

THE PATRIOT'S CALL: *United in Faith & Freedom*

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The Feast of Saint Joseph Epiphany Cathedral

On Thursday, March 19th, our Color Corps of Assembly 1818 led with dignity and precision by our Vice Color Corps Commander, SK Darwin Reeck had the honor of participating in Epiphany Cathedral's celebration with twelve of our Color Corps members for the Feast of Saint Joseph. It was a beautiful and deeply spiritual event that reflected the heart of our Catholic faith and the quiet strength of St. Joseph himself.

The ceremony, presented in both Italian and English, brought together the rich cultural heritage of the parish community. One of the most touching moments was the Blessing of the St. Joseph Table, a tradition rooted in gratitude, charity, and devotion. The Italian American Club of Venice generously baked the bread for the celebration, offering their time and talent in the spirit of true service.

Many parishioners, families, and friends worked behind the scenes to make this a reverent and memorable occasion. Their joyful dedication reminded us that the Feast of St. Joseph is not only a celebration of a great saint, but also a reminder of the holiness found in humble work and quiet sacrifice.

Our Color Corps represented the Assembly with honor, adding solemnity and presence to this cherished tradition. A heartfelt thanks was appreciated to all who participated and supported this event. Your service continues to strengthen the bond between our Assembly and all of our parish families.

May St. Joseph, protector of the Holy Family and patron of the universal Church, watch over our homes, guide our work, and inspire us to serve with the same faithfulness he showed throughout his life.



The St. Joseph Table: A Tradition Rooted in Faith and Service

The St. Joseph Table (La Tavola di San Giuseppe) is a cherished Catholic tradition honoring St. Joseph, Protector of the Holy Family, and celebrating God's providence. More than a cultural custom, it is an expression of gratitude, charity, and communal faith values that resonate deeply with who we are as Knights of Columbus.

What This Tradition Means for Us as Knights

The St. Joseph Table beautifully reflects our core principles:

- Charity – feeding the poor and supporting families
- Unity – gathering as a community of faith
- Fraternity – honoring the patron of fathers and workers
- Patriotism – celebrating the protector of the Holy Family, the first “domestic church”

As Patron of the Universal Church, St. Joseph reminds us of our duty to defend the faith and serve those in need.

A Message to My Brother Knights of Assembly 1818

My Dear Brother Knights,

As we enter this sacred season, our hearts turn to St. Joseph guardian, worker, protector, and humble model of strength. The St. Joseph Table teaches us that holiness is often lived quietly; in fidelity to family, trust in God during uncertainty, and service offered without seeking recognition.

This tradition mirrors our identity as Knights. We stand together in charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism not for applause, but because Christ calls us to be men of service. St. Joseph shows us that true leadership is steady, humble, and rooted in faith.

As we bless the St. Joseph Table, may we also bless one another with encouragement, brotherhood, and renewed purpose. May this celebration strengthen our Assembly, deepen our devotion to the Holy Family, and inspire us to serve our parishes, our community, and one another with joyful hearts.

May St. Joseph watch over our families, guide our decisions, and keep Assembly 1818 united in mission and charity.

Your Brother in Christ,



SK George Barbiero

Vivat Jesus!



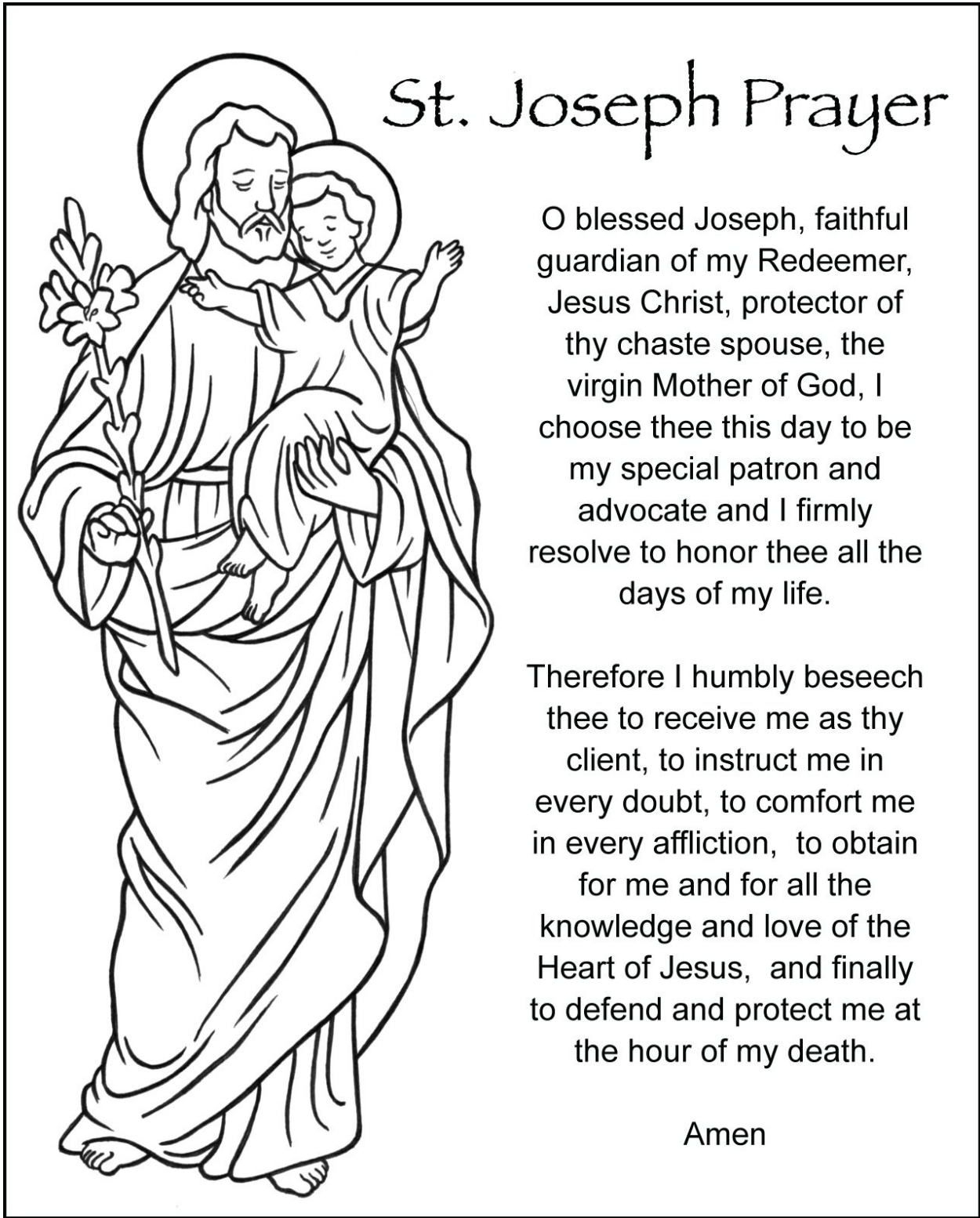












St. Joseph Prayer

O blessed Joseph, faithful guardian of my Redeemer, Jesus Christ, protector of thy chaste spouse, the virgin Mother of God, I choose thee this day to be my special patron and advocate and I firmly resolve to honor thee all the days of my life.

Therefore I humbly beseech thee to receive me as thy client, to instruct me in every doubt, to comfort me in every affliction, to obtain for me and for all the knowledge and love of the Heart of Jesus, and finally to defend and protect me at the hour of my death.

Amen