



33 DAY CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH: Week 3

After each daily reading, recite at least one decade of the Rosary and meditate on The Litany to St. Joseph. Excerpts taken from **Consecration to St. Joseph, The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father**, by Fr. Donald H. Calloway, MIC.

Day 12, Sun, Oct 11th: Chaste Guardian of the Virgin, Pray for Us. St. Joseph exercises both chastity and celibacy. Pure in heart, he is in control of his passions, and in marriage, united to the Blessed Virgin in heart, mind and soul, but never in body. He protects her virginity as he is called by God to celibacy. We are all called to chastity; however, some are called to celibacy for the sake of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Day 13, Mon, Oct 12th: Foster Father of the Son of God, Pray for Us. St. Joseph is both foster and spiritual father to Jesus. His fatherhood is perpetual, faithful and authoritative. Allow St. Joseph to be your spiritual father also, guiding you on your spiritual journey here on earth and in heaven.

Day 14, Tues, Oct 13th: Zealous Defender of Christ, Pray for Us. St. Joseph took Jesus and Mary to Egypt to escape the murderous plot of Herod. A dangerous foreign land filled with pagan idolatry, thieves, he had to secure work to feed, clothe, and shelter his family. You too must defend Jesus and His Church against a growing hostility to the Christian faith. Ask St. Joseph to help you become a zealous defender.

Day 15, Wed, Oct 14th: Head of the Holy Family, Pray for Us. Historically, God established the father as the “head” of the family. St. Joseph was the head of the Holy Family. Mary and Jesus looked to him for security, love, guidance, protection. If husbands and fathers imitate St. Joseph, the family unit grows stronger. Fr. Calloway suggests to make St. Joseph the spiritual head of your family. Obtain a statue or a beautiful image of St. Joseph, and place it in a prominent place in your home.

Day 16, Thurs, Oct 15th: Joseph Most Just, Pray for Us. “In Hebrew, a just man means a good and faithful servant of God, someone who fulfills the divine will, or who is honorable and charitable toward his neighbor.” (St. Josemaria Escriva) St. Joseph is a just man. Do you give God his due and attend Sunday Mass? Do you treat yourself, your family and others with respect, love and dignity? Ask St. Joseph to guide you.

Day 17, Fri, Oct 16th: Joseph Most Chaste, Pray for Us. Both the Virgin Mary and St. Joseph shared the virtue of chastity. Lust, marital infidelity, sexual promiscuity is prominent in society. Many films, music lyrics, TV shows demonstrate this. If we struggle with temptations of purity, seek out St. Joseph.

Day 18, Sat, Oct 17th: Joseph Most Prudent, Pray for Us. Human prudence is a virtue that uses practical reason to discern the true good in every situation and the right means of achieving it. In supernatural prudence, one uses his mind and heart to discern how God is best served, often causing personal sacrifice and suffering. St. Joseph put himself at God’s Will. He will help you serve God, too.

The Litany will be recited during the Rosary Rally on Sunday, 3 pm; the Church will be open at 7:00 pm Monday through Saturday for group Rosary/Litany to St. Joseph. Please join us!!