

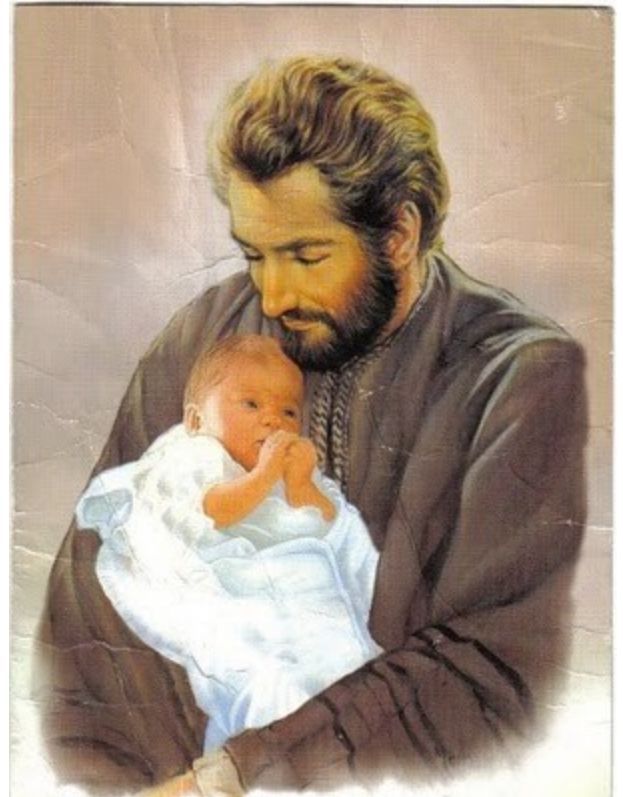
# ST. JOSEPH'S DAY MARCH 19

TWO MINUTE VIDEO <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-joseph-husband-of-mary/>

**Leader (Opening Prayer)** Oh God, you gave St. Joseph the incredible job of joining Mary in caring for the child Jesus. Through St. Joseph's intercession and the prayerful remembrances we make to him grant us the grace to nurture the life of Christ in our lives through expressions of Unity and Reconciliation. Help us guide and support one another in truth, love and justice so we continue building up the body of your Church. We ask this in the name of Jesus who brings life to all through the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Reader** St. Joseph was the husband of Mary. We do not know much about him; however, what has been written regarding his life reveals to us that he was a faithful and prayerful man who loved and trusted God very much. He is honored and respected as a saint, for he responded to the call of God in the unfolding plan of salvation for all human kind. Joseph loved Mary and the child Jesus.

He was a good and faithful father who helped form Jesus as he grew up and worried about him just like any loving parent. As a father, St. Joseph taught Jesus the skill of carpentry and the ability to work with his hands. Furthermore, as a good Jewish father, he taught Jesus Jewish law and teachings. He cared for and guarded Mary his beloved wife and the well-being of their home. Today, the entire Church of God remembers and reflects upon the humble and empowering gifts St. Joseph's life teaches us. Let us pray that St. Joseph will help to be compassionate in our caring for others, as we continue to plant seeds of Unity and Reconciliation.



St. Joseph, just one, you are a model of caring, presence, courage and integrity;  
**St. Joseph inspire and guide us.**

St. Joseph, you were honest and a man of integrity;  
**St. Joseph inspire and guide us.**

St. Joseph, you were faithful to the mystery of your dreams and followed God's call;  
**St. Joseph inspire and guide us.**

St. Joseph, you respected the common good, empower us to be bearers of gentleness to all persons;  
**St. Joseph inspire and guide us.**

**Two videos:**

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