

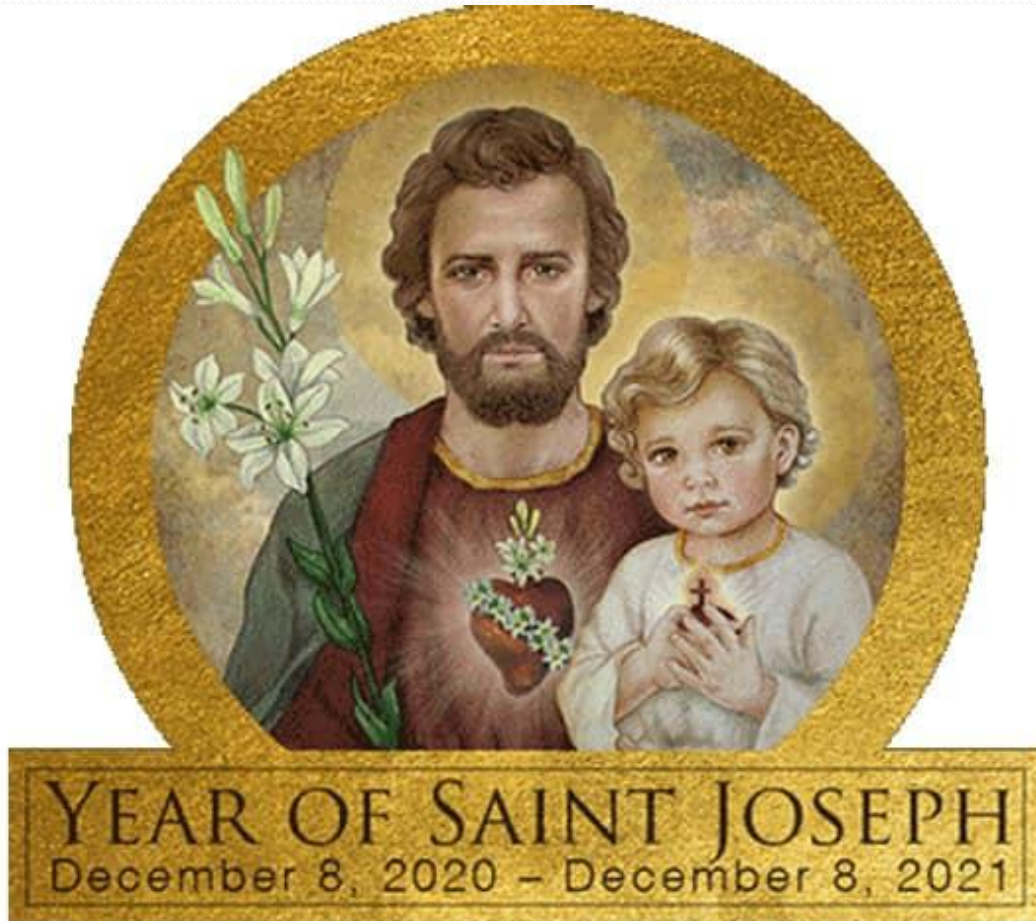
# The Ten Wonders of St Joseph

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# Memorare to St Joseph

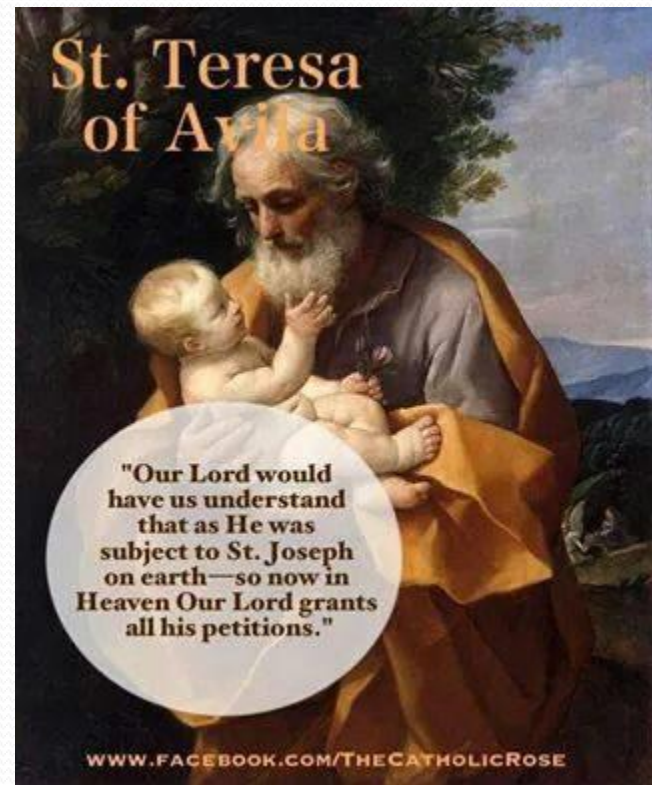
- Remember, O most chaste Spouse of the Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who implored your help and sought your intercession was left unassisted. Full of confidence in your power, I fly unto you, and beg your protection.
- Despise not, O foster-father of the Redeemer, my humble supplication, but in your bounty, hear and answer me. Amen.
- O dear father, St. Joseph, pray for us!

