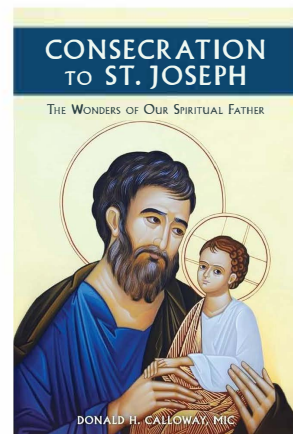




# 33-Day Consecration to St. Joseph

November 26, 2024 – December 28, 2024

## STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE



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**WATCH Fr. EUGENE'S VIDEO.** Go to STM's YouTube page. <https://youtube.com/@STMirvine>.

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**READ THE INFORMATION PAGE.** On the detailed information page, you will read about Consecration to St. Joseph and its spiritual significance.

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**BUY THE BOOK.** For consistency, we ask that you use the book by Fr. Donald H. Calloway entitled *Consecration to St. Joseph, The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father*. The book will be sold for \$10 outside in the courtyard on Sundays, November 3, 10, and 17. You may also purchase this book online.

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**PARTICIPATE IN THE OPENING MASS & COMMENCEMENT.** We will start the consecration process on **Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm**. We will begin with Mass, hear a talk from Fr. Eugene, and do the prescribed reading and prayers for day one. We will conclude on **Saturday, December 28<sup>th</sup>**, the eve of the Feast of the Holy Family.

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**DO PRESCRIBED READING AND PRAYERS EACH DAY.** This is the heart of the devotion - 33 days of prayer and preparation. End each day with "Prayer of the Holy Cloak Novena" on page 245 of the book.

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**JOIN THE 3 ZOOM COMMUNAL GATHERINGS.** On three Sundays **December 1, 8, and 15 at 8:00 pm**, we will gather on Zoom for required readings and prayers. Go to parish website at [www.stmirvine.org](http://www.stmirvine.org) and click the box **Consecration to St. Joseph** to join Zoom meeting.

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**ATTEND THE MASS OF CONSECRATION.** We will attend the mass at 6 PM on **Saturday, December 28<sup>th</sup>**. Bring your hand-written consecration prayer dated 12/28/2024, **but do not sign it**. We will sign it at the altar.

# 33-Day Devotion & Consecration to St. Joseph

## Why walk with St. Joseph for 33 days during Advent 2024?

1. **He is a great companion for our spiritual journey.** If you are looking for companionship for your Advent journey, seeking to befriend a saint in heaven, or just want to deepen your prayer life, you can look to St. Joseph. If you have not asked St. Joseph to intercede for you before, this 33-day commitment is a great way to start a friendship with him. Whatever journey you are on, St. Joseph can be the reliable companion walking alongside you. He was responsible for bringing Mary, mother of God to Bethlehem, where Jesus was born. Whatever awaits you in your own personal Bethlehem, know that St. Joseph can safely take you there.

2. **We can all relate to him.** Workers, families, fathers, preborn children, homes, people who are doubtful, who are sick and dying, and the Universal Church, travelers, and immigrants - these are just some of the many patronages the great Saint Joseph holds. In making this consecration to St. Joseph, we are asking the Holy Spirit, through the patronage of St. Joseph and in imitation of him, to bring back the identity we received at our baptism - reborn in order that we might imitate St. Joseph in our daily lives.

## What other saints and Doctors of the Church have to say about devotion and Consecration to St. Joseph?

1. "Some Saints are privileged to extend to us their patronage with particular efficacy in certain needs, but not in others; but our holy patron St. Joseph has the power to assist us in all cases, in every necessity, in every undertaking." ---**St. Thomas Aquinas, Doctor of the Church.**

2. "Knowing by experience St. Joseph's astonishing influence with God, I would wish to persuade everyone to honor him with devotion. I have always seen those who honored him in a special manner make



progress in virtue, for this heavenly protector favors in a striking manner the spiritual advancement of souls who commend themselves to him." ---**St. Theresa of Avila, Doctor of the Church**

## What is the daily activity for this devotion?

We will follow Father Donald H. Calloway's book "Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father."

It takes about 20-25 minutes a day for 33 days. Each day is a short exposition on one of the invocations

in the powerful Litany of St. Joseph, followed by a reading on St. Joseph. It concludes with the recitation of the Litany of St. Joseph and Holy Cloak prayer on page 245. For detailed information visit: <https://consecrationtostjoseph.org/>

## Important Dates and points to remember:

1. We will start the devotion on **November 26, 2024**, and end with consecration on **December 28, 2024**, the eve of the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.
2. If you should skip a day in this consecration, fear not! Simply add the missed prayer on the following day and continue with your consecration. God bless us all and grant us a share in the renewal of all our families.
3. On the final day, the day of consecration, attend the Mass and consecration ceremony with our pastor. Recite the consecration prayer: You can use your preferred act of consecration from the book.



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