



It has been 150 years since St Joseph was declared Patron Saint of the Universal Church

To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a ‘Year of St Joseph’ from 8th December 2020 until 8th December 2021.





St Joseph – December
A man in the shadows



Dearest St Joseph, as
you were father to
Jesus, God's only
begotten son, may we
always seek your
guidance as adopted
children of God.
Amen



Gather



St Joseph always stands
aside and points us to
God and to God's Son. Let
him stand beside you, in
the shadows, as you
speak to Jesus of
whatever is in your heart.



Prayer



‘Each of us can discover in Joseph -- the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence -- an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble,’ the Pope wrote.

He also said he wanted to highlight St. Joseph’s role as a father who served his family with charity and humility, adding, ‘Our world today needs fathers.’



We don't know much about St Joseph but we are going to reflect on what we can learn from what we do know about him. Today we will reflect on him as a man of obedience to God's will.

Pope Francis said during the coronavirus pandemic so many people have made hidden sacrifices to protect others, just as St. Joseph quietly protected and cared for Mary and Jesus.



When you look at a crib this Christmastime, reflect on the role of St Joseph in Jesus' life. Pray to St Joseph to help you with your own life and your role in loving Jesus and others.



Mission

