St. Joseph Rosary

May be prayed just as Marian rosary, substituting the following prayer for the "Hail Mary": *Joseph, son of David, and husband of Mary; we honor you, guardian of the Redeemer, and we adore the child you named Jesus. Saint Joseph, patron of the universal church, pray for us, that like you we may live totally dedicated to the interests of the Savior. Amen.*

Being with the Sign of the Cross.

- Apostles Creed
- Read the First Mystery
- On the large bead, recite the Our Father, followed by "Joseph, son of David..." on each of the 10 small beads.
- End each decade with "Glory Be"
- Praised be Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Mysteries of the St. Joseph Rosary

- **1. Betrothal to Mary** (Mt 1:18). Now this is how the birth of Jesus came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the holy Spirit. Joseph, son of David, and husband of Mary...(10x)
- **2. Annunciation to Joseph** (Mt 1:19-21). Joseph, her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home, For it is through the holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins". Joseph, son of David, and husband of Mary...(10x)
- **3. Birth and Naming of Jesus** (Mt 1:22-25). All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means "God is with us". When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home. He had no relations with her until she bore a son, and he named him Jesus. Joseph, son of David, and husband of Mary...(10x)
- **4. Flight into Egypt** (Mt 2:13-15). When they had departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt" and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him". Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt. He stayed there until the death of Herod, that what the Lord had said through the prophet might be fulfilled, "Out of Egypt I called my son Joseph, son of David, and husband of Mary... (10x)
- **5. Hidden Life at Nazareth** (Mt 2:23; Lk 2:51-52). He went and dwelt in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He shall be called a Nazorean." He went down with them and came to Nazareth and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. Joseph, son of David, and husband of Mary...(10x)

Closing prayer: Pray for us, O holy Saint Joseph, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.