

## ST. JOSEPH, MIRROR OF PATIENCE

How many times have we heard or said to others, "Patience is a virtue." What is patience? Patience is the willingness to suffer. A patient is one who suffers, not through choice. A person of patience is one who willingly suffers. Who likes to suffer? Yet,

St. Joseph willingly chooses to suffer because it was for Jesus and Mary. Love asked him to suffer, to be patient. St. Joseph is the "mirror of patience" because he reflects to us what patience looks like. He was patient when confused by Mary's unexpected pregnancy. He was patient when looking for a place for Mary to give birth. He was patient when asked to move to Egypt and then back to Nazareth. St. Joseph shows us that patience IS a virtue, because it moves us closer to Jesus and Mary.

### 10 VACATION IDEAS

#### FOR CATHOLIC

#### FAMILIES

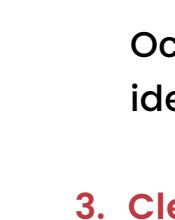
As we bask in the last few summer days before the school year begins, consider these activities. St. Joseph regularly took his family on vacation also because the Jewish feasts were days of worship AND re-creating!

##### 1. Enjoy nature

Take time to appreciate God's handiwork. As the Psalmist sings: "The heavens declare the glory of God; the firmament proclaims the work of his hands" (Ps 19:1).



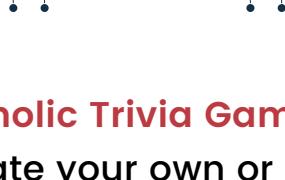
##### 2. Cooking a saint's recipe



How about hot dogs to celebrate St. Lawrence's feastday on August 10th or paczkis for St. John Paul II's feastday on October 22nd. More food ideas [HERE](#)

##### 3. Clean your closets

This is probably not the most exciting thing to do yet may teach your children lessons of simple living, sharing, and cleanliness! Donate those "extras" to the local thrift store or parish garage sale!



##### 4. Catholic Trivia Games

Create your own or buy them from a variety of sources and invite family and friends.

##### 5. More vacation ideas [HERE](#)



### ST. JOSEPH MASS

Bishop Rice is celebrating a Mass in honor of St. Joseph at the cloistered Benedictine Sisters on August 9th.

In September, there will be two Masses:

Sep. 07 St. Peter (Joplin)  
Sep. 30 St. Joseph School (Scott City)



### ST. JOSEPH: HOLY FRIEND OF KIDS

St. Joseph is a great model for kids in being faithful to prayer, responsibility, and charity. Watch this YouTube video by the Sisters of Sacred Heart Jesus Convent to learn more. [Link](#)

### PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

For many of us, work does not stop because it's summertime. Pope St. Pius X, our diocesan co-patron, composed this prayer for working people. It summarizes for us the Christian outlook towards labor and the Holy Family's lessons about work. St. Pius X's feastday is August 21.

Glorious St. Joseph, model of all who devote their lives to labor, obtain for me the grace to work in the spirit of penance in order thereby to atone for my many sins; to work conscientiously, setting devotion to duty in preference to my own whims; to work with thankfulness and joy, deeming it an honor to employ and to develop by my labor the gifts I have received from God; to work with order, peace, moderation, and patience, without ever shrinking from weariness and difficulties; to work above all with a pure intention and with detachment from self, having always before my eyes the hour of death and the accounting which I must then render of time ill spent, of talents wasted, of good omitted, and of vain complacency in success, which is so fatal to the work of God.

All for Jesus, all through Mary, all in imitation of you, O Patriarch Joseph! This shall be my motto in life and in death. Amen.



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