

June 20, 2021

Happy Father's Day to all our members! Today is your day for a big Thank You for the guidance and care you provide to your family.

1. Today's Readings: <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/062021.cfm>

2. The RE Corner with Jan Heithaus:

Today, on Father's Day, we remember all our earthly fathers, those with us and those who have left this earth. We entrust them all to the care of the father of Our Lord, St. Joseph, with this prayer by Pope St. John XXIII.

*St. Joseph, guardian of Jesus and chaste husband of Mary,
you passed your life in loving fulfillment of duty.
You supported the holy family of Nazareth with the work of your hands.*

*Kindly protect all the fathers who trustingly come to you.
You know their aspirations, their hardships, their hopes.
They look to you because they know you will understand and protect them. You too
knew trial, labor and weariness.*

*But amid the worries of material life your soul was full of deep peace and sang out in
true joy through intimacy with God's Son entrusted to you and with Mary, his tender
Mother.*

*Assure those you protect that they do not labor alone.
Teach them to find Jesus near them and to watch over him faithfully as you have done.*

3. Quotes of the Day:

~ "In Joseph ... heads of the household are blessed with the unsurpassed model of fatherly watchfulness and care." *Pope Leo XIII*

~ "Truly, I doubt not that the angels, wondering and adoring, came thronging in countless multitudes to that poor workshop to admire the humility of him who guarded that dear and divine child, and labored at his carpenter's trade to support the son and the mother who were committed to his care." *St. Francis de Sales*

~ "The growth of Jesus 'in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man' (Lk. 2:52) took place within the Holy Family under the eyes of St. Joseph, who had the

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important task of 'raising' Jesus, that is, feeding, clothing, and educating him in the Law and in a trade, in keeping with the duties of a father." *St. John Paul II*

St. Joseph, Pray for Us!

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