

Significance of March in both Julian Calendar and Gregorian Calendar

It's March, the first month of the year in the oldest Roman calendar.

In the old Roman tradition, the new year was celebrated from the first day of March through the Ides (March 15). The Ides of March marked the first full moon of the new year on the earliest Roman calendar.

Under the Roman Empire, the Ides of March was the day of Canina Infrat (March 15), which began a holy week of festivals for the Magna Mater (translated in English, "Great Mother"). Later on, Claudius decreed that there would be an official three-day period of mourning from the day of Arbor Infrat (March 22) when Attis (Phrygian god of vegetation) died until his rebirth on March 25, the date of the vernal equinox on the Julian calendar. Symbolically, Attis' death and resurrection represented the fruits of the earth, which die in winter only to rise again in the spring.

The vernal equinox is an astronomical event when the Earth's axis is not tilted away or towards the sun. In other words, the plane of the Earth's equator passes the center of the sun. The result of this planetary position is that the length of day is equal to the length of night. Thus, the name "equinox" that is derived from the Latin words "aequus" (equal) and "nox" (night). The vernal equinoctial point is defined by RA = 12h 00m 00s and longitude = 0 degree on the celestial sphere where the celestial equator and ecliptic intersect. On our present-day Gregorian calendar, the vernal equinox occurs on March 20th. This year, 2014, the vernal equinox will occur at 4:57 pm(UT).

In the Mormon tradition, March 16, 2014 will mark the day when the Oakland 9th Ward in the California Oakland Stake of Zion will witness the ordination of four (4) brethren into the office of High Priest in the Melchizedek Priesthood. They are John Dillard Sr, Robert Jeffrey, Joaquin Langarica, and Troy Williams.

In the Irish tradition, March 17 is the Feast of Saint Patrick, the patron of Ireland. Saint Patrick converted Ireland into Christianity, and March 17 marked the date of his death in 461 AD. In teaching the gospel of Jesus Christ to the Irish pagans, he utilized the green three-leaved Shamrock in his object lesson on the concept of the Holy Trinity.

In the Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, Oriental Orthodox, Anglican Christian, Lutheran and Methodist traditions, Joseph (the husband of Mary and earthly father of Jesus) is venerated a saint. Since the 10th century, Western Christianity celebrated the Feast of Saint Joseph on March 19. In 1870, Pope Pius IX declared him as patron saint and protector of the Roman Catholic Church.

Joseph is also the patron saint of workers. Joseph was a "tekton," a highly-skilled craftsman in wood and metal. However, the literal translation of "tekton" in English is "carpenter." A former Catholic priest and religious history writer on Judaism and Christianity, Geza Vermes, reported that the terms "carpenter" and "son of a carpenter" were used in the Jewish Talmud to refer to a

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very learned man, which inferred that Joseph could have been considered wise and highly literate in the Torah (the first five books of Moses in Judaism).

Saint Joseph is a great role model in the Aliling family. For the last four generations, all 23 baby boys born have been christened Jose (the Filipino version of the Hebrew name Yosef, the Syriac name Yusip, and the Greek name Joseph) named after Saint Joseph the Carpenter. The idea originated from our paternal great grandmother, Maria Cabrera Aliling, a devout Catholic from Taal, Batangas. Her righteous desire was for her son to look up to Saint Joseph as a role model on how to become: 1) a good husband, 2) a good father, and 3) a good provider for his family.

