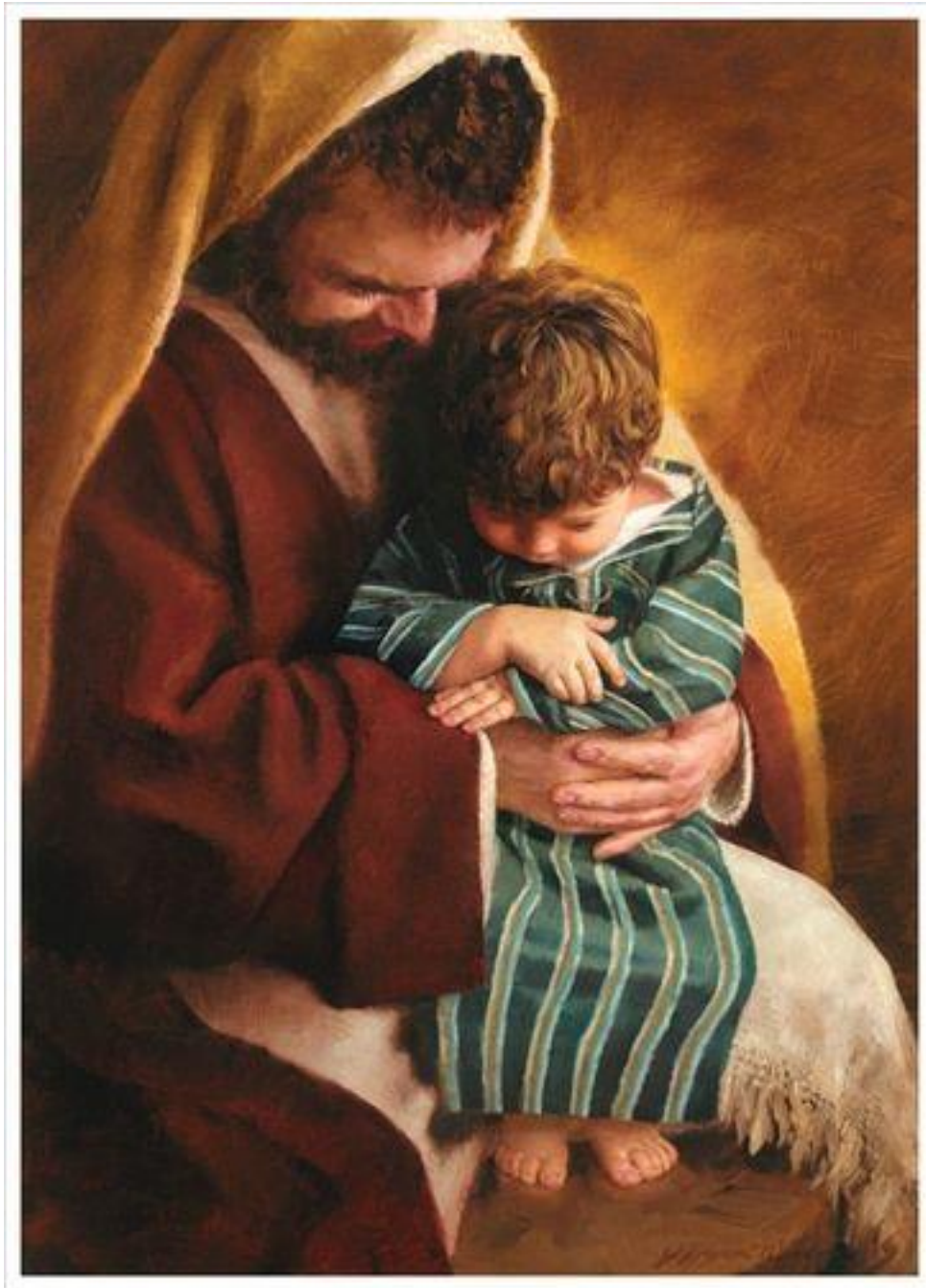


## SAINT JOSEPH AT FATIMA



Click here to watch a clip about the Miracle of the Sun in Fatima on October 13<sup>th</sup> 1917:

<https://youtu.be/rBIs8culwTo>

During the great miracle which took place in Fatima on 13<sup>th</sup> October 1917, called “The Miracle of The Sun”, there was an additional very important element which is often overlooked. Saint Joseph appeared! Saint Joseph held the Child Jesus in his arms and he blessed the world while Our Lady stood nearby.

