



A SAINT JOSEPH ROSARY

[The Set of 4 Mysteries are depicted for you on side b or page 2]

[This page I will feature Set C ✓ **The Mysteries of Joseph Raising the Child Jesus.**] ↑ Announce it and start.

Sign of the Cross. + Creed I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen... For the virtues of Faith, Hope and Love: we pray to live them out, as by the aid of God via St. Joseph and petitions to St. Mary, his holy spouse, Mother of Our Lord.

[Next, the three entrance beads will be Hail Mary's.] **HAIL MARY, FULL OF GRACE, THE LORD IS WITH THEE, BLESSED ART THOU AMONGST WOMEN, AND BLESSED IS THE FRUIT OF THY WOMB, JESUS,** ^(nod or bow to His Blessed Name) **HOLY MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, PRAY FOR US SINNERS, NOW, AND AT THE HOUR OF OUR DEATH. AMEN.** *(Prayer done 3x)*

[Now, the Five Decades are begun, each, with the Lord's Prayer, and announcing of the Mystery.]

OUR FATHER, WHO ART IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE THY NAME... DELIVER US FROM EVIL. AMEN.

The first mystery of Joseph THE PRESENTATION OF THE CHILD JESUS IN THE TEMPLE BY HIS PARENTS JOSEPH & MARY The second mystery of Joseph THE DREAM OF JOSEPH AND THE WORDS OF THE MAGI TO FLEE TO AFRICA: HIS PROMPT RESPONSE The third mystery of Joseph THE STAY OF THE HOLY FAMILY IN AFRICA (EGYPT) The fourth mystery of Joseph THE RETURN TO ISRAEL AS AFTER JOSEPH RECEIVES A DREAM MESSAGE TO BRING HIS FAMILY BACK HOME The fifth mystery of Joseph THE RAISING OF THE CHRIST CHILD JESUS IN NAZARETH

THE REGULAR PRAYER ON THE TEN BEADS: **JOSEPH, SON OF DAVID AND HUSBAND OF MARY, WE HONOR YOU, GUARDIAN OF THE REDEEMER, AND WE ADORE THE CHILD YOU NAMED JESUS** + ^[NOD TO THE HOLY NAME] **SAINT JOSEPH, PATRON OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH, PRAY WITH US, THAT WE MAY IMITATE YOU IN LIFELONG DEDICATION TO THE INTERESTS OF THE SAVIOR.** *[*After 10th prayer, end by adding "Amen."]* **AMEN.**

[PRAYER AFTER EACH DECADE:] **GLORY BE TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON, AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT, AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW, AND WILL BE FOREVER. AMEN.**

[THEN, AFTER THE 5TH DECADE IS COMPLETED, ↓ PROCEED ON TO THE CLOSE OF THE ROSARY:]

IN THE LORD JESUS, IT IS OUR MYSTERY OF FAITH TO PRAY: **"SAVE US, SAVIOR OF THE WORLD, FOR BY YOUR CROSS AND RESURRECTION, YOU HAVE SET US FREE."** OPTIONAL ADD: SELECTION FROM "A FATHER'S HEART"-POPE FRANCIS

[JOSEPH PRAYER] **HAIL, GUARDIAN OF THE REDEEMER, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY. TO YOU GOD ENTRUSTED HIS ONLY SON, IN YOU MARY PLACED HER TRUST, WITH YOU CHRIST BECAME MAN. BLESSED JOSEPH, TO US, (TOO,) SHOW YOURSELF A FATHER AND GUIDE US IN THE PATH OF LIFE. OBTAIN FOR US GRACE, MERCY, AND COURAGE, AND DEFEND US FROM EVERY EVIL. AMEN.** + SIGN OF THE CROSS. [KISS THE CRUCIFIX TO CLOSE.]

A SELECTION FROM "A FATHER'S HEART" POPE FRANCIS

Joseph found happiness not in mere self-sacrifice but in self-gift. In him, we never see frustration but only trust. His patient silence was the prelude to concrete expressions of trust. Our world today needs fathers. It has no use for tyrants who would domineer others as a means of compensating for their own needs. It rejects those who confuse authority with authoritarianism, service with servility, discussion with oppression, charity with a welfare mentality, power with destruction. Every true vocation is born of the gift of oneself, which is the fruit of mature sacrifice. The priesthood and consecrated life likewise require this kind of maturity. Whatever our vocation, whether to marriage, celibacy or virginity, our gift of self will not come to fulfilment if it stops at sacrifice; were that the case, instead of becoming a sign of the beauty and joy of love, the gift of self would risk being an expression of unhappiness, sadness and frustration. Joseph found happiness not in mere self-sacrifice but in self-gift. —Pope Francis, *With a Father's Heart*



Response: We seek this happiness of service ourselves. Through Joseph to Jesus.



