



YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

Archdiocese of Kingston

March 19, 2021 to December 8, 2021

INTRODUCTION

To commemorate the 150th anniversary of Saint Joseph being solemnly declared Patron of the Catholic Church by Pope Pius IX in his decree *Quemadmodum Deus*, Pope Francis has proclaimed a Year of Saint Joseph, dedicated to the foster father of Jesus.

The faithful of the Archdiocese of Kingston are invited to honour Saint Joseph as the Patron of Canada, the Guardian of the Family and the Protector of the Church by prayer, meditation and devotion as they seek to imitate his virtues, strengthen their particular vocation and live a life of holiness.

APOSTOLIC LETTER

Intercessor behind the Scene: In *Patris Corde (With a Father's Heart)*, Pope Francis wrote that Christians can discover in Saint Joseph, an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble. Saint Joseph, who often goes unnoticed, reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation. A word of recognition and of gratitude is due to them all.

Guardian of the Family: As Mary's husband and guardian of the Son of God, Saint Joseph turned "his human vocation to domestic love into a superhuman oblation of himself, his heart and all his abilities, a love placed at the service of the Messiah who was growing to maturity in his home."

Protector of Christ and Migrants and Exiles: Pope Francis highlights Saint Joseph's "creative courage," not only in finding a stable and making it a "welcoming home for the son of God (who came) into the world," but also in protecting Christ from the threat posed by King Herod. "The Holy Family had to face concrete problems like every other family, like so many of our migrant brothers and sisters who, today, too, risk their lives to escape misfortune and hunger. In this regard, I consider Saint Joseph the special patron of all those forced to leave their native lands because of war, hatred, persecution and poverty".

Patron of Workers and the Unemployed: As a carpenter who earned "an honest living to provide for his family," Christ's earthly guardian is also an example for both workers and those seeking employment and the right to a life of dignity for themselves and their families. "In our own day, when employment has once more become a burning social issue, and unemployment at times reaches record levels even in nations that for decades have enjoyed a certain degree of prosperity, there is a renewed need to appreciate the importance of dignified work, of which Saint Joseph is an exemplary patron."

Model of Acceptance in These Times: Among other points, the Holy Father urges Catholics everywhere to look to Saint Joseph as a model of humility, courage and patient acceptance of the will of God in our present difficulties and all of the circumstances of life.

INDULGENCES

Granted by the Holy See from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021

The Apostolic Penitentiary issued a decree that plenary indulgences are granted to Catholics not only through prayer and penance, but also through acts of justice, charity and piety dedicated to the foster father of Jesus.

Conditions: The plenary indulgence is granted under the usual conditions:

- 1) Sacramental confession;
- 2) Eucharistic communion;
- 3) Prayer according to the intentions of the Holy Father;
- 4) A spirit detached from any sin;
- 5) Participate in the Year of Saint Joseph in one of the following ways:
 - meditate on the Lord's Prayer for at least 30 minutes;
 - participate in a spiritual retreat of at least one day that includes a meditation on Saint Joseph;
 - perform a corporal or spiritual work of mercy, following the example of Saint Joseph;
 - recite the rosary together as a family, married or engaged couple in the spirit of communion, love and prayer lived in the Holy Family;
 - entrust one's daily activities and prayers for dignified employment to Saint Joseph and to all believers who invoke with their prayers the intercession of the worker of Nazareth;
 - recite the litany or any approved prayer to Saint Joseph for the persecuted Church and for the relief of all persecuted Christians;
 - pray any lawfully approved prayer or act of piety in honour of Saint Joseph, especially on:
 - March 19th (Solemnity of Saint Joseph)
 - May 1st (Memorial of Saint Joseph the Worker)
 - December 17 and 18 (see the Gospel)
 - December 26th (Feast of the Holy Family)
 - The 19th day of every month
 - Every Wednesday (a day dedicated to the memory of the Saint according to the Latin tradition)

For the elderly, the sick and homebound: Those who for legitimate reasons are prevented from leaving their home may with a spirit of detachment from any sin and with the intention of fulfilling, as soon as possible, the three usual conditions, in their own home or place of residence, pray an act of piety in honour of Saint Joseph, consoler of the sick and patron of good death, offering God the pains and difficulties of their life.