Throughout his life, Jose Aliling became known for his compassion, integrity, honesty, and good work ethics. He learned from Saint Joseph on how to teach and train his sons become Christ-like in “showing tender compassion for the poor, afflicted, and down-trodden.” (See Matthew 4:23, Mark 6:6, Acts 10:38) He ingrained in his sons the gospel doctrine that “...if ye have desires to serve God, ye are called to the work... And faith, hope, charity, and love, with an eye single to the glory of God, qualify him for the work.” (D&C 4:3,5) Last but not least, he always reminded his children that “when ye are in the service of your fellow being, ye are only in the service of your God.” (Mosiah 2:17)

Jose Aliling did his best to follow the example of Saint Joseph but, due to his own human frailties and limitations, still fell short on some of the latter’s standards. Nevertheless, Jose thought it wise for Saint Joseph to continue serving as the role model for his posterity. Often times, he would teach his children to not only look up to him, with all his faults, but also to look up higher and train their sight on Saint Joseph as their role model to pattern their personal and family life.

Presently, there are 23 Jose Alilings that look up to Saint Joseph as their role model. The children are following his footsteps of becoming good spouses, good parents, and good providers for their families. And so are all his grandsons and great grandsons following the same “3-leaf-clover” pattern set by Saint Joseph. This “3-leaf-clover” pattern is simple:

- 1) as a spouse, you are to love and honor your eternal companion as if she was Mary, the mother of Jesus.
- 2) as a parent, you are a steward of a child of God as if you are a foster parent of Jesus.
- 3) as a provider, you are to choose a career or profession that will offer your family a good quality life. As such, you must acquire the knowledge, the skills and the experience that are required in your chosen profession.

In closing, I would like to share my own personal testimony that Saint Joseph’s way of life works for my family and for those who follow the path he has shown towards a blissful personal and family life. I leave you these thoughts and feelings in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

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Family Tree of Jose Cabrera Aliling

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Jose Cabrera Aliling married Milagros Gonzales Orosa

Children:

- 1.0 Jose-Julian Orosa Aliling
- 2.0 Jose-Martin Orosa Aliling
- 3.0 Jose-Paciano Orosa Aliling
- 4.0 Jose-Bayani Orosa Aliling
- 5.0 Ma. Milagros Orosa Aliling

1.0 Jose-Julian Orosa Aliling married Rachel Benavides Yambao

Children:

- 1.1. Jose-Carmelo Yambao Aliling
- 1.2. Jose-Teodoro Yambao Aliling married Rebecca Lee Wuthrich
Children:
 - 1.2.1. Jose-Liam Wuthrich Aliling
 - 1.2.2. Jose-Tate Wuthrich Aliling
 - 1.2.3. Naiya Mae Wuthrich Aliling

2.0 Jose-Martin Orosa Aliling married Evelyn Samaniego Pangilinan

Children:

- 2.1. Jose-Nitram Pangilinan Aliling married Ann Mae Badua Climaco
Children:
 - 2.1.1. Micah Isabel Climaco Aliling
 - 2.1.2. Jose-Marco Climaco Aliling
- 2.2. Jose-Ramon Pangilinan Aliling

3.0 Jose-Paciano Orosa Aliling married Catalina Mistica Zamora

Children:

- 3.1. Jose-Paulo Zamora Aliling
- 3.2. Jose-Percival Zamora Aliling
- 3.3. Jose-Pocholo Zamora Aliling
- 3.4. Jose-Luis Zamora Aliling

4.0 Jose-Bayani Orosa Aliling married Virginia May Reyes Torres

Children:

- 4.1. Jose-Antonio Torres Aliling married Kristine Hernandez Tanega
Child:
 - 4.1.1. Jose-Santiago Tanega Aliling
- 4.2. Jose-Karlo Torres Aliling married Nathalie Geslani Lao

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Child:

4.2.1. Jose-Diego Rafael Lao Aliling

4.3. Jose-Bayani Torres Aliling Jr

5.0 Ma. Milagros Orosa Aliling married Efren Mangalino Lapus

Children:

5.1. Emmanuel-Jose Aliling Lapus married Clarisa Usero Luyun

Child:

5.1.2. Eunice Luyun Lapus

5.2. Ana Patricia Aliling Lapus

5.3. Miguel-Jose Aliling Lapus

Jose Julian Orosa Aliling

July 20, 2014