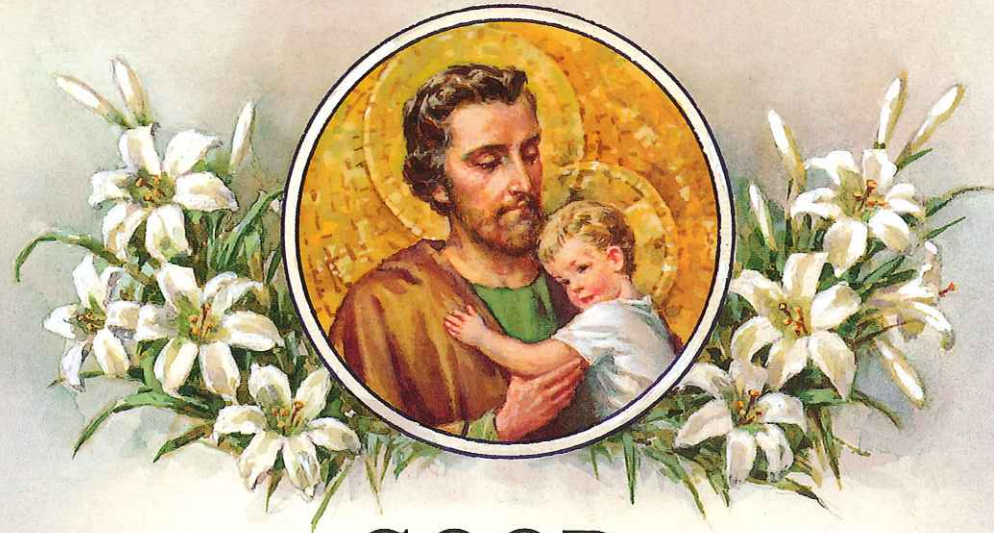


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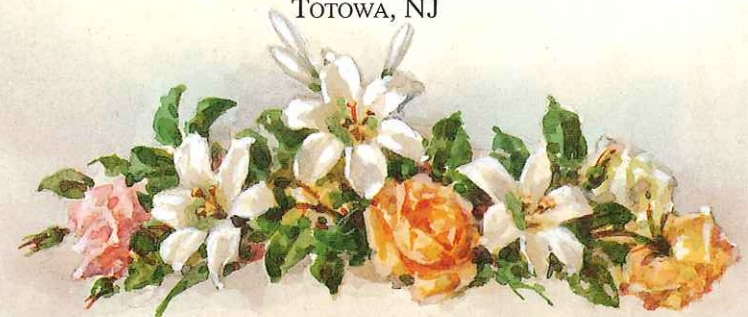


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AN ANGEL APPEARS TO JOSEPH

JOSEPH was a young carpenter in the town of Nazareth. All knew him to be a very good man who loved God and served Him faithfully. He was about to marry Mary, a young girl in the same town.

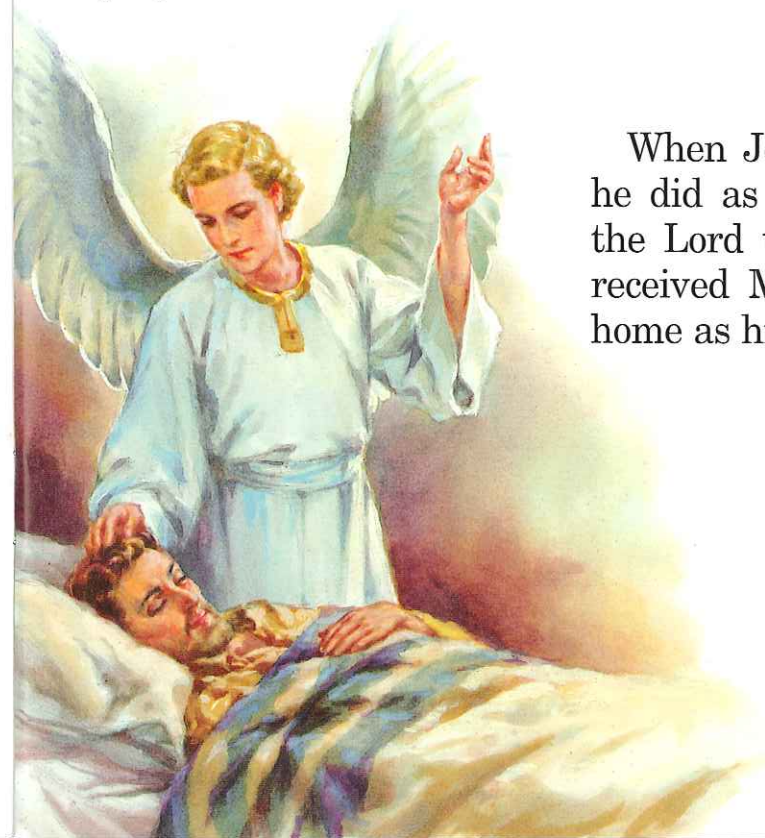
The Angel Gabriel appeared to Mary and told her that God wanted her to become the Mother of His Son. She said, "I am the servant of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say." At that moment she became the Mother of God. The Second Person of the Blessed Trinity took to Himself a body and soul like ours. He became Man and lived among us.

Joseph did not know about the visit of the Angel Gabriel, so he wanted to leave Mary when he learned that she was to have a Child.

An Angel appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, have no fear about taking Mary as your wife. It is by the Holy Spirit that she has conceived this Child. She is to have a Son and you are to name Him Jesus because He will save His people from their sins."



When Joseph awoke, he did as the Angel of the Lord told him and received Mary into his home as his wife.



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MARY AND JOSEPH ARE MARRIED

MARY and Joseph appeared before the priest in the Temple. Joseph became the true husband of the Virgin Mary. They made their home in Nazareth.

Mary and Joseph were deeply devoted to each other. No one after God loved Joseph as much as Mary did. She saw in him a just man, close to God—kind, pure and devoted.

After God, no one loved Mary as much as Joseph did. He admired her wonderful beauty of body and soul, and looked forward to the honor of spending his life to make his loving wife happy.

Mary and Joseph are an example of the kind of love husbands and wives should have for each other.

