Living Feast Days

While "feasting" is not typically associated with Lent, there are a few special days in the Lenten calendar that merit celebration. Here are a few ideas to get you started!



March 7: Feasts of Sts. Perpetua & Felicity

- Learn more about Sts. Perpetua and Felicity at <u>catholic.org</u> or with this <u>free</u> <u>video for kids</u>!
- Grab your crayons and markers and color <u>this coloring sheet</u> of Sts. Felicity & Perpetua
- Take a meal to a new mom in your parish
- Say a pray for people who are being persecuted for their faith today



March 17: Feast of St. Patrick

- Learn more about St. Patrick on <u>catholic.org</u>. For kids, watch this <u>free Veggie</u> <u>Tale video</u>!
- Pray the "Breastplate" prayer, attributed to St. Patrick.
- St. Patrick used the shamrock to teach about the Trinity, pray the Sign of the Cross (our most common Trinitarian prayer) with extra attention. Cut out your own shamrocks to decorate.
- Make some traditional St. Patrick's Day foods, like Irish Soda Bread or corned beef & cabbage.
- · Listen to traditional Irish music during dinner



March 19: Solemnity of St. Joseph

- <u>Learn more</u> about St. Joseph and how his feast is celebrated around the world. Adults may consider a 30-day consecration to St. Joseph or reading Pope Francis' letter about St. Joseph, <u>"Patris Corde."</u>
- Add a St. Joseph prayer to mealtime grace.
- Place an image of St. Joseph in a prominent place in your home
- Watch the <u>"Catholic All Year: St. Joseph" episode</u> on formed.org and try some of <u>Kendra's recipes & crafts!</u>
- In honor of St. Joseph, a carpenter, make a plan to tackle one of those "fix it" or "refurbishing" jobs around the house.



March 25: Solemnity of the Annunciation

- Read the Gospel story of the Angel Gabriel announcing to Mary that she would be the mother of God (*Luke 1:26-38*)
- Watch a short video for kids about the Annunciation from "Brother Francis"
- Pray the Angelus as a family before dinner
- Donate baby supplies to a crisis pregnancy center or women's shelter (like InnerVisions, Catholic Charities, or Mary's Helping Hands).
- Pray the joyful mysteries of the rosary before bedtime