

## **St. Joseph Mysteries of the Rosary**

### **1. St. Joseph, Pillar of Trust in Divine Providence-**

As the provider for the Holy Family, St. Joseph had the responsibility of supporting himself, the Virgin Mary and their son. Steeped in faith and as a righteous man, this Saint knew enough to glorify the God who provided for him; carpentry skills, projects to keep his shop going, and all that was needed. St. Joseph, as patron of the Universal Church, pray that we will trust deeply in the providence of our Lord-especially in challenging times. And in days of plenty, help us to remember to share with the needy.

### **2. St. Joseph, Blooming Lily of Chastity-**

A religious legend tells us that St. Joseph was chosen from among other Jewish men to be betrothed to Our Lady when his staff miraculously bloomed with lilies. His virtue of chastity, a gift from the Lord so that the Mother of God would remain a virgin, is a charism still given today. O St. Joseph may your purity inspire all to such a virtuous life, by God's grace! May the lilies we use to adorn your altar on your feast day lift a sweet aroma of praise to God.

### **3. St. Joseph, Example of Holy Discernment-**

Our dear St. Joseph was faced with many decisions. Some in his daily work included the choice of proper tools and supplies for building. In leading the Holy Family, a number of decisions caused him to pray earnestly to know God's will. Placing his concerns before the God of Israel, and led by the Holy Spirit, St. Joseph discerned the most prudent choices decided, confidently. Pray for us, O holy husband of Our Lady in the decisions that face us each day. When we pray to the Heavenly Father "thy will be done" may we find clarity in discerning your will!

#### **4. St. Joseph, Master Dreamer-**

Like the patriarch Joseph in the Book of Genesis, this Joseph was also a dreamer. With great faith, as angels delivered news that brought surprises, you always believed and followed their messages as the Word of God. Pray for our church, St. Joseph, that we might better comprehend and follow the vision or “dream” of the Kingdom of God that began breaking through as a result of the ministry of Jesus. And may we persevere in sharing that dream with those who struggle to accept the realities of Heaven and our call to holiness!

#### **5. St. Joseph, Model of Royal Lineage**

From the tribe and family of King David, with ancestry leading you to register in Bethlehem, the City of David, St. Joseph lent his family tradition to Jesus’ earthly life. Long before the Israelites had their own king, the Lord God was their sole ruler. St. Joseph’s heritage allowed Christ the Messiah to fulfill the prophecies for the House of David. Because of Christ, our King of Kings, now all of His disciples in every generation can share the dignity of being children of a King whose power is to save, love and heal!