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Inspired by the Gospel, the Fathers of the Church from the earliest centuries stressed that just as Saint Joseph took loving care of Mary and gladly dedicated himself to Jesus Christ's upbringing, he likewise watches over and protects Christ's Mystical Body, that is, the Church." (Pope Saint John Paul II)

HOW TO CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

For Individuals:

- Form an intention to seek Saint Joseph's intercession, that is, determining what prayers and devotions to Saint Joseph you will say throughout the Year;
- Learn about Saint Joseph's virtues and try to imitate them;
- Place a picture or statue of Saint Joseph in a prominent place or prayer corner in your home;
- Participate in the 33-day consecration to Saint Joseph (see Resources below);
- Pray the Holy Rosary daily, reciting the Year of Saint Joseph prayer at the conclusion;
- If conditions permit, plan a pilgrimage to one or more of the Parishes named after Saint Joseph in the Archdiocese or to Saint Joseph's Oratory (Montreal), if possible;
- Attend Mass on his feast days: March 19th and May 1st;
- Participate in the Year of Saint Joseph events across the diocese;
- Include prayers to Saint Joseph in your morning and evening prayers;
- Encourage others to foster a greater devotion to Saint Joseph;
- Take advantage of the Year of Saint Joseph indulgences granted by the Holy See;
- Have a picture of Saint Joseph as the screen saver on your computer or cell phone.

For Parishes:

- Offer the Votive Mass of Saint Joseph on Wednesdays, the traditional day given to his honour¹;
- Recite a prayer to Saint Joseph before or after daily Masses, such as the Litany of Saint Joseph or the Prayer in Time of the Pandemic;
- Plan special prayers and activities during March, the month the Church dedicates to Saint Joseph;
- Offer opportunities for parishioners to participate in a 33-day consecration to Saint Joseph, with the final consecration prayer said in unison at the parish lead by the pastor or administrator;
- Celebrate Saint Joseph's feast days on March 19th and May 1st with a special celebration;
- Incorporate a study of Saint Joseph's virtues into homilies, catechetical lessons and activities throughout the year using the monthly themes for the Year of Saint Joseph See monthly themes here: <https://yearofstjoseph.org/resources/virtues-of-st-joseph/>;
- Include a link to the Year of Saint Joseph website on the parish website;
- Promote the Year of Saint Joseph events in your parish bulletins and social media channels.
- Place a picture or statue of Saint Joseph in a prominent place in the church.

¹ When not impeded by an obligatory memorial or feast, priests are encouraged to celebrate a Votive Mass of Saint Joseph (n. 13) on Wednesdays while using the daily readings or choosing appropriate readings according to the General Instruction of the Roman Lectionary. These Wednesday celebrations are an opportune time to develop a catechesis on the saintly figure of Saint Joseph and expound upon the virtues of Christian manhood and family life.

PRAYERS

The official prayer of the Year of St. Joseph—"To you, O blessed Joseph" (*Ad te, beate Ioseph*)—was composed by Pope Leo XIII in his 1889 encyclical, *Quamquam Pluries*. Pope Francis asked that it be added to the end of the Rosary especially during October, the month of the Holy Rosary. This prayer is enriched with a partial indulgence. It is also appropriate to add this prayer to the Rosary during the month of March.

To you, O blessed Joseph

To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our afflictions,
and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse,
we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God
and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus,
we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance
which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood,
and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family,
defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ;
O most loving father,
ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence;
O our most mighty protector,
be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril,
so now protect God's Holy Church
from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity;
shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection,
so that, supported by your example and your aid,
we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness,
and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.

A Morning Offering through Saint Joseph

Receive me, dear and chosen Father, and the offering of every movement of my body
and soul, which I desire to present through thee to my blessed Lord.

Purify all! Make all a perfect holocaust! May every pulsation of my heart be a Spiritual
Communion, every look and thought an act of love, every action a sweet sacrifice,
every word an arrow of Divine love, every step an advance toward Jesus, every visit to
Our Lord as pleasing to God as the errands of Angels, every thought of thee, dear Saint,
an act to remind thee that I am thy child.

I recommend to thee the occasions in which I usually fail, particularly . . . [Mention
these]. Accept each little devotion of the day, though replete with imperfection, and
offer it to Jesus, Whose mercy will overlook all, since He regards not so much the gift
as the love of the giver. Amen.

