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**“St. Joseph, the foster father of Jesus, is often referred to as the "Just Man." But what does this title mean, and how can we learn from his example?”**

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## **ST. JOSEPH: THE JUST MAN - A POWERFUL EXAMPLE FOR MODERN-DAY STUDENTS**

As we celebrate the feast of St. Joseph, let's take a moment to reflect on the life and legacy of this remarkable saint. St. Joseph, the foster father of Jesus, is often referred to as the "Just Man." But what does this title mean, and how can we learn from his example?

In the Bible, St. Joseph is described as a "just man" in Matthew 1:19. This phrase doesn't just mean that he was fair and honest; it means that he was a man of integrity, who lived his life according to God's will. He was a man of strong faith, who trusted in God's plan and provision for his life.

One of the most remarkable aspects of St. Joseph's life is his response to the angel's announcement that Mary would bear a son who was the Son of God. Initially hesitant, St. Joseph was reassured by the angel that the child was of the Holy Spirit, and he obediently took Mary as his wife. This act of obedience and trust in God's plan ultimately led to Jesus' birth and ministry.

As students, we can learn valuable lessons from St. Joseph's example. We can strive to be people of integrity, who live our lives according to God's will. We can trust in God's plan and provision for our lives, even when things get tough. And we can seek to be just and fair in all our interactions, treating others with kindness and respect.

So let's take a moment to reflect on our own lives and how we can apply the lessons of St. Joseph's life to our own experiences. How can we be people of integrity and faith? How can we trust in God's plan and provision for our lives? And how can we seek to be just and fair in all our interactions?

By reflecting on these questions and seeking to follow St. Joseph's example, we can become more like him - people of integrity, faith, and obedience.

*Fr. James Nigrel sdb*  
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**"St. Joseph is the patron of a happy death. He is the model of how to live and die in the state of grace."**

## **ST. JOSEPH: A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS**

St. Joseph, the foster father of Jesus, is a remarkable saint who has been a role model for every human being for centuries. Despite being a man of few words, his life has spoken volumes to generations, inspiring countless people to live a life of virtue, faith, and service. As Pope Francis said, "St. Joseph is a man of great spirit. He is a man who always listens to the voice of God, and he always follows it."

St. Joseph's life was marked by his unwavering commitment to his faith and his family. He was a just man, who lived his life according to God's will, as described in Matthew 1:19. His obedience to God's plan, even in the face of uncertainty and challenge, is a powerful example for us all. As St. Matthew writes, "When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife."

St. Joseph's life was also marked by his preparation for death. He lived his life in such a way that he was always ready to meet God. As Don Bosco, the founder of the Salesian congregation, said, "St. Joseph is the patron of a happy death. He is the model of how to live and die in the state of grace." This devotion to St. Joseph has been practiced by Salesians around the world, who prepare themselves for a happy death through monthly recollections and prayers.

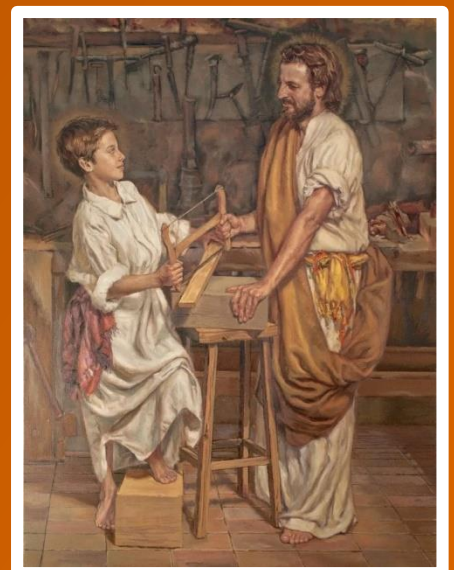
St. Joseph is indeed a man for all seasons. He lived his life to the full, and his example continues to inspire us today. He understands the needs of humanity, and his life is a testament to the power of faith, obedience, and service. He is a model for fathers and husbands, workers and professionals, and people of faith. His humility, obedience, faith, and compassion are virtues that we can all learn from and strive to emulate.

As we reflect on St. Joseph's life, we are reminded that he is a saint for every moment of our lives. He is a companion for our journey, a guide for our decisions, and a protector in times of need. May St. Joseph's example inspire us to live a life of virtue, faith, and service, and may we always seek to follow his example, as we strive to become the people God calls us to be.

In the words of Scripture, "The just man will flourish like the palm tree, like a cedar of Lebanon will he grow." (Psalm 92:13) May we flourish like the palm tree, growing strong and tall in our faith, just like St. Joseph.

Wishing you all a happy feast, filled with God's blessings.