THE FOUR MYSTERIES OF PRAYING THE ST. JOSEPH ROSARY

A. The Mysteries of the Union of Joseph and Mary, and Christ's Arrival

1. The Betrothal of Joseph and Mary. 2. The Annunciation to Our Lady. 3. The Annunciation Dream to Joseph, at his discernment time over the coming child. 4. The Wedding of Joseph and Mary. 5. The Going to Bethlehem for the Census and the Child's Birth.

B. The Mysteries of the Birth of Christ to Mary and in Joseph's house

1. The Star Sign over Bethlehem and the Angelic Presence. 2. The Birth of The Christ. 3. The Shepherd's Visit. 4. The Naming of Christ as Jesus. 5. The Townsfolk's Visit.

C. **The Mysteries of Joseph Raising the Child Jesus.**

1. The Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple by His parents Joseph and Mary
2. The Dream of Joseph and the Words of the Magi to Flee to Africa: his prompt response
3. The Stay of The Holy Family in Africa (Egypt). 4. The Return to Israel after Joseph receives a message in a dream to bring his family back home. 5. The Raising of the Christ Child Jesus in Nazareth.

D. The Mysteries of Joseph's Fulfillment of Service for Christ.

1. The Youth Jesus is found at the Temple. 2. Jesus lives and matures in Joseph's house.
3. Joseph dies—in the presence of Mary and Jesus. 4. Joseph meets Jesus in His Descent to the Dead, to bring his soul home. 5. The Assumption of Joseph—Joseph begins his saintly work from The Heavenly Father's House.



ANNUNCIATION TO ST. JOSEPH Remember: Joseph had a visit, too, in his dreams. Chaste Lover of Mary, how overwhelmed you were upon learning of Mary's being with child, yet you waited on God for direction. You wanted to take the "just" way through. As the angel of God came to you in a dream, you were filled with awe to realize that Mary would surely be your wife; you would be her guardian and The Guardian of the Messiah Child as well. +Help us, St. Joseph, our families and all our loved ones to overcome all sadness of heart and develop an absolute trust in God's goodness.

BIRTH OF BABY JESUS. Joseph was a parent, and even when life's circumstances were hard, he recalled the wonder that could not be taken away—God made him a father. If you're a parent, then you can relate to the wonder of your own child's birth. Then you realized the responsibility for this wee little one up to adulthood—it might have been daunting to consider, but exciting nonetheless. Faithful guardian of Jesus, what a first disappointment you had that you could only provide a stable for the birth of the Holy Child—even in your home town. And then what a wonder it was that God had accepted and blessed it, as when shepherds came to tell of angel choirs in the skies, and the Gloria resounded at the Babe's Nativity. Then, later, in better circumstance in Bethlehem, the Star shone and the Holy Magi came to adore "The King of kings." Jesus was such a beautiful, wondrous child to see! +Through your example and prayers, help us, St. Joseph, to each see ourselves as humble manglers made blessed because the Blessed Savior lives within us.

PRESENTATION OF JESUS. The Christ is named and presented to God at the Temple.

While the babe was physically not His own, but of God, still legally and familial Jesus was the "son of Joseph." Jesus would be Yosef-Joe's boy. Yosef, son of Jacob, now raises Yeshua, son of Joseph. He got the naming rights and the presentation rite responsibility. He rejoiced in it. Tender-hearted Joseph, how proud you were to be the one privileged to give the name Jesus, Savior, to the very Son of God. You also got to present Him at the Holy Temple in Jerusalem. What a special moment to dedicate the first-born, Jesus. He was dedicated to the glory of God, all by you and Mary. You presented Jesus to His Father; how joyful God was in that moment! +Pray for us, St. Joseph, that the sacred blood of Christ, poured out for our salvation, may guard our families, so the Divine Name of Jesus may be written in our hearts forever.

HOLY FAMILY SAFETY FOUND IN EGYPT. Joseph is led to the banks of the Nile to obscurity to protect Jesus & Mary.

Courageous protector of the Holy Family, you followed your listening heart in prayer and your holy dreams to find the way to safety. God delivered you to a refuge, and you rejoiced in it. +Teach us by your example. St. Joseph, to be flexible to God's will and to find the Way.

RETURN TO NAZARETH Finally, a return home to Galilee and to his working place. The old Herod is dead. The coast is clear--kind of. In any case, God led you back home. Ever-led by God, dear Joseph, you returned to Nazareth at God's sign to head back. Then what fatherly pride you had in seeing Jesus grow in wisdom and grace before God and men under your care. It was a quiet decade of care, to have intimacy and love with your family.

+Show us, St. Joseph, how to be take care, in You, and to be free from all useless fear and worry, so we may enjoy the peace of Your provision, of the Divine Providence. Help us to foster family life, and to make for a tranquil life, even amid the bustle of the world.

