 2020

[Associate Margaret Piacentino](#)

September 14, 1924 - December 28, 2020

[Frances Dillman, CSJ](#)

December 5, 1933 - January 4, 2021

[Jean Marie Abbott, CSJ](#)

November 8, 1943 - January 7, 2021

Happy Birthday!

January 12

Associate Andra Gwydir
Associate Nadia Haitko
Associate Jim Peaper
Sister Rosemary Render

January 13

Associate Kevin DeCleene
Sister Jeanne Janssen
'Ohana Lilia Valdez

January 14

Sister Elizabeth McKenzie
Sister Sandra Williams

January 15

Associate Nancy Blattner
Sister Paula Matthew Browne
Associate Barbara Hafner
Sister Miriam Maki

January 16

Sister Eleanor Ortega

January 17

Sister Patricia Callahan
Sister Marilyn Feehan
Associate Tina Golden
Consociate Rosemary Hayes
Associate Roland Martin

January 18

Associate Cynthia Bowling
Sister Kristin Cholewa
Sister Marian Tung

January 19

Sister Therese Chaperone
Consociate Deborah Chernick
Consociate Virginia Claessens McDonald
Sister Robert Rita Graham
Sister Amy Hereford
Sister Mary Agnes Nance

Familia Jorge Valdés

January 20

Sister Annette Debs
Associate Debra Miller
Sister Vincentia Myung
Associate David Novak
Consociate Irene Poepping Eiden

January 21

Sister Louise Bernstein
Associate Terry Aileen Norton
Associate Mary Jane Smith
Sister Catherine Agnes Wagner

January 22

Sister Catherine Sean Croghan
Sister Francine Dempsey
Consociate Angela Dimler
Sister Mary Ann Fisher
Sister Josefa Therese Lee
Consociate Jacklyne Mambe
Associate Nicole Nicoll
Associate Katherine Smith

January 23

Sister Winifred Adelsberger
Associate Sara Eliassen
Associate Lynn Fearis
Sister Sister Alma Colette Jones
Margaret Ann Keddell
Sister Rita Moriarty

January 24

Consociate Patricia Gries
Sister Katie Hoegeman
Associate Marie Iobst
Familia Marta Oliva
Sister Donna Shanahan
Associate Ellen Carlin Wyatt

January 25

Sister Karen Theresa Gaube
Associate Lori Lessmiller
Associate Catherine Schodrowski

Download the full necrology and birthday lists on the Celebrations page of the congregational website. Please report any mistakes to communications@csjcarondelet.org.