

**SAINT JOSEPH PRAYERS AND INFORMATION BOOKLET IN
HONOR OF THE APOSTOLATE OF SAINT MARGARET OF
CASTELLO PRAYER GROUP / SOCIETY**



“Blessed be Saint Joseph, Her Most Chaste Spouse”

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[JESUS, MARY, JOSEPH, MARGARET]

THIS SAINT JOSEPH BOOKLET WAS CREATED THROUGH THE
INTERCESSION OF SAINT MARGARET OF CASTELLO.
(SAINT MARGARET OF CASTELLO [1287– 1320])

SHE MADE HERSELF AN APOSTLE OF SAINT JOSEPH AND GUIDED
MANY SOULS TO HIM.

SHE LIVED A HEROIC LIFE FOR GOD'S GLORY AND FOR THE SALVATION
OF ALL SOULS THROUGH SAINT JOSEPH'S INTERCESSION AND WAS ABLE
TO RANSOM MANY SOULS FROM SATAN'S CAPTIVITY.

THE MOST HOLY BLESSED TRINITY REWARDED LITTLE
SAINT MARGARET'S APOSTOLATE WORK BY PLACING IN HER HEART
THREE CARVED IVORY IMAGES; ONE WAS OF THE INFANT JESUS,
ANOTHER OF OUR LADY OF GRACE AND THE THIRD OF
SAINT MARGARET WITH SAINT JOSEPH.

MAY THIS PRAYER AND INFORMATION BOOKLET OF SAINT JOSEPH
INCREASE THE DEVOTION TO SAINT JOSEPH AND SECURE SALVATION
FOR THE DYING AS WELL.

MAY WE CONTINUE LITTLE SAINT MARGARET OF CASTELLO'S
APOSTOLATE WORK OF SAINT JOSEPH TO ALL WE ENCOUNTER.

During the Month of March every day is dedicated to Saint Joseph
& Throughout the Year every Wednesday is dedicated to Him
2nd Wednesday of each month is The Apostolate of Saint Margaret of Castello
Novena and Rosary. (www.BlessedMargaretofCastelloApostolate.com)

ANCIENT PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH

O SAINT JOSEPH, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interest and desires. Oh, Saint Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers. Oh, Saint Joseph, I never weary contemplating you, and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine Head for me; and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. Saint Joseph, Patron of the departing souls, pray for me. Amen.

Say for nine mornings for anything you may desire. It has never been known to fail.

This prayer was found in the fiftieth year of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. In 1505 it was sent from the Pope to Emperor Charles the V when he was going into battle. Whoever shall read this prayer or bear it or keep it about himself shall never die a sudden death or be drowned, nor shall poison take effect on him – neither shall he fall into the hands of the enemy or be burned in any fire or be overpowered in battle.

PRAYERS TO THE HOLY FAMILY AND TO SAINT JOSEPH

Jesus, Mary, Joseph I give you my heart and soul.

Jesus, Mary, Joseph assist me in my last agony.

Jesus, Mary, Joseph may I breathe forth my soul in peace with you.

Jesus, Mary, Joseph I love you, save souls, save the consecrated.

'Seven years' for each invocation (No.589)

Saint Joseph, Foster-father of our Lord Jesus Christ and true spouse of Mary, ever Virgin, pray for us.

A HOLY CRUSADE FOR THE DYING + THE PIOUS UNION OF SAINT JOSEPH - Patron of a Happy Death

O Saint Joseph, true Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Foster Father of Jesus Christ, pray for us and those in their agony this day (or this night). (300 days of indulgences)

Saint Joseph, Patron of a Happy Death, pray for us,

O GOD! I offer Thee all the masses that will be celebrated this day through out the world for sinners in their agony and for those who are to die today.

GRANT, O holy Saint Joseph, that, ever secure under thy protection, we may pass our lives without sin. *Indulgence of 300 days.*

Saint Joseph, model and patron of those whose love the Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. (*Indulgence of 100 days, once a day. –Pope Leo XIII, December 19,1891*)

Agonizing Heart of Jesus! Have pity on the dying.

