



Second Week:

PREPARE
YOUR HEART

Matthew 1:18-25

“Look, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.”

(Revelation 3:20)

Matthew 1:18-20

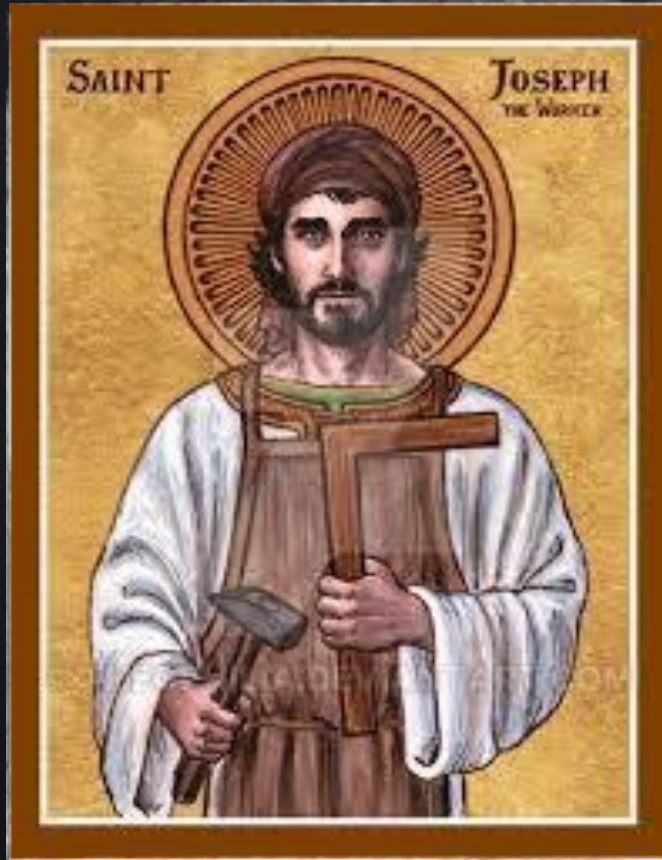
18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. 19 And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. 19 And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. 20 But as he considered these things, look, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream...

Matthew 1:20-23

...Look, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." 22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 23 "See, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us).

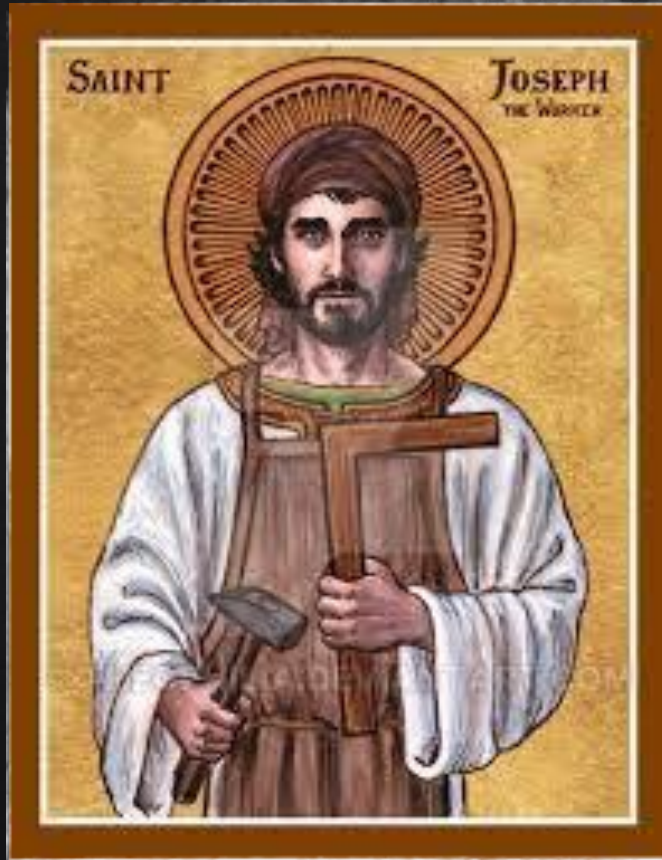
Matthew 1:24-25

24 When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, 25 but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.



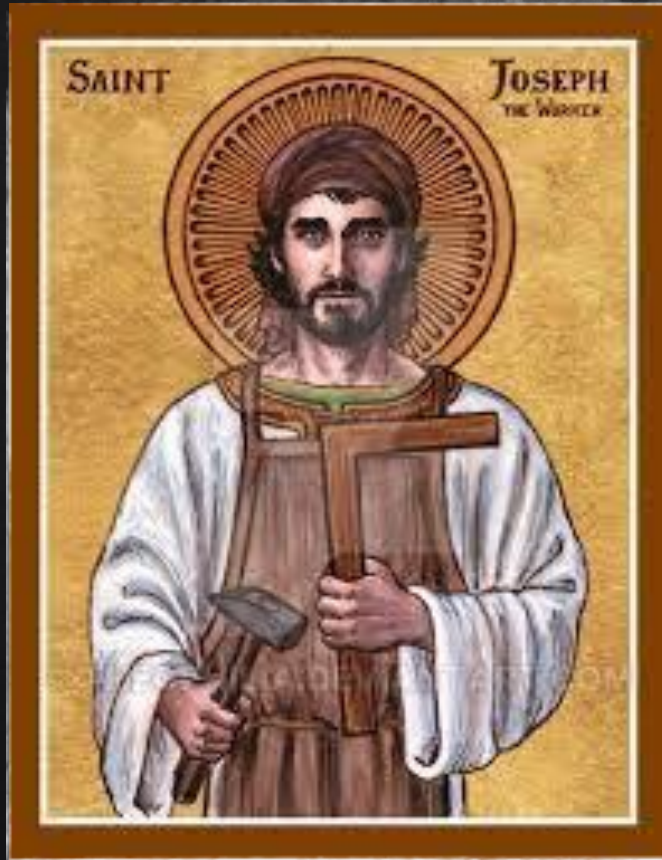
How did Joseph prepare his heart for the coming of God?

1. Joseph knew who he was.



How did Joseph prepare his heart for the coming of God?

2. Joseph knew the Scriptures.



How did Joseph prepare his heart for the coming of God?

3. Joseph was secure in the enoughness of God his Father.

“Look to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.”

(Hebrews 12:2)

Are you secure in the enoughness of God
your Father and in Christ's love for you?

If not, can you identify why? What is the
source of your crisis of trust?