

The members of the Oblate family connect with each other through this prayer on the third Sunday every month.

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EVANGELIUM LIVE: Mt 1, 18-24

When Kubík was born and we started planning his baptism, we thought for a long time about who we would choose as his patron saint and protector in heaven. We thought of many of our favorite and beloved saints, but it was difficult to choose the "right" one. During a walk, I thought about it, and suddenly it seemed terribly unfair to me that the saints couldn't actually say anything about it. What if there is someone in heaven who would be really happy to guard our Kubík? And what if he already has a patron saint in heaven? I decided to give up choosing and asked heaven that if there was anyone who would like to take care of Kubík, to please come forward. And someone did. Right away. Saint Joseph, Joseph, who hadn't even crossed our minds until then.

When I was still pregnant, I prayed a lot to Joseph, to him and Mary, to help my husband and me be the best parents in the world for Kubík. Joseph is one of my favorite saints. He is like Clark Kent, a key character in



history who remained in the background and did not need to show off that he was Superman. There is not much written about him in the Scriptures, but from those few chapters, he strikes me as a man who thought more about others than himself, who was patient, courageous, decisive, and trusted the Lord completely. Nothing else mattered more - not his reputation, his desires and dreams, or his own career. He simply believed. He put all his faith in the Lord. He did not try to become the famous Superman, but allowed himself to be called Superman by God. And so, our dear Kubíček, you could not have asked for a better patron. Superman is interceding for you in heaven. And who knows what you are dreaming of right now and what kind of superhero you will grow up to be.

*The Superior General (1947 - 1972) Leo Deschâtelets OMI in a letter to the Provincials:*

*"It seems to me that it is in the spirit of Saint Joseph that we should carry out the articles of our holy Rules which describe with consummate tact all the fine points of community charity consisting of kindness, humility, courtesy, modesty, piety, a mixture of the most pleasant natural virtues and the most refined supernatural virtues."*

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## Matthew 1, 18-24

Now this is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they lived together, she was found with child through the holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: “Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means “God is with us.” When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.

