

Saint Joseph Statues from the Holy Land

SMM is teaming up with Christians of the Holy Land to offer carved olive wood statues of St. Joseph.

11-inch statue \$120

9-inch statue \$100

In honor of St. Joseph the Patron Saint of the Universal Church and in celebration of the dedication of this year as the Year of St. Joseph, we are teaming up with the Christians of the Holy Land in presenting the opportunity to own a hand carved olive wood statue of St. Joseph. Your statue will be blessed in the Holy Land with an official letter from Bethlehem.

St. Joseph overcame doubt about the pregnancy of Virgin Mary and trusted in the Lord. He travelled extensively while caring for a pregnant wife. He took his family and escaped the wrath of King Herod, going to Egypt, a foreign land. Yet he provided for his family joyfully. Coming back to Nazareth, he taught Jesus about the dignity of human relations and the sanctity of work. He taught Jesus woodwork, and how to be a man. St. Joseph died, looking into Jesus' eyes and seeing heaven. Truly as Pope Francis wrote "Fathers are not born but made." St. Joseph was a Father in the full definition. He is an example to aspire to become.

Keeping in mind the suffering of our Catholic and Christian community in the Holy Land, and giving honor to St. Joseph's profession as a woodworker (carpenter) this olive wood statue will memorialize this year and increase your devotion to St. Joseph, while helping our people in Bethlehem with employment. The Holy Land has been devastated with no tourism and not visiting parishes to sell their goods.

These statues are handmade and carved individually. Each piece is unique, and no two statues are identical. **Two sizes available: 11-inch St. Joseph at \$120 per statue and 9-inch St. Joseph at \$100 per statue.**

Orders must be placed by April 26th and we expect them to come into SMM by June 2021 for you to pick up.

Order online at

www.smmchurch.org/st-joseph-stature

"Joseph did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him" - St. Matthew 1:24