THE EXPERIENCE OF THE GROWING-LORD JESUS "Jesus, LORD, in all Your days" Dependable as the foster-father, ever so close to Jesus, you watched Him grow. He picked up on life's lessons so quickly and wisely, as like a new Adam, working 100 % in his humanity, and holy and pure in His soul. You learned a lot from His insights, even as He learned from you.

Jesus, teach me in all Thy ways. I want to be close to You and to learn how to live well.

FINDING OF THE JESUS IN THE TEMPLE Jesus is found at Jerusalem's center.

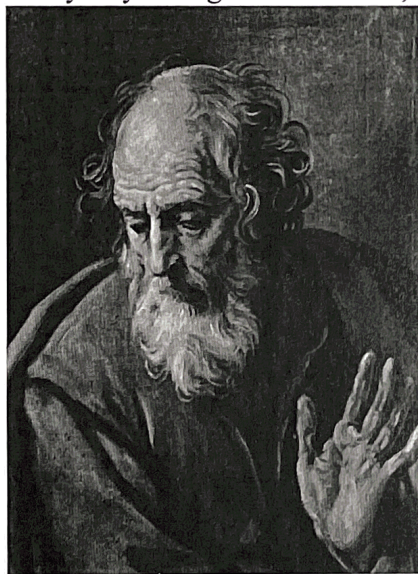
O searching Joseph for Jesus, how revealing it was that the 12 year old Jesus wanted to be in His Heavenly Father's House. You knew it was a sign to give in to Jesus' next stage of life and to support Him onward, even as He returned home to keep working, learning and serving with you.
+What incredible relief was yours, Joseph, when you found Jesus safe in the Holy Temple.

JOSEPH IS CALLED UP TO GOD. The time comes for Joseph's earthly life to cease.

We don't know the year, but that it was likely before Jesus' ministry years began. Joseph peacefully died. He now would enter into a new role for God evermore, upon Christ' Rising. We know more about it now—that Joseph was rescued from the abode of death—a waiting place for the just—by Jesus on Holy Saturday. We have heard that Joseph maybe was assumed to Heaven on Ascension Day. (If so, he received what Mary received later, until her holy dormission. She was pass as distinctly full of grace, the model life of faith and cooperation with God. Joseph, going beforehand, had the holy death of having Jesus and Mary both at his side in his final hour.
+Holy Joseph, we pray that when our earthly service is at its end, that we will be pleased and ready for it, and to meet the Redeemer of All. Holy Mary, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Jesus, You are to be praised! Savior! Our Deliverer! Amen.

JOSEPH IS NAMED A SAINT AND UNIVERSAL PATRON OF THE CHURCH.

The Church takes great notice of this quiet man in the Bible and of The Head of the Holy Family. Many boys are given his name, heroic Catholic institutions and organizations and people and



places bear his name. Countries named him as their patron. Artists have tried to paint him, the one who was not described much in Scripture. Here is one rendering. In 2021, a Holy Year of St. Joseph!

**Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust; with you
Christ became man. Blessed Joseph,
to us too, show yourself a father and
guide us in the path of life. Obtain for
grace, mercy and courage, and defend
us from every evil. Amen.**



FUN RE-TUNE SONG TO JOSEPH (to "Do you know the way to San Jose?")

You sure know THE WAY, O San Jose! I'm going back to find some peace of mind, in CHRIST, THE WAY.
Can't wait to be reconciled, today, Jesus gives the Grace, the Paraclete will light HIS WAY!
The fallen world's a great big freeway, many drive a selfish ride away, in sin's dread and led astray, weak
wills turn to mush, and can't do much, and all the idols, that ever were, will lead you down to Nowhere
Town. Bum, Bum, Bum, Bum, Bum, Bum, Bum. Can you help the Church, O San Jose? I'm praying very
hard, O my knees they might give way! We need GPS, O San Jose! God's Positioning System to mark THE
WAY, Bible Prayer and Magisterium, Holy Spirit Grace and Acts of God, to work inside of us today!
Mustard seeds of life, you sow and plant, and then you grant, that we might grow, and to become
Children of God! Ah-lay-lu-Jah Jah Jah Jah. You sure know THE WAY, O San Jose. Woa! Woa! Woa!
Woa! Woa! Woa! Woa! Woa! Woa! Point me to find Jesus' Reign today! Woa! Woa! Woa! Woa! Woa!
Woa! Woa! Woa! Woa! I can't wait to serve the LORD, today! Woa! Woa! Woa! Woa! Woa! Woa! Woa!
Woa! Woa! Finding Peace of Mind, in Christ The Way. Woa! Woa! Woa! Woa! Woa! Woa! Woa!
Woa! Thank You GOD for sharing San Jose. Jesus is the Truth, the Life, the Way! Ay-yay!

Two songs mentioning Joseph that are my favorites. My Deliverer. Joseph's Song.