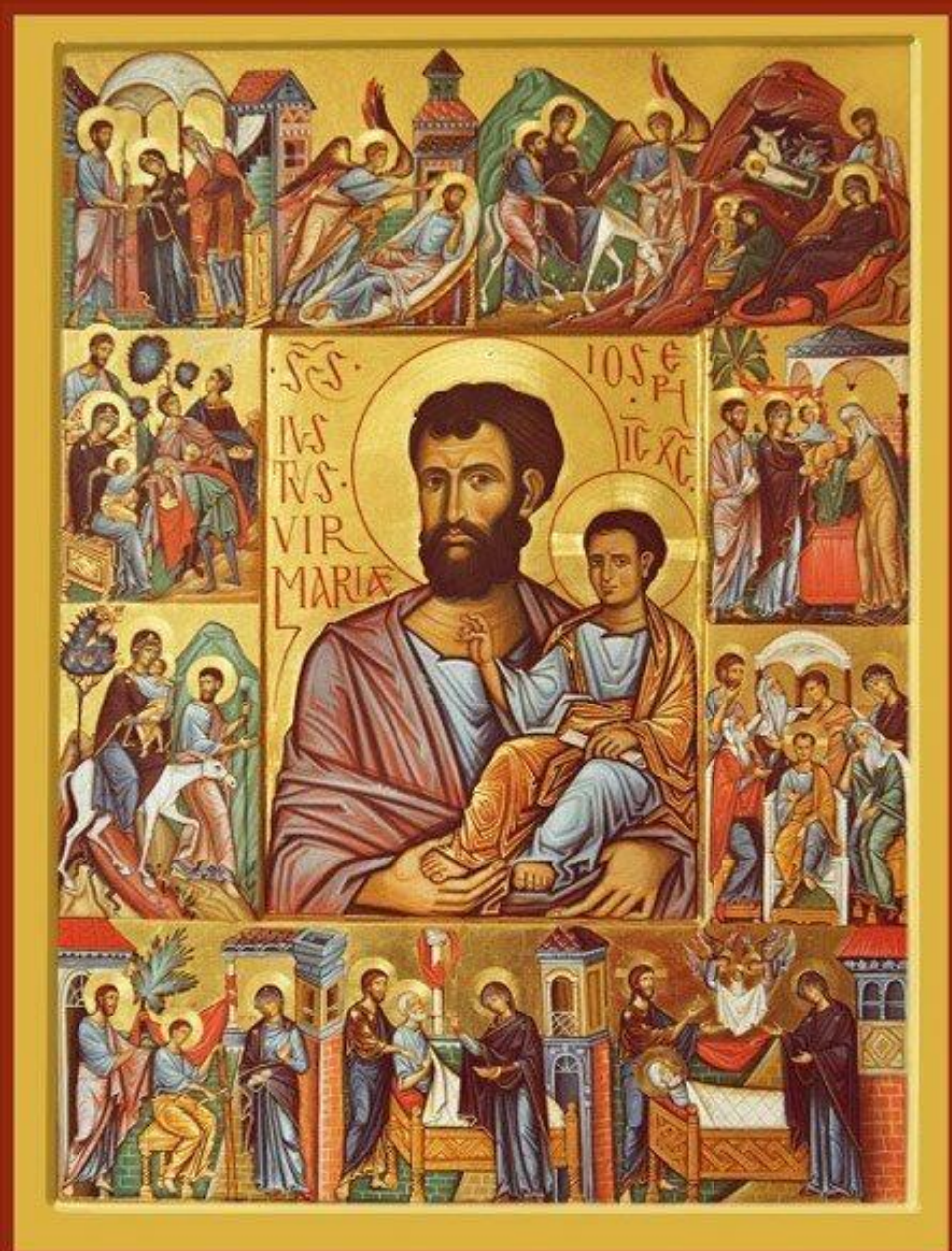


In Honour of Saint Joseph

19 March 2021



Patris Corde (Heart of the Father) Pope Francis

- The Holy Father wrote *Patris corde* against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of “ordinary” people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble Saint Joseph, “the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence,” who nonetheless played “an incomparable role in the history of salvation.”

Covid Medics



Joseph's Song - Michael Card

Matthew 2:13

When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream.

“Get up,” he said, “take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt.