*Rev. Fr. Solomon Rapol Sdb*  
*Principal*





**“If we desire to know Jesus more deeply, we need only look to Joseph.”**

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## **GET TO KNOW JOSEPH AND YOU WILL FIND JESUS**

As we explore the Bible, we often focus on key figures like Jesus, Mary, and the apostles. Yet, one essential figure is sometimes overlooked—Jesus' foster father, Joseph. Though he is often in the background, his quiet strength, unwavering faith, and deep obedience to God make him a powerful example of discipleship.

Joseph's life is a testament to faith, humility, and love. Entrusted with the care of the Son of God, he embraced his role as Mary's husband and Jesus' earthly father with steadfast devotion. Despite the immense responsibility, Joseph never sought recognition; instead, he chose faithful service, allowing God to work through him.

One of the most remarkable moments in Joseph's life was his response to the angel's message about Mary's divine pregnancy. Reassured that the child was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Joseph obeyed without hesitation. He took Mary as his wife and raised Jesus with love and dedication. His life reminds us that true greatness is not found in fame or status but in faith, trust, and obedience to God's will.

Joseph's journey beautifully mirrors that of Jesus—both lived with humility, obedience, and love. They surrendered to God's plan, placed complete trust in Him, and led lives of quiet, selfless service.

If we desire to know Jesus more deeply, we need only look to Joseph. His example of faith, devotion, and love offers a clear path to understanding and following Christ. By embracing his virtues, we, too, can grow in our faith and become true disciples of Jesus.

*“Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for the example of Joseph. Teach us to follow his path of faith, obedience, and love. Help us to trust in Your plan and live in a way that reflects Jesus in all we do. Amen.”*

*-Ms. Flavia Vishwanathan  
(Secondary Section)  
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## ST. JOSEPH'S ACTS OF KINDNESS INSPIRE ME TO BE KIND TO OTHERS

St. Joseph's Act of Kindness inspires me to be kind to others through his humble actions and selfless service. Known for his quiet strength, he showed kindness by providing for and protecting his family, even in the face of uncertainty. His decision to quietly help Mary and raise Jesus without seeking recognition is a powerful reminder that acts of kindness do not always need to be grand or public to make a difference.

St. Joseph's life encourages me to serve others with patience, humility, and generosity, expecting nothing in return. By following his example, I learn that kindness is shown not only through words but also through actions, even the small ones. Whether offering a helping hand, listening to someone in need, or showing empathy, these simple gestures can have a profound impact. St. Joseph's example inspires me to approach each day with kindness and compassion towards everyone I meet.

*-Reuben Solomon IX B*



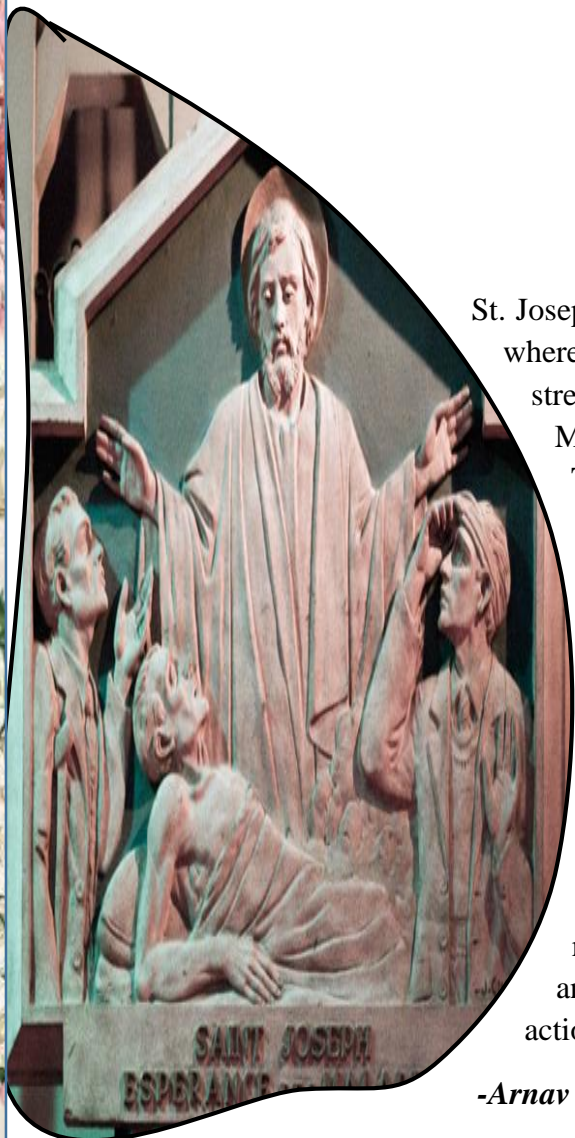
## IT MEANS A LOT TO BE HUMBLE LIKE ST. JOSEPH

St. Joseph's humility, a shining example for all, transcends time. In an era where self-promotion often overshadows genuine virtue, his quiet strength speaks volumes. He accepted his crucial role as guardian of Mary and Jesus with unwavering faith, never seeking personal glory. This silent dedication remains a testament to his character.

