

III. PRAYERS AND LITURGY

Hymns

“By the Creator Joseph Was Appointed”



1. By the Cre - a - tor, Jo - seph was ap - point - ed
2. Christ in whose pres - ence hosts of hell must trem - ble,
3. To God e - ter - nal be all praise and glo - ry,



spouse of the Vir - gin, guard - ian of th'In - car - nate; he by his
Ru - ler of all things, Lord of earth and heav - en, Mon - arch of
who to Saint Jo - seph gave su - per - nal hon - or; grant that we



car - ing min - i - stered to Je - sus,
mon - archs, to his earth - ly fa - ther
al - so may like him be faith - ful



source of sal - va - tion.
free - ly was sub - ject.
in our o - be - dience.

“Dear Guardian of Mary”

Verse 1



Dear Guard-ian of Ma - ry! dear nurse of her Child! Life's ways are full wea - ry, the

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des - ert is wild; Bleak sands are all round us, no home_ can we see; Sweet

13

Verse 2



Spouse of our La - dy, we lean safe on thee. For thou to the pil - grim art fa - ther and

20



guide, And Je - sus and Ma - ry felt safe at thy side. O Glo - ri-ous Pa - tron, se -

27

Verse 3



cure_ shall I be, Sweet Spouse of our La - dy, if thou stay with me! God

33



chose thee for Je - sus and Ma - ry; wilt thou For-give a poor ex - ile for choos - ing thee

40



now? There's no saint in heav - en Saint Jo - seph, like thee, Sweet Spouse of our

46



La - dy, do thou plead for me.

Novenas and Prayers

LITANY OF ST. JOSEPH

Lord, have mercy on us.
Christ, have mercy on us.
Lord, have mercy on us.

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*

Illustrious Scion of David,
Light of Patriarchs,
Spouse of the Mother of God,
Chaste guardian of the Virgin,
Foster-father of the Son of God,
Watchful defender of Christ,
Head of the Holy Family,

Joseph most just,
Joseph most chaste,
Joseph most prudent,
Joseph most valiant,
Joseph most obedient,
Joseph most faithful,

Mirror of patience,
Lover of poverty,
Model of workmen,
Example to parents,
Guardian of virgins,
Pillar of families,
Solace of the afflicted,
Hope of the sick,
Patron of the dying,
Terror of demons,
Protector of the Church, pray for us.

Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the
world, *spare us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the
world, *graciously hear us, O Lord.*

Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the
world, *have mercy on us.*

V. He made him lord over his house,
R. And the ruler of all his possessions.

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ,
by your ineffable providence
you chose saint Joseph
to be the spouse of your most holy Mother:
grant, we beseech you,
that we may have him for an intercessor in
heaven,
as we venerate him as our protector on earth.
You who live and and reign forever and ever. R.
Amen.

PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH AFTER THE ROSARY/LITANY

To you, O Blessed Joseph, we come in our trials, and having asked the help of your most holy spouse, we confidently ask your patronage also. Through that sacred bond of charity which united you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the fatherly love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you to look graciously upon the beloved inheritance which Jesus Christ purchased by his blood, and to aid us in our necessities with your power and strength.

O most provident guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ. Most beloved father, dispel the evil of falsehood and sin. Our most mighty protector, graciously assist us from heaven in our struggle with the powers of darkness. And just as you once saved the Child Jesus from mortal danger, so now defend God's Holy Church from the snares of her enemies and from all adversity. Shield each one of us by your constant protection, so that, supported by your example and your help, we may be able to live a virtuous life, to die a holy death, and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.

See appendix for further options

Liturgy

First Wednesday of Month Devotion

The Votive Mass of St. Joseph (*Roman Missal*, Votive Masses, no. 13) with its accompanying readings (*Lectionary*, vols. I or II, nos. 543 or 559) is to be celebrated on each first Wednesday of the month from August 16th through May 1st, with the exceptions of October 7th (the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary), November 4th (the Memorial of St. Charles Borromeo), and April 7th (Wednesday of the Octave of Easter). On weekdays, only one reading proceeds the Gospel.

[no. 543] From Solemnity of St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary (March 19)

First Reading

Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29

Second Reading

4:13, 16-18, 22

Gospel

Mathew 1:16, 18-21, 24a *or*

Luke 2:41-51a

Or

[no. 559] From Feast of St. Joseph the Worker (May 1)

First Reading

Genesis 1:26-2:3 *or*

Colossians 3:14-15, 17, 23-24

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16

Gospel

Mathew 13:54-58

Holy Hour to St. Joseph

1. Expose the Blessed Sacrament after the First Wednesday Mass
2. Incense and “O Saving Victim”, “O Salutaris”
3. Read Gospel from Mk 1:16, 18-21, 24a *or* LK 2:41-51a
4. Period of Silence
5. Recite Litany of St. Joseph (See *Prayers and Liturgy* section)
6. Recite Prayer to Saint Joseph after the Litany (See *Prayers and Liturgy* section)
7. Sing hymn of St. Joseph (See *Prayers and Liturgy* section)
8. Incense and “Tantum Ergo”, “Down in Adoration”
9. “You have given them bread from Heaven...”
10. Prayer of St. Thomas, “O God, who in this wonderful...”
11. Blessing with the Monstrance
12. The Divine Praises and Reposition
13. “Holy God We praise Thy Name