

+ Ite ad Joseph! + Go to Joseph! + ...

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Solemnity of St Joseph

+ Patron of the Universal Church +
+ Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary +
+ Protector of the Divine Infant and Mary +

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Grant, we pray, almighty God, that by Saint Joseph's intercession your Church may constantly watch over the unfolding of the mysteries of human salvation, whose beginnings you entrusted to his faithful care.

Collect ~Today's Liturgy



"The same divine hand which fashions each man's heart gave a father's heart to Joseph and a son's heart to Jesus, so that Jesus obeyed Joseph and Joseph did not fear to command Jesus. It was because Christ's true Father had chosen Joseph to act as father to His Son in this world. **And in so doing God had, as it were, charged Joseph's breast with some ray or spark of His own boundless love for His Son.** It was that that **aroused a father's love** in Joseph; so much so that, feeling a father's heart burn within him, Joseph also felt that God was telling him to use a father's authority." - *Bossuet*



"Saint Joseph believed unhesitatingly in the mystery of the Incarnation, in the fruitful virginity and in the divine maternity of Mary. He **believed without seeing** the miracles that were to fill Judea with his glory and renown of his holy name.

We too **should recognize Jesus** in the **frail Host** that is offered to us at the altar. Here He is even smaller than at Bethlehem, more hidden than in Saint Joseph's workshop. Still it is He, *'I believe all the Son of God has spoken, than Truth's own word there is no truer token.'*"

Bishop Pierre-Anastase Pichenot



**"He [St. Joseph] nourished with the greatest solicitude
Him whom the faithful were one day to receive
as the Bread of Life on their homeward journey." ~ Pope Pius IX**

"Saint Joseph joined with Mary in adoration and united himself to Christ, Whose heart surged with sentiments of adoration, love and praise for the Father and of charity for men. St. Joseph's adoration kept pace with every stage of our Lord's life, drawing upon the grace, the spirit, and the virtue of each mystery.

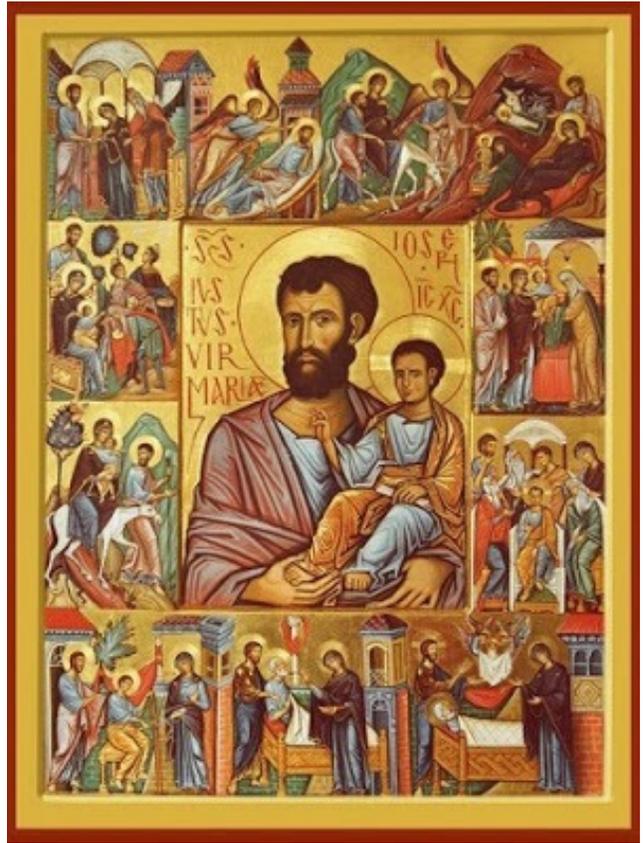
In the Incarnation he adored the self-annihilation of the Son of God; at Bethlehem, the poverty; at Nazareth, the silence, the apparent weakness, the obedience, and all the other virtues of Christ....

Because his faith was so strong, Joseph's mind and heart bowed in perfect adoration.

Imitate his faith as you kneel before the humble Christ annihilated in the Eucharist.

Pierce the veil which covers this furnace of love and adore the hidden God. "

St Peter Julian Eymard



"To other Saints our Lord has given power to help in one sort of need, but this glorious saint, as I know by experience, helps us in every need." - *St Teresa of Avila*



"When Egypt was laid waste by the great famine,
Pharaoh told his people,
Ite ad Joseph! - Go to Joseph! (Genesis 41:55)
So if we are in trouble, let us listen to the word of the Lord
and take Pharaoh's advice;
let us go to Joseph if we wish to be consoled."
- St Alphonsus de Ligouri

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St Joseph, pray for us!