

# An Evening With St. Joseph



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Our Lady Queen of Martyrs R.C. Church  
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## **Procession**

### **Hail Holy Joseph, Hail**

Hail, holy Joseph, hail!  
Chaste spouse of Mary, hall!  
Pure as the lily flower  
In Eden's peaceful vale.

Hail, holy Joseph, hail!  
Prince of the house of God!  
May His best graces be  
By thy sweet hands bestow'd.

Hail, holy Joseph, hail!  
Belov'd of angels, hail!  
Cheer thou the hearts that faint,  
And guide the steps that fail.

Hail, holy Joseph, hail!  
God's choice wert thou alone;  
To thee the Word made flesh  
Was subject as a Son.

O Christ's dear Mother, bless;  
And bless, ye Saints on high,  
All meek and simple souls  
That to Saint Joseph cry.

## **O Salutaris Hostia,**

O salutaris Hestia,  
Quae caeli pandis ostium:  
Bella premunt hostilia,  
Da robur, fer auxilium.

Uni trinoque Domino  
Sit sempiterna gloria,  
Qui vitam sine termino  
Nobis donet in patria. Amen.

O saving Victim, opening wide,  
The gate of heaven to man below!  
Our foes press on from every side;  
Thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.

To Thy great name by endless praise,  
Immortal Godhead, one in Three;  
Oh, grant us endless length of days,  
In our true native land with Thee. Amen

## **Prayer to Saint Joseph**

Blessed Joseph, husband of Mary, be with us this day. You protected and cherished the Virgin; loving the Child Jesus as your Son, you rescued him from danger of death. Defend the Church, the household of God, purchased by the blood of Christ.

Guardian of the Holy Family, be with us in our trials. May your prayers obtain for us the strength to flee from error and wrestle with the powers of evil, so that in life we may grow in holiness and in death rejoice in the crown of victory. Amen.

## **A Reflection from Pope Francis (from Patris Corde)**

“After Mary, the Mother of God, no saint is mentioned more frequently in the papal magisterium than Joseph, her spouse.... Blessed Pius IX declared him ‘Patron of the Catholic Church,’ Venerable Pius XII proposed him as ‘Patron of Workers’ and Saint John Paul II as ‘Guardian of the Redeemer.’ Saint Joseph is universally invoked as the ‘patron of a happy death...’

“The greatness of Saint Joseph is that he was the spouse of Mary and the father of Jesus.... At the end of every account in which Joseph plays a role, the Gospel tells us that he gets up, takes the child and his mother, and does what God commanded him....

“Joseph concretely expressed his fatherhood ‘by making his life a sacrificial service to the mystery of the incarnation and its redemptive purpose. He employed his legal authority over the Holy Family to devote himself completely to them in his life and work. He turned his human vocation to domestic love into a superhuman oblation of himself, his heart and all his abilities, a love placed at the service of the Messiah who was growing to maturity in his home....’

“Joseph accepted Mary unconditionally. He trusted in the angel’s words. The nobility of Joseph’s heart is such that what he learned from the law he made dependent on charity. Today, in our world where psychological, verbal and physical violence towards women is so evident, Joseph appears as the figure of a respectful and sensitive man. Even though he does not understand the bigger picture, he makes a decision to protect Mary’s good name, her dignity and her life. In his hesitation about how best to act, God helped him by enlightening his judgment....”

“We should always consider whether we ourselves are protecting Jesus and Mary, for they are also mysteriously entrusted to our own responsibility, care and safekeeping.

“The Son of the Almighty came into our world in a state of great vulnerability. He needed to be defended, protected, cared for, and raised by Joseph. God trusted Joseph, as did Mary, who found in him someone who would not only save her life, but would always provide for her and her child. In this sense, Saint Joseph could not be other than the Guardian of the Church, for the Church is the continuation of the Body of Christ in history, even as Mary’s motherhood is reflected in the motherhood of the Church.

“In his continued protection of the Church, Joseph continues to protect the child and his mother, and we too, by our love for the Church, continue to love the child and his mother.”

### **Psalm 1: 1-6 (sung)**

Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked,  
Nor stand in the way of sinners, nor sit in company with scoffers.

Rather, the law of the LORD is his joy; and on his law he meditates  
day and night.

He is like a tree planted near streams of water, that yields its fruit in  
season; Its leaves never wither; whatever he does prospers.

But not so are the wicked, not so! They are like chaff driven  
by the wind.

Therefore the wicked will not arise at the judgment, nor will sinners in the assembly of the just.

