



JOIN OUR NOVENA IN HONOR OF GOOD

# Saint Joseph

MARCH 11 TO MARCH 19

When a wise priest was asked what to tell a child whose father had died as a first-responder following the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001 he replied, “Your daddy is now what everyone wants their father to be: a hero.”

Everyone needs a hero... and good St. Joseph is precisely that! Just consider the courage and resourcefulness he had to exercise during the Flight into Egypt; how he strained every nerve, every muscle to protect the holy Mother and Child entrusted to him from pursuit by Herod’s soldiers and from brigands on the road (for they most likely made the journey through the wild desert without the protection of a caravan.) Even finding food and water, and later employment in a foreign land, was a heroic struggle.

One can well imagine St. Joseph packing away most of his carpentry tools among their meager luggage,

but carrying his big axe, ostensibly because it was too large to pack, but also as a subtle warning to strangers: *Don’t get too close to my Wife and her Child!* How many times Our Lady must have looked at him with shining eyes that gratefully declared: “My hero!

St. Joseph’s heroic virtues are not limited to dramatic moments. In routine everyday life, parents can look to his example of cheerful self-effacing sacrifice. Young couples will find in him a splendid model of the strength that comes from chaste love. Children can count on him to help them in their troubles big and small, just as he did for the Christ Child. Everyone who suffers misunderstanding, hardship, separation, in fact any trial whatsoever, can know they have a helper in Heaven who knows, understands, and will act.

Everyone needs a hero!

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## Intentions for the Novena

☐ Our Pope, Bishops & Priests   ☐ World Peace   ☐ Family   ☐ Vocations   ☐ Deceased Spouse\_\_\_\_\_

☐ Thanksgiving   ☐ Conversion   ☐ Respect for All Human Life and Religious Liberty   ☐ Special Intention:

For the intentions of \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

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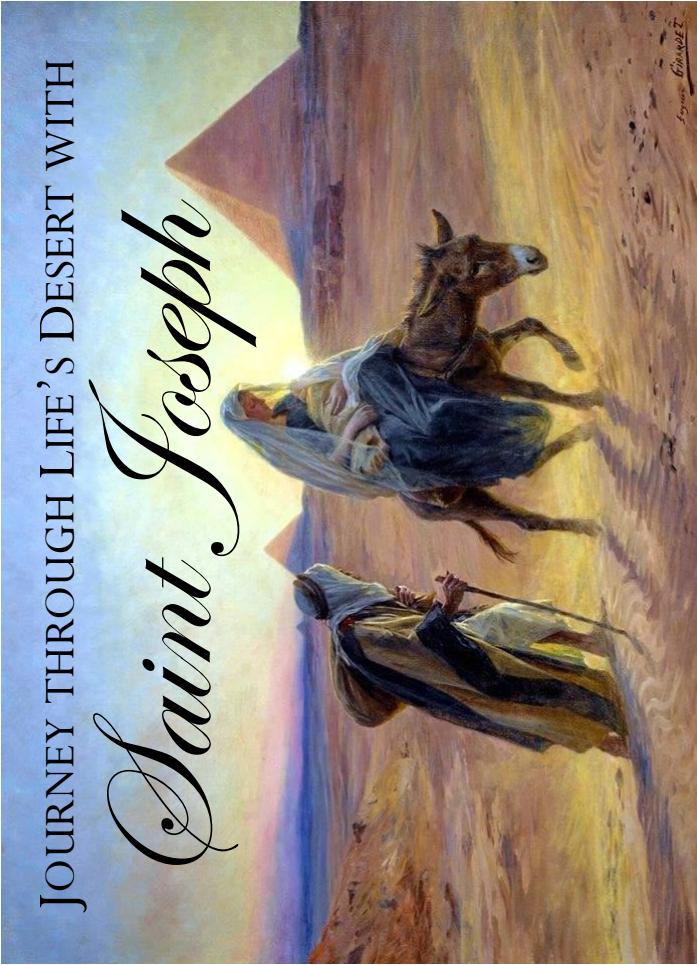
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*PRAYER to be recited each day after Mass*  
**MARCH 11 to MARCH 19, 2024**  
*Sunday & Saturday 7:30 am Weekdays 7:00 am*

*Blessed St. Joseph, I consecrate myself  
to your honor and give myself to you,  
that you may always be my father,  
my protector and my guide  
in the way of salvation.*  
*Obtain for me great purity of heart  
and a fervent love of the interior life.*  
*After your example, may I perform my  
actions for the greater Glory of God,  
in union with the Divine Heart of Jesus  
and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.*  
*Pray for me, Saint Joseph,  
that I may experience the peace and joy  
of your holy death.*  
*Amen.*

<i>Monastery Schedule for Lent and Easter 2024</i>	
Each Friday of Lent	Stations of the Cross and Benediction at 7:00 p.m.
March 19th	Feast of St. Joseph Rosary and Benediction at 5:00 p.m.
March 24th	Palm Sunday Procession of Palms at 7:30 a.m. Mass
March 28th	Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper at 5:00 p.m.
March 29th	Good Friday Liturgy at 3:00 p.m.
March 30th	Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass at 11:00 p.m.
March 31st	Easter Sunday Mass at 9:00 am, Rosary and Benediction at 5:00 p.m.
April 1st & 2nd	Easter Monday & Tuesday Mass at 8:00 am, Rosary and Benediction at 5:00 p.m.



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