

## The Holy Family

### *Guardian Angel Prayer*

Angel of God, my guardian dear,  
To whom God's love, commits me here,  
Ever this day, be at my side,  
To light and guard,  
To rule and guide.  
Amen



Catechism of the Catholic Church, 336:

#### The angels in the life of the Church

From infancy to death human life is surrounded by their watchful care and intercession. Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life.

The **Saint Joseph Altar** is one of three stations on the Advent Pilgrimage at the Saint Francis Xavier Basilica, Advent Pilgrimage. There are also prayer guides available for **Mary's Altar** and the **Communion of Saints** paintings in the Sanctuary.

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### *Prayer to Saint Joseph*

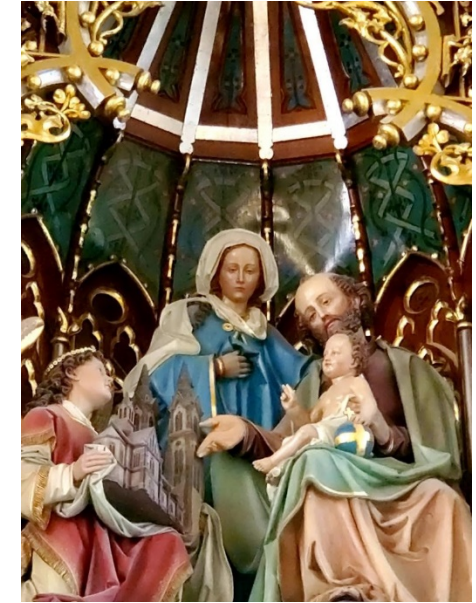
Hail Joseph, image of the Eternal Father.  
Hail Joseph, guardian of the Eternal Son.  
Hail Joseph, temple of the Eternal Spirit.  
Hail Joseph, beloved of the Trinity.  
Hail Joseph, spouse and companion of the Mother of God.  
Hail Joseph, friend of angels.  
Hail Joseph, believer in miracles.  
Hail Joseph, follower of dreams.  
Hail Joseph, lover of simplicity.  
Hail Joseph, exemplar of righteousness.  
Hail Joseph, model of meekness and patience.  
Hail Joseph, model of humility and obedience.  
Blessed are the eyes that have seen what you saw.  
Blessed are the ears that have heard what you heard.  
Blessed are the arms that have embraced what you embraced.  
Blessed is the lap that has held what you held.  
Blessed is the heart that has loved what you loved.  
Blessed is the Father who chose you.  
Blessed is the Son who loved you.  
Blessed is the Spirit who sanctified you.  
Blessed is Mary, your spouse, who honored and loved you.  
Blessed is the angel who guarded and led you.  
And blessed be forever all who remember and honor you.

Father Jean -Jacques Olier

## **Advent Pilgrimage**

December 2020

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The reflections in this prayer guide are centered around the paintings, carvings and statues on the Saint Joseph Altar.

### **Advent Family Prayer**

God of Love,  
Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us.  
He is a sign of your love.  
Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent, as we wait and prepare for your coming.  
We pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior.  
Amen

## **Consecration to the Holy Family**

### **Lord Jesus,**

You lived in the home of Mary and Joseph in Nazareth. Here you grew in age, wisdom and grace, as you prepared to fulfill your mission as our Redeemer.

***Let us entrust our family to you***

### **Blessed Mary,**

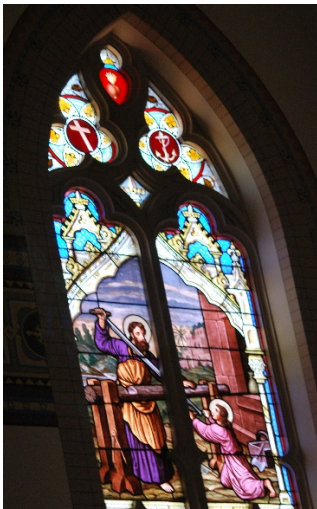
You are the Mother of our Savior. In Nazareth you cared for Jesus and nurtured Him in the peace and joy of your home.

***Let us entrust our family to you.***

### **Saint Joseph,**

You provided a secure and loving home for Jesus and Mary, and gave us a model of fatherhood, while showing us the dignity of work.

***Let us entrust our family to you.***



***Saint Joseph and the Child Jesus***  
Stained glass on north side of Basilica

## **Consecration to the Holy Family**



### **Holy Family,**

we consecrate ourselves and our family to you. May we be completely united in a love that is lasting, faithful and open to the gift of new life.

Help us to grow in virtue, to forgive one another from our hearts, and to live in peace all our days.

Keep us strong in faith, persevering in prayer, diligent in our work, and generous toward those in need.

May our home, O Holy Family, truly become a domestic church, where we reflect your example in our daily life.

Amen

***Jesus, Mary and Joseph pray for us!***

Prayer composed by Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, Supreme Chaplain of the Knights of Columbus.

## **Intercessions to the Saints depicted on the Altar of Saint Joseph**

**Saint Bernard of Clairvaux**, help and remedy of troubled times and Doctor of the Church.

Encourage us in the practice of “immediate faith” and in our devotion to Mary, the Queen of Heaven.

**Saint Elizabeth**, “righteous before God,” and mother of John the Baptist. Help us to have faith, trust and love for God.

**Saint Catherine of Siena**, mystic and Doctor of the Church. Teach us to be generous to the poor and to work for peace and unity.

**Saint Anne**, mother of Mary. Please give parents help in bringing up their children in good and godly ways. Give us the strength to perform faithfully our daily duties and the help we need to persevere in the love of Jesus and Mary.

**Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini**, Mother Cabrini, teacher and caregiver to poor, sick and orphaned children. Help us to be resourceful and determined in caring for those in need, especially immigrants.

**Saint Dominic**, recipient of the Marian rosary, founder of the Dominican order and the Rule of Life. Help us to be disciplined in prayer and penance and

by our actions, may we praise God.

**Saint Francis of Assisi**, beloved saint, heroic Christian and lover of all creation. Help us to continue to rebuild the whole Church, with our living faith.

**Saint Isidore**, patron saint of farmers and spouse to Saint Maria. Help us to imitate your deep devotion to God. Help us to pray, attend Mass and care for those in need.

**Saint Francis Xavier**, Jesuit priest, great missionary to Asia, miracle worker and patron of this Basilica. Intercede for us and give us the zeal for our faith that fueled your missionary work.