This wasn't a passive acceptance, but an active, devoted commitment. He navigated challenging circumstances with obedience and a deep trust in divine guidance. St. Joseph's humility was not about self-deprecation, but about recognizing a purpose greater than himself. It allowed him to prioritize the well-being of his family above his own desires, demonstrating true selflessness.

In a society that often equates worth with outward displays of power, St. Joseph's life offers a powerful alternative. His example reminds us that true strength lies in humility, in the quiet acts of faith and service. He shows us true greatness is found in silent, faithful action.

*-Arnav Bhilare VIIIA*





## FINDING STRENGTH IN SILENCE

Strength is not just ruling the class, nor standing the tallest as moments pass. It's not in fists or fights we show, but in the heart where true strengths grow when we are in silence. Power is not in force or might, but in the will to do what's right. True strength shines from deep within, when we are silent. A light that guides, through thick and thin. Strength is not in showing ego nor in jealousy, Strength is not in showing anger or frustration. True strength shines in calm, when we are silent.



**- Keshav Ramesh VI B**

## THE SILENT STRENGTH OF ST. JOSEPH: LESSON IN TRUSTING GOD

St. Joseph was a man of strength, unwavering faith, and deep trust in God. Through scripture records no words from him, his actions speak louder than words. When faced with uncertainty- Mary's miraculous pregnancy the flight to Egypt and raising Jesus- he trusted God completely. St. Joseph teaches us that true strength lies in silent obedience, not in loud declarations. He shows that trusting God means acting in faith, even when the path is unclear. May we follow his example, embracing faith over fear and trusting in God's plan for our lives.



**-Viraj Chavan VI A**

## ST. JOSEPH – PROTECTOR OF ALL THE FAITHFUL

Saint Joseph, often known as the protector of all the faithful, is a figure revered in Christian tradition for his role as the earthly father of Jesus Christ and the husband of the Virgin Mary. Saint Joseph's role in the Holy Family was crucial; he safeguarded Mary and Jesus from harm, providing them with shelter, food, and love. When King Herod sought to kill the infant Jesus, it was Saint Joseph who, guided by divine revelation, took his family to Egypt, ensuring their safety. His quiet, steadfast faith and obedience to God's will are qualities that Christians look to when seeking strength and guidance in times of trouble.

Saint Joseph's example teaches the importance of humility, the value of hard work, and the strength found in protecting those entrusted to our care. Through his intercession, many find peace, trust, and courage in their daily lives, knowing that, just as Saint Joseph cared for Jesus, he also cares for each of us.



**-Kshitij Dhuri VIII B**

## WHAT ST. JOSEPH MEANS TO ME

As a student, I often seek inspiration to overcome academic challenges. One figure who motivates me is **St. Joseph**, the foster father of Jesus.

### 1. A Model of Hard Work and Perseverance

St. Joseph's diligence and perseverance inspire me to approach my studies with the same dedication. When facing difficult assignments or exams, I remind myself of his commitment and resilience.

### 2. A Guardian and Protector

As the protector of Jesus and Mary, St. Joseph teaches me the importance of seeking guidance. His intercession gives me the confidence to ask for help when needed—whether from teachers, family, or friends.

### 3. A Role Model for Responsible Living

St. Joseph's devotion to his family and community reminds me to balance academics with personal and social responsibilities. His example inspires me to value relationships and contribute meaningfully to my community.



St. Joseph's virtues—hard work, perseverance, and trust in God—guide me in my studies and daily life. As I continue my educational journey, I will look to him for inspiration and strength.

