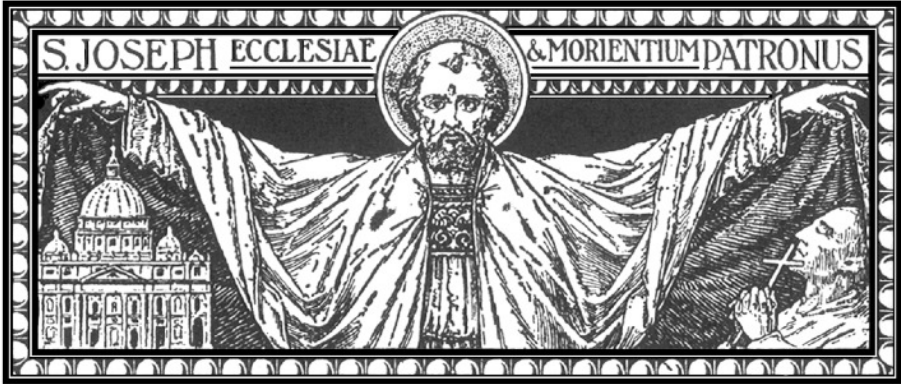


# Proper Prayers of the Mass

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

## THE SOLEMNITY OF ST JOSEPH

Spouse of the B. V. Mary, Confessor and Patron of the  
Universal Church



### INTROIT : Psalm 32. 20-21

ADJÚTOR, et protéctor noster est  
Dóminus : in eo lætábitur cor nostrum,  
et in nómine sancto ejus sperávimus. (T.  
P. Alleluía, alleluía.) *Ps.* 79, 2. Qui regis  
Israël, inténde : qui dedúcis, velut ovem,  
Joseph. *V.* Glória Patri.

THE Lord is our helper and protector :  
in Him our heart shall rejoice, and in  
His holy name we have trusted. (P. T.  
Alleluia, alleluia.) *Ps.* Give ear, O Thou  
that rulest Israel : Thou that leadest  
Joseph like a sheep. *V.* Glory be.

### COLLECT

Deus, qui ineffábili providéntia beátum  
Joseph sanctíssimæ Genitrícis tuæ  
sponsum eligere dignátus es : præsta,  
quæsumus : ut quem protectórem vene-  
rámur in terris, intercessórem habére  
mereámur in cælis : Qui vivis.

O God, Who in Thine unspeakable  
providence didst vouchsafe to choose  
blessed Joseph for Thy most holy  
Mother's Spouse ; grant, we beseech  
Thee, that we who revere him as our  
protector upon earth, may become  
worthy to have him for our intercessor  
in heaven. Who livest.

### EPISTLE : Genesis 49. 22-26

Fílius accrészens Joseph, fílius  
accrészens, et decórus aspéctu : filiæ

Joseph was a growing son, a growing  
son, and comely to behold : the daugh-

discurrerunt super murum. Sed exasperaverunt eum, et iurgati sunt, invideruntque illi habentes jacula. Sedit in forti arcus ejus, et dissoluta sunt vincula brachiorum et manuum illius per manus potentis Jacob : inde pastor egressus est, lapis Israel. Deus patris tui erit adjutor tuus, et Omnipotens benedicet tibi benedictionibus caeli desuper, benedictionibus abyssi jacentis deorsum, benedictionibus uberum et vulvae. Benedictiones patris tui confortatae sunt benedictionibus patrum ejus, donec veniret desiderium collium aeternorum: fiant in capite Joseph, et in vertice Nazaraei inter fratres suos.

-ters run to and fro upon the wall. But they that held darts provoked him, and quarrelled with him, and envied him. His bow rested upon the strong, and the bands of his arms and his hands were loosed, by the hands of the mighty one of Jacob: thence he came forth a pastor, the stone of Israel. The God of thy father shall be thy helper, and the Almighty shall bless thee with the blessings of Heaven above, with the blessings of the deep that lieth beneath, with the blessings of the breasts and of the womb. The blessings of the thy father are strengthened until the blessings of his fathers: until the desire of the everlasting hills shall come; may they be upon the head of Joseph, and upon the crown of the Nazarite among his brethren.

### FIRST ALLELUIA

Alleluia, alleluia. *V.* De quacumque tribulatione clamaverint ad me, exaudiam eos, et ero protector eorum semper.

Alleluia, alleluia. *V.* In whatever tribulation they shall cry to Me, I will hear them and be their protector always.

### SECOND ALLELUIA

Alleluia. *V.* Fac nos innocuam, Joseph, decurrere vitam : sitque tuo semper tuta patrocinio. Alleluia.

Alleluia. *V.* Obtain for us, Joseph, grace to lead an innocent life: and may our life ever be shielded by thy patronage. Alleluia.

*In votive Masses: Out of Paschaltide:*

### GRADUAL : Psalm 20. 4, 5

Domine, praevenisti eum in benedictionibus dulcedinis ; posuisti in capite ejus coronam de lapide pretioso. *V.* Vitam petiit a te, et tribuisti ei longitudinem dierum in saeculum saeculi.

O Lord, Thou hast prevented him with blessings of sweetness; Thou hast set on his head a crown of precious stones. *V.* He asked life of Thee, and Thou hast given him length of days for ever and ever.

*Out of Septuagesima: As Second Alleluia.  
After Septuagesima*

### TRACT : Psalm 111. 1-3

Beatus vir, qui timet Dominum : in mandatis ejus cupit nimis. *V.* Potens in terra erit semen ejus : generatio recto-

Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord: he shall delight exceedingly in His commandments. *V.* His seed shall be

-rum benedicétur. V̄. Glória et divítia in domo ejus : et justítia ejus manet in sáeculum sáeculi.

mighty upon earth: the generation of the righteous shall be blessed. V̄. Glory and wealth shall be in his house: and his justice remaineth for ever and ever.

