

St. Joseph as Patron Saint



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Protector of Families

JUST as Joseph protected the Holy Family, so he will watch over our families and help them to become more like his own family.

We have already seen how Joseph protected Jesus from King Herod.

Yet, once when they had been in Jerusalem for the Feast of Passover, Joseph lost track of Jesus. He and Mary thought He was with other travelers in their group, but He was not. Fearful for His safety, they returned to Jerusalem and found Him in the Temple with the teachers. Joseph and Mary acted quickly to bring their Son once again under their protection.

Besides being a model for keeping families safe, Joseph reminds us that our families should be generous and not think only of themselves. God calls us to share the blessings that He has given us with those who live with far less than we do.

He also provided a fine example to Jesus Who grew up to be good and generous. Jesus had the perfect models of generosity of heart in His Mother, Mary, and His foster father, Joseph.

When we read about the Holy Family and we reflect on their lives, we see an example of what our own families can become.