Prayer to Saint Joseph During the Pandemic²

O Saint Joseph, Patron of Canada,
who cared for your own family of Jesus and Mary,
we ask you to watch over and protect our land, its leaders
and all families with your loving gaze.
Hear our prayers in this time of fear and anxiety:
Lift up our drooping spirits, renew our hope
and give us your courage and patience in the face of uncertainty.
Enkindle in us a strong faith,
that those who suffer may be united more closely to Jesus on the Cross,
and that those who must helplessly watch the pain of others
may draw strength from our Mother Mary,
who stood by the Cross of her Son.
Grant that Christ's sufferings may inflame our zeal
to stand by those in need
and give ourselves for the well-being of all society.
Bring an end to this pandemic,
restore the sick to health,
and guide the endeavours of researchers and health care workers.
In all things may we always give praise and honour
to God, the Father of all families,
through Christ, his Son, our Saviour,
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

Litany of Saint Joseph

Lord, have mercy.	Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.	Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.	Lord, have mercy.
Jesus, hear us.	Jesus, graciously hear us.
God, the Father of Heaven,	Have mercy on us.
God, the Son, Redeemer of the world,	Have mercy on us.
God, the Holy Spirit,	Have mercy on us.
Holy Trinity, One God,	Have mercy on us.
Holy Mary,	pray for us.
Saint Joseph,	pray for us.
Renowned offspring of David,	pray for us.

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Light of Patriarchs,	pray for us.
Spouse of the Mother of God,	pray for us.
Chaste guardian of the Virgin,	pray for us.
Foster father of the Son of God,	pray for us.
Diligent protector of Christ,	pray for us.
Head of the Holy Family,	pray for us.
Joseph most just,	pray for us.
Joseph most chaste,	pray for us.
Joseph most prudent,	pray for us.
Joseph most strong,	pray for us.
Joseph most obedient,	pray for us.
Joseph most faithful,	pray for us.
Mirror of patience,	pray for us.
Lover of poverty,	pray for us.
Model of artisans,	pray for us.
Glory of home life,	pray for us.
Guardian of virgins,	pray for us.
Pillar of families,	pray for us.
Solace of the wretched,	pray for us.
Hope of the sick,	pray for us.
Patron of the dying,	pray for us.
Terror of demons,	pray for us.
Protector of Holy Church,	pray for us.
Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world,	Spare us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who take away the sins of the world,	Graciously hear us, O Lord.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,	Have mercy on us!

V. He made him the lord of His household,

R. And prince over all His possessions.

Let us pray, — O God, in your ineffable providence you were pleased to choose Blessed Joseph to be the spouse of your most holy Mother; grant, we beg you, that we may be worthy to have him for our intercessor in heaven whom on earth we venerate as our Protector: You who live and reign forever and ever.

Daily Novena Prayer to Saint Joseph

O Saint Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.

O Saint Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, so that having experienced here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of fathers.

O Saint Joseph, I never weary of contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Hold Him close in my name and kiss His fine head for me, and ask Him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath. Saint Joseph, patron of departing souls, pray for me. Amen.

Prayer Before Work to Saint Joseph the Worker

O Glorious Saint Joseph, model of all those who are devoted to labour, obtain for me the grace to work in a spirit of penance for the expiation of my many sins; to work conscientiously, putting the call of duty above my natural inclinations; to work with thankfulness and joy, considering it an honour to employ and develop by means of labour the gifts received from God; to work with order, peace, moderation, and patience, never shrinking from weariness and trials; to work above all with purity of intention and detachment from self, keeping unceasingly before my eyes death and the account that I must give of time lost, talents unused, good omitted, and vain complacency in success, so fatal to the work of God.

All for Jesus, all through Mary, all after thy example, O Patriarch, Saint Joseph. Such shall be my watch-word in life and in death. Amen. (Composed by Pope Saint Pius X)

Memorare to Saint Joseph

Remember, O most pure spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, my great protector, Saint Joseph, that no one ever had recourse to your protection, or implored your aid without obtaining relief. Confiding therefore in your goodness, I come before you. Do not turn down my petitions, foster father of the Redeemer, but graciously receive them. Amen.

