



### **33 DAY CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH: WEEK 4**

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 19, Sun, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>: Joseph Most Courageous, Pray for Us.** Courage is derived from “cour,” or “heart.” He had fortitude, a cardinal virtue that strengthens one to do the will of God, especially during hardships and suffering. People of courage love the good more than the fear of suffering and evil. Life has its ups and downs. Ask St. Joseph to help you in your trials.

**Day 20, Mon, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>: Joseph Most Obedient, Pray for Us.** As disobedience to God by our first parents (Adam and Eve) caused all mankind to fall into sin, the obedience of our new parents (Joseph and Mary) brought forth the Son of God and Salvation. Ask St. Joseph to help you obey the 10 Commandments and the teachings of the Catholic church.

**Day 21, Tues, Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>: Joseph Most Faithful, Pray for Us.** St. Joseph had faith and trusted in God’s Will for him, both in good and difficult times (birth of Jesus, flight into Egypt, finally finding young Jesus in the Temple, home life in Nazareth). He trusted Jesus. If you live the teachings of Jesus, and the spiritual and moral teachings of the Catholic faith, you may be ridiculed by others. Stand firm and imitate St. Joseph.

**Day 22, Wed, Oct. 21<sup>th</sup>: Mirror of Patience, Pray for Us.** No doubt, St. Joseph had to be patient and await God’s Divine Providence (Mary’s 3-month visitation to Elizabeth, the flight and stay in Egypt until the angel brought word of safety at home, searching for the young Jesus for 3 days in Jerusalem). Patience is a virtue. Obtaining patience requires time, love, forgiveness and mercy. We live in a “time constraint” society. It creates stress. Ask St. Joseph to help you learn patience.

**Day 23, Thurs, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>: Lover of Poverty, Pray for Us.** The Holy Family was very poor. St. Joseph could purchase only 2 turtle doves instead of a pricier lamb for the Presentation. The Magi’s gift of gold helped provide for the Holy Family’s life in Egypt. The Holy Family lived in a simple home in Nazareth. Detachment of wealth/materialism brings one closer to God. Ask St. Joseph to help you become spiritually rich in the Kingdom of God.

**Day 24, Friday, Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>: Model of Workman, Pray for Us.** St. Joseph taught Jesus the work of a carpenter. Work is essential, and diligent work benefits the soul. However, there is a needed balance between work, time for God, family and rest. St. Joseph will help you teach that balance.

**Day 25, Saturday, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>: Glory of Domestic Life, Pray for Us.** Jesus lived with St. Joseph and Mary for 30 years before beginning his public ministry. The Holy Family shared work, meals, celebrations and prayers together. Ask St. Joseph to bless your home and your domestic life.

*The Church will be open for Vespers/Group Rosary Sunday @ 5:30 pm; Rosary Mon-Saturday at 7 pm Please join us!*