THE MEMORARE TO SAINT JOSEPH

REMEMBER, O most pure spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, my sweet protector, Saint Joseph! That no one ever had recourse to thy protection or implored thy aid without obtaining relief. Confiding therefore in thy goodness, I come before thee, and humbly supplicate thee. O despise not my petitions, foster-father of the Redeemer, but graciously receive them. Amen. (*Indulgence of 300 days, once a day.*—*Pius IX. June 26, 1863.*)

ACT OF CONSECRATION TO SAINT JOSEPH

O blessed Saint Joseph! I consecrate myself to your honor, and give myself entirely to you. Be always my father, my protector, and my guide, in the way of salvation. Obtain for me a great purity of heart, and a practical love of the interior life. After your example, may I do all my actions for the greater glory of God, in union with the divine hearts of Jesus and Mary. And, in fine, deign, blessed Joseph! To make me participate in the delights of your holy death.

INVOCATION TO SAINT JOSEPH By Father Olier

HAIL JOSEPH, image of God the Father. Hail Joseph, temple of the Holy Ghost. Hail Joseph, beloved of the Holy Trinity. Hail Joseph, most faithful helper in the great plan of Redemption. Hail Joseph, most worthy spouse of the Virgin Mother. Hail Joseph, father of all the faithful. Hail Joseph, guardian of holy virgins. Hail Joseph, greatest lover of poverty. Hail Joseph, example of meekness and patience. Hail Joseph, mirror of humility and obedience. Blessed art thou among all men. And blessed are thine eyes, which have seen what thou hast seen. And blessed are thine ears, which have heard what thou hast heard. And blessed are thy hands, which has touched the Word Incarnate. And blessed are thine arms, which have carried the One who carries all things. And blessed is thy breast, on which the Son of God most sweetly reposed. And blessed is thy heart, kindled with most ardent love. And blessed be the Eternal Father, who chose thee. And blessed be the Son, who loved thee. And blessed be the Holy Ghost, who sanctified thee. And blessed be Mary, thy spouse, who loved thee as a spouse and a brother. And blessed be the Angel who guarded thee. And blessed forever be all who bless thee and who love thee.

PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH AFTER RECITATION OF THE ROSARY BY SAINT LEO XIII

To thee, O blessed Joseph, do we have recourse in our tribulation, and having implored the help of thy thrice-holy Spouse, we confidently invoke thy patronage also. By that charity wherewith thou wast united to the immaculate Virgin Mother of God, and by that fatherly affection with which thou didst embrace the Child Jesus, we beseech thee and we humbly pray, that thou wouldst look graciously upon the inheritance which Jesus Christ hath purchased by His Blood, and assist us in our needs by thy power and strength. Most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, protect the chosen people of Jesus Christ; keep far from us, most loving father, all blight of error and corruption: mercifully assist us from heaven, most mighty defender, in this our conflict with the powers of darkness; and, even as of old thou didst rescue the Child Jesus from the supreme peril of His life, so now defend God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; keep us one and all under thy continual protection, that we maybe supported by thine example and thine assistance, may be enabled to lead a holy life, die a happy death and come at last to the possession of everlasting blessedness in heaven. Amen.

An indulgence of 3 years.

An indulgence of 7 years during the month of October, when said after the recitation of the Rosary and on any Wednesday throughout the year.

