

Dear Mission Partners,

March 19 is the feast of St. Joseph, carpenter, who was the Guardian of the Holy Family and the Foster Father of Jesus. The two contemporary sculptures you see below honor those important roles given to St. Joseph.



What do we know about St. Joseph? If we consult the bible, we see that he was silent, he spoke no words. We also know that he was obedient, for when he was given a dream by an angel, he honored the message. Joseph is the patron saint of fathers, families, immigrants, carpenters, engineers, working people, realtors, pilgrims, and travelers.

People pray to Joseph for a happy death, to deter doubt, and when buying or selling a house. He is patron of the Universal Church. He is a special patron of our Sisters of IHM, and of many other religious orders.

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*Take time today to reflect on how St. Joseph inspires love, creative hope, and fidelity. We pray: O God, you asked Joseph to be the guardian of your incarnate Son and spouse of his blessed mother; grant us the grace to imitate his loving obedience and gentle heart. We ask this through Jesus Christ your Son and our brother. Amen.*

St. Joseph, intercede for the Immaculata University community! Help us to grow in the virtues that you modeled for us in your care for the Holy Family and in your protection of the Universal Church!



Sincerely, in the Immaculate Heart of Mary,  
Sister Antoine Therese, IHM