



St. Joseph (First Century)
Patron Saint of Fathers

As the foster father of Jesus Christ, and as the man to whom God entrusted the care of his Son, St. Joseph is the logical choice as patron saint of fathers. We see him in the first chapters of St. Matthew's and St. Luke's Gospels going door to door through Bethlehem, trying to find some shelter where Mary can give birth; rising in the middle of the night to take Mary and the Infant Jesus to safety in Egypt; and searching through Jerusalem over three desperate days for the young Jesus who had gone missing.

After Mary and Joseph find Jesus among the learned men in the Temple, St. Joseph is never mentioned again in the New Testament. We can be almost certain that he died before Christ began his public ministry. Certainly, if he had still been alive he would have been with Jesus and Mary at the wedding at Cana.

Feast Days: March 19 (St. Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary) and May 1 (St. Joseph the Worker).

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