A plenary indulgence once a month, on the usual conditions, for the daily recitation of this prayer

**SEVEN SORROWS, SEVEN JOYS AND THE PETITIONS OF
BENEFITS OF SAINT JOSEPH**

(*Recite (1) The Our Father, The Hail Mary and The Glory Be prayers – on page 8
after each Sorrowful and Joyful Mystery of Saint Joseph)

1st Sorrow was Saint Joseph's troubled heart - in great perplexity of putting away thy spouse, Mary. (*Saint Matthew, Chapter 1:19 - Whereupon Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing publicly to expose her, was minded to put her away privately.*)

1st Joy was for Saint Joseph the Angel announcing the Incarnation had taken place through the Holy Ghost. (*Saint Matthew, Chapter 1: 20 - But while he thought on these things, behold the angel of the Lord appeared to him in his sleep, saying: Joseph, son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife, for that which is conceived in her, is of the Holy Ghost. :21 And she shall bring forth a son: and thou shalt call his name JESUS. For he shall save his people from their sins.*)

Petition of benefits for us through the intercession of Saint Joseph; to comfort us in our last pains, the consolation of a well spent life, to have a holy death like Saint Joseph with Jesus and Mary at our side.

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2nd Sorrow Saint Joseph witnessing the Divine Child born in poverty.

(*Saint Luke, Chapter 2: 7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him up in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.*)

2nd Joy was for Saint Joseph hearing the multitude of angelic choirs singing; in the glory of the night. (*Saint Luke, Chapter 2:13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly army, praising God, and saying :14 Glory to God in the highest; and on earth peace to men of good will.*)

Petition of benefits for us through the intercession of Saint Joseph; When our journey ended we pass to that blessed land to hear angel chants and rejoice in heavenly glory.

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3rd Sorrow for Saint Joseph was the Precious Blood of the infant Savior shed at His circumcision. (*Saint Luke, Chapter 2: 21 And after eight days were accomplished, that the child should be circumcised,*

3rd Joy was for Saint Joseph professing the name of JESUS, which brought new life and heavenly joy to mankind. (*Saint Luke, Chapter 2:21 his name was called JESUS, which was called by the angel, before he was conceived in the womb.*)

Petition of benefits for us through the intercession of Saint Joseph; to be freed from vices, may cheerfully die with the sweet Name of Jesus in our hearts and on our lips.

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4th Sorrow for Saint Joseph was the prophecy of Simeon foretelling the future sufferings of Jesus and Mary and you would not be there to comfort Them in Their sorrow. (*Saint Luke, Chapter 2:34 And Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary his mother: Behold this child is set for the fall, and for the resurrection of many in Israel, and for a sign which shall be contradicted; :35 And thy own soul a sword shall pierce, that, out of many hearts, thoughts may be revealed.*)

4th Joy was for Saint Joseph understanding the prediction of the salvation and the glorious resurrection of numerable souls. (*Saint Luke, Chapter 2:34 And Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary his mother: Behold this child is set for the fall, and for the resurrection of many in Israel, and for a sign which shall be contradicted;*)

Petition of benefits for us through the intercession of Saint Joseph; to be in the number of those who by the merits of Jesus and through the intercession of His Virgin Mother and to be partakers of the resurrection of glory.

5th Sorrow for Saint Joseph was to protect and serve the Son of the Most High and his spouse Mary, in the flight into Egypt. (*Saint Matthew, Chapter 2:13 And after they were departed, behold an angel of the Lord appeared in sleep to Joseph, saying: Arise, and take the child and his mother, and fly into Egypt: and be there until I shall tell thee. For it will come to pass that Herod will seek the child to destroy him. :14 Who arose, and took the child and his mother by night, and retired into Egypt: and he was there until the death of Herod:*)

5th Joy was for Saint Joseph protection from God Himself especially through Egypt and witnessing, the overthrow of the many idols. (*Isaiahs, Chapter 19: 1 THE burden of Egypt. Behold the Lord will ascend upon a swift cloud, and will enter into Egypt, and the idols of Egypt shall be moved at his presence, and the heart of Egypt shall melt in the midst thereof*)

Petition of benefits for us through the intercession of Saint Joseph; The grace to keep far out of reach of the enemy of our souls, by quitting all dangerous occasions, that so no idol of earthly affection may no longer occupy a place in our hearts but that being entirely devoted to the service of Jesus and Mary and to live and die for Them alone.

