

greatest miracle of its kind—we must take note that St. Joseph appeared. Sr. Lucia recalls in her memoir: “Our lady having disappeared in the immensity of the firmament, we saw beside the sun, St. Joseph with the child Jesus, and our Lady clothed in white with a blue mantle. St. Joseph and the child Jesus seemed to bless the world with gestures, which they made with their hands in the form of a cross.” We reasonably conclude that St. Joseph is therefore, the patron of the triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

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IN HONOUR OF ST. JOSEPH.

Hymn.

C Aélitum Jó-seph decus, atque nóstrae Cérra spes ví-tae, columénque mún-di, Quas tibi laéti cánimus, beníg-nus Sús- cipe láudes. 2. Te Sátor ré-rum stá-tu-ít pudí-cae Vírginis spónsum, volu-ítque Vérbi Te pátrém dí-cí, dédit et mí-nístrum Es-se salú-tis. 3. Tu Redemptó-rem stá-bu-lo jacéntem, Quem chórus Vá-tum céci-nit futú-rum, Aspi-cis gáudens, humi-lísque ná-tum Nú-men ad-ó-ras. 4. Rex Dé-us ré-gum, Dominátor ór-bis, Cújus ad-nú-tum trémít inferórum Túrba, cui prónus famulátur aéther, Se tí-bi súbdít. 5. Laus sit excélsae Trí-adi perén-nis, Quae tí-bi praébens súperos honóres, Det tú-is nó-bis mé-ri-tis be-á-tae Gáu-di-a ví-tae. Amen.

St. Joseph’s Parish Celebrates its glorious patron Saint Joseph

Litany of St. Joseph

Christ, have mercy. *Christ, have mercy.*
 Lord, have mercy. *Lord, have mercy.*
 Christ, hear us. *Christ, hear us.*
 Christ, graciously hear us. *Christ, graciously hear us.*

God, the Father of Heaven,
have mercy on us.
 God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
have mercy on us.
 God the Holy Spirit,
have mercy on us.
 Holy Trinity, One God,
have mercy on us.

Holy Mary, *pray for us, etc.*
 St. Joseph,
 Renowned offspring of David,
 Light of Patriarchs,
 Spouse of the Mother of God,
 Chaste guardian of the Virgin,
 Foster father of the Son of God,
 Diligent protector of Christ,
 Head of the Holy Family,
 Joseph most just,
 Joseph most chaste,
 Joseph most prudent,
 Joseph most strong,
 Joseph most obedient,
 Joseph most faithful,
 Mirror of patience,
 Lover of poverty,
 Model of artisans,
 Glory of home life,
 Guardian of virgins,
 Pillar of families,
 Solace of the wretched,
 Hope of the sick,
 Patron of the dying,
 Terror of demons,
 Protector of Holy Church,

Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world,
Spare us, O Lord!
 Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world,
Graciously hear us, O Lord!
 Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world,
Have mercy on us!

V. He made him the lord of his household.
R. And prince over all his possessions.

Let us pray.

K Yri-e e-lé-i-son. *ij.* Christe e-lé-i-son. *ij.* Ký-ri-e e-lé-i-son. *ij.* Christe áudi nos. *ij.* Christe exáudi nos. *ij.*

Pá-ter de caé-lis Dé-us, mi-se-ré-re nó-bis.
 Fí-li Redémptor mún-di Dé-us, mi-se-ré-re nó-bis.
 Spí-ri-tus Sáncte Dé-us, mi-se-ré-re nó-bis.
 Sáncta Trí-ni-tas ú-nus Dé-us, mi-se-ré-re nó-bis.

