

# ST. MARTIN DE PORRES PARISH

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A Prayer for Fathers (Our Sunday Visitor © 2009)

God our Father, we give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.

We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; May they find the courage and perseverance to balance work, family, and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for our own fathers who have supported and challenged us; May they continue to lead in strong and gentle ways.

We remember fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; May they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great-grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.

Amen.



YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH  
December 8, 2020 – December 8, 2021

**Prayer:**

**Saint Joseph, patron of the universal Church, watch over the Church as carefully as you watched over Jesus, help protect it and guide it as you did with your adopted son.  
Amen**

**Saint Joseph** was Mary's husband and the foster father of Jesus on earth. Before Jesus' birth, an angel came to Joseph in a dream and told him, "Do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her" (Matthew 1:20). Even though Joseph did not understand how this could be, he obeyed God's will. He married Mary and cared for her and Jesus.

When Jesus was a baby, Joseph took him and Mary to Egypt to protect them from King Herod, who wanted to kill all newborn boys. With Mary, Joseph took Jesus to the Temple to present him to God. When Jesus was lost in the Temple at age twelve, Joseph helped Mary find him.

Joseph was a carpenter, and he taught Jesus how to be a carpenter, too. We don't know how Saint Joseph died, but we believe Mary and Jesus were with him. Today, we pray to Saint Joseph for a happy and peaceful death.

The Church honors Saint Joseph on March 19th and on the Feast of the Holy Family, on the Sunday after Christmas.

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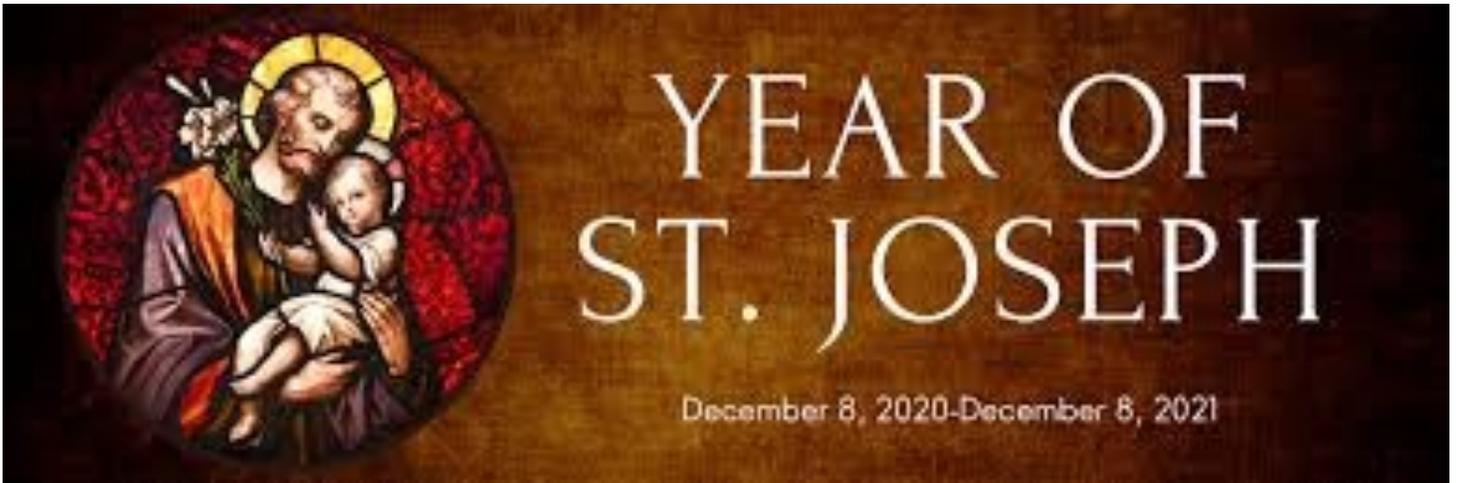
## Websites to learn more about St. Joseph

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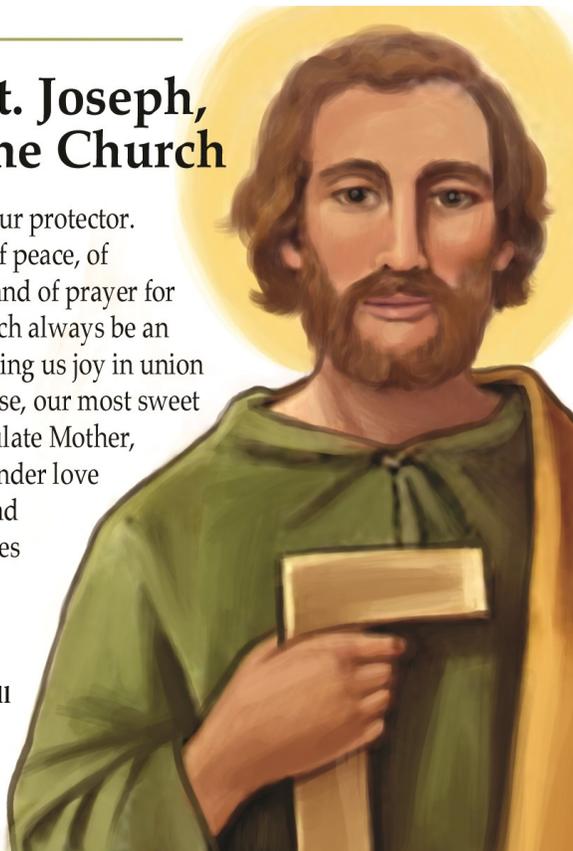
### Prayer to St. Joseph, Patron of the Church

St. Joseph! Always be our protector.  
May your inner spirit of peace, of  
silence, of good work, and of prayer for  
the cause of Holy Church always be an  
inspiration to us and bring us joy in union  
with your blessed spouse, our most sweet  
and gentle and Immaculate Mother,  
and in the strong yet tender love  
of Jesus, the glorious and  
immortal King of all ages  
and peoples.  
Amen

—Pope St. John XXIII



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**Who is St. Joseph? St. Joseph is the patron saint of the Universal Church and of Happy Death. Joseph played a key role in Jesus and Mary's life but is sometimes forgotten. What if he didn't say yes to the angel? What if he didn't trust in the Holy Spirit and believe the warning to flee to keep baby Jesus safe and unharmed. As parents all we want is what's best for our children, and that is exactly what Joseph did. There isn't much about Joseph in scripture other than we know he was a good husband to Mary and a good stepfather to Jesus, and a hard worker.**