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# Have devotion to St Joseph

- While the Year of St Joseph is over,
- Devotion can continue for the rest of your life.
- Pray for his help
- Next to Mary, he can be your strongest ally in the war against Satan, the world and our sinfulness.



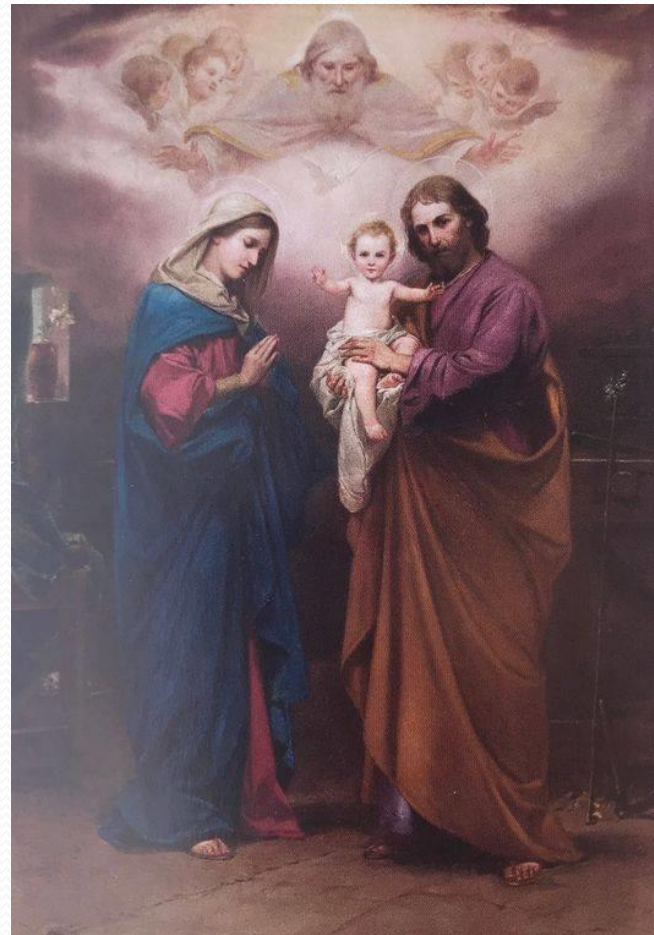
# The Ten Wonders of St Joseph

- **Wonder One Delight of the Saints**
- “I saw heaven open and St Joseph sitting on a magnificent throne. I felt myself wonderfully effected when, each time his name was mentioned, all the saints made a profound inclination towards him, showing by the serenity and sweetness of their looks that they rejoiced with him on account of his exalted dignity.” St Gertrude