Rosary of Saint Joseph

There are several versions of the Rosary of Saint Joseph:

1. Version One:

All as for the Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, but substituting the follow prayer for the “Hail Mary” on the small beads:

V. Hail Joseph, Son of David,
whose holiness surpasses that of all Angels and Saints,
blessed are you among men,
you who were chosen to be the Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary of whom was born Jesus.

R. Glorious Saint Joseph, now reigning body and soul in Heaven,
protector of the Universal Church,
pray for us poor sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Or:

V. Hail, Joseph, full of grace,
The Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among all men,
And blessed is your foster Child, Jesus.

R. Holy Joseph, guardian of the Son of God,
Pray for us sinners,
Now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.

2. Version Two:

A) On the crucifix:

O Lord, in order to honour St. Joseph as he deserves,
You have taken him body and soul to Heaven to crown him with glory,
thus signifying to the world, both visible and invisible,
that You have made Joseph Your foster-father,
the supreme steward of all Your possessions.

B) On the large (Our Father) beads:

We beseech You, O Lord, that we may find aid
in the merits of the Spouse of Your Most Holy Mother,
so that what we cannot obtain by ourselves
may be given us through his intercession,
who lives and reigns with God the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

C) On the 10 small (Holy Mary) beads:

Hail Joseph, Son of David,
whose holiness surpasses that of all Angels and Saints,
blessed are you among men,
you who were chosen to be the Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
of whom was born Jesus.
Glorious Saint Joseph, now reigning body and soul in Heaven,
protector of the Universal Church,
pray for us poor sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

3. Meditations or Mysteries for Each Decade:

- Betrothal to Mary(Mt 1:18; Lk 1:26-27, 2:4-5).
- Annunciation to Joseph (Mt 1:19-21).
- Birth and Naming of Jesus (Mt 1:22-25).
- Flight into Egypt (Mt 2:13-15).
- Hidden Life at Nazareth (Mt 2:23; Lk 2:51-52)
or: Finding of Jesus in the Temple (Lk 2:41-50).

Angelus of St. Joseph

V. The angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream.

R. Joseph, Son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary, your wife, into your home.

V. For that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.

R. And she shall bring forth a Son.

V. And you shall call his name Jesus.

R. Because He is the one who is to save his people from their sins.

V. Pray for us, O virgin father of Jesus.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

V. Let us pray.

All: Pour forth we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by his passion and cross be brought to the glory of his resurrection. Through the Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer of the Faithful - Form I

PRIEST'S INVITATION TO PRAYER:

My brothers and sisters, let us pray to the faithful God of the new covenant,
who has brought us life through the Son of David,
as we intercede with one voice for the building up of the Church,
the strengthening of all families, and the salvation of the world.

Petitions:

1. For Saint Joseph's guidance for the Church as the sign of God's love for all humanity;
and for all the baptized who are the Body of Christ in the world.
We pray to the Lord.
2. For peace in the world at this critical period of our history;
for the spirit of Saint Joseph's humble service for government leaders;
and for our country and its people and elected officials. We pray to the Lord.
3. For those called to special service in the Christian community;
for all fathers, husbands and guardians;
and for all who carry out a humble and charitable service to the needy.
We pray to the Lord.
4. For Saint Joseph's faithful obedience to God's will in seeking the welfare of all people;
for those beset by war, persecution or the lack of food;
and for all Christians who carry on the tradition of Jesus' loving service.
We pray to the Lord.
5. For Saint Joseph's healing and fortitude for the sick and the dying,
for exiles, migrants and refugees, and for those facing pain and agony.
We pray to the Lord.
6. For the spiritual and physical well being of all parishioners;
for all the faithful departed,
and for all who mourn. We pray to the Lord.

CONCLUDING PRAYER:

Ever faithful to your covenant, O God,
you strengthened Saint Joseph
to embrace the mystery of your will
and welcome your Word made flesh of the Virgin Mary.
Keep your Church also steadfast in faith,
ready to trust in your promises
and eager to fulfill your saving purpose.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer of the Faithful - Form II

PRIEST'S INVITATION TO PRAYER:

My brothers and sisters, invoking the intercession of Saint Joseph, let us pray as God's family for an increase of faith, hope and love in these difficult times, as we intercede for the Church in Canada, the needs of all believers, and the salvation of all people.

