

Sunday, March 19, 2023

Saint Joseph was the husband of Our Lady and the foster father of Jesus. He was a carpenter and a holy and righteous man. The angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream several times, guiding him in following God's will and taking care of the Holy Family. Saint Joseph always did as the angel commanded him. Saint Joseph has many wonderful titles like Most Pillar of Families and Terror of Demons. He is always there to take our prayers to the Lord and to watch over us and care for us as he cared for and protected Jesus. The Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is on March 19th and is transferred this year to March 20th. Saint Joseph, pray for us!

"St. Joseph, as a model of quiet prayer and closeness to Jesus... invites us to think about the time we devote to prayer each day."

- Pope Francis



Gospel: John 9:1-41

## **FAMILY TIME**

At the dinner table, in the car, we talk about our faith, wherever we are!



In this week's Gospel, we see Jesus heal a blind man. The Gospels show us healings as a physical or outward sign pointing towards Jesus' ability to heal us on the inside and forgive our sins.

**LITTLE ONES:** The blind man was once in darkness but Jesus helped him see the light. St. Paul writes in the second reading that we should "live as children of light." What does that mean to you? How can you do that?

**BIGGER ONES:** Some of the Pharisees had a spiritual blindness and hard-heartedness and they refused to see who Jesus really was. Do you know anyone who is spiritually blind or too hard-hearted to see and know Jesus? Pray for that person right now.

**FAMILY CHALLENGE:** The Pharisees were upset that Jesus healed on the Sabbath, but Jesus was leading people to belief and healing souls, which gives glory to God! Talk as a family about a special way you can go beyond your routine activities on this Sabbath day to give glory to God.

## Psalm 23: "The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want."



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## Let us walk with Jesus...

Has your family attended Stations of the Cross during Lent this year or in previous years? Do you know you can also pray the Stations of the Cross at home with your family?

The Stations of the Cross, or the Way of the Cross, is a way to reflect on Jesus' passion and death on the cross. Consider using one of the printables below to print and color or cut out and post around the house so you can journey from station to station and pray together as a family.





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**Prayer for Fathers:** Pray this special prayer for all fathers and then draw a picture of you and your father or another father figure who helps protect you - OR - a picture of Saint Joseph and Jesus.



O Faithful St. Joseph, Guardian of the Redeemer, to whom the Child Jesus lovingly called out, "Abba," Pray for all our Fathers!

Amen.