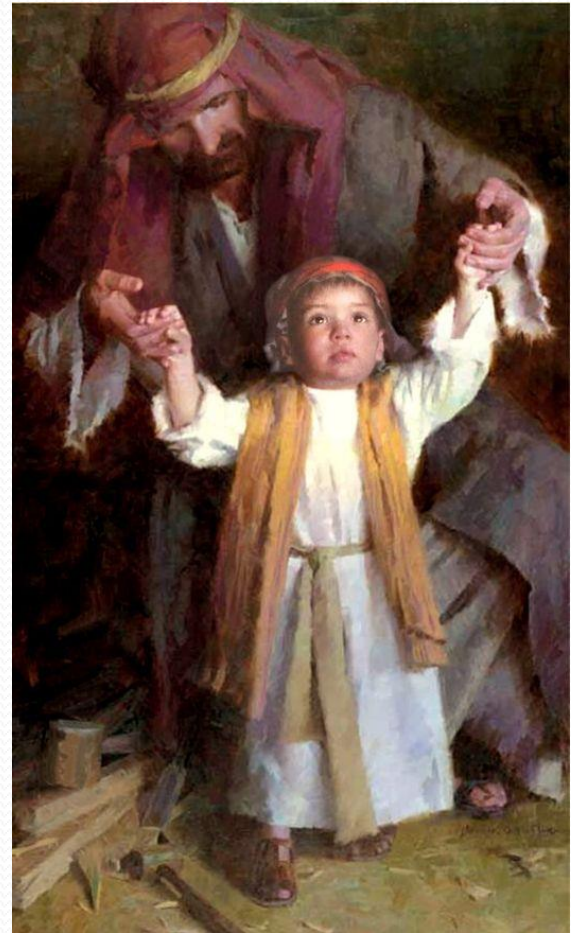
# Only Mary is greater

- “With the exception of our loving Mother, St Joseph stands above all the saints.” – St Maximilian Kolbe



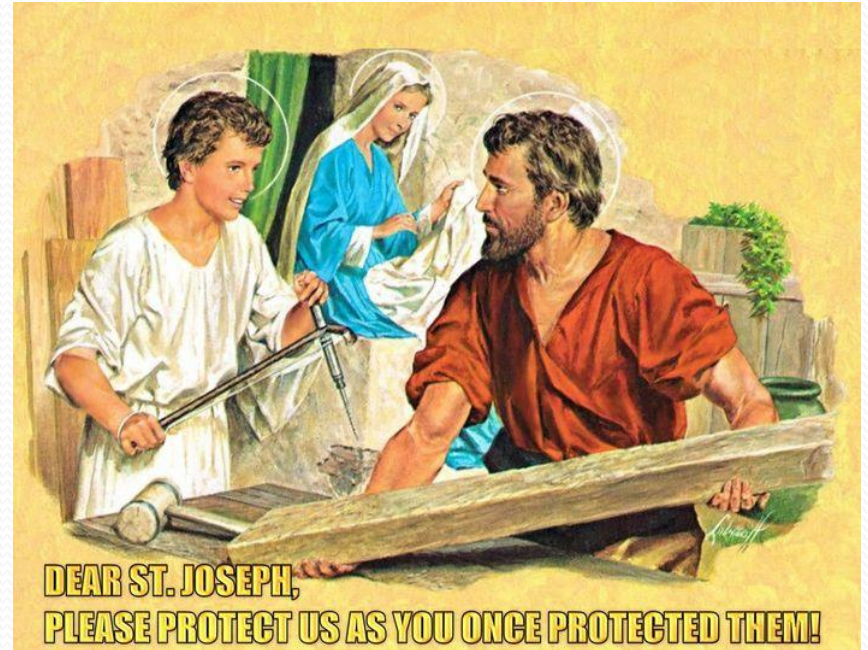
# Wonder Two

- **Our Spiritual Father**
- “Be in good spirits under the fatherly mantle of St Joseph, a place of safest refuge in trials and tribulations.” St Joseph Morello



# Patron = father

- “Did you know that the root word for “patron” is *pater*, “father”? St Joseph was declared Patron of the Universal Church by Blessed Pope Pius IX.





# Head of the Holy Family

- He, St Joseph, was the head of the divine household on earth, with, as it were, fatherly authority; he has the Church dedicated to his loyalty and protection. Such a person possesses so surpassing a dignity that no honor exist that should not be paid him.” Pope Leo XIII

# Wonder Three - Young husband

- **Young Husband of Mary**
- “I see him (St Joseph) as a strong, young man, perhaps a few years older than our Lady, but in the prime of his life and work.” – St Josemaria Escriva



