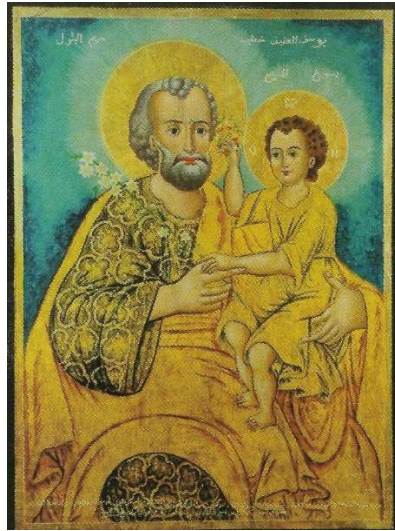


## Saint Joseph



Saint Joseph was the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus; he was a descendent of King David. Not much is known about his life but we do know that he was a carpenter and was known for his craftsmanship. Throughout his life, he followed God's law and was devoted to his faith. Despite the challenges he faced in life, he always remained obedient to God and served him faithfully.

Joseph protected Mary and Jesus and is now known as the protector of the Catholic Church. He is also patron saint of many things, such as fathers, pregnant mothers, immigrants, travellers, carpenters and working people.

The first feast day of Saint Joseph is on March 19th. However, in 1955, Pope Pius IX decided that there would be a second feast day for Saint Joseph. As he is known as the patron saint of workers, May 1st would be celebrated as the Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker.

### Prayer to Saint Joseph

O glorious Saint Joseph, chosen by God to be the foster father of Jesus and the spouse of Mary, pray for us and obtain for us from God the graces we need. Guide us in our lives, protect us from harm, and help us to follow the example of your faith and obedience. Amen.