This is very significant particularly now in this year 2020-2021 which the Holy Father, Pope Francis has proclaimed the “Year of Saint Joseph.” It seems that in this current time of pandemic and turmoil the world needs Saint Joseph and Heaven knew this!



**Saint Joseph enjoys some awesome titles:**

- **Renowned offspring of David**
- **Light of Patriarchs**
- **Spouse of the Mother of God**
- **Chaste guardian of the Virgin**
- **Foster-father of the Son of God**
- **Diligent protector of Christ**
- **Head of the Holy Family**
- **Joseph most just**
- **Joseph most chaste**
- **Joseph most prudent**
- **Joseph most strong**
- **Joseph most obedient**
- **Joseph most faithful**
- **Mirror of patience**
- **Lover of poverty**
- **Model of artisans**
- **Glory of home life**
- **Guardian of virgins**
- **Pillar of families**
- **Solace of the wretched**
- **Hope of the sick**
- **Patron of the dying**
- **Terror of demons**
- **Protector of Holy Church**

**Click on the link to listen to St Joseph's Song:**

**<https://youtu.be/f5RLChQZz-M>**

### **SAINT JOSEPH PILLAR OF FAMILIES**

As we can see from his titles above, Saint Joseph as well as being the Head of the Holy Family, is also the Pillar of Families and Head of the Holy Church.

His appearance at Fatima reminds us of his exalted role. In each of her apparitions at Fatima, Our Lady asked us to pray the daily Rosary. Saint Joseph plays an essential part in each of the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary, as he lived those mysteries with Jesus and Mary. He prayed with them, he listened to and spoke with them daily, he protected them and he raised Jesus as his son. As Head of the Holy Family, Saint Joseph played a strong role. Saint Peter Julian Eymard said:

[“Jesus and Mary not only bent their wills to Joseph’s, for he was head of the Holy Family, but they lovingly surrendered their hearts to him as well”](#)

In his book **“Consecration to St Joseph”** Fr Donald Calloway MIC points out that in our current times, it is not politically correct to call a man “head” of the family and he talks about a “crisis in manhood” which he says is having a profound effect on families and society. Fr Calloway states that this can be corrected if men begin to model themselves on the strong, fatherly example which St Joseph provides for God has designated fathers as the heads of their families.

This is echoed by Monseignor Joseph Cirrincione In his book “St Joseph, Fatherhood and Fatherhood: Reflections on the Miracle of the Sun”, where he talks about the convulsions of the sun following the apparition of the Holy Family in Fatima in October 1917 as [“an ominous foreshadowing of the consequences for the world which are sure to be felt if the true fatherhood of God and the traditional, strong role of the father of the family are rejected by mankind.”](#)

At Fatima, Our Lady warned of the “errors of Russia” and the need for conversion. At that time, the communists were spreading their anti-God ideology in many places during the 20<sup>th</sup> century and fatherhood and God were not part of their atheistic agenda. By the 21<sup>st</sup> century, the family being the target of attacks, began to collapse and to be dismantled. Our Lady warned that the [“final battle will be about the family”](#) and St Joseph appeared at Fatima to remind us of the strength fathers and families need. Fr Calloway states [“Families around the world will experience a revolution of holiness if husbands imitate St Joseph”](#)

Fr Calloway asks that we make a consecration to St Joseph in this year dedicated by Pope Francis as the “Year of St Joseph”. He asks that we make St Joseph the spiritual head of our families and that we place an image or a statue of St Joseph in a prominent location where we can ask for his intercession as a family.

## **PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH OVER 1900 YEARS OLD**

**Click on the link below for the St Joseph Prayer**

“This prayer was found in the fiftieth year of Our Lord Jesus Christ. In the 1500’s it was sent by the Pope to the Emperor Charles when he was going into battle.

