



## **St. Joseph Feast Day March 19**

**St. Joseph has two feast days on the liturgical calendar. The first is March 19—Joseph, the Husband of Mary. The second is May 1—Joseph, the Worker. “Saint Joseph is a man of great spirit. He is great in faith, not because he speaks his own words, but above all because he listens to the words of the Living God. He listens in silence. And his heart ceaselessly perseveres in the readiness to accept the Truth contained in the word of the Living God,” Pope John Paul II had once said. St. Joseph Feast Day on March 19<sup>th</sup> is a traditional Italian holy day: Seven days before the Feast of the Annunciation (25 March) which commemorates the Annunciation (Gabriel's visit to Mary announcing that she is to give birth to the Messiah), we meet St. Joseph, her spouse. To honor the carpenter, much of the food includes breadcrumbs, representing sawdust. Giving food to the needy is a St. Joseph's Day custom. *Please bring non-perishable food items to Church next weekend in honor of St. Joseph.***