

March 19: Solemnity of Joseph, Husband of Mary

Every episode of Joseph's life is a trial. He discovered that the woman to whom he was betrothed was pregnant. He resolved to divorce her quietly, but then the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream and explained the anomalous pregnancy. So Joseph understood what was happening in the context of God's providence and took Mary as his wife.

Next, discovering that the child was in mortal danger, Joseph took mother and baby on a perilous journey to an unknown country. Anyone who has ever been forced to move to a new city knows something of the anxiety that Joseph must have felt. But Joseph went because God had commanded him.

Finally, we hear of Joseph desperately seeking his lost twelve-year-old son. Quietly taking the child home, Joseph once more put aside his human feelings and trusted in the purposes of God.

This reflection from Bishop Barron reminds me of the power of simple trust and faith when we are trying to make sense of the uncertainties of life. I have found that adding patience to trust and faith helps greatly because we will find (in the end) that our Lord always brings about a greater good. He hasn't let me down yet, and He will not let you down.

This Lent let us follow Joseph's example of trusting and having patience during difficult times of trial and adversity. God will not let us down. But we have to have the trust and patience to wait and see what He is doing.

I have added a bonus from our EWTN FAMILY:

EWTN has a special page dedicated to the feast of St. Joseph . They answer questions such as:

What does the Bible say about St. Joseph?

What does St. Joseph help with?

Why is St. Joseph the patron saint of a happy death?

Why is St. Joseph the sleeping saint?

[Saint Joseph Webpage](#)

Vivat Jesus,
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