

# ST. JOSEPH

MODEL OF HOLINESS

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Part 3 of 3



# *Tonight*

1. Liturgy

2. Prayer & Devotion

3. Imitation

*Liturgy*



# March 19

Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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“The 19th of March was dedicated to Saint Joseph in several Western calendars by the 10th century, and this custom was established in Rome by 1479. Pope Pius V extended its use to the entire Roman Rite by his Apostolic Constitution Quo primum (14 July 1570).”

from Wikipedia



# CANON LAW

## CHAPTER I. Feast Days

**CAN. 1246** §1. Sunday, on which by apostolic tradition the paschal mystery is celebrated, must be observed in the universal Church as the primordial holy day of obligation. **The following days must also be observed:** the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Epiphany, the Ascension, the Body and Blood of Christ, Holy Mary the Mother of God, her Immaculate Conception, her Assumption, **Saint Joseph**, Saint Peter and Saint Paul the Apostles, and All Saints.

§2. With the prior approval of the Apostolic See, however, the conference of bishops can suppress some of the holy days of obligation or transfer them to a Sunday.

## CAPUT I. De Diebus Festis

**CAN. 1246** §1. Dies dominica in qua mysterium paschale celebratur, ex apostolica traditione, in universa Ecclesia uti primordialis dies festus de praecepto servanda est. Itemque servari debent dies Nativitatis Domini Nostri Iesu Christi, Epiphaniae, Ascensionis et sanctissimi Corporis et Sanguinis Christi, Sanctae Dei Genetricis Mariae, eiusdem Immaculae Conceptionis et Assumptionis, sancti Ioseph, sanctorum Petri et Pauli Apostolorum, omnium denique Sanctorum.

§2. Episcoporum conferentia tamen potest, praevia Apostolicae Sedis approbatione, quosdam ex diebus festis de praecepto abolere vel ad diem dominicam transferre.



March 19  
**SAINT JOSEPH,  
SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**  
Solemnity

**Entrance Antiphon**

Cf. Lk 12: 42

Behold, a faithful and prudent steward,  
whom the Lord set over his household.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

**Collect**

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.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

The Creed is said.



**I**t is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
and on the Solemnity of Saint Joseph  
to give you fitting praise,  
to glorify you and bless you.

For this just man was given by you  
as spouse to the Virgin Mother of God  
and set as a wise and faithful servant  
in charge of your household  
to watch like a father over your Only Begotten Son,  
who was conceived by the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit,  
our Lord Jesus Christ.

Through him the Angels praise your majesty,  
Dominions adore and Powers tremble before you.  
Heaven and the Virtues of heaven and the blessed Seraphim  
worship together with exultation.

May our voices, we pray, join with theirs  
in humble praise, as we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts . . .



## The Story of Saint Joseph the Worker

To foster deep devotion to Saint Joseph among Catholics, and in response to the “May Day” celebrations for workers sponsored by Communists, Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker in 1955. This feast extends the long relationship between Joseph and the cause of workers in both Catholic faith and devotion. Beginning in the Book of Genesis, the dignity of human work has long been celebrated as a participation in the creative work of God. By work, humankind both fulfills the command found in Genesis to care for the earth (Gn 2:15) and to be productive in their labors. Saint Joseph, the carpenter and foster father of Jesus, is but one example of the holiness of human labor.

from [franciscanmedia.org](http://franciscanmedia.org)

# MAY

May 1

## Saint Joseph the Worker

### Entrance Antiphon

Ps 128 (127): 1-2

Blessed are all who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!  
By the labor of your hands you shall eat;  
blessed are you, and blessed will you be, alleluia.

### Collect

O God, Creator of all things,  
who laid down for the human race the law of work,  
graciously grant  
that by the example of Saint Joseph and under his patronage  
we may complete the works you set us to do  
and attain the rewards you promise.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.



**I**t is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
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Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
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# NOVEMBER 13, 1962

St. John XXIII adds the name of  
St. Joseph to the Roman Canon  
(Eucharistic Prayer I)

## MAY 1, 2013

“with Blessed Joseph  
her spouse”

**In Eucharistic Prayer II:**

... that with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God,  
with blessed Joseph, her Spouse,  
with the blessed Apostles ...

**In Eucharistic Prayer III:**

... especially with the most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God,  
with blessed Joseph, her Spouse,  
with your blessed Apostles and glorious Martyrs ...

**In Eucharistic Prayer IV:**

... with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God,  
with blessed Joseph, her Spouse,  
and with your Apostles ...

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## HYMN

## Holy Patron Thee Saluting



1. Ho - ly pa - tron, thee sa - lut - ing  
2. Thou who faith - ful - ly at - tend - ed  
3. May our fer - vent pray'rs as - cend - ing,  
4. Through this life, O watch a - round us!



