

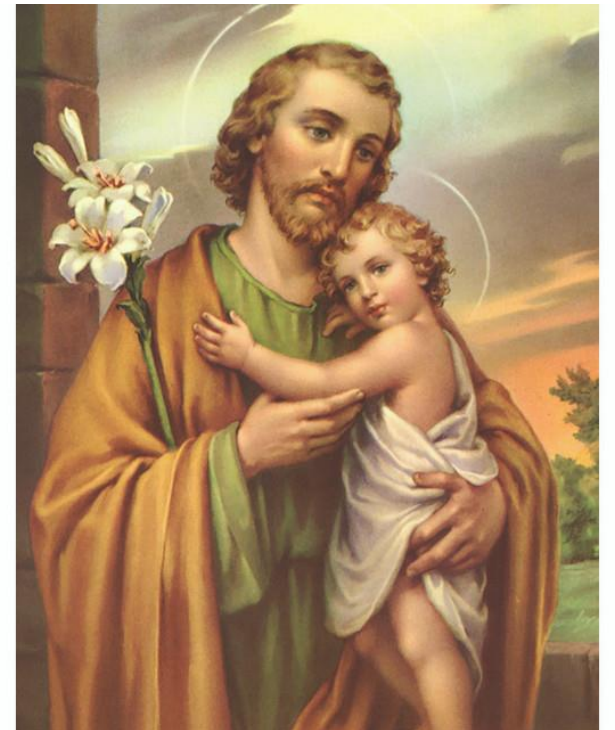


Legion of Mary Annual Conference
Presentation on Saint Joseph

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Saint Joseph – Patron St. of The Legion

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Introduction of Saint Joseph

Family, Education, Challenges, Vocation/Work

- A devout Jew of the lineage of David.
- A humble carpenter that taught Jesus the carpentry trade as a young boy.
- He supported the family through his work and devotion and as the protector of Mary and Jesus.
- His vocation as the husband to Mary and the earthly father to Jesus.
- Humble and just man that was dedicated to God through his unwavering faith and trust in God.
- Model of all earthly fathers and husbands with his faith, hard work and dedication to family.
- Patron Saint of the Universal Church.



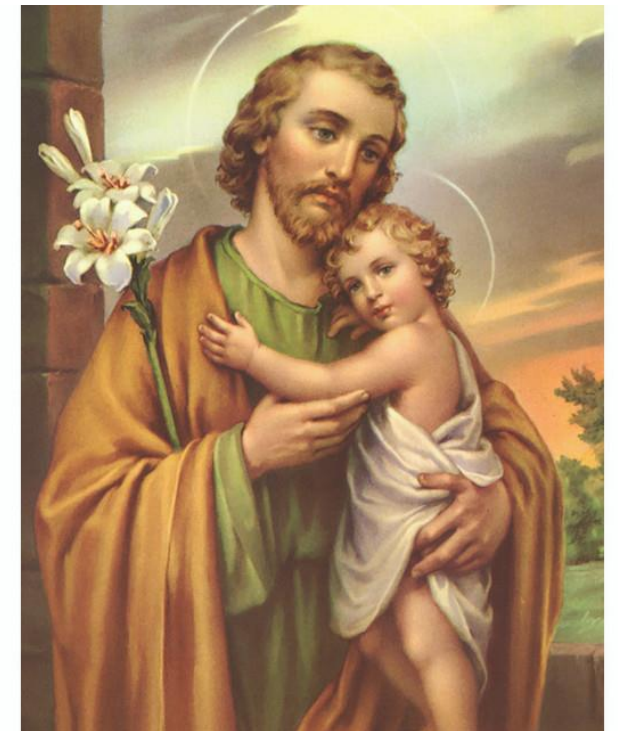
Highlights of Saint Joseph's Life

- Of Royal lineage-descendent of King David
- Tradition has it that Saint Joseph was born in Bethlehem and later lived in Nazareth.
- Guardian of the Redeemer-Earthly Father to Jesus.
- Was the husband to Mary
 - Took Mary as his spouse and wife after a dream from God communicating the Incarnation of Jesus through the Holy Spirit.
- A model of faith, humility and dedication-always obedient and trusting in God's Holy Will.



