

# Pilgrim Icon: St. JOSEPH

December, 2021 to April, 2024

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Announced at the 2021 Supreme Convention, Alabama's Icon arrived late that year. The first two services were conducted by Most Merciful Jesus Council #17519 on 15- and 17-December, one in their sanctuary and the other in the Grand Knight's residence.

In the subsequent 27 months, I have received Form 10784s documenting Icon activity at only six councils in four districts. I've been verbally advised of services by other councils in other districts, but have no documentary evidence to support this.

The most ambitious program to date was conducted in March, 2022, by Huntsville's Good Shepherd Council #11672. In the space of a single week, the Icon was venerated by 1,500 souls at services at two parishes, two parish schools, and a fish fry. The Grand Knight credited pastors at both parishes of being driving forces behind the large turnouts. A Round Table at the time, the second parish and one school cited are now served by St. Joseph Council #18199. While not submitting its own Form 10784, Holy Spirit Council #764 did have a hand in supporting the service at its school.

Next to that would be the presence of the Icon this and last March at the Cenacolo Community's annual St. Joseph's Day. Bishops Raica and Baker and other clergy concelebrated Masses there both years.



Looking ahead, May and the first half of June remain available. District 7 has requested the Icon for 15-Jun through 15-Jul. Since the Icon will by then have had a longer run than any of its predecessors, it seems likely that Supreme may well launch its replacement at its upcoming convention in August.

Respectfully submitted,  
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