



A WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE KIDS OF ST. AMBROSE

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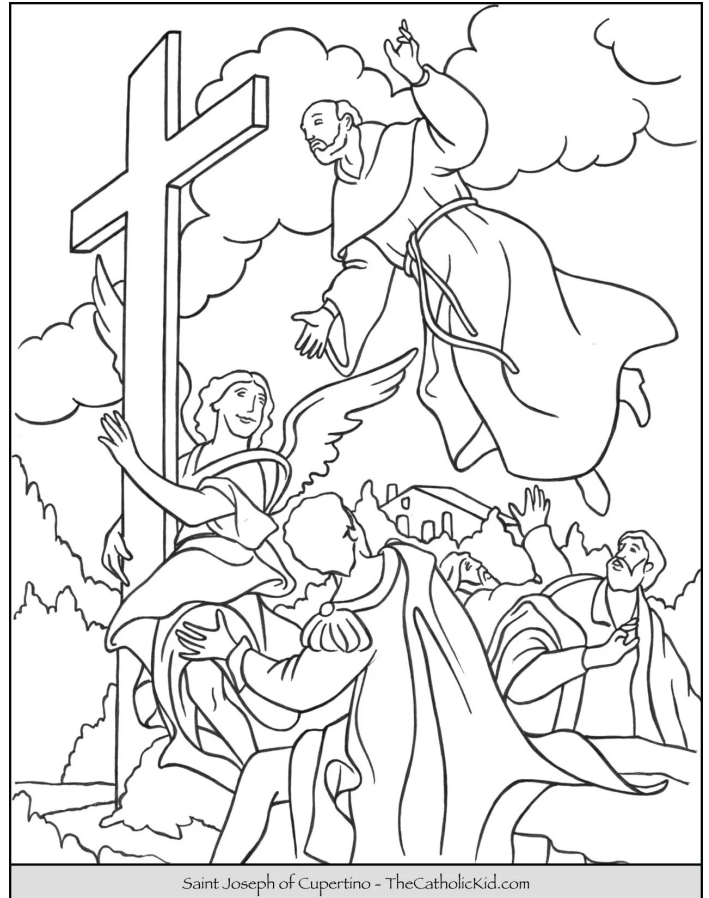
Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

**Saint Joseph of Cupertino** lived in Naples, Italy in the 1600s. As a child, he struggled with learning and could be forgetful. He asked to become a Franciscan, but was turned away several times. Finally, he became a servant in a Franciscan monastery. He began to change and grow in humility, gentleness, and successful study. He prayed more and did acts of penance. Eventually, he was even able to study and become a priest! He went on to work many miracles, he led others to Christ through devotion to Our Lady, and he was even known to get so caught up in prayer that he floated off the ground! He is the patron saint of aviators, flying, studying, and those suffering mental disabilities. His feast day is September 18. **Saint Joseph of Cupertino, pray for us!**

(Ref. Catholic.org)

*“You are the Spirit, and I am only the trumpet, and without your breath I can give no sound.”*

- Saint Joseph of Cupertino



Saint Joseph of Cupertino - TheCatholicKid.com

## FAMILY TIME

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



In this week's Gospel, Jesus teaches his disciples the importance of mercy, that just as the Lord has been merciful in forgiving our debts, so we must be merciful in forgiving the debts of others.

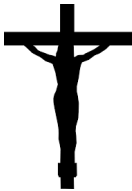
**FAMILY DISCUSSION:** Sometimes it can be hard to extend forgiveness to others. Anger is the biological, emotional reaction we face when we feel that we (or someone we care about) has been wronged. Anger is not a sin. In fact, sometimes it is good, so that we have the passion to speak the truth and act with courage in the face of injustice. However, if we don't respond to anger the right way, it can lead us into sin and can cloud our ability to love and forgive others. Talk as a family about some ways you can identify and cope with angry feelings and seek the grace to be merciful and forgive others.

**Psalm 103 “The Lord is kind and merciful,  
slow to anger and rich in compassion.”**

B Q R G V H U W Z Z P R J E L T R P  
 I E R K H L E A C S O U L C M Y H X  
 C B N E I N B A L O I O P W S F R P  
 Y M E E D N L C L R M M G G Z S C Q  
 A M C I F E D Z M S H P A Q F D X N  
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 K Q C Z H E I W M B M B W T O H A X

BEING  
 BENEFITS  
 BLESS  
 COMPASSION

CROWNS  
 HEALS  
 KINDNESS  
 PARDONS



REDEEMS  
 SOUL

***Let us celebrate...***

Would you like to celebrate the life and intercession of St. Joseph of Cupertino with your family? Here are some videos you can watch together!



“The Reluctant Saint”  
 All Ages



“Formed Now! St. Joseph of Cupertino”  
 For Teens/Adults

**PRAY AND DRAW:** Think about a time you forgave someone who wronged you or a time you were forgiven. How did you feel? Draw a scene showing forgiveness below. Be sure to thank God, in prayer, for the mercy he has shown us and for the grace to show others His mercy!