Here we meet, with hearts sin - cere; Blest Saint Jo - seph,  
Him whom heav'n and earth a - dore; Who with pi - ous  
Move thee for our souls to plead; May thy smile of  
Fill with love our ev - 'ry breath, And, when part - ing



all u - nit - ing, Call on thee to hear our prayer  
care de - fend - ed Ma - ry, Vir - gin ev - er pure.  
peace de - scend - ing, Ben - e - dic - tions on us shed.  
fear sur - rounds us, Guide us through the toils of death.

# Other Hymns

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See [liturgytools.com](http://liturgytools.com)

(Search “St. Joseph Hymns”)

# How Can We Deepen Our Devotion to St. Joseph?

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- Draw close to him in prayer and ask for his intercession
- Reflect on him, and read about his graces and virtues
- Seek to imitate him



*Imitation*

## His Identity

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- Faithful Jew
- Of the Line of David
- Husband of Mary
- (Foster) Father of Jesus
- Carpenter
- Hometown of Nazareth

## His Qualities

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- Just
- Chaste
- Obedient
- Silent
- Chosen by God



Human  
Fatherhood  
Reflective of  
God the Father





Patron of Men,  
Husbands,  
& Fathers



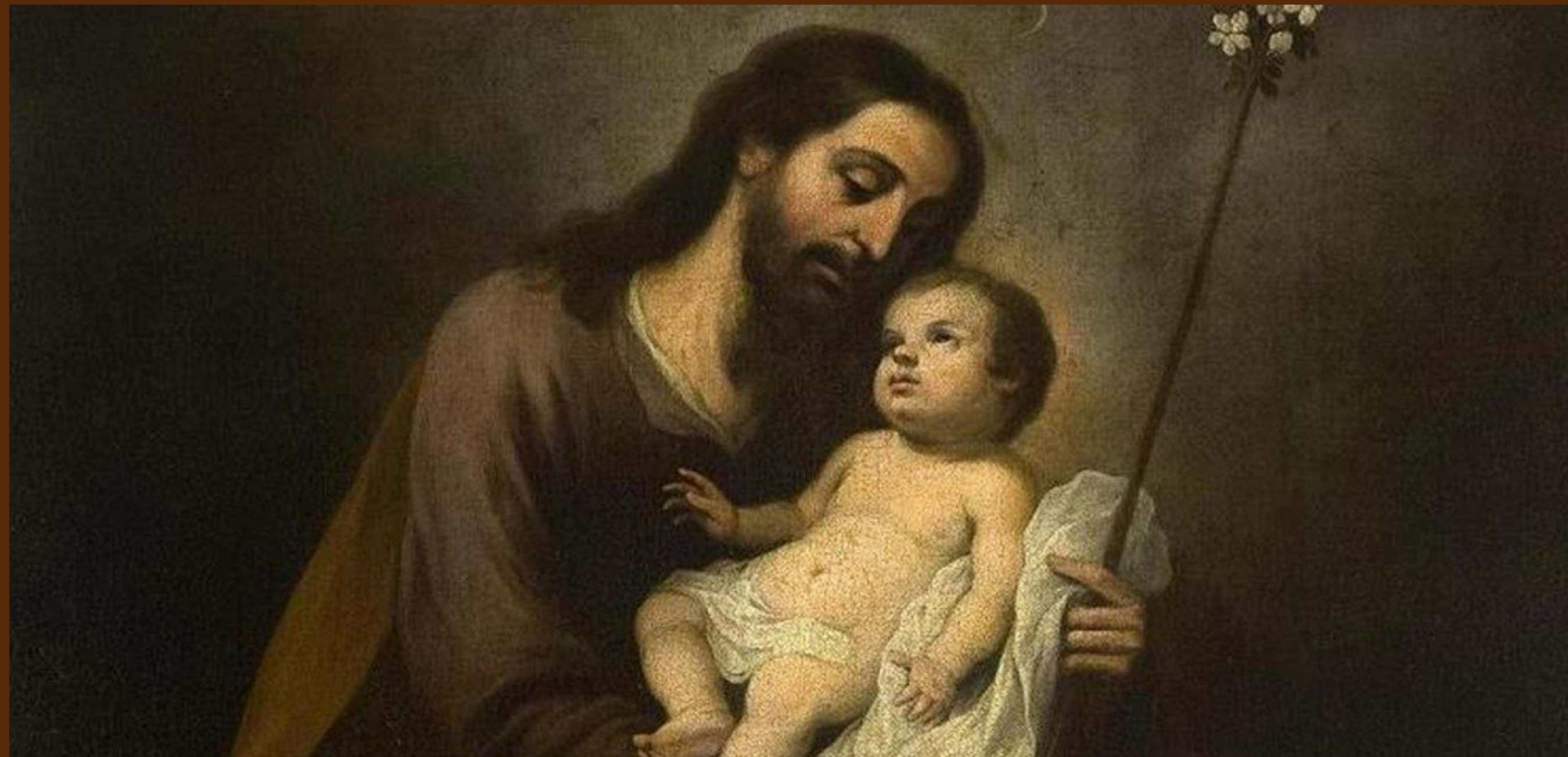




*Model of the Kind of Man  
Women Should Look For*



# Patron of Interior Life







# Patron of Workers

“Whatever your task, work heartily, as serving the Lord and not men.”

-Colossians 3:23

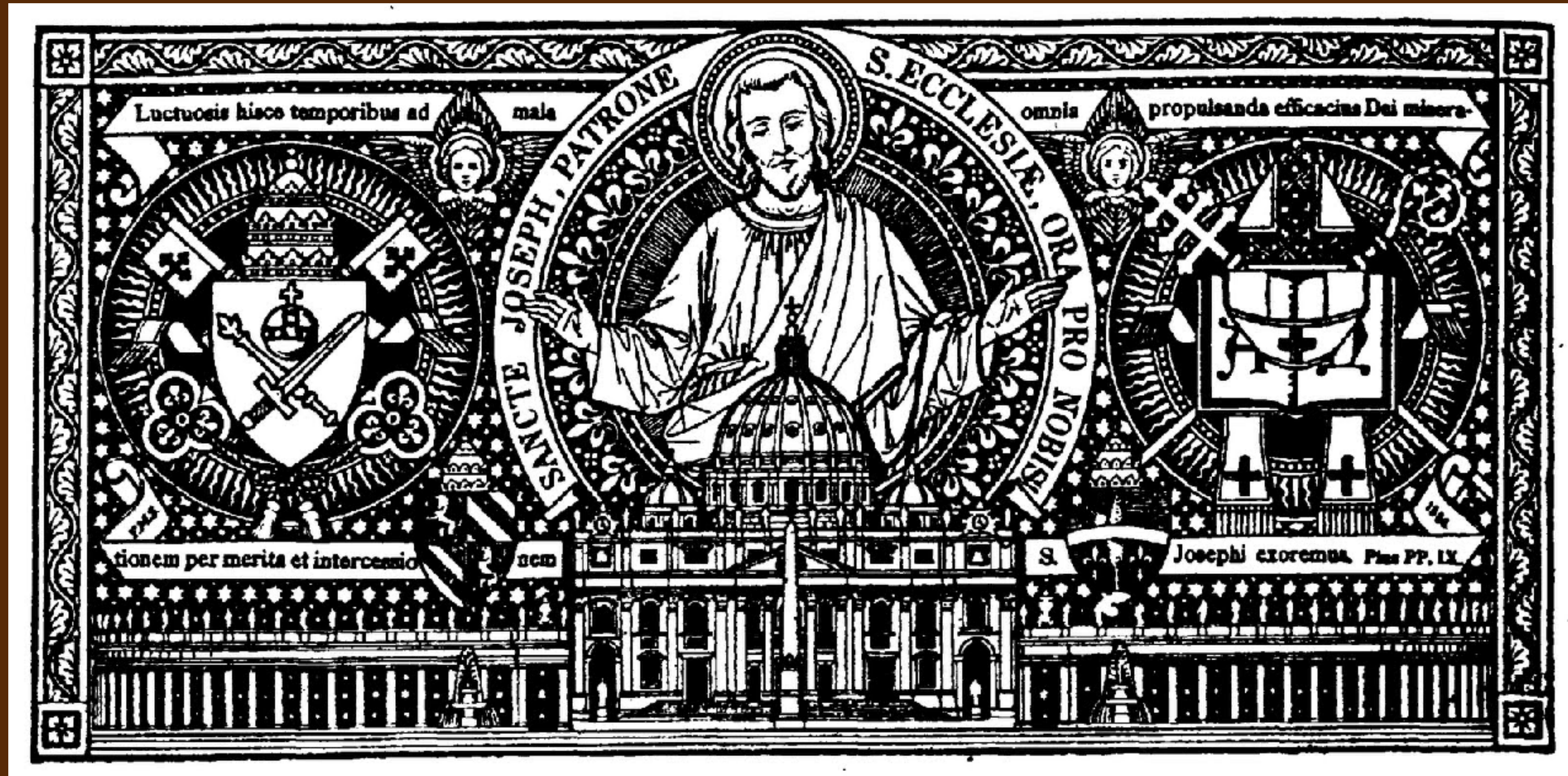


# Patron of a Happy Death





# Patron of the Universal Church



December 8, 1870 - Bl. Pius IX declares St. Joseph Patron of the Universal Church



# QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION

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**Interior Life:** How can I cultivate the deep interior life that St. Joseph had?

**Work:** How can I work like St. Joseph?

**Death:** How can I prepare to die well, like St. Joseph?

**Virtue:** How can I live the balance of virtues St. Joseph had?