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6th Sorrow for Saint Joseph was returning from Egypt, disturbed by the fear of King Archelaus. (*Saint Matthew, Chapter 2: :19 But when Herod was dead, behold an angel of the Lord appeared in sleep to Joseph in Egypt, :20 Saying: Arise, and take the child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel. For they are dead that sought the life of the child. :21 Who arose, and took the child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel.:22 But hearing that Archelaus reigned in Judea in the room of Herod his father, he was afraid to go thither: and being warned in sleep retired into the quarters of Galilee.*)

6th Joy was for Saint Joseph reassured by the angel of the Lord to return to Nazareth and dwell happily in the company of Jesus and Mary.

(*Saint Luke, Chapter 2 : 39 And after they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their city Nazareth.*)

Petition of benefits for us through the intercession of Saint Joseph; that our hearts be freed from idle fears, may enjoy the peace of a tranquil conscience, dwelling safely with Jesus and Mary and Joseph dying at last in their arms.

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7th Sorrow for Saint Joseph was the loss of sweet Jesus and searching for Him with great sorrow for three days.

(*Saint Luke, Chapter 2:45 And not finding him, they returned into Jerusalem, seeking him.*)

7th Joy was for Saint Joseph's unspeakable joy when he found the Divine Child, who was amidst the doctors in the temple. (*Saint Luke, Chapter 2:46 And it came to pass, that, after three days, they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, hearing them, and asking them questions.*)

Petition of benefits for us through the intercession of Saint Joseph; we may never lose Jesus by mortal sin; if so, may lead us back with unwearied sorrow until we find Him, when particularly in the hour of our death, that we may pass from this life to enjoy Him forever in heaven, there to sing with thee His divine mercies forever and ever.

V. Pray for us holy Saint Joseph.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

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Let us Pray

O GOD, Who in Thy ineffable providence didst vouchsafe to choose blessed Joseph to be the spouse of Thy most holy Mother; grant, we beseech Thee, that we may have him whom we venerate as our protector on earth, as our intercessor in heaven. Who livest and reignest forever and ever. Amen.

An indulgence of 5 years.

Plenary indulgence if these prayers are repeated with devotion daily for an entire month.

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* OUR FATHER PRAYER:

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, † hallowed be Thy Name, † Thy Kingdom come, † Thy will be done † on earth as it is in Heaven. † Give us this day † our daily bread, † and forgive us our trespasses, † as we forgive those who trespass against us. † And lead us not into temptation, † but deliver us from evil. Amen.

* HAIL MARY PRAYER:

Hail Mary, full of grace, † The Lord is with thee. † Blessed art thou among women, † and blessed is the Fruit of thy womb, **Jesus**. † Holy Mary, Mother of God, † pray for us sinners, now † and at the hour of our Death. Amen.

* GLORY BE PRAYER:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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PRAYERS OF THE HOLY CORD OF SAINT JOSEPH

Recite daily in honor of Saint Joseph seven times Gloria Patri, together with the following prayer:

O Saint Joseph, Father and Protector of Virgins, to whose faithful custody Christ Jesus, Innocence itself, and Mary Virgin of Virgins, were committed; I pray and beseech the by these dear pledges Jesus and Mary, that being preserved from all uncleanness, I may with spotless mind, pure heart and chaste body, ever most chastely serve Jesus and Mary all the days of my life. Amen

Graces precious to the piety of Saint Joseph's servants are attached to the wearing of his cord. They are: 1. Saint Joseph's special protection. 2. Purity of soul. 3. The grace of chastity. 4. Final perseverance. 5. Particular assistance at the hour of death.