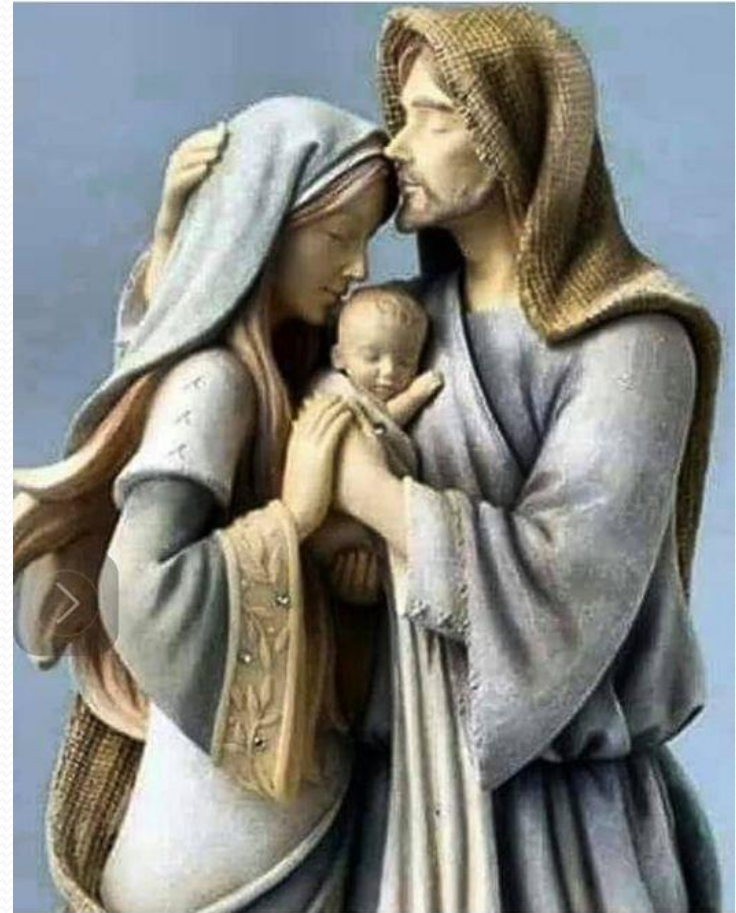
# Long walk to Egypt

- “There is no official church teaching on whether or not St Joseph was old or young, but I prefer a young Joseph. All I know, sweetie, is old men don’t walk to Egypt.” – Mother Angelica



# Wonder Four – Virgin Father

- **Virginal Father of Jesus**
- “Since there is nothing on record that he (St Joseph) ever had any other spouse than the Virgin Mary, it is also certain that he remained a virgin for life.” – St Jerome

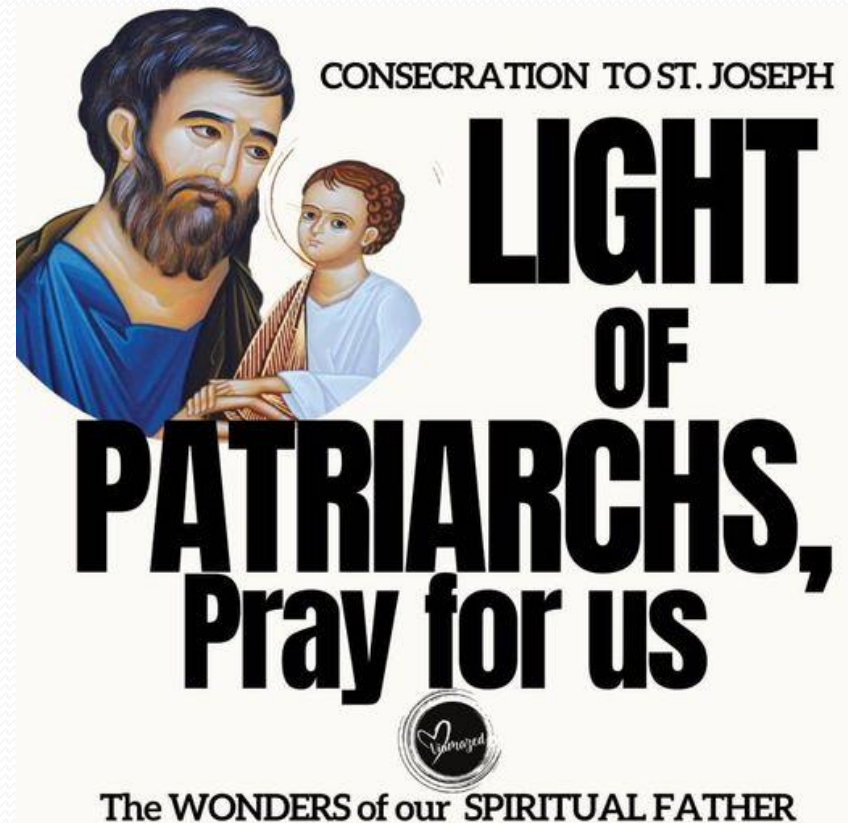


- “It is perfectly in accordance with the faith and the spirit of the Church, to honor as a virgin not only the Mother of God, but likewise St Joseph.” – St Peter Damian