### GOSPEL : Luke 3. 21-23

In illo témpore : Factum est autem cum baptizarétur omnis pópulus, et Jesu baptizáto et oránte, apértum est cælum: et descéndit Spíritus Sanctus corporáli spécie sicut colúmba in ipsum : et vox de cælo facta est : Tu es Fílius meus diléctus, in te complácui mihi. Et ipse Jesus erat incípiens quasi annórum trigínta, ut putabátur, fílius Joseph. CREDO.

At that time: It came to pass when all the people were baptized, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, Heaven was opened: and the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape as a dove upon Him: and a voice came from Heaven: Thou art My beloved Son, in Thee I am well pleased. And Jesus Himself was beginning about the age of thirty years : being (as it was supposed) the son of Joseph. CREED.

### OFFERTORY : Psalm 147. 12, 13

Lauda, Jerúsalem, Dóminum : quóniam confortávit seras portárum tuárum, benedíxit fíliis tuis in te. (T. P. Allelúia, allelúia.)

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem, because He hath strengthened the bolts of thy gates: He hath blessed thy children within thee, (P. T. Alleluia, alleluia.)

### SECRET

Sanctíssimæ Genitrícis tuæ Sponsi patrocínio suffúlti, rogámus, Dómine, cleméntiam tuam : ut corda nostra fácias terréna cuncta despícere, ac te verum Deum perfécta caritaté dilígere : Qui vivis.

Supported by the patronage of the spouse of Thy most holy Mother, we beseech Thy clemency, O Lord : that Thou wouldst make our hearts despise all earthly things, and love Thee, the true God with perfect charity : Who livest.

### PREFACE : of St Joseph

Vere dignum et justum est, æquum et salutáre, nos tibi semper et ubíque grátias ágere : Dómine, sancte Pater, omnípotens ætérne Deus : Et te in (Festivitáte) beáti Joseph débitis magnificáre præcóniis, benedícere et prædicáre. Qui et vir justus, a te Deíparæ Vírgini Sponsus est datus : et fidélis servus ac prudens, super Famíliam tuam est constitútus : ut Unigénitum tuum, Sancti Spíritus obum-

It is truly meet and just, right and availing unto salvation, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto Thee, O holy Lord, Father almighty and everlasting God; and magnify Thee with due praise, bless and proclaim Thee (on the feast of) blessed Joseph; who, as a just man, was given by Thee to be the spouse of the Virgin Mother of God, and as a faithful and prudent servant, was set over Thy fam-

-bratióne concéptum, patérna vice custodíret, Jesum Christum Dóminum nostrum. Per quem majestátem tuam laudant Angeli, adórant Dominatiónes, tremunt Potestátes. Cæli cælórúmque Virtútes, ac beáta Séraphim, sócia exsultatióne concélebrant. Cum quibus et nostras voces, ut admitti júbeas, deprecámur, súplici confessiόne dicéntes:

-ily, that with fatherly care he might guard Thine only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, conceived by the overshadowing of the Holy Ghost. Through whom the angels praise Thy majesty, the dominions worship it, the powers stand in awe. The heavens and the heavenly hosts with the blessed seraphim join together in celebrating their joy. With these we pray Thee join our voices also, while saying with lowly praise:

### COMMUNION : Matthew 1. 16

Jacob autem genuit Joseph, virum Mariæ, de qua natus est Jesus, qui vocátur Christus, (T. P. Alleluía, alleluía.)

But Jacob begot Joseph, the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, Who is called Christ, (P. T. Alleluia, alleluia.)

### POSTCOMMUNION

Divini múnneris fonte refécti, quæsumus, Dómine Deus noster : ut sicut nos facis beáti Joseph protectiόne gaudére : ita ejus méritis et intercessiόne, cæléstis glóriæ faciás esse partícipes. Per Dóminum.

We who have been refreshed at the fountain of divine blessing, beseech Thee, O Lord our God : that as Thou dost gladden us by the protection of blessed Joseph, so by his merits and intercession Thou wouldst make us partakers of everlasting glory. Through.

### Commentary from the St. Andrew's Daily Missal, 1952 ed.

To-day's Mass presents St. Joseph as the divinely appointed Protector of the Church. —The *Epistle* recalls the great Old Testament Patriarch Joseph, of whom his father, Jacob, on his death-bed prophesied that he would be the shepherd and strength of Israel, and that God would make him the heir of the special blessings which He promised to His people. This prophecy was fulfilled in Jacob's son, and is further fulfilled in St Joseph's role in the Church. —The *Alleluia* refers to Joseph's position at Pharaoh's court, where he became the father and saviour of the starving people, again foreshadowing what St Joseph, whom the Church bids us invoke in our need, would be for us. —The *Gospel, Communion and Vespers antiphons* recall that as foster-father of our Lord and husband to our Lady the Church's chosen Protector is a most powerful intercessor. —Finally the Prayers give thanks to God for the blessings of His loving Providence through St Joseph, by whose intercession they ask for further graces. —This feast was instituted by Pius IX in 1847 under the name of "Patronage of St Joseph", and fixed on the third Sunday after Easter. Bd Pius X in 1912 changed its name and date, and gave it an Octave, which the feast of March 19 could not have on account of Lent. Nevertheless, the text of Office and Mass underwent no substantial change.

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