Petitions:

1. For the universal Church, placed under the patronage of Saint Joseph; for Pope Francis as he begins his another year of ministry as the Bishop of Rome and Successor of St Peter; and for all who minister within the church. We pray to the Lord.
2. For religious communities under the patronage of Saint Joseph; for those who follow his spirit of paternal service to their families; and for Saint Joseph's intercession for our country, its people and elected officials. We pray to the Lord.
3. For fathers, husbands and guardians; for those who attend to the needs of others in humble service; and for all communities that work for unity. We pray to the Lord.
4. For the Jewish and Islamic people throughout the world, who share our belief in the one God; and for all who seek the ways of God. We pray to the Lord.
5. For peace in the hearts of all people; for labourers and for those beset by the lack of food or medical supplies; and for the sick and the dying. We pray to the Lord.
6. For all the faithful departed, and for all who mourn. We pray to the Lord.

Concluding Prayer:

Hear our prayers, O God of light, and as you revealed to Joseph your plan of our salvation and entrusted to his care the Saviour of the world, so enlighten our lives to recognize in our midst the first-born of the new creation, your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Prayer of the Faithful - Form III

PRIEST'S INVITATION TO PRAYER:

My brothers and sisters,
reflecting on the humble life of Saint Joseph,
and his vocation of being the protector of Mary and of Jesus,
let us pray for all workers and those struggling to provide for their families.

Petitions:

1. For Saint Joseph's fortitude and courage in faithfully following the way
and teaching of Christ;
for all bishops, priests, deacons and religious who guide the people of God;
and for Saint Joseph's protection for the families of our parish and community.
We pray to the Lord.
2. For Saint Joseph's guidance in seeking peace, justice and dignity for all people;
for migrants and refugees as they seek safety for their families in new lands;
and for a spirit of welcome and aid for those exiled from their homeland.
We pray to the Lord.
3. For those who uphold the dignity of all workers;
for all seeking employment and just wages;
and for those who work behind the scenes to carry out a humble and charitable service
in the spirit of Saint Joseph. We pray to the Lord.
4. For Saint Joseph's consolation for the sick and the dying;
for those undergoing surgery;
and for those facing pain and agony. We pray to the Lord.
5. For the spiritual and physical well-being of all parishioners;
for Saint Joseph's welcome to all the faithful departed,
and for all who mourn. We pray to the Lord.

CONCLUDING PRAYER:

Hear our prayers, heavenly Father,
and, through the intercession of St Joseph,
grant us his humility and diligence
in our work of building up the Body of Christ
and caring for the weakest members of society.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer of the Faithful - Saint Joseph the Worker

PRIEST'S INVITATION TO PRAYER:

My brothers and sisters,
as human beings were created to give glory to God through our work,
let us seek the intercession of Saint Joseph
for guidance in all human endeavours
and for his blessing on all workers.

Petitions:

1. For Saint Joseph's guidance in the work and mission of the universal Church;
for Christian leaders who guide us on the path of salvation;
and for all God's holy and priestly people. We pray to the Lord.
2. For the renewal of all Christians by the power of the Spirit;
for those who break open the Word of God at home;
and for all who seek God's peace. We pray to the Lord.
3. For those facing unemployment and uncertainty;
for all refugees and exiles like the Holy Family;
and for patience in discerning God's will for our lives. We pray to the Lord.
4. For fire-fighters, police and first responders and those who risk their lives daily;
for all essential workers who serve us
as they imitate Saint Joseph's love and work;
and for all who witness to the new life of the resurrection. We pray to the Lord.
5. For the sick and hospitalized;
for the safety of all health care workers;
and for all single parents. We pray to the Lord.
6. For peace in the Holy Land
for those who died believing in the resurrection of Jesus;
and for all who grieve. We pray to the Lord.

CONCLUDING PRAYER:

O God, creator of all things,
who invite human beings to share in the work
of shaping creation according to your divine plan,
graciously hear the prayers of your people,
and grant that through the inspiration of Saint Joseph
our work may advance the well-being and dignity of all humanity
for the glory of your name.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer of the Faithful - Intercessions for the Family

One or two of the following petitions may be added to the Prayer of the Faithful during the Year of Saint Joseph.