—*Judha Jesudoss V A*

## ST. JOSEPH: A HERO IN MY EYES AND WHY HE INSPIRES ME

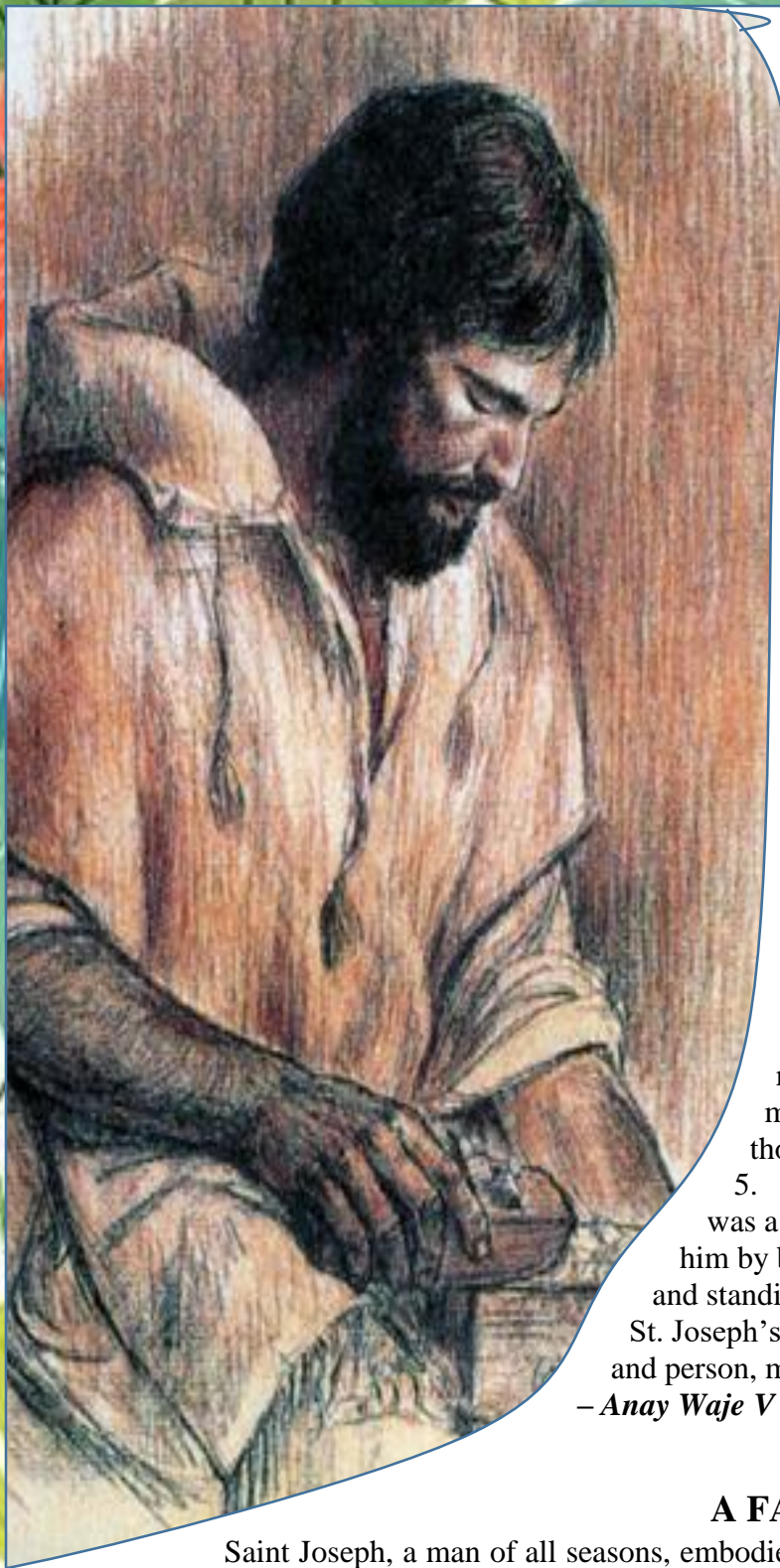


A hero is someone who shows kindness, patience, and responsibility. St. Joseph, the earthly father of Jesus, is a true hero in my eyes. He was a man of great faith who trusted God's plan without hesitation. Even when faced with difficulties, he remained calm and did what was right. His life teaches me the importance of believing in goodness and standing by my loved ones.

St. Joseph was a hardworking and caring person. As a carpenter, he worked sincerely to provide for his family. He never sought praise but did his duties with love and honesty. He protected Mary and Jesus, ensuring their safety even in tough times. He remained strong, guiding them through challenges with courage and dedication. His actions remind me that true heroes are those who care for others without expecting anything in return.

What inspires me the most is his humility. He never spoke much but showed kindness through actions. His life teaches me that to be a hero it is all about kindness, responsibility, and selflessness.

