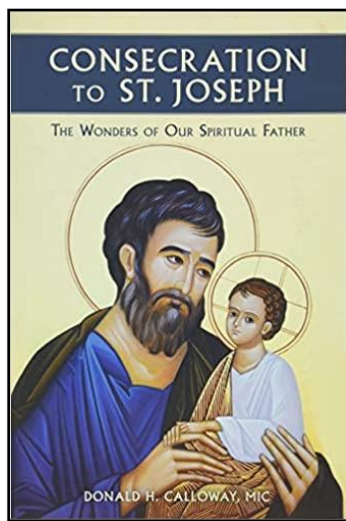


The Year of St. Joseph began on 12/8/20 and ends on 12/8/21. The Church celebrates Jesus' foster father, Joseph and we can accept Joseph into our lives as our father, too!

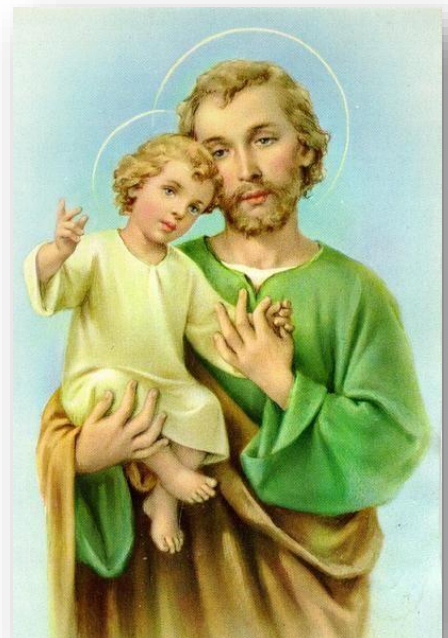


According to Fr. Donald Calloway, the author of Consecration to St. Joseph The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father, "to consecrate yourself to St. Joseph, you acknowledge that he is your spiritual father, and you want to be like him. To show it, you entrust yourself entirely into his paternal care so that he can help you acquire his virtues and become holy. Total consecration to St. Joseph means you make a formal act of filial entrustment to your spiritual father so that he can take care of your spiritual well-being and lead you to God. The person who consecrates himself to St. Joseph wants to be as close to their spiritual father as possible, to the point of resembling him in virtue and holiness. Saint Joseph, in turn, will give those consecrated to him his undivided attention, protection, and guidance."

Starting on February 15, for 33 days, we invite you to join our Theology students and pray the Litany of St. Joseph, ending on March 19 (St. Joseph's Day) with the Consecration to St. Joseph Prayer. This is a beautiful family activity to do together, especially during Lent.

### LITANY OF ST. JOSEPH

Lord, have mercy (Lord, have mercy).  
Christ, have mercy (Christ, have mercy).  
Lord, have mercy (Lord, have mercy).  
Christ, 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).  
Saint Joseph, (pray for us).  
Noble Offspring of David, (pray for us).  
Light of Patriarchs, (pray for us).  
Spouse of the Mother of God, (pray for us).  
Chaste Guardian of the Virgin, (pray for us).  
Foster-Father of the Son of God, (pray for us).  
Zealous Defender of Christ, (pray for us).  
Head of the Holy Family, (pray for us).  
Joseph Most Just, (pray for us).  
Joseph Most Chaste, (pray for us).  
Joseph Most Prudent, (pray for us).  
Joseph Most Courageous, (pray for us).  
Joseph Most Obedient, (pray for us).  
Joseph Most Faithful, (pray for us).



Mirror of Patience, (pray for us).  
Lover of Poverty, (pray for us).  
Model of Workmen, (pray for us).  
Glory of Domestic Life, (pray for us).  
Guardian of Virgins, (pray for us).  
Pillar of Families, (pray for us).  
Comfort of the Afflicted, (pray for us).  
Hope of the Sick, (pray for us).  
Patron of the Dying, (pray for us).  
Terror of Demons, (pray for us).  
Protector of the Holy Church, (pray for us).  
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,  
(Spare us, O Lord).



Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, (Graciously hear us, O Lord).  
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, (Have mercy on us).  
He has made him lord of his household,  
And prince over all his possessions.  
Let us pray. O God, who, in your loving providence, chose Blessed Joseph to be the spouse of your most Holy Mother, grant us the favor of having him for our intercessor in heaven whom on earth we venerate as our protector. You, who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

### **Consecration to St. Joseph Prayer**

O Glorious Patriarch and Patron of the Church! O Virgin Spouse of the Virgin Mother of God! O Guardian and Virginal Father of the Word Incarnate! In the presence of Jesus and Mary, I choose you this day to be my father, my guardian, and my protector. O great St. Joseph, whom God has made the Head of the Holy Family, accept me, I beseech you, though utterly unworthy, to be a member of your "Holy House." Present me to your Immaculate Spouse; ask her also to adopt me as he child. With her, pray that I may constantly think of Jesus, and serve him faithfully to the end of my life. O Terror of Demons, increase in me virtue, protect me from the evil one, and help me not to offend God in any way. I my Spiritual Father, I hereby consecrate myself to you. In faithful imitation of Jesus and Mary, I place myself and all my concerns under your care and protection. To you, after Jesus and Mary, I consecrate my body and soul, with all their faculties, my spiritual growth, my home, and all my affairs and undertakings. Forsake me not, but adopt me as a servant and a child of the Holy Family. Watch over me at all times, but especially at the house of my death. Console and strengthen me with the presence of Jesus and Mary so that, with you, I may praise and adore the Holy Trinity for all eternity. Amen.

*"God desires that all children be committed to the care of a mother and a father. You are not a member of a single-parent spiritual family. Mary is your spiritual mother, and St. Joseph is your spiritual father. The spiritual fatherhood of St. Joseph is extremely important for your spiritual growth. Total consecration to Mary is not diminished by total consecration to St. Joseph. Mary wants you to consecrate yourself to St. Joseph! Jesus wants you to consecrate yourself to St. Joseph! Everything you have given to Jesus and Mary can also be given to St. Joseph. The hearts of Jesus, Mary, and St. Joseph are one." Fr. Calloway*