# Wonder Five – A Just Man

- **A Just and Reverent Man**
- “To be just is to be perfectly united with the Divine Will, and to be always conformed to it in all sorts of events, whether prosperous or adverse. That St Joseph was this, no one can doubt.”
- St Francis de Sales



# He passed his test.

- “St Joseph was undergoing a test. St Joseph’s virtue and cooperation with grace needed to be put to the test because God intended to make St Joseph a new Abraham, a spiritual father to a new covenant people. If St Joseph passed the test by a loving willingness to sacrifice himself completely, God would bless him in a manner greater than he had blessed any other man who has ever lived.” - Fr Donald Calloway (p 147)

# Wonder Six – Savior of the Savior

- **Savior of the Savior**
- “He (St Joseph) guarded from death the child threatened by a Monarch’s jealousy, and found for him a refuge.”  
Pope Leo XIII





# He saved his life

- “Made him (St Joseph) responsible for the protection of your person, he who saved the life of his savior.”  
Blessed William Joseph Chaminade



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# Wonder Seven – He adored Jesus

- **Adorer of Christ**
- “We must beg for good adorers; the Blessed Sacrament needs them to replace St Joseph and to imitate his life of adoration.” St Peter Julian Eymard

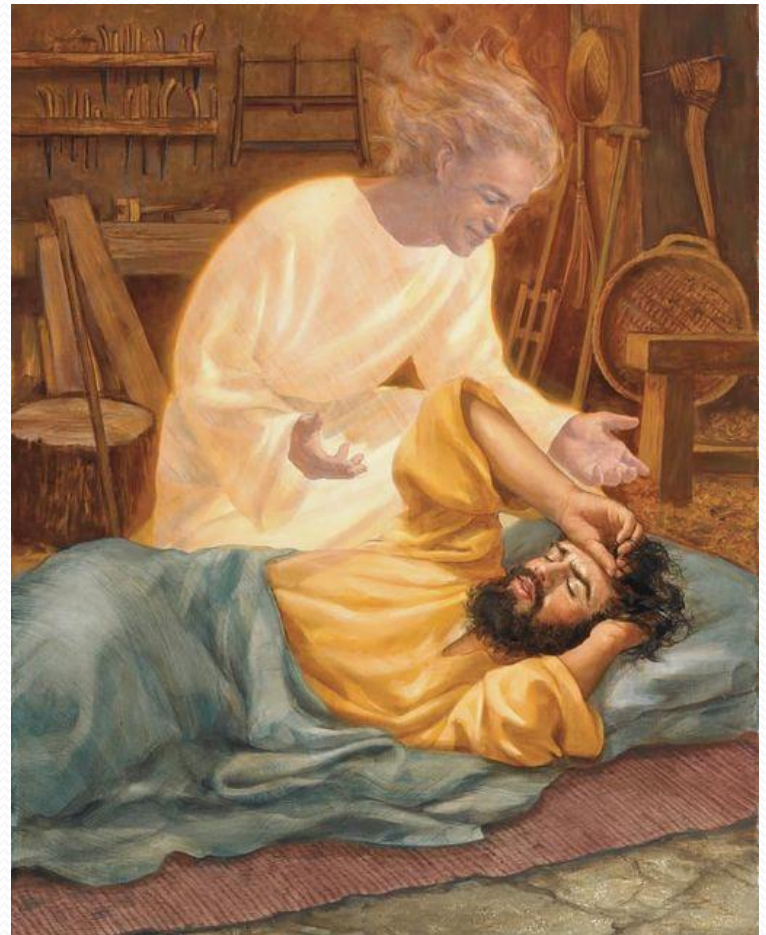


# Oh happy man

- “Oh happy man, St Joseph, whose privilege it was not only to see and hear that God whom many a king had longed to see, yet saw not, longed to hear, yet to heard not (cf Mt 13.17), but also to carry him in your arms and kiss him, to clothe him and watch over him!” St John Paul the Great

# Wonder Eight – Silent Witness

- **Silent Witness**
- “He (St Joseph) is truly the saint who carried out his duty in silence, but with angelic fervor.”
- Blessed Gabriele Allegra



# Not a word

- “The Gospel does not record a single word from St Joseph; his language is silence.” St Paul VI



