



St. Joseph

March 19

Who was St. Joseph?

The Feast Day of St. Joseph is celebrated on March 19th and is a significant occasion in the Christian calendar, honouring St. Joseph, the earthly father of Jesus and the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary. St. Joseph is venerated as a model of humility, virtue and righteous living. The feast commemorates his role as a protector, provider and guardian of the Holy Family.

St. Joseph's life, though not extensively documented in the Gospels, is characterized by his obedience to God's divine plan. He received messages through dreams, guiding him to safeguard Mary and Jesus, leading to his title as the Patron of the Universal Church. The Feast Day of St. Joseph provides an opportunity for Christians to reflect on his exemplary life and seek inspiration for their own journey of faith.

Devotees often celebrate St. Joseph's Feast Day with religious services, processions and communal meals. It is a time for prayerful reflection on St. Joseph's virtues and the impact of his quiet, steadfast dedication to God's will. In some traditions, St. Joseph is also recognized as the patron saint of workers, emphasizing the dignity of labour and the importance of honest, diligent work.

Educational institutions and faith communities often highlight this feast day to impart lessons about St. Joseph's life, emphasizing the virtues of humility, obedience and trust in God. People are encouraged to draw inspiration from St. Joseph's unwavering commitment to his family and spiritual responsibilities.

The Feast Day of St. Joseph is a celebration of faith, family and the virtues exemplified by this revered saint. It serves as a reminder of the profound impact that a life lived in service to God and others can have, encouraging Catholics to emulate St. Joseph's humility and commitment to God's divine plan in their own lives.

St. Joseph is the Patron saint of the Universal Church, unborn children, fathers, workers, travellers, immigrants and contentment in death.

We are fortunate to have three schools within the YCDSB honouring the name of St. Joseph; Richmond Hill, Markham and Aurora.

[St. Joseph Aurora CES website](#) [St. Joseph Richmond Hill CES website](#) [St. Joseph Markham CES website](#) [Our Lady of Grace Parish Website](#) [St. Joseph the Worker Parish website](#) [Blessed Frederic Ozanam Catholic Parish website](#)



“Saint Joseph was a just man, a tireless worker, the upright guardian of those entrusted to his care. May he always guard, protect and enlighten families.”
-St. Pope John Paul

“We are born to love, we live to love, and we will die to love still more.”
-Saint Joseph

“Saint Joseph, as a model of quiet, prayer and closest to Jesus, also invites us to think about the time we devote to prayer each day.”
-Pope Francis

Prayer

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit;

Heavenly Father,

On this sacred feast day of St. Joseph, we come before you with hearts full of gratitude for the patronage and protection St. Joseph provides to your children. We join in celebration of the life and virtues of this humble and just man.

St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus and faithful spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we turn to you with reverence. Your unwavering faith, humility and dedication to your divine responsibilities inspire us to live lives of virtue and service. As we commemorate your feast day, we seek your intercession for our families, that they may be filled with love, unity and the grace of God.

We entrust to you, St. Joseph, our daily work and endeavors. Just as you worked tirelessly as a carpenter to provide for the Holy Family, we ask for your guidance in our labours. Inspire us to approach our work with diligence, integrity and a spirit of service.

St. Joseph, patron of the Universal Church, we pray for the Church and its leaders. Through your intercession, may the Church be strengthened in faith and may believers worldwide find inspiration in your example. Guide us in our journey of discipleship, that we may emulate your virtues and draw closer to your Son, Jesus Christ.

On this feast day, St. Joseph, we ask for your protection over our homes, our communities and all those who call upon your name. May your steadfast love and care continue to shower blessings upon us.

We offer this prayer, trusting in your intercession, St. Joseph.

Amen.





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SCHOOL LOCATIONS:
Aurora, ON
Markham, ON
Richmond Hill, ON

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PATRON SAINT OF:

- Fathers
- The Universal Church
- Unborn children
- Canada
- Travelers
- Immigrants
- Workers