1. Sáncta Ma-ri-a, ó-ra pro nó-bis.
 2. Sán-cte Jó-seph, ó-ra pro nó-bis.

3. Próles Dá-vid ín-cly-ta	15. Jóseph fi-de-lis-si-me,
4. Lúmen Patri-ar-chá-rum,	16. Spéculum pa-ti-én-ti-ae,
5. Déi Genitri-cis spónse	17. Amátor pau-per-tá-tis,
6. Cústos pudí-ce Vírgi-nis,	18. Exémplar o-pí-fi-cum,
7. Fílii Déi nu-trí-ci-e,	19. Domésticae ví-tae dé-cus,
8. Christi defén-sor sé-du-le,	20. Cú-stos vír-gi-num,
9. Almae Famili-ae praé-ses,	21. Familiá-rum có-lu-men,
10. Jóseph ju-stíssi-me,	22. Solátium mi-se-ró-rum,
11. Jóseph ca-stíssi-me,	23. Spes ae-gro-tánti-um,
12. Jóseph pru-den-tíssi-me,	24. Patróné mo-ri-én-ti-um,
13. Jóseph for-tíssi-me,	25. Tér-ror daémo-num,
14. Jóseph obedi-en-tíssi-me,	29. Protéctor sán-ctae Ec-clé-si-ae,

Agnus Dé-i, qui tóllis peccá-ta mún-di, pá-rce nó-bis
 Agnus Dé-i, qui tóllis peccá-ta mún-di, exá-u-di nos
 Agnus Dé-i, qui tóllis peccá-ta mún-di, mi-se-ré-re

Dó-mi-ne.
 Dó-mi-ne.
 nó-bis

O God, in your ineffable providence you were pleased to choose Blessed Joseph to be the spouse of your most holy Mother; grant, we beg you, that we may be worthy to have him for our intercessor in heaven whom on earth we venerate as our Protector: You who live and reign forever and ever. **R.** Amen.

Ÿ. Constituit eum dominum domus suae.
R̄. Et principem omnis possessionis suae.

Orémus.

DEus, qui ineffabili providentia | ut quem protectorem veneramur in
beatum Joseph sanctissimae | terris, * intercessorem habere me-
Genitricis tuae sponsum eligere di- | reamur in caelis : Qui vivis et regnas
gnatus es : † praesta, quaesumus; | in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

Some Glories of Saint Joseph for each day of the Novena

1st Day (March 10th)

“I wish I could persuade everyone to be devoted to the glorious St. Joseph. For, I have great experience of the blessings which he can obtain from God. I do not remember that I have ever asked anything of him which he have failed to grant. I am astonished at the great favors which God has bestowed on me through this blessed saint and the perils from which he has delivered me both in body and in soul. To other saints, the Lord seems to have given the grace to help us in some of our necessities, but my experience is that St. Joseph helps us in them all. This has also been the experience of other persons whom I have advised to commend themselves to this saint.”

—*St. Teresa of Avila*

2nd Day (March 11th)

Since our mortal enemy, Satan, is conducting in modern times virulent attacks on the two holiest institutions in the world: the Universal Church and the Domestic Church or Christian Family, we need great heavenly defenses to protect us. The protector and patron of both the universal Church, and the patron of Christian Families is our Most holy patriarch St. Joseph, Terror of demons. As St. Joseph exercised fatherly solicitude for his son, the Christ, does not that fatherly care extend also to the mystical body of Christ, the universal Church? As St. Joseph exercised fatherly authority in the Holy Family, is he not given a special role in every family?

3rd Day (March 12th)

“When I found that while still so young, I was so seriously paralyzed, and that earthly doctors were unable to cure me, I resolved to seek a cure from heavenly doctors. And though I bore my sickness with great joy, I nonetheless desired to be well again. (She will go on to say, she was in so much physical pain, that she could only be moved by being carried in a bed sheet.) I took as my advocate the glorious St. Joseph, and committed myself earnestly to him. And I found this: that my father and lord delivered me both from this trouble, and also from other and greater troubles concerning my honor and the loss of my soul. That he gave me greater blessings that I could ask of him. I beg for the love of God that anyone who does not believe me, **will put what I say to the test**, and he will see by experience what great advantages come from commending himself to this glorious patriarch and having devotion to him.” —*St. Teresa of Avila*

4th Day (March 13th)

