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Q&A

What did the transfigured Jesus' clothes look like? Who appeared to speak to Jesus?

Read more about it in Mark 8 and 9

A Good News Story

Jesus' Friends See Change

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Jesus taught the people and performed miracles as He traveled to different places with His Apostles.

One time, Jesus fed a crowd of 4,000 people with seven loaves of bread and a few fish. After everyone ate their fill, there were seven baskets of food left over. Another time, He restored sight to a blind man in Bethsaida.

During these travels, Jesus talked to the Apostles about many things. As they were heading toward the villages of Caesarea Philippi one day, He asked them a question.

“Who do people say that I am?” He asked His friends.

“John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others one of the prophets,” they answered.

“But who do you say that I am?” He wanted to know.

“You are the Messiah,” Peter replied.

Jesus warned the Apostles not to tell anyone.

He then began teaching His friends that the Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the scribes, and that He would be killed and rise after three days.



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Bible Trivia

What item did Jesus and the Apostles forget to bring in the boat during their travels? (Hint: Mark 8:4)

Answer: Bread

Six days later, Jesus took Peter, James and John and led them up a high mountain while the other Apostles remained behind.

Jesus was transfigured — changed — before His friends' eyes, and His clothes became a dazzling white.

Then Elijah and Moses appeared and began talking to Jesus.

Peter, James and John were so terrified that they really didn't know what they should do or say.

“Rabbi, it is good that we are here!” Peter managed to get out. “Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.”

After Peter spoke, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them.

A voice could be heard from the cloud.

“This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him,” the voice said.

Suddenly, Peter, James and John looked around. Moses and Elijah were gone, and Jesus was alone with them.

As they came down the mountain, Jesus told His friends not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant.

Offer a Novena to St. Joseph This Year

Before Christmas 2020, Pope Francis declared a year in honor of St. Joseph.

The year started Dec. 8, 2020, and ends Dec. 8 this year.

One of the special days in the year is the feast of St. Joseph on March 19.

Every year several parishes in the Rockford Diocese take part in an Italian tradition of praying a novena to St. Joseph starting on March 10.

What is a novena?

A novena is a special prayer that takes place over

nine days. Novena comes from the Latin word for nine, which is *novem*.

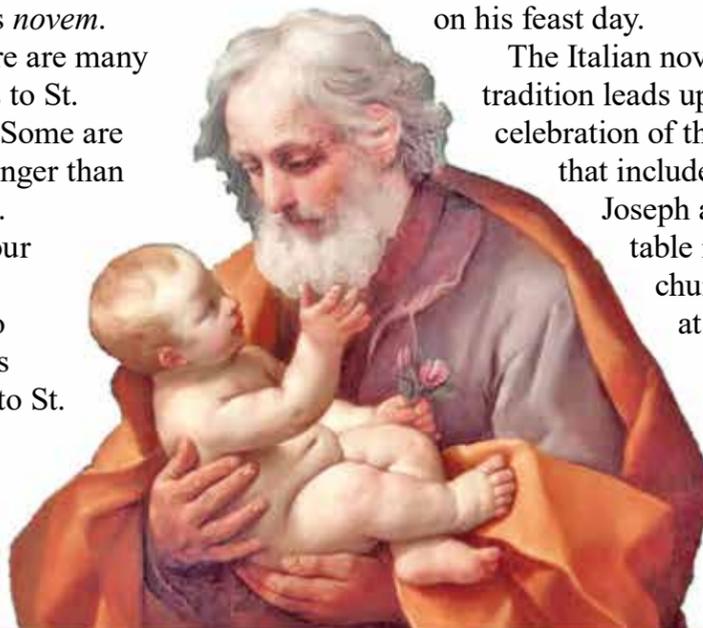
There are many novenas to St. Joseph. Some are much longer than this one.

If your family wants to pray this novena to St. Joseph,

you should start on March 10. That way you will finish on his feast day.

The Italian novena tradition leads up to a celebration of thanks that includes a St.

Joseph altar or table in the church or at home.



Saint Joseph

O St. Joseph whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the Throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires. O St. Joseph do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, Our Lord; so that having engaged here below your Heavenly power I may offer my Thanksgiving and Homage to the most Loving of Fathers.

O St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms. I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press him in my name and kiss His fine Head for me, and ask Him to return the Kiss when I draw my dying breath.

St. Joseph, Patron of departing souls, pray for us. Amen

St. Joseph altar

Each St. Joseph altar or table includes a statue or image of St. Joseph on the top. Cut out the one on this page.

If you tape or glue it to a piece of cardboard, it will stand up easily. This is a free picture from <https://www.catholicicing.com/st-joseph-novena-with-free-download/>.

Ask an adult at your house to go to the Catholic Icing website to learn more about the novena and look for how to make a St. Joseph Altar for your home.

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