For Saint Joseph's self-giving love in the families of our parish and community;
and for all catechists and support workers who teach the ways of the Holy Family.
We pray to the Lord.

For families, reflections of the Holy Family in the love that binds them together;
for the wisdom and guidance of Saint Joseph for all parents, guardians and
grandparents as they shape the lives of children and each other.
We pray to the Lord.

For the gift of work that provides dignity and the necessities of life to all families;
for an atmosphere of faith and sharing that moulds the hearts and minds of all young
people following the example of Saint Joseph. We pray to the Lord.

For families that pray together and strengthen their bonds of love;
for Saint Joseph's intercession for couples who desire to conceive a child;
We pray to the Lord.

For the Spirit's guidance and wisdom for all parents raising children;
and for parents who reflect the light of Christ to their children and neighbours.
We pray to the Lord.

For Saint Joseph's guidance and virtue for families who promote love and forgiveness
in all their relationships;
for those who reach outside their families to extend love and assistance.
We pray to the Lord.

For families who spend time with each other despite other attractions and interests; and
for an environment of love and faith that aids maturity and the deepening of faith. We
pray to the Lord.

For Saint Joseph's guidance for those who practise the corporal and spiritual works of
mercy; and for couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage.
We pray to the Lord.

Concluding Prayer:

O God,
who in the unity of the Trinity reveal the mystery of love
that binds many into one,
hear our prayers and grant that all families
may be strengthened by the love of your Spirit
to be the guiding force and foundation of church and society
and so reflect your love to the world.
Through Christ our Lord.

HYMNS

Catholic Book of Worship

“Joseph, Be Our Guide and Pattern” - CBW II, no. 618; CBW III, no. 456

“O Joseph, Mighty Patron” - CBW II, no. 619

ORIGINAL HYMNS

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1. Hymn for Canada³

Saint Joseph, Patron of Our Land

Text: © 2019; John G. Hibbard:

Tune: MELITA, 88.88.88.

1. Saint Joseph, Patron of our land,
Who with great faith did trust God's plan;
Our hearts inflame with burning love
To serve as you our God above.
Saint Joseph, through your prayers impart
A steadfast faith and loving heart.
2. Now bless this land, our Canada,
That for God's gifts we stand in awe:
A land that hopes for joy and peace,
Where care for all shall never cease.
Saint Joseph, hear your servants' plea
That love will flourish sea to sea.
3. Saint Joseph, guide our pilgrim way
To follow Christ throughout each day;
To every family grant your aid,
That faith in Jesus Christ not fade!
And at the end bestow this grace,
That by your pray'rs we see God's face.

2.

Antiphon for March 19

See a Faithful, Prudent Steward

Text: © 2013, John G. Hibbard; based on Lk 12.24 and Ps 92.

Tune: STUTTGART, 87.87.

1. See a faithful, prudent steward,
Whom the Lord has put in charge,
Watching o'er his kin and household,
Giving them their daily needs.
2. Like a palm tree does the righteous
Grow and flourish by the streams;
For the just are ever planted
In the courts and house of God.
3. In old age he still will flourish
To produce and bear good fruit,
Ever green and ever vibrant,
To proclaim the Lord is just.
4. Glory be to God the Father,
To the Son of David's line,
Praise and honour to the Spirit,
God the holy Trinity.

³ For musical notations see the last page.

3. Antiphon for May 1

O Blest Are All Who Fear the Lord

Text: © 2014, John G. Hibbard; based on Ps 128.

Tune: ST. ANNE, CM.

1. O blest are all who fear the Lord
And walk in all his ways!
For by the labour of your hands
You eat and shall be blessed.
2. Your wife shall be a fruitful vine,
The centre of your house;
And children like the olive shoots
At table in your house.
3. And such a man the Lord shall bless,
Who comes to fear the Lord.
From Zion may you now be blest
All days throughout your life!
4. Your children's children may you see
Within Jerusalem!
And may you know prosperity
And peace on Israel!
5. All glory to the Father be,
And to his only Son,
And to the Spirit Paraclete,
Both now and evermore.

4. **O Joseph, Honoured in the Heights**

Text: Latin: *Caelitum, Ioseph*, Juan Escollar 17th C; tr © 2014, John G. Hibbard.