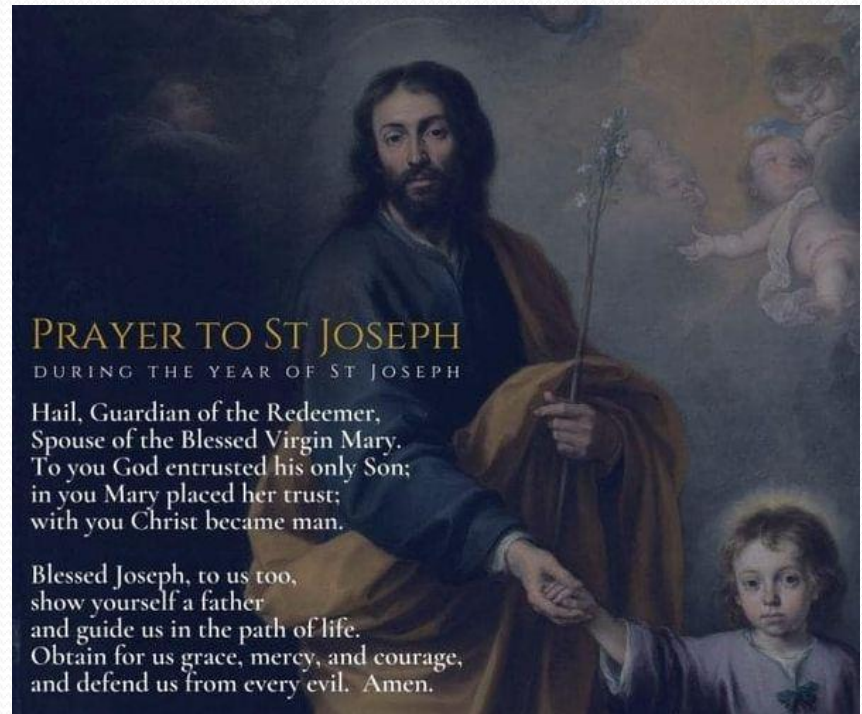
# Wonder Nine – a happy death

- **Patron of a Happy Death**
- “St Joseph is the patron and protector of a happy death. Those who pray to him are certain to die in good dispositions. He is the model of those who wish to die in the Lord.”
- St Peter Julian Eymard



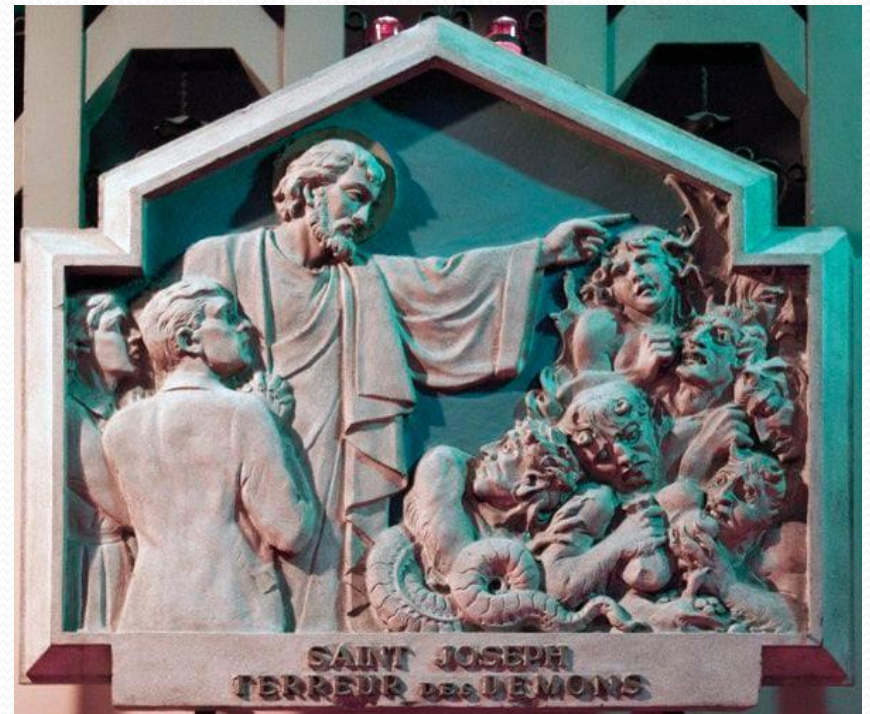
# I shall ask for grace

- “If the soul who prayed to me still has debts to pay to the sovereign judge, I shall ask for grace for its behalf.” St Joseph to Sister Mary Martha Chambon