Plenary Indulgences attached to the Cord of Saint Joseph. 1. On the day of entrance into the Association 2. On the day of the Feast of the Espousals of the Blessed Virgin and Saint Joseph (Jan. 23rd). 3. On 19th of March, the Feast of Saint Joseph, and on one of the seven days which immediately follow that festival. 4. On the Patronage of Saint Joseph (3rd Sunday after Easter). 5. At the article of death, for all the Associates who, being truly penitent, and having confessed their sins, shall receive the Holy Viaticum; or who, not being able to do this, shall invoke with the mouth or at least with the heart the Name of Jesus.

The Cord of Saint Joseph should be of thread or cotton, ending at one extremity in seven knots, indicative of the joyful, dolorous, and glorious mysteries of the august Patriarch. It is worn as a girdle, and ought to be blessed by a priest possessing powers to engird one with it.

LITANY OF SAINT JOSEPH

(To be said daily for the priests in purgatory)

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously bear us.

God, the Father of heaven,

have mercy on us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

Have mercy on us.

God, the Holy Ghost, *have mercy on us.*

Holy Trinity, one God, *have mercy on us.*

Holy Mary, *Pray for us.*

Holy Saint Joseph, *Pray for us.*

Renowned offspring of David, *Pray for us.*

Light of the 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.

Diligent protector of Christ, *Pray for us.*

Head of the Holy Family, *Pray for us.*

[Pope Francis added to the Litany May 1, 2021]*

*** Servant of Christ, *Pray for us.***

*** Minister of Salvation, *Pray for us.***

*** Support in Difficulties, *Pray for us.***

*** Patron of the refugee, *Pray for us.***

*** Patron of the Afflicted, *Pray for us.***

*** Patron of the Poor, *Pray for us.***

Saint Joseph most just, *Pray for us.*

Saint Joseph most chaste, *Pray for us.*

Saint Joseph most prudent, *Pray for us.*

Saint Joseph most strong, *Pray for us.*

Saint Joseph most obedient, *Pray for us.*

Saint Joseph most faithful, *Pray for us.*

Mirror of patience, *Pray for us.*

Lover of poverty, *Pray for us.*

Model of Artisans, *Pray for us.*

Glory of the home life, *Pray for us.*

Guardian of virgins, *Pray for us.*

Pillar of families, *Pray for us.*

Solace of the wretched, *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 Holy Church, *Pray for us.*

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *spare us, O Lord!*

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *graciously bear us, O Lord!*

Lamb of God, Who takest away the sins of the world, *have mercy on us, O Lord!*

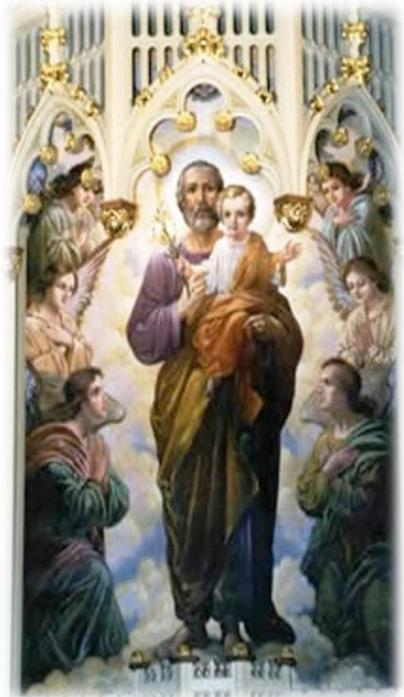
V. He made him lord of His house:

R. And ruler of all His possessions.

Let us pray.

O God, Who in Thine unspeakable Providence didst vouchsafe to choose blessed Saint Joseph to be the spouse of Thy most holy Mother: grant, we beseech Thee, that we may deserve to have him as our intercessor in heaven, Whom we venerate on earth as our protector: Who livest and reignest world without end. *Amen*

(The Raccolta / Indulgence of 7 years)



CHAPLET OF SAINT JOSEPH, ROSARY PRAYER

*The chaplet of Saint Joseph rosary is divided into fifteen the mgroups of four beads consisting of one white and three purple beads. On the white bead, symbolizes Saint Joseph's purity, announce one of mysteries of the Rosary, and say **two Hail Mary's** on that bead. On the purple beads, symbolizes his saintly piety, say the prayer on each bead in that group, "**Praised and blessed be Jesus, Mary and Joseph!**"*

The Saint Joseph Chaplet Rosary is said as follows:

1st Purple bead

Praised and blessed be Jesus, Mary and Joseph!