Whoever reads this prayer or hears it or carries it, will never die a sudden death, nor be drowned, nor will poison take effect on them. They will not fall into the hands of the enemy nor be burned in any fire, nor will they be defeated in battle”

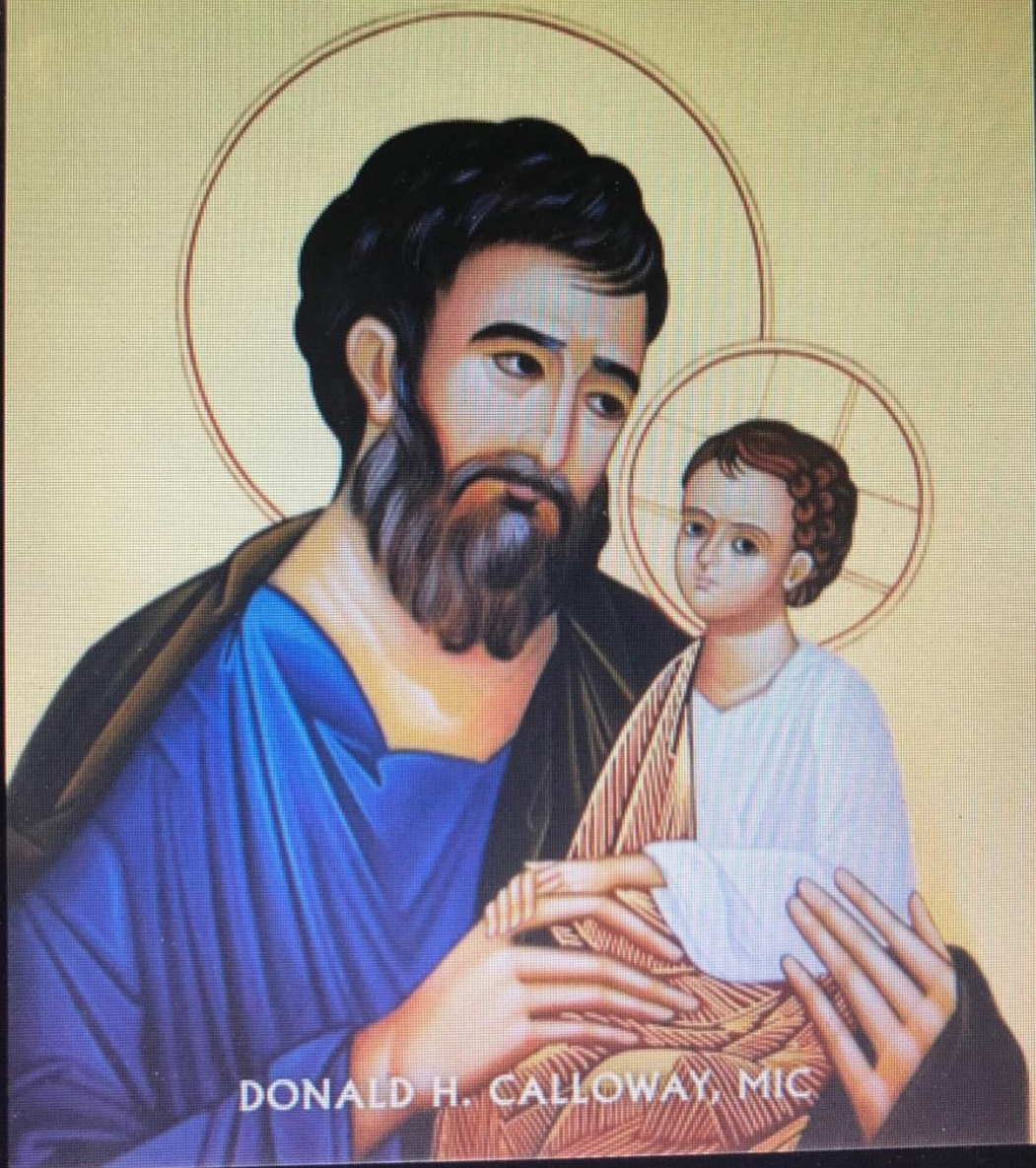
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**<https://youtu.be/HwsQf02phgw>**



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