

## Joseph (Carpenter's Tools)



*Matthew 1:18-25*

**Reflection:**

Who was Jesus's father?

Although Jesus had no biological father, God knew how important a father is in raising a son. So He gave His eternal Son a foster father in Joseph, who would model for him diligence, righteousness, holiness, self-sacrifice, and respect for his mother. All these qualities would be woven into the man Jesus would one day become. Joseph, in turn, became the model for all husbands and fathers.

**Prayer:**

O King of the Gentiles and the Desired of all, you are the cornerstone that binds two into one. Come, and save poor Man whom you fashioned out of clay. Amen. (*O Antiphon for December 22*)

**Dig Deeper:**

- (1) How many times do we hear Joseph speak in the Gospels?
- (2) Read CCC 437.