—*Clayton Fernando IX A*



## AS A STUDENT OF ST. JOSEPH, WHAT CAN I OFFER HIM?

I have the responsibility to honor his legacy by living out his virtues in my daily life. Here are some meaningful ways to offer him my devotion through both prayer and action:

1. **Faith and Prayer** – St. Joseph was a man of deep trust in God. I can honor him by strengthening my faith through regular prayer, attending school Masses, and seeking his intercession in my studies and personal life.
2. **Hard Work and Excellence** – St. Joseph was a diligent worker who dedicated himself to his craft. As a student, I can follow his example by committing myself to my studies, working hard in academics, sports, and extracurricular activities, and striving for excellence in all I do.
3. **Obedience and Respect** – St. Joseph obeyed God's will without hesitation. I can honor him by respecting others, practising good values, and being obedient to what is right.
4. **Service to Others** – St. Joseph cared for Mary and Jesus with love and dedication. I can reflect this virtue by being compassionate, helping my classmates in need, and showing empathy to those who are struggling.
5. **Leadership and Responsibility** – St. Joseph was a responsible and protective figure. I can honor him by being a role model at school, promoting justice, and standing up for what is right.

St. Joseph's virtues can guide me to become a better student and person, making a lasting impact on my school and society  
– *Anay Waje VB*

## A FAITHFUL SERVANT

Saint Joseph, a man of all seasons, embodies faith, humility, and resilience. In every stage of life, he remained steadfast—obedient to God's will, a devoted husband to Mary, and a loving father to Jesus. As a carpenter, he worked diligently, teaching the value of honest labour. In trials, he showed courage, leading his family to safety. Though silent in Scripture, his actions spoke volumes, reflecting trust, patience, and selflessness. Whether in times of joy or hardship, Joseph remained faithful, making him a timeless model for all. His virtues transcend generations, proving him truly a man of all seasons.

–*Ms. Smita Lewis*  
(*Primary Head Teacher*)



## **IF I COULD ASK ST. JOSEPH FOR ONE MIRACLE, I WOULD ASK FOR...**

Knowing that God is our creator, I would ask St. Joseph for one miracle: to give me the power to fly like a free bird, to explore the world and witness the beauty of nature from a different angle unlike other humans, travel to and fro and meet my people. Oh! St. Joseph how I wish to soar high like an eagle...

*-Suraj Singh Bayasthakur IV B*

## **THE VALUE OF ST. JOSEPH THAT INSPIRES ME THE MOST...**

The value of Saint Joseph that inspires me the most is his unwavering faith and humility. He trusted God's plan without question, leading with quiet strength and love. His dedication to family, hard work, and righteousness teaches me that true greatness comes from faith, selflessness, and devotion to one's responsibilities.

*-Anmol Tiwari IV A*

## **ST. JOSEPH – A MODEL TO FACE CHALLENGES IN OUR LIVES - - -**

Saint Joseph is a model for facing challenges in life because he faced many obstacles with courage and faith. He is also known for his obedience and trust in God.

Be courageous: St. Joseph faced many challenges, including Mary's pregnancy, Herod's slaughter of the innocents, and the journey to Egypt.

Be obedient: St. Joseph obeyed God without hesitation and was willing to do God's will.

Be faithful: St. Joseph's faith and trust in God helped him to believe even when he didn't understand.

Be a provider: St. Joseph provided for his family and was the head and guardian of the Holy Family.

Be a strong father: St. Joseph protected his family and raised Jesus as his own son.

Overall, the challenges faced by St. Joseph remind us of the difficulties and uncertainties that can come with a life of faith and obedience.

*-Shivansh Rasput VII B*

## **THE VALUES OF MANUAL LABOUR WE LEARN FROM THE LIFE OF ST. JOSEPH**

St. Joseph is the Patron of our School. He was the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the legal father of Jesus.

St. Joseph was a carpenter. He used his hands to provide for the needs of his family through his physical work as a wood craftsman. St. Joseph performed his work with dedication, dignity, humility and sanctity, without seeking recognition.

The life of St. Joseph is an example that manual labour is a divine job. All jobs are equally valuable and should be treated with respect. Manual labourers like farmers and carpenters are the pillars of our society. Without them, we won't have food and shelter. Moreover, dignity and sanctity should always be our core values. We should provide for our family in an honest and respectable way. As the saying goes, "Dirty Hands are the Sign of Clean Money". Respect those people who earn less, with honesty.

*-Vighnesh Arolkar VII A*



## ST. JOSEPH: EMBODIMENT OF SILENCE

Silence is often misunderstood as weakness or passivity, but in reality, it is a powerful expression of wisdom, strength, and trust in God. Among the great saints of the Church, St. Joseph stands as the perfect model of silence, embodying virtues that make him a "man for all seasons." His quiet yet profound presence in the Gospel narratives demonstrates how silence can be a means of deep reflection, humility, and unwavering faith.