# Wonder Ten – Terror of Demons

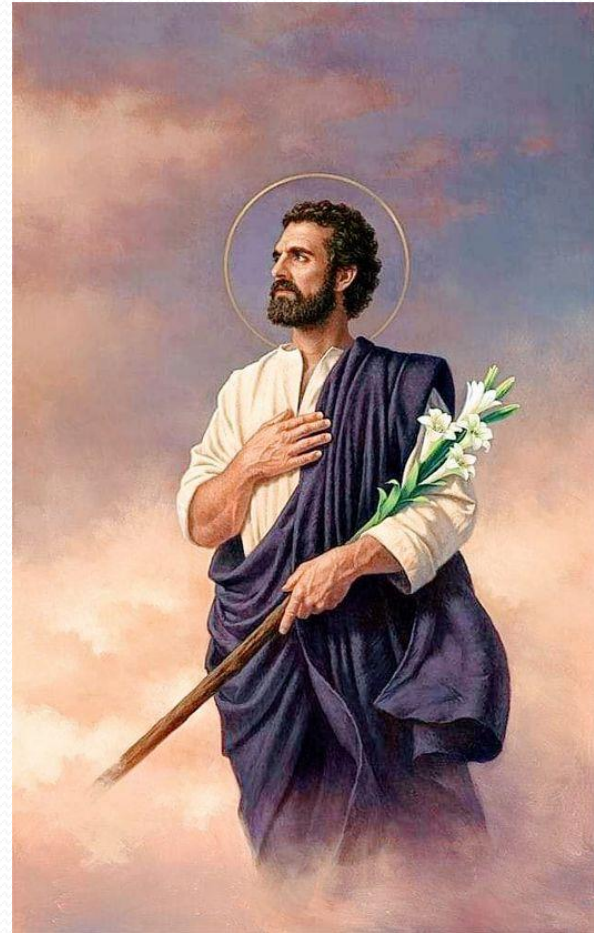
- **Terror of Demons**
- “Oh glorious St Joseph, pray for me, assist me, defend me from Satan.”  
St Anthony Mary Claret





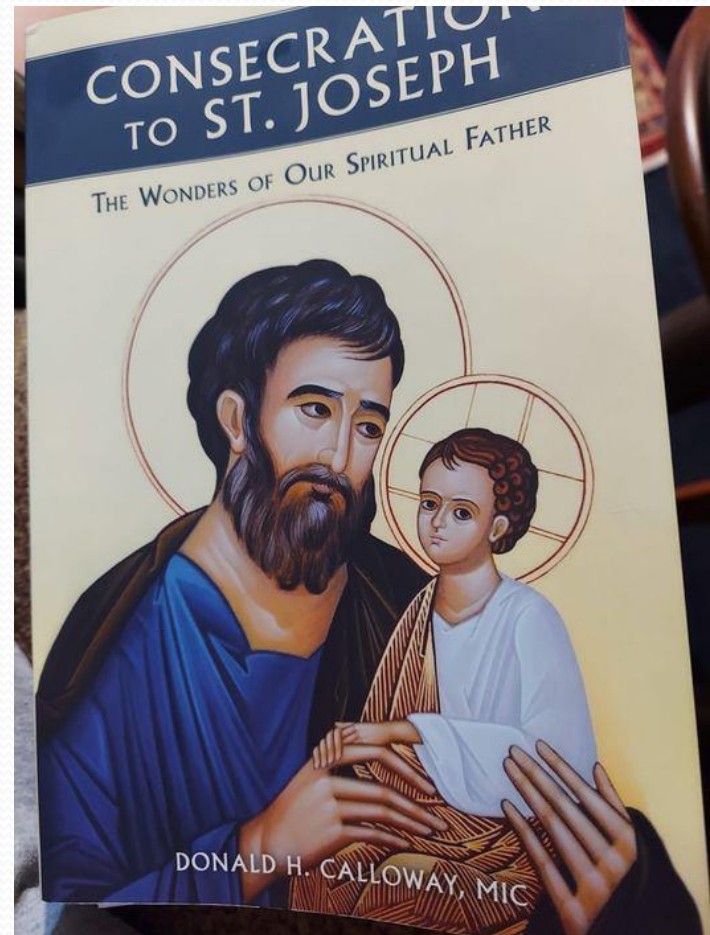
# Sources of terror:

- The Fatherhood, the humility, the charity, the poverty, the purity, the obedience, the silence, the suffering, the prayer, the sleep and the name of St Joseph terrorizes the devil. (adapted from Blessed Bartolo Longo)



# Consecration to St Joseph

- Why be consecrated?
- It will help you become another Joseph.
- Now is the time of St Joseph



# Greater heights

- “When God wishes to raise a soul to greater heights, he unites it to St Joseph by giving it a strong love for the good man.” St Peter Julian Eymard



# Save your family!

- It will help you save your family.
- St Joseph is your spiritual father, you need to resemble him



# He helped save you!

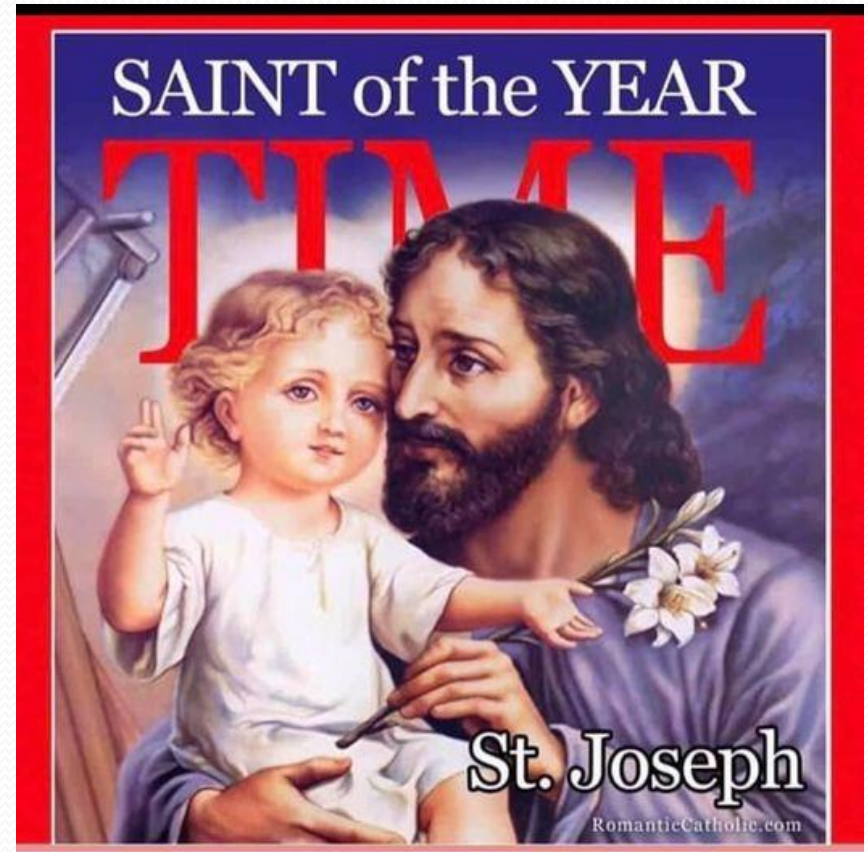
- He played a very active role in your salvation.
- When we consecrate ourselves to St Joseph, we place at his feet all that we are and all that we have.
- Put your picture here

# Consecration to St Joseph

- O my beloved Saint Joseph, adopt me as thy child. Take charge of my salvation; watch over me day and night;
- preserve me from occasions of sin; obtain for me purity of body. Through thy intercession with Jesus, grant me a spirit of sacrifice, humility, self-denial, burning love of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, and a sweet and tender love for Mary, my mother. Saint Joseph, be with me living, be with my dying, and obtain for me a favorable judgment from Jesus, my merciful savior. Amen
- By St Bernardine of Siena

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- Seven Sorrows and Seven Joys of St Joseph





# Prayer for a Happy Death

- O Blessed Joseph, you gave your last breath in the loving embrace of Jesus and Mary. When the seal of death shall close my life, come with Jesus and Mary to aid me. Obtain for me this solace for that hour - to die with their holy arms around me. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I commend my soul, living and dying, into your sacred arms. Amen.

# Change your life!

- What is keeping you from becoming a saint?
  - Fears?
  - Addictions?
  - Status quo?
  - Doubting yourself?
  - Can you become a saint?
  - You must become a saint!
- 1 give your life to Jesus
  - 2 give your life to Mary
  - 3 give your life to Joseph
  - Ask them to guide you, protect you and make you a saint
  - Jesus will listen to Mary and Joseph when they pray for you