



## Session 18

# The Shadow of the Father

## Your Spiritual Father

### **The Theology of St. Augustine**

What Joseph was for Jesus as head of the body,  
Joseph is to you.

## Your Spiritual Father

St. Joseph is the spiritual father  
of all humanity.

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## Papal Proclamations

### **Pope Benedict XV**

Every Wednesday should be a day of  
special veneration of St. Joseph, as well  
as First Wednesday's of the month.

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## Papal Proclamations

### **St. John XXIII**

Inserted St. Joseph into the First Eucharistic Prayer. Intrusted Vatican Council II to the Intercession of St. Joseph.

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## Papal Proclamations

### **St. John Paul II**

Writes "Custodian of the Redeemer" on St. Joseph. Describes St. Joseph as the contemplative in action.

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## Papal Proclamations

### **Pope Francis**

Inserts St. Joseph into the other three major Eucharistic Prayers. Personally petitions St. Joseph daily.

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## Devotion to St. Joseph

### **Wednesday Devotion**

The Litany of St. Joseph  
The Oil of St. Joseph  
The Cord of St. Joseph

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## Litany of St. Joseph

### **Mirror of Patience**

Patience: latin root “patientia”  
Quality of being willing to bear suffering.

We have to suffer the challenges of others.

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## Litany of St. Joseph

### **Guardian of Virgins**

We must strive for purity.

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## Litany of St. Joseph

### **Terror of Demons**

In spiritual warfare, the demons fear St. Joseph.

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- Why does St. Joseph appear at Fatima?
- How can I practically and concretely grow in my relationship with St. Joseph?