St. John Bosco, known for his dedication to youth and education, also recognized the power of silence in forming strong character. He emphasized discipline, prayer, and patience, qualities that St. Joseph perfectly exemplified. In a world that often values noise and constant action, both St. John Bosco and St. Joseph teach us that true strength lies in silent perseverance and trust in God's will.

St. Joseph's life is marked by his silent obedience to God's plan. Despite facing immense challenges—the unexpected pregnancy of Mary, the flight into Egypt, and the responsibility of raising the Son of God, Jesus Christ—he never utters a single recorded word in the Holy Bible. Yet, his actions speak volumes. He listens, obeys, and protects without hesitation. This silence is not emptiness but a deep interior dialogue with God, a silence filled with wisdom and grace.

A "man for all seasons" is one who adapts to different circumstances with unwavering faith and integrity. St. Joseph embodies this ideal by demonstrating courage in adversity, humility in responsibility, and love in action. Whether as a protector of the Holy Family or a faithful servant of God's will, he remained steadfast in every season of life.

In our modern world, where distractions and noise overpower, St. Joseph reminds us to embrace silence because it is only through silence that we cultivate inner peace, grow in faith, and become more attuned to God's presence. This is especially relevant for students who are constantly surrounded by the pressures of academic life, social media, and peer expectations. By practicing silence, students can develop focus, patience, and clarity, enabling them to make thoughtful decisions and deepen their spiritual and intellectual growth.

Following his path of silence, we too can become "men and women for all seasons," ready to serve God in every circumstance of life.