1st White

The Annunciation (say 2 Hail Mary's)

group of 3 Purple beads

Praised and blessed be Jesus, Mary and Joseph!

2nd White

The Visitation (say 2 Hail Mary's)

group of 3 Purple beads

Praised and blessed be Jesus, Mary and Joseph!

3rd White

The Nativity (say 2 Hail Mary's)

group of 3 Purple beads

Praised and blessed be Jesus, Mary and Joseph!

4th White

The Presentation in the Temple

(say 2 Hail Mary's)

group of 3 Purple beads

Praised and blessed be Jesus, Mary and Joseph!

5th White

The Finding of Our Lord in the

Temple (say 2 Hail Mary's)

group of 3 Purple beads

Praised and blessed be Jesus, Mary and Joseph!

6th White

The Agony in the Garden

(say 2 Hail Mary's)

group of 3 Purple beads

Praised and blessed be Jesus, Mary and Joseph!

7th White

The Scourging (say 2 Hail Mary's)

group of 3 Purple beads

Praised and blessed be Jesus, Mary and Joseph!

8th White

The Crowning with Thorns

(say 2 Hail Mary's)

group of 3 Purple beads

Praised and blessed be Jesus, Mary and Joseph!

9th White

The Carrying of the Cross

(say 2 Hail Mary's)

group of 3 Purple beads

Praised and blessed be Jesus, Mary and Joseph!

10th White

The Crucifixion (say 2 Hail Mary's)

group of 3 Purple beads

Praised and blessed be Jesus, Mary and Joseph!

11th White

The Resurrection (say 2 Hail Mary's)

group of 3 Purple beads

Praised and blessed be Jesus, Mary and Joseph!

12th White

The Ascension (say 2 Hail Mary's)

group of 3 Purple beads

Praised and blessed be Jesus, Mary and Joseph!

13th White

The Descent of the Holy Spirit

(say 2 Hail Mary's)

group of 3 Purple beads

Praised and blessed be Jesus,
Mary and Joseph!

14th White

The Assumption (say 2 Hail Mary's)

group of 3 Purple beads

Praised and blessed be Jesus,
Mary and Joseph!

15th White

The Coronation of the Blessed

Virgin (say 2 Hail Mary's)

group of 3 Purple beads

Praised and blessed be Jesus,
Mary and Joseph!

End the chaplet with the following prayers:

V Pray for us, O holy Saint Joseph.:

R That we may be made worthy of the
promises of Christ.:

Let us pray:

O God, Who has predestined Saint Joseph from all eternity for the service of Thine Eternal Son and His Blessed Mother, and made him worthy to be the spouse of this Blessed Virgin and the foster father of Thy Son; we beseech Thee, through all the services he has rendered to Jesus and Mary on earth, that Thou wouldst make us worthy of his intercession and grant us to enjoy the happiness of his company in heaven. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



NOTES ON SAINT JOSEPH

Saint Margaret of Castello had a deep strong devotion to Saint Joseph. It begins with God's love to the Incarnation, and then to Mary and Joseph. When little Margaret had to sleep in a stable, she reflected on the scene at Bethlehem when Christ was born. So vivid was her meditation that she felt as though the Savior was really present along with His Mother and Saint Joseph. Saint Margaret of Castello had a favorite subject regarding Saint Joseph and would pursue a conversation of him at great length to all those who were willing to listen to her. (*The Life of Blessed Margaret of Castello*)

(The following information on Saint Joseph from the book "Joseph the Just Man" and from "City of God by Venerable Mary of Jesus of Agreda". There was an abundance of information on Saint Joseph, therefore, decided to highlight some areas that would be beneficial to the reader.)

