

St. Joseph the Worker

St. Joseph the Worker was the earthly husband to the Blessed Virgin Mary and the foster father of Jesus. He was visited by angels and always did what God asked of him immediately. Although he was of royal lineage, he was a carpenter of humble means. When he went to the Temple to have Jesus circumcised and Mary purified, he offered two turtledoves – an offering allowed only for people who couldn't afford a lamb. It is believed that he died before the Passion as he did not appear in Jesus' public life. St. Joseph is patron saint of workers, the universal church, fathers and social justice.