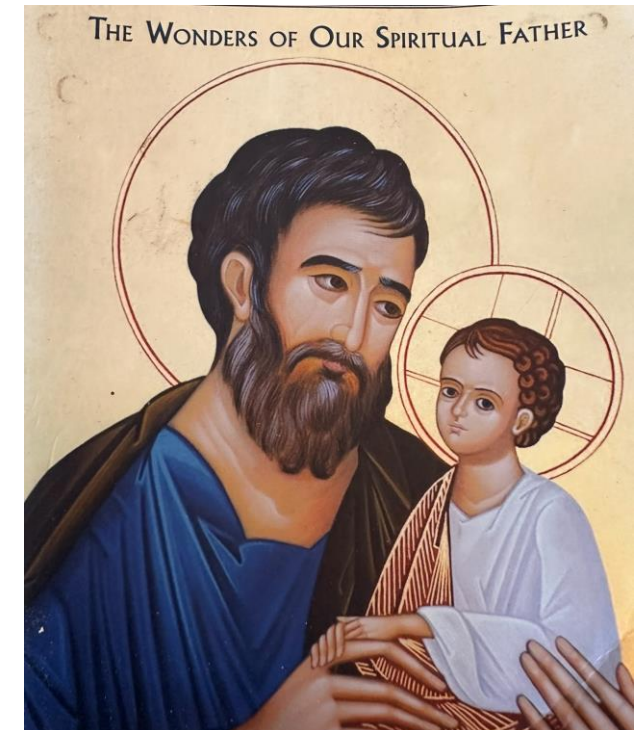
Saint Joseph Words of Wisdom

- Our Blessed Mother's fiat was at the Annunciation and Saint Joseph's fiat was in the dream he had from an Angel announcing Mary was with child and conceived by the Holy Spirit.
- Humility and obedience in accepting God's Holy Will.
- "Jesus" is only word Joseph said in the New Testament when asked the baby's name.
- Obedience to God the Father through a dream and Joseph took Mary as his spouse and trusted in God's plan.
- Joseph was an example for all through his silence and humility while providing the fatherly love to Jesus and his love to Mary as his wife.



Accounts of Saint Joseph's Heroic Courage/Virtue

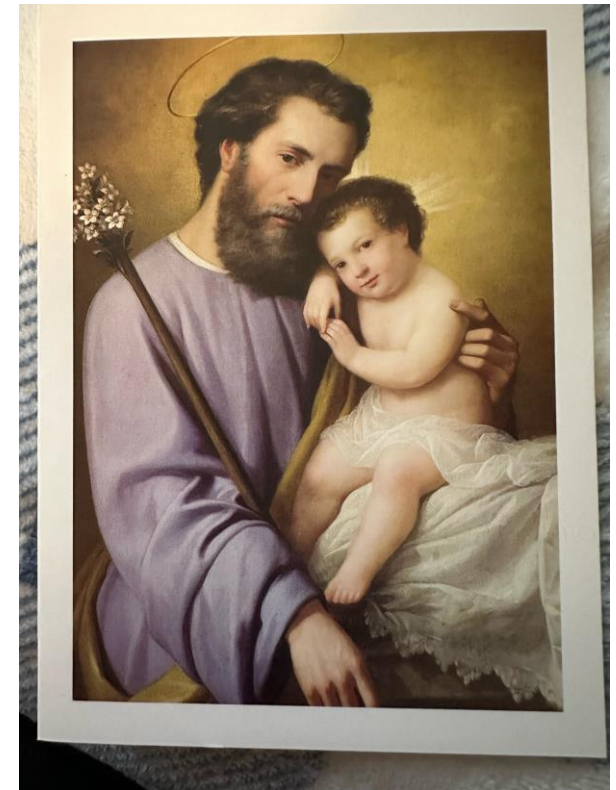
- Seven sorrows of Saint Joseph
 1. Doubt of taking Mary as his spouse-prior to receiving the message from the angel.
 2. The poverty of Jesus birth
 3. The circumcision of Jesus
 4. The prophecy of Simeon
 5. The flight into Egypt
 6. The return from Egypt
 7. Losing Jesus in Jerusalem
- Joseph was a silent contemplative man.
- Virtue of obedience to God's Will.
- Virtue of courage as protector of the Holy Family.
- Virtue of fortitude in his diligence, high work ethic and integrity as a carpenter.
- Virtue of humility demonstrating his selflessness and quiet strength in fulfilling God's Will.
- Silent witness as an example of strong faith and righteousness serving God without recognition.





Relevance of Saint Joseph's Life to The Legion of Mary

- Patron Saint of the Legion of Mary.
- Saint Joseph is the central figure in the spiritual life of the Legion of Mary and the guide for the Legion's mission of evangelization and service.
- Saint Joseph's virtues as a husband and father provide an example and template for all Legion of Mary members and their families.
- Saint Joseph provided each Legion of Mary member a perfect example of obedience and trust in God.
- Following God's divine guidance by surrendering our life to God.
- Humble service for each Legionary member without seeking recognition while protecting and nurturing the faith in our communities.



Relevance of Saint Joseph's Life to The Legion of Mary

- Saint Joseph is the *terror of demons* and is the defender and protector of the Legion of Mary.
 - The Legion of Mary needs Saint Joseph to protect us from all evil and the devil.
 - This protection will allow all Legionaries to be more courageous in our works.
 - Saint Joseph was a quiet man with great humility and worked behind the scenes. This is the example all Legionaries need to follow.
 - Working behind the scenes to save souls under the protection of Saint Joseph.





“BE NOT AFRAID”