**-Nagaprabha Billuru,**  
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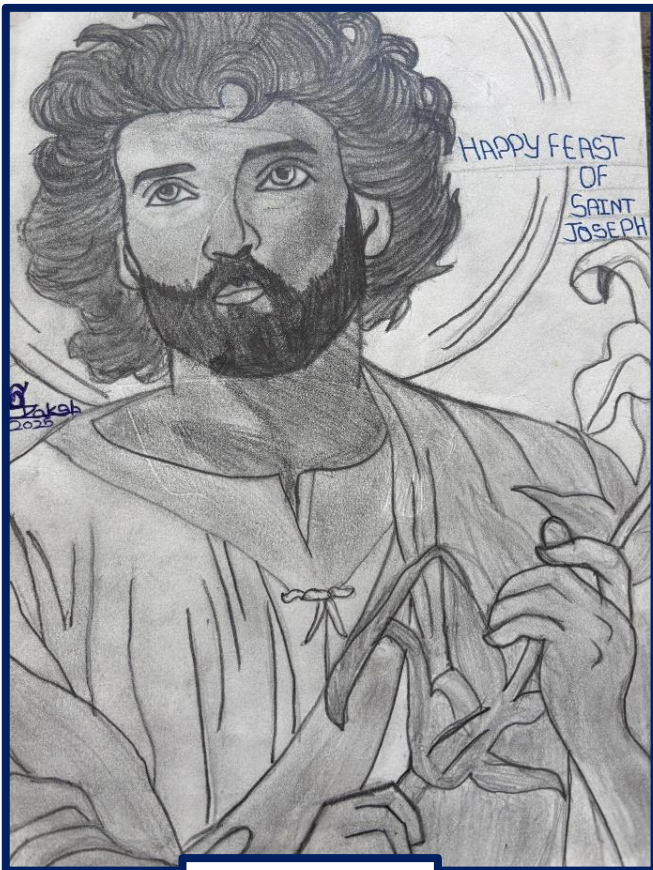




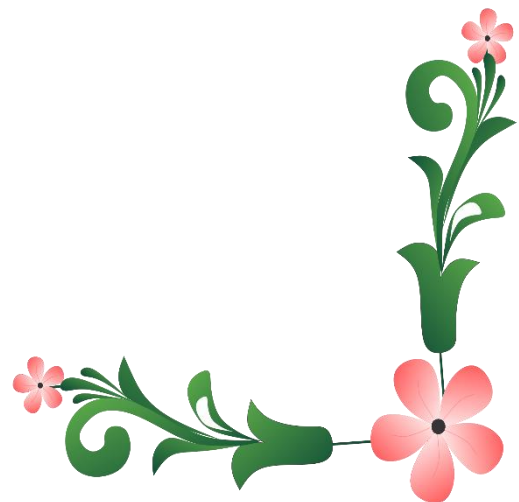
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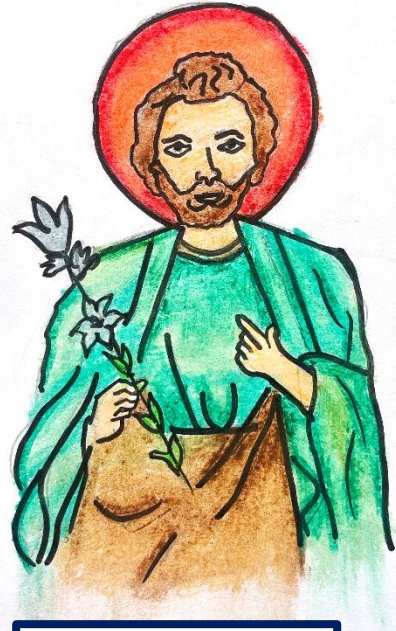
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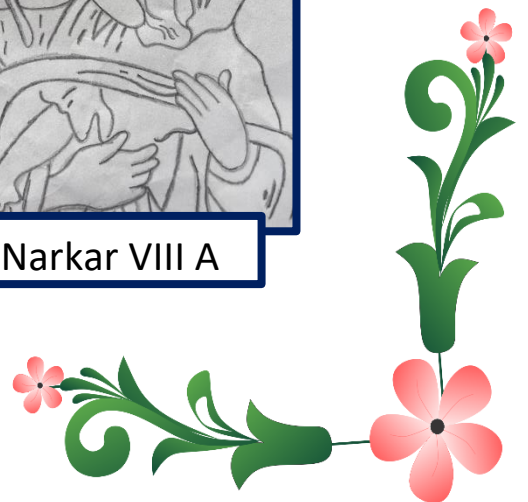
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# ST. JOSEPH'S TITLES AND THEIR SIGNIFICANCE

## TITLES REFLECTING HIS ROLE IN THE HOLY FAMILY:

**Chaste Guardian of the Virgin:** This title emphasizes his role as the protector of Mary's virginity and his own chastity.

**Head of the Holy Family:** This title highlights his role as the father figure and leader of the family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

**Joseph most just:** This title highlights his virtue of justice.

**Joseph most chaste:** This title highlights his virtue of chastity.

**Joseph most strong:** This title highlights his virtue of strength.

**Joseph most obedient:** This title highlights his virtue of obedience.

## TITLES REFLECTING HIS VIRTUES:

**Mirror of Patience:** This title highlights his ability to endure hardships with patience and faith.

**Patron of the Dying:** This title reflects his role as a guide and intercessor for those facing death, as it is believed he died in the arms of Jesus and Mary.

**Patron of the Church:** This title reflects his role as a model for all Christians.

**Just Man:** This title highlights his virtuous role as an image of God the Father.

**Faithful:** This title highlights his faithfulness to God's plan.

**Righteous:** This title highlights his righteous living.

**Silent:** This title highlights his quiet and unassuming nature.

## OTHER TITLES AND PATRONAGES:

**Light of Patriarchs:** This title refers to his position as a patriarch in the lineage of Jesus.

**Diligent protector of Christ:** This title highlights his role as a protector of Jesus.

**Patron of a multitude:** This title reflects his role as a patron saint for various groups and causes.

**Patron of the Universal Church:** This title highlights his role as a patron saint of the Catholic Church.

**Patron of Families:** This title reflects his role as a model for family life.

**Patron of Workers:** This title reflects his role as a model for workers, particularly carpenters.

**Patron of the Poor:** This title reflects his role as a protector of the poor.

**Patron of the Sick:** This title reflects his role as a protector of the sick.

**Patron of Travelers:** This title reflects his role as a protector of travelers.



## ***Petition for St. Joseph's Blessing***

Bless me, O dearly beloved father, St. Joseph; bless my body and my soul; bless my resolutions, my words and deeds, all my actions and omissions, my every step; bless all that I possess, all my interior and exterior goods, that all may redound to the greater honor of God. Bless me for time and eternity, and preserve me from every sin. Obtain for me the grace to make atonement for all my sins by love and contrition here on earth, so that after my last breath I may, without delay, prostrate at thy feet and return thee thanks in heaven for all the love and goodness thou, O dearest father, hast shown me here below. Amen.

# Did you know that St. Joseph built a staircase in New Mexico?

The sisters at the Loretto Chapel needed a miracle.  
St. Joseph used his carpentry skills to help them!