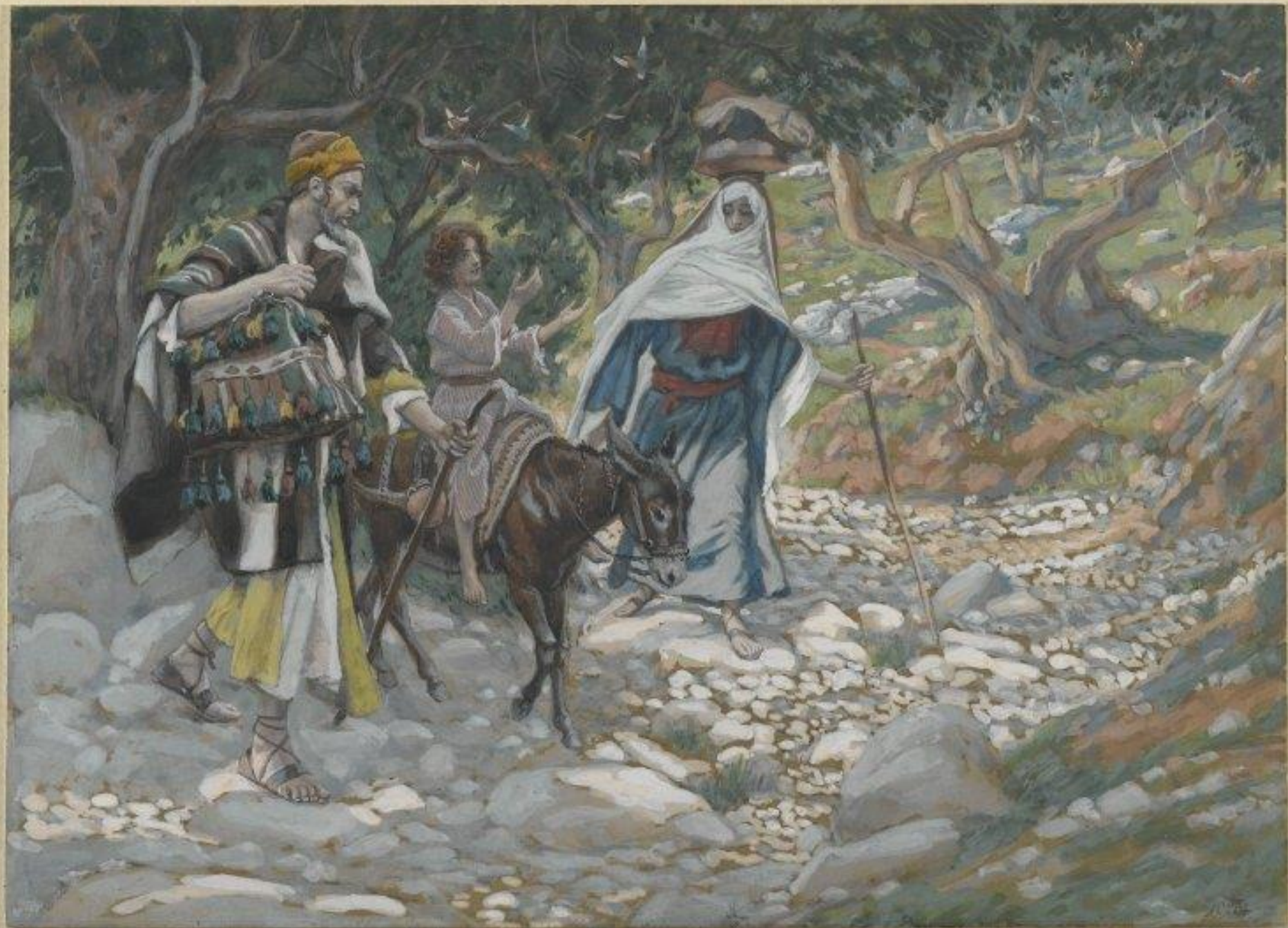
Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.”



Matthew 2:19-20

After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said,

“Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child’s life are dead.”



Reflection Pope Francis

How does Joseph respond to his calling to be the protector of Mary, Jesus and the Church?”

Pope Francis asked.

“By being constantly attentive to God, open to the signs of God’s presence and receptive to God’s plans, and not simply to his own.

A Working Family



Joseph the Protector - Pope Francis

“Joseph is a ‘protector’ because he is able to hear God’s voice and be guided by his will; and for this reason he is all the more sensitive to the persons entrusted to his safekeeping. He can look at things realistically, he is in touch with his surroundings, he can make truly wise decisions,”

Saint Joseph Man of Dreams





Ancient Prayer to St. Joseph

1. O, St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interest and desires especially at this time of crisis in the world. in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart.

2. O, St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.

3. O, St. Joseph, I never weary
contemplating you, and Jesus asleep
Press Him close in my name
and kiss His fine head for me
and ask Him to return the kiss
when I draw my dying breath. Amen.

Joseph's Lullaby (Mercy Me)

Go to sleep my Son
Baby, close Your
eyes
Soon enough You'll
save the day
But for now, dear
Child of mine