Because the LORD knows the way of the just, but the way of the wicked leads to ruin.

### **Alleluia (sung)**

“Blessed are those who dwell in your house, O God,  
They never cease to praise you.”

## **A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew**

### **The Birth of Jesus (Chapter 1)**

Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly.

Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, 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. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:

“Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means  
“God is with us.”

When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home. He had no relations with her until she bore a son, and he named him Jesus.

### **The Flight to Egypt (Chapter 2)**

When they had departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him.”

Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt. He stayed there until the death of Herod that what the Lord had said through the prophet might be fulfilled, “Out of Egypt I called my son.”

### **The Return from Egypt**

When Herod had died, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the child’s life are dead.” He rose, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel.

But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go back there. And because he had been warned in a dream, he departed for the region of Galilee. He went and dwelt in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, “He shall be called a Nazorean.”

### **Litany of St. Joseph**

Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

*R:* Lord, have mercy.

*R:* Christ, have mercy.

*R:* Lord, have mercy.

God our Father in heaven, God the Son, Redeemer of the world	<i>R: have mercy on us.</i>
God the Holy Spirit, Holy Trinity, one God,	<i>R: have mercy on us. R: have mercy on us.</i>
Holy Mary,	<i>R: pray for us.</i>
Saint Joseph, Noble son of the House of David,	<i>R: pray for us.</i>
Light of patriarchs, Husband of the Mother of God, Guardian of the Virgin, Foster father of the Son of God Faithful guardian of Christ Head of the Holy Family,	<i>R: pray for us. R: pray for us. R: pray for us. R: pray for us. R: pray for us. R: pray for us.</i>
Joseph, chaste and just, Joseph, prudent and brave, Joseph, obedient and loyal,	<i>R: pray for us. R: pray for us. R: pray for us.</i>
Pattern of patience Lover of poverty Model of workers Example to parents Guardian of virgins Pillar of family life Comfort of the troubled Hope of the sick Patron of the dying Terror of evil spirit Protector of the Church	<i>R: pray for us. R: pray for us. R: pray for us. R: pray for us. R: pray for us. R: pray for us. R: pray for us. R: pray for us. R: pray for us. R: pray for us. R: pray for us.</i>



Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world

*R:* have mercy on us

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world

*R:* have mercy on us

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world

*R:* have mercy on us

God made him master of his household.

*R:* And put him in charge of all that he owned.

Let us pray.

O God, who in your inexpressible providence were pleased to choose Saint Joseph as spouse of the most holy Mother of your Son, grant, we pray, that we, who revere him as our protector on earth, may be worthy of his heavenly intercession. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Tantum Ergo Sacramentum**

Tantum ergo Sacramentum,  
Veneremur cernui:  
Et antiquum documentum,  
Novo cedat ritui:  
Praestet fides supplementum,  
Sensuum defectui.

Genitori, Genitoque,  
Laus et iubilatio,  
Salus, honor, virtus quoque,  
Sit et benedictio:  
Procedenti ab utroque,  
Compar sit laudatio.  
Amen.

Down in adoration falling,  
Lo! the sacred Host we hail,  
Lo! oe'r ancient forms departing  
Newer rites of grace prevail;  
Faith for all defects supplying,  
Where the feeble senses fail.

To the everlasting Father,  
And the Son Who reigns on high  
With the Holy Spirit proceeding  
Forth from each eternally,  
Be salvation, honor blessing,  
Might and endless majesty.  
Amen

## **Prayers**

### **The Divine Praises**

Blessed be God.  
Blessed be his holy name.  
Blessed be Jesus Christ, tme God and true man.  
Blessed be the name of Jesus.  
Blessed be his most Sacred Heart.  
Blessed be his most Precious Blood.  
Blessed be Jesus in the most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.  
Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.  
Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.  
Blessed be her glorious Assumption.  
Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.  
Blessed be Saint Joseph, her most chaste spouse.  
Blessed be God in his angels and in his saints.

Holy God, We Praise Thy name.  
Holy God, we praise thy name.  
God of all, we bow before thee.  
All on earth your scepter claim; all in heaven above adore thee.  
Infinite thy vast domain,  
everlasting is thy reign.

Hark, the loud celestial hymn,  
angel choirs above are raising.  
Cherubim and seraphim,  
in unceasing chorus praising,  
fill the heavens with sweet accord:  
Holy, holy, holy Lord.

## **Prayer for Quiet Reflection**

### **Pope Francis Prayer (Patris Corde)**

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

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