

## Mar. 19, St. Joseph

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Today is the [Solemnity of St. Joseph](#), [1] Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

From the Gospels we know that Joseph had visits from angels in his dreams. We have two versions of his lineage, one in [Matthew 1](#), [2] and the other in [Luke 3](#). [3] Both agree that Joseph was of tribe of Judah, a descendant of Phares, one of the twin sons of [Judah and his daughter-in-law, Tamar](#). [4] Joseph was of the house of David.

We know from the Gospels that Joseph fulfilled four of the five traditional obligations of a father to his son: he had Jesus circumcised (Luke 2:21); he redeemed him (Luke 2:22-24); he taught him Torah (Luke 2:46-47); and he taught him a trade (Matthew 13:55, Mark 6:3); We do not know if Joseph lived long enough to arrange marriages for his sons and daughters.

Click [here](#) [5] for a picture of Joseph and Jesus at work.

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[1] <http://www.universalis.com/20100319/readings.htm>

[2] <http://www.newadvent.org/bible/mat001.htm>

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[4] [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tamar\\_\(Bible\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tamar_(Bible))

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