



Team 1  
**Consecration to St. Joseph**

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# Opening Prayer

# Readings

## **Matt 1: 19-20, 24**

Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.

## **Matt 2: 13-14**

When they had departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him.” Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt.

## **Luke 2:22-23**

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord.”

# Catechism

## **Catechism 437**

God called Joseph to “take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit,” so that Jesus, “who is called Christ,” should be born of Joseph’s spouse into the messianic lineage of David.

## **Catechism 532**

Jesus’ obedience to his mother and legal father fulfills the fourth commandment perfectly and was the temporal image of his filial obedience to his Father in heaven.

## **Catechism 1014**

“From a sudden and unforeseen death, deliver us, O Lord”, to ask the Mother of God to intercede for us “at the hour of our death” in the Hail Mary; and to entrust ourselves to St. Joseph, the patron of a happy death.

Chad

# Song

## Prayer to St. Joseph

Music by Jared Haselbarth

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SK\\_q2mpSMsM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SK_q2mpSMsM)



# Exhortation by JP2



- **THE GOSPEL PORTRAIT**
  - *Marriage to Mary*
- **THE GUARDIAN OF THE MYSTERY OF GOD**
  - *The Service of Fatherhood*
  - *The Census*
  - *The Birth at Bethlehem*
  - *The Circumcision*
  - *Conferral of the Name*
  - *The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple*
  - *The Flight into Egypt*
  - *Jesus' Stay in the Temple*
  - *The Support and Education of Jesus of Nazareth*
- **A JUST MAN A HUSBAND**
- **WORK AS AN EXPRESSION OF LOVE**
- **THE PRIMACY OF THE INTERIOR LIFE**
- **PATRON OF THE CHURCH IN OUR DAY**

# St. Teresa of Avila



- St. Teresa of Avila had a special devotion to him, and argued that Joseph, the man of listening silence, was a special patron of the “interior life,” that life of seeking God in the deepest center of our heart
- *I wish I could persuade everyone to be devoted to this glorious saint, for I have great experience of the blessings which he can obtain from God. I have never known anyone to be truly devoted to him and render him particular services who did not notably advance in virtue, for he gives very real help to souls who commend themselves to him. For some years now, I think, I have made some request of him every year on his festival and I have always had it granted. If my petition is in any way ill directed, he directs it aright for my greater good.*



# Reflection John Murphy



# What does consecration mean?

- Acknowledge that Joseph is your spiritual father, and you want to be like him.
- To show it, you entrust yourself entirely to his paternal care so that he can lovingly help you acquire his virtues and become holy.
- The person who consecrates himself to St. Joseph wants to be as close to their spiritual father as possible, to the point of resembling him in virtue and holiness.



Mike

# Consecration to St. Joseph



- In order to defend marriage and the family, elevate morals, recover lost ground, and win souls for Jesus Christ, we need to bring St. Joseph onto the battlefield.
- He is the Terror of Demons!
- With his powerful spiritual fatherhood, incredible love for his spiritual father, incredible love for his spiritual children, and constant intercession, the Church can be renewed as a light to the nations



### Program Overview

*Consecration to St. Joseph* emulates the tried-and-true preparation method employed by St. Louis de Montfort in his Marian consecration, highlighting many of St. Joseph's titles, privileges, and heroic virtues.

The program of preparation and consecration takes 33 days.

It can be undertaken on your own or in a group.

### How to make your consecration as an individual

- Choose a consecration date. (See [Consecration Chart](#) here.)
- It's recommended to choose a day that coincides with a liturgical feast of St. Joseph. Your consecration date is day 33 of the program.
- You'll spend about 20-30 minutes a day on a short exposition on one of the invocations in the powerful Litany of St. Joseph, followed by a reading on St. Joseph, concluding with the recitation of the Litany of St. Joseph.
- If you miss a day, just make it up and continue your preparation.
- On the day of your consecration, feel free to use whichever act of consecration you like best; you can also make up your own, if you like.



## Consecration Chart

START OF THE 33 DAYS	FEAST DAY	CONSECRATION DAY
December 22	Feast of the Holy Spouses	January 23
January 1	Presentation of the Lord	February 2
February 15*	Solemnity of St. Joseph	March 19
March 30	St. Joseph the Worker	May 1
April 11	Our Lady of Fatima	May 13
July 20	Our Lady of Knock	August 21
September 30	All Saints	November 1
November 8	Our Lady of Loreto	December 10
November**	Holy Family	December

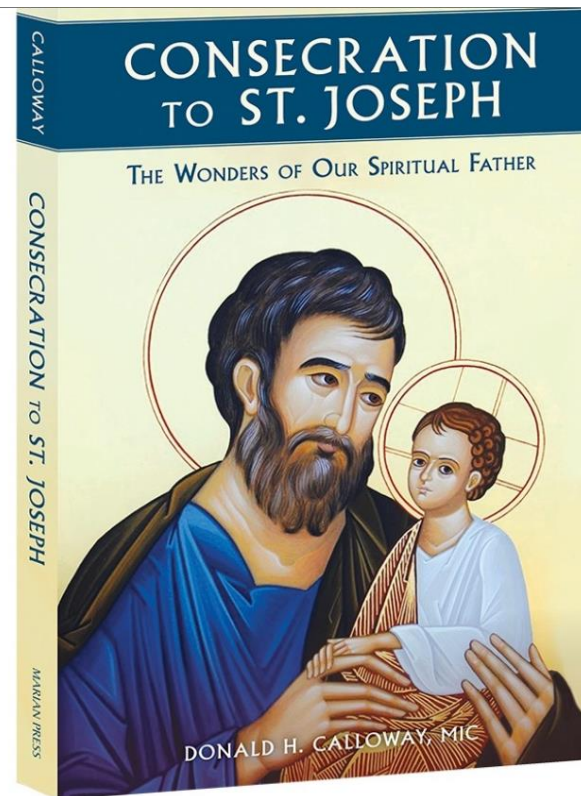
\* During a leap year, when February has 29 days, the starting date is February 16.

\*\* The Solemnity of the Holy Family generally falls on the first Sunday after Christmas. If Christmas itself is on a Sunday, be sure to check what day the bishops designate as the Solemnity of the Holy Family and begin your consecration 32 days before the consecration date (Day 33).

Dave S.

# Consecration Guide

## Hard Copy, Audio, Ebook



<https://www.shopmercy.org/consecration-to-st-joseph-the-wonders-of-our-spiritual-father.html?source=cts>



Large Group  
*Has anyone done a  
Consecration to St.  
Joseph?*



# Small Group Questions / Action

- Have you considered St. Joseph as a role model for fathers?
- As head and guardian of the Holy Family St. Joseph is protector of the Holy Church. Were you aware that he held such stature in the Church?
- During these difficult times how can we defend Family and the Holy Church
- Consider beginning your consecration to St. Joseph on Dec. 22.
  - There is a 33-day preparation of prayer and reflection which concludes with the Consecration to St. Joseph.



# Resources

**Consecration to St. Joseph**, The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father, Donald H. Calloway, MIC

Introduction to the Consecration to St. Joseph online:

<https://www.consecrationtostjoseph.org/introduction.html>

**The Litany of St. Joseph**, <http://osjusa.org/prayers/litany-st-joseph/>

<https://www.wordonfire.org/resources/blog/st-joseph-the-great/26855/>

<http://www.catholicdigest.com/amp/faith/spirituality/what-st-joseph-meant-to-jesus/>