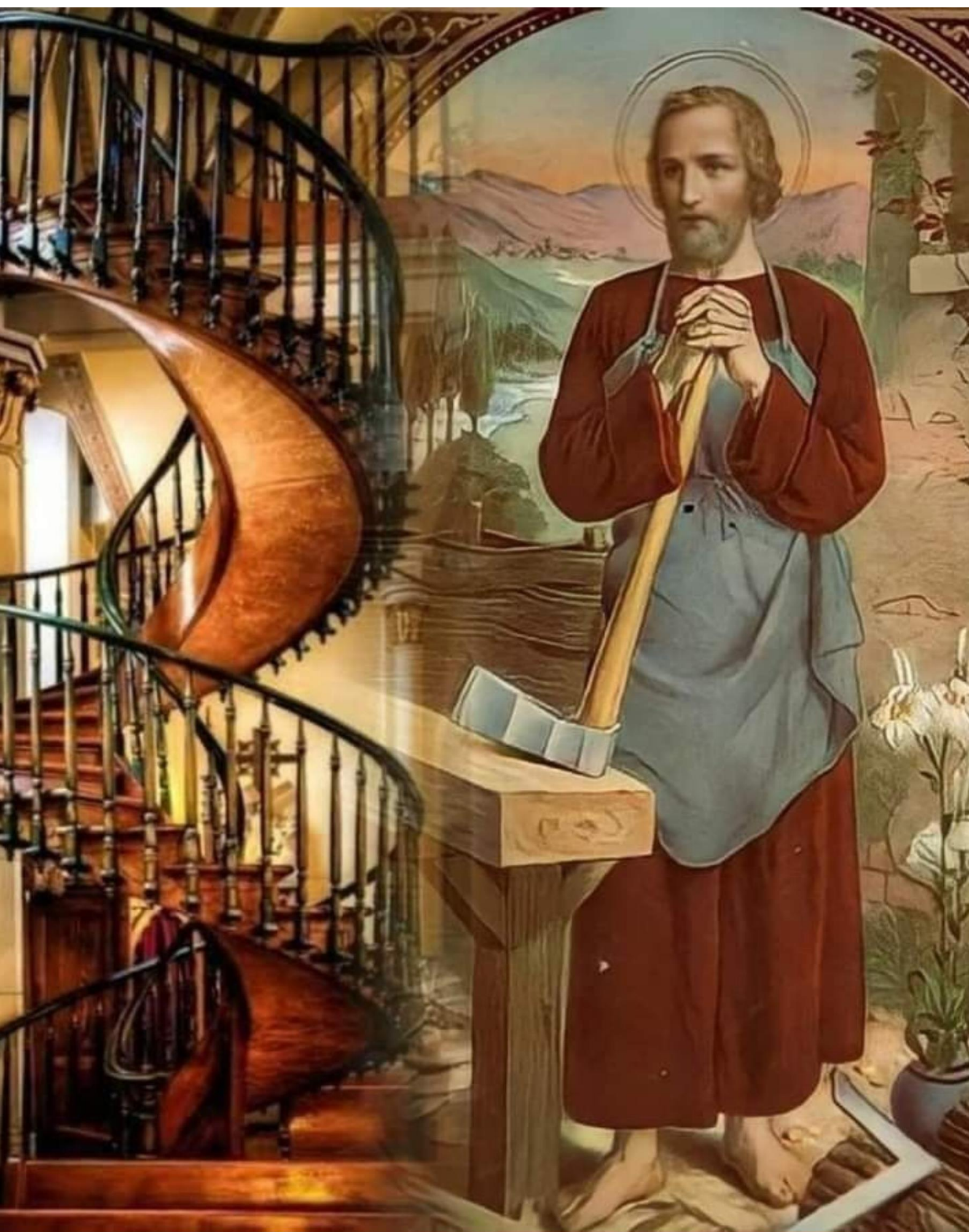
In 1873, construction on the Chapel of Our Lady of Light in Santa Fe, New Mexico hit a roadblock. The beautiful Gothic-style chapel had no staircase to get from the main level to the choir loft. The original architect had died, and his plans for a staircase were unknown.

The sisters of Loretto, who had commissioned the chapel, were distraught. They consulted with several architects and carpenters, but the answer was always the same: it couldn't be done. There just wasn't enough space to build a staircase to the choir loft. They were going to have to accept that they couldn't access the choir loft.

Not quite ready to give up, the sisters said a novena to St. Joseph, the master carpenter, asking him to help them find a builder with a solution. As soon as the sisters finished the novena, a man arrived at their doorstep saying that he could build them a staircase—his only request was to work in complete privacy. The sisters agreed, and the man locked himself in the chapel to work. Some say it only took him one night, while others say it took months. However long it took to build, the staircase the man crafted for the sisters was nothing short of incredible.

The man departed just as mysteriously as he had arrived, leaving behind one of the most marvelous pieces of woodworking ever seen. The staircase has two 360-degree spirals in it and was built with no central support, resting only on its base. It was built without nails—just wood pegs. Carpenters and scientists have said that the construction is nearly impossible and shouldn't be able to support anyone walking on it. Yet the staircase stands solid to this day.





**ST. JOSEPH PRAY FOR US**