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## Feast Day @ St. Joseph Church



Our Catholic Church celebrates all feast days. Feast days are ranked according to their importance. Solemnities are the most important followed by feasts, obligatory memorials and optional memorials. The most important point of a feast day is that they are meant to be celebrated, especially solemnities. A saint's feast day can be the day of their actual death or a day assigned by the church. Saints are celebrating their feast day in heaven together with God.



On 18th of March, Sunday our novitiate community went to Saint Joseph Church, Cherngtalay, Phuket to attend the feast day of St. Joseph, husband of Blessed Virgin Mary which our Stigmatine parish church is dedicated to. The Holy Mass was celebrated at 11 o'clock. Bishop Joseph Prathan, the bishop of Surathani was the main celebrant. He was joined by other Stigmatine priests and a diocesan priest. During the Holy Mass there were seven children who received their First Holy Communion and ten boys and girls received the Sacrament of Confirmation.



The celebration was well attended mostly by foreigners. The choir who were mostly Filipinos solemnly delighted the said celebration through their songs. After the holy mass we prayed a special prayer to St. Joseph. After that we had delicious lunch together with the parishioners and the visitors. It was a nice and meaningful feast day celebration. We all enjoyed the celebration. – Novice Tom

## Fr. Claudio, in Thailand!

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After attending the provincial chapter of the Province of Mary the Morning Star, on March 24, 2018, Fr. Claudio visited the Inter-Provincial Novitiate Community in Phuket. The next day after his arrival, the member of the new General Council joined the celebration of the Palm Sunday in Assumption Church. His presence made the celebration more joyful as he was warmly welcome by the parishioners.

When we came back in the novitiate house we had an open forum with him. He openly answered our questions and shared to us his experiences during his novitiate year. Fr. Claudio emphasized the importance of unity in the international community. He taught us opening our mind to different environments, acknowledging the culture of others and to selflessly help each other in the community. The session lasted for almost an hour which was followed by lunch.





In the afternoon, Fr. Claudio was accompanied by our novice master- Fr. Joseph, to enjoy the day by visiting some tourist spots in the city. They also took the opportunity to visit the departed Stigmatine Missionaries in our cemetery. In the evening, for dinner, we prepared authentic dishes from our respective country. After our dinner, we expressed our gratefulness to Fr. Claudio for visiting us- it may be a short period of time but his companionship will be remembered for a lifetime. On the next day, March 26, early in the morning he traveled **~** 

to Chiang Rai to visit the newly established stigmatine mission area. - Novice Jack

#### INTER-PROVINCIAL NOVITIATE COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER The Holy Triduum

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On the evening at 7:00 of March 29, the Holy Thursday we commemorated the Last Supper of the Lord. We the novitiate community participated the Last Supper of the Lord and the Washing of Feet at Assumption Church. The celebration was presided by Fr. Paul, the pastor of the Church and was joined by Fr. Joseph and Fr. Michael. The Mass was ended by the transfer of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose provided at the side of the Church. And we joined the parishioners in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

At home we continued with our adoration inside our chapel. An hour of adoration was dedicated leaded by Fr. Joseph our Master. Incorporated in our adoration were reading of the

word of God, reflection reading, short video clips, series of adoration prayers and adoration songs. It was a meaningful experience for all of us. We were joined also by our Thai brothers.

Shortly after our adoration we headed to the refectory for the "Breaking of the Bread". Fr. Joseph kindly provided us bread and milk to share with on that night. It was another



meaningful celebration: the reinactment of the Last Supper, where Jesus shares the bread to anticipate his breaking and sharing of his body on the Cross for all of us.



The next day, March 30, Good Friday. We went to clean at the cemetary in the morning together with some other parishioners. And in the afternoon at 3:00 we had our Stations of the Cross at the Novitiate with some parishioners. In the evening, we celebrated the Exaltation of the Cross at Assumption Church. The Liturgy was presided by Fr. Michael.

On Black Saturday March 31,

the Easter Vigil was celebrated and was presided by Fr. Paul the pastor and was joined by Fr. Joseph and Fr. Michael. The Easter Vigil was solemn and meaningful. Christ rose up victorous and has shone the light– the light of the world. Happy Eatser to all! – Novice Abdon

#### Congratulations to the new Provincial Councils -as of March & early April-

# Province of Mary the Morning Star







Fr. Michael Jeerasak

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The Provincial Superior and his Council





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