Tune: LM.

1. O Joseph, honoured in the heights,
Our certain hope throughout our life,
Protector of the Church, accept
The joyful praises that we sing.
2. Of David's line did God choose you
To be the Virgin Mary's spouse,
The foster father of the Word,
And servant of salvation's plan.
3. You see the Saviour in the crèche,
Whom prophets had foretold would come,
And with the Virgin you are first
To worship him with love and joy.
4. The King of kings and Lord of worlds,
Whose nod makes Hades shake with fear,
Whom angels worship in the heights,
That very God obeys you now.
5. All glory to the Trinity,
Who greatly honours you on high
And by your merits hears our pray'r
And grants the joys of life most blest.

5. **O Blest Are Those Who Fear the Lord**

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Tune: OLD ONE HUNFRED, LM.

1. O blest are those who fear the Lord
And follow in Saint Joseph's ways;
His pray'rs shall bring us God's reward
And nourish us for all our days.
2. We turn to Joseph in our need,
That all our labours give God praise
Through service by both word and deed,
As Joseph taught us by his ways.
3. Saint Joseph's patronage we claim
In all our work of mind and hand;
His humble service is our aim—
To build God's Kingdom in our land.
4. Recall Saint Joseph's life on earth—
His work with Christ affirmed the good—
His axe and chisel did give birth
With sweat and toil to finished wood.
5. Praise God for Joseph's life of grace,
That offered God true thanks and praise
And brings new joy to all our race
As stewards of God's holy ways.

6. Saint Joseph the Worker **Joseph, Patriarch and Worker**

Text: Latin: *Te, pater, Ioseph*, Evaristus of Antwerp 20th C; tr © 2014, John G. Hibbard.

Tune: 87.87.

1. Joseph, patriarch and worker
In the town of Nazareth,
Now we praise your many virtues,
As we sing with humble hearts.
2. Born of royal stock yet humble,
Quiet and discreet you live,
While you feed the Holy Family
By the labour of your hands.
3. Holy model for all workers,
Great example for our life,
For you teach how sweat and labour
May be sanctified by work.
4. Aid the poor and feed the hungry,
Temper all disputes and fights,
That the family of Christ's body
Ever grow within God's house.
5. God the Three, yet One in being,
Maker of the universe,
Grant, we imitate Saint Joseph
In his work and in his death.

Links to Resources

Diocese of Charlotte Website:

<https://yearofstjoseph.org/#:~:text=Bishop%20Peter%20Joseph%20Jugis%20announced%20that%20the%20Diocese,Year%20of%20Saint%20Joseph%20for%20the%20Universal%20Church>

YouTube Videos:

The Rosary of Saint Joseph (Scott Hahn): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8q8lsVmcrI0&feature=emb_logo

Saint Joseph, Example for Husbands: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YOBGOhk6iSE&feature=emb_logo

Prayers:

Consecration to Saint Joseph: <https://www.consecrationtostjoseph.org/>

Novena to Saint Joseph:

<https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Year-of-Saint-Joseph-Novena.pdf>

The Seven Joys and Sorrows of Saint Joseph (Seven Sundays by Father Raymond de Souza):

<https://fatherdesouza.com/videos/2021/2/6/seven-sundays-of-st-joseph-1st-joy-amp-sorrow>

Saint Joseph, Patron of Our Land

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Tune: MELITA, 88.88.88.



1. Saint Jo - seph, Pa - tron of our land,
2. Now bless this land, our Ca - na - da,
3. Saint Jo - seph, guide our pil - grim way



1. Who with great faith did trust God's plan;
2. That for God's gifts we stand in awe:
3. To fol - low Christ through - out each day;



1. Our hearts in - flame with bur - ning love
2. A land that hopes for joy and peace,
3. To ev - ery fami - ly grant your aid,



1. To serve as you our God a - bove.
2. Where care for all shall ne - ver cease.
3. That faith in Je - sus Christ not fade!



1. Saint Jo - seph, through your prayers im - part
2. Saint Jo - seph, hear your ser - vants' plea
3. And at the end be - stow this grace



1. A stead - fast faith and lov - ing heart.
2. That love will flour - ish sea to sea
3. That by your pray'rs we see God's face.