BIRTH BACKGROUND OF SAINT JOSEPH

Infancy of Saint Joseph, Original sin was removed from him in the seventh month of his mother's womb. A Royal family of David starting from Adam to David, through the generations to Saint Joseph. (Saint Matthew, Chapter 1:1-17) Saint Luke then ascends from Joseph, the husband of the Virgin Mary, to David, to Abraham, to Adam, "who was of God". Joseph had two fathers: one by begotten; the other by whom he was adopted. Of the old, adoption was customary among that people of God, that they may have sons, though not begotten by them. Both Evangelists namely Saint Matthew and Saint Luke, tell the truth, that one of them should show the origin of that father who begot Joseph, the other, the origin of him who adopted Joseph. Saint Matthew says: Jacob begot Joseph tracing the natural genealogy to that father by whom Joseph was not adopted, but be gotten. Saint Luke also used the term begotten by Heli but this not in flesh, but by charity. This could be reflected that we, to whom God gave the power to be made His sons, are not begotten of His nature and substance, as His only Son, but are only adopted in love." This genealogy is the highest import to Saint Joseph, to his position and office, to his greatness and title to veneration; to prove that he was son of David and is placed in the closest relationship to the promised Messiah and God-Man, if not as real father, nevertheless, as legally recognized parent.

A difference of Saint Matthew and Saint Luke which can only be explained on the supposition that the in view of the Law of the Levirate (where a man was bound to marry the widow of his brother who has died childless, and thus perpetuate the latter's family] Jacob was natural father of Joseph, while Heli was his legal father". Saint Joseph was related in the third degree to the Blessed Virgin.

CHARACTERS'

Saint Joseph was a just man and had many beautiful great virtues that were bestowed upon him. He surpassed all the saints of the Old Testament in profound holiness. He loved God from the time he was born and was exceptionally different from other children in his family and in his surrounding neighborhoods. He had established a great prayer life that he developed in his early childhood years of life and was always conversing with God. He preferred to be quiet and in solitude away from the others. He consecrated his virginity to God at the age of twelve.

ACCEPTING THE CALLING TO MATRIMONY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY *(Taken from the City of God)*

When Saint Joseph was summoned to appear among the descendants of the family of David, in order that one of them be selected as the spouse of Mary, Saint Joseph was at that time thirty-three years of age, was well favored in person and of most pleasing aspect, of incomparable modesty and grave in demeanor and above all, most pure in act, in thought, and in disposition. Saint Joseph led a life of the law, and was chosen to be the guardian and protector of Our Lady and to Mankind's Redeemer.

The prophecy of Isaias [Chap.11:1] in which foretold the spiritual kingdom of the Messias: "And there shall come forth a rod out of Jesse, and a flower shall rise up out of his root". Ancient tradition tells us that the lot fell to the holy, just, humble Joseph, and that his rod did actually bloom with flower.

The union of Mary and Joseph was according to the teaching of the Church and the holy Fathers, a true and genuine marriage. Perfection of unity of the marriage between Mary and Joseph.

ROLE OF HUSBAND AND FATHER

The angel of the Lord appeared before Joseph in his sleep saying, "Joseph, son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins".

Traveled for five days before entering Bethlehem. The sorrow for Saint Joseph, "There was no room for them in the inn". [Saint Luke 2:7] When Mary entered into the cave to deliver Infant Jesus, Saint Joseph placed himself at the entrance of the cave as a guardian, and united himself with the prayers of his spouse.
(Let us place Saint Joseph before our hearts to protect the love we have for the Holy Family).

