## Faith Filled People

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**May**

**Saint Joseph**

Joseph was Jesus' earthly father. Joseph's family came from David's family. David lived a long time ago. We learn about David in the Old Testament of the Bible. The New Testament tells us that Jesus, the savior, will be a member of David's family. People who knew Joseph said that he was a good person. He obeyed the Jewish law. He was fair and not selfish. Most of all he loved his family.

It could have been very bad for Mary to have a baby before she married Joseph. Joseph planned to protect her by quietly ending their engagement. An angel came to Joseph. The angel explained that Mary's baby came from the Holy Spirit. Joseph trusted God and believed the angel, so he married her. God trusted Joseph to take care of Mary and Jesus.

Joseph took care of his family when they traveled to Bethlehem and then to Egypt. He made sure they went to Jerusalem for Passover each year. Joseph was a carpenter. He taught Jesus how to be a carpenter, too. Thank someone today who protects you and takes care of you. On May 1, we celebrate Joseph the Worker and on March 19, we honor Joseph as Mary's husband.