The Incarnation happened, as we know, at the Annunciation of the Angel Gabriel to the Blessed Virgin Mary. God the Father was pleased that the conception of His only begotten Son happen in the womb of a betrothed woman. The Holy Spirit gave the child therefore—as St. Augustine says—not to Mary only, but to both Mary and Joseph. This Joseph, son of Jacob, of the line and house of David, was, by the will of God, essential to the incarnation. “How is this to be, for I know not man?” Our lady’s question only makes sense if it refers to the future: I will not know man. Could that vow be consistent with her marital vow, if her betrothed were not involved? It is most probable that Joseph had vowed also. We often praise the virginity of Mary for its unique fruitfulness. Is it not also true to say that her marriage was fruitful, not or course in the ordinary way, but in a special way? Joseph’s virginity was also fruitful in the same special way. Joseph, during what’s called his “ordeal”, chose to be a father to this son, not in an ordinary way, but in a special way. The Son of

God, unlike any other child conceived in the womb, choose who is father was to be. Would it not be fitting that He choose a man who could be a reflection of His natural heavenly Father? Both Father and Son chose each other. Joseph was more than just adoptive, he was a true virginal father to Jesus.

5th Day (March 14th)

There are unmistakable parallels between the old Testament Patriarch Joseph and the New Testament Patriarch St. Joseph. Both their fathers are named Jacob. Both are exiled into Egypt. Both receive the personal revelations of God through dreams. Both undergo severe testing of their chastity and are victorious. When the Israelites were perishing in the drought and famine, the solution was to “Go to Joseph! And do what he tells you!” In a mysterious way, in our spiritual famine, this is our solution too. Let us go to St. Joseph for comfort, protection, nourishment and salvation.

6th Day (March 15th)

“The divine household which St. Joseph governed with paternal authority contained the beginnings of the new church. The virgin Most Holy is the Mother of all Christians, and Jesus, is as it were, the 1st born of all Christians who are his brothers by adoption and redemption. Hence we conclude, that the Blessed Patriarch must regard the multitude of Christians who constitute the Church as being confided to his care in a special manner. The Church is St. Joseph’s family, beyond number, scattered throughout all lands over which he rules with a sort of paternal authority.” —*Leo XIII*

7th Day (March 16th)

“Joseph and Mary are the summit from which holiness spread over the earth. The savior began his work of salvation by this holy and virginal union, wherein is manifested His all powerful will to purify and sanctify the family, that sanctuary of love and cradle of life.”

“We have to go to Joseph not only for protection, we need St. Joseph as an impetus for a renewed commitment to evangelization of those lands where the Christian life was formerly flourishing but now being put to a hard test.” —*John Paul II*

8th Day (March 17th)

Our Lady of America (This 20th century private revelation was given to a woman called Sr. Mildred in the vicinity of Cincinnati, Ohio. In the opinion of Cardinal Burke, head of the *Apostolic Signatura*, this apparition did receive the approval of the local bishop.)

Heart of the message: Our lady asked for her image, Our Lady of America, processed solemnly by the bishops and enshrined in the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., which would then become an international center for purity. The spiritual miracles—not physical—she said, would be greater than the physical ones of Lourdes and Fatima.

Regarding St. Joseph, Sr. Mildred recalls in her memoir: “In early October in 1956, about a week after our Lady’s first appearance, St. Joseph although I did not see him at this time, spoke to me these words: My heart suffered with the hearts of Jesus and Mary. Mine was a silent suffering. For it was my special vocation to hide and shield as long as God willed the Virgin Mother and Son from the malice and hatred of men. The most painful of my sorrows is that I knew before hand of their passion, yet would not be there to console them. Their future suffering was ever-present to me, and became my daily cross. So I became in union with my holy spouse, co-redemptor of the human race. Through compassion for the sufferings of Jesus and Mary, I cooperated as no other for the salvation of the world.”

9th Day (March 18th)

Our Lady’s Appearance at Fatima. After speaking about many horrific difficulties, Mary said, “In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph.” During the Miracle of the Sun Oct. 13th, 1917—probably the