Saint Joseph prayed for guidance and the angel appeared to him for the fourth time to direct him, to dwell in a city called Nazareth; that it might fulfilled which was said by the prophets: "That He shall be a Nazarene" [Saint Matthew 2:22,23]

Mary and Joseph resumed their daily occupations in a humble home in Nazareth in order to provide for the care of the Divine Child. Neither Mary nor Joseph revealed the secret which God had entrusted to them. Their home was one of silence and holiness.

In "silence" only man can contemplate on God. For Mary "pondered" in the interior solitude of her soul all that Jesus said and did. Saint Joseph was a silent man. The silence of spirit of Mary and Joseph resulted from their victorious surrender to God's holy Will and their living with the Divine Child sweet companionship. In their silence of Mary and Joseph they adored their God and listened to Him Whom they loved above all things.

Saint Joseph provided the necessities for his family by the industry of his hands as a carpenter, sanctifying all by prayer and good intentions. Saint Joseph held the Divine Babe to his breast, watched Him grow into boyhood and to manhood. The greatest happiness was to have Him for his constant companion in his humble shop. This most ardent love for Christ by Saint Joseph was his joy in holding sweet Jesus in his arms and conversing with Him and this together with exterior grace of the filial gaze of speech and embracement of Christ.

When much walking was required in long journeys Joseph would be full of compassion and made Jesus rest in his bosom, for he bore towards Him all the fullness of an adoptive love, as to a most dear Son given to him by the Holy Ghost.

Saint John Chrysostom said, even if He is not your son, you will take a father's care of Him. Therefore, by the very imposition of His name I appoint you in his Father's stead.

“O sweet Infant Jesus, my God and My King, permit me to unite myself with thy dear Mother and Saint Joseph in adoring Thee, and offering Thee my heart and my love.”

Saint Alphonsus taught that the whole world acknowledges Saint Joseph as the advocate of the dying, and this for four reasons.

1. Because being loved by Jesus not only as a friend but as a father, he possesses in Heaven a power of intercession greater than any other saint.
2. Because he has special power over the demons who attack us on our death-bed, this privilege having been given to him in recompense for the fact that he preserved the life of Jesus from the impious designs of Herod.
3. Because the assistance rendered to Joseph by Jesus and Mary at the hour of his death.
4. Saint Joseph has received the privilege of obtaining for his devout clients the inestimable grace of a holy and peaceful death in the sight of the Lord.

CITY OF GOD BY VENERABLE MARY OF JESUS OF AGREDA

Saint Joseph was not only assisted by Our Lord and Our Lady on the earth at the hour of death but was raised to a rank so exalted that he would be the admiration of the celestial hierarchy.

EXTRAORDINARY PRIVILEGES GRANTED BY GOD TO DEVOUT CLIENTS OF SAINT JOSEPH

1. Those who invoke him shall obtain from God, by his intercession, the gift of chastity and shall not be conquered by the temptations of senses.
2. These shall receive particular graces to deliver from them from sin.
3. They shall obtain a true devotion to the Blessed Virgin.
4. They shall have a happy death and in that all decisive moment be defended against the assaults of Satan.
5. They shall be delivered if conducive to their salvation, from bodily sufferings, and shall find help in their afflictions.
6. If married, they shall be blessed with off-spring.
7. The demons shall have a mortal dread of the invocation of the glorious name of Saint Joseph

FROM OUR HOLY FATHERS

+ The Holy Family at Nazareth has been declared the model for all Christian homes.
(By Pope Leo XIII – Apostolic Letter [*Neminem Fugit*] “It escapes no one” June 14, 1892)

+ Pope Pius XI did an apostolic letter “On Atheistic Communism” and declared Saint Joseph to be patron of the struggle against atheistic communism.

+ Pope Leo XIII interacted the movement of Anti-Catholic, imploring the help of Mary and of Saint Joseph.

+ Saint Joseph has been known that no one implored his assistance without being aided and that many and great miracles have been performed through his intercession.

BROTHER ANDRE’ “The Wonder Man of Mount Royal” Apostle of Saint Joseph
(87 minute video on WWW.YOUTUBE.COM)

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