

MARCH 2023

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VIRTUE OF THE MONTH

Welcome March! This month we are celebrating the monthly virtue: **MERCY**. Caring for those who suffer.

Throughout March Kolbe students will learn about mercy through these inspiring exemplars: **St. John Vianney, St. Faustina, and St. Teresa of Calcutta.**

We are called as parents and teachers to instill these virtues into our home and community as well. Here are a few creative ideas to help you celebrate and live the mystery of Christ throughout the Liturgical Year within your family and community.

Ad maiorem Dei gloriam!

LITURGICAL LIVING AT HOME

Elementary

- As a young boy, St. Patrick was sold into slavery in Ireland. During that difficult time he developed a deep prayer life and eventually escaped and grew to be the Bishop of Ireland! Patrick was responsible for teaching many people about Jesus and as a result many converted and became Christians. Patrick used the green shamrock to explain the three Persons in one God: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. **Creative Activity:** Take a sponge and cut out the shape of a heart. Using green paint stamp it three times to make the shape of a shamrock, each time saying "In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Then dip your finger in the green paint to make the stem.

Middle School

- The feast of St. Joseph is celebrated in some areas of the US and widely in Italy with parades, special Masses, and carrying blessed fava beans. Another tradition is setting up a **St. Joseph altar** displaying custom Italian dishes like huge pans of pasta, fish, and bread to enjoy and also give to the poor. As a family, make a special St. Joseph's day dinner, or altar, with enough extras to donate to a local shelter or family in need.
- Find time this month to meditate on Christ's example of **mercy**. How can we be more aware of giving and receiving mercy this Lenten season? See the **Family Reflection worksheet** on page 3 for more ideas.

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feast days

St. Katharine
Drexel
(March 3)

St. Patrick
(March 17)

St. Casimir
(March 4)

St. Joseph
(March 19)

St. John of God
(March 8)

The Annunciation
of the Lord
(March 25)

St. Frances of
Rome
(March 9)

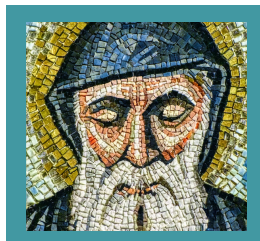
For a complete list see the
**March Feast Day
Calendar** below.

Pray FOR US

PRAYER TO OUR LADY ON THE ANNUNCIATION:

O Virgin Mother of God,
whence the Light Eternal hath
deigned to dawn upon us:
regard, we pray thee, the
pleading of thy humble
servants, that by thy holy
intercessions we may merit to
obtain the mansions eternal.
Amen.

PRAYER FROM ST. GREGORY'S PRAYER BOOK



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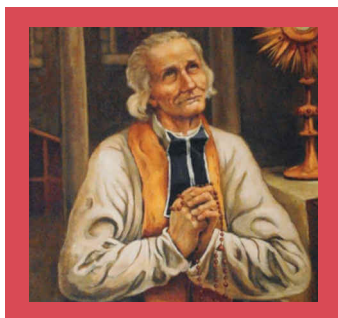
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MARCH FEAST DAY CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 St. Katharine Drexel	4 St. Casimir
5	6	7 St. Perpetua and St. Felicity	8 St. John of God	9 St. Frances of Rome	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick	18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem
19 St. Joseph	20	21	22	23 St. Toribio de Mogrovejo	24	25 The Annunciation of the Lord
26	27	28	29	30	31	





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Scripture Reflection....

As a family, take turns reading the passages below about **God's teaching on mercy**.

Ask God to open your heart and reveal the ways in which He is speaking to you in each story.

THE PARABLE OF THE UNMERCIFUL SERVANT

MATTHEW 18:21-35

REFLECTION:



THE PARABLE OF THE PRODIGAL SON

LUKE 15:11-32

REFLECTION:



**"FATHER, FORGIVE THEM; FOR THEY DO NOT KNOW
WHAT THEY ARE DOING."** LUKE 23:13-43

REFLECTION:

