

Holy Heroes



St. Joseph, Husband of Mary Feast Day, March 19

Saint Joseph was Jesus' foster father and the husband and protector of the Blessed Virgin Mary. A simple carpenter by trade, he was chosen by God from among all men to aid Mary in helping Jesus grow to manhood. The Bible tells us he was a 'just man.' That means he was a good man, honest, fair and God-loving.

After an angel told Mary that she would be the Mother of God, Saint Joseph wondered what to do. An angel appeared to him in a dream and told him not to worry, that the child was the Messiah and was conceived by the Holy Spirit. Joseph trusted the angel and God; he married Mary and took her into his home.

After Jesus was born, another angel warned Joseph that the child was in danger. Joseph was told to flee into Egypt with his family to escape King Herod's soldiers, and he did so.

Joseph was a kind, patient father and took good care of Mary and Jesus. Though he was a simple working man, Joseph was descended from David, the greatest king of Israel. He was a man of great faith. He is holy because he lived a life of obedience to God, and always trusted in the word and will of God.

Joseph is the patron saint of fathers, carpenters and the Universal Church.

PRAYER

*Saint Joseph, as you were always
Obedient to the will of God,
Help me see clearly the path
Of life God has planned for me.*