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Saint Joseph

The Saint Joseph Table

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The Solemnity of Saint Joseph, the Husband of Mary, is on _____. A solemnity is the _____ ranking feast on our Church Calendar. One way we celebrate this feast is by doing a Saint Joseph Table. The tradition of the Saint Joseph Table began in _____, in the country of _____. There had been a terrible _____ there, and people were praying for rain. They prayed to their _____, Saint Joseph, to _____ for them. Their prayers were answered and it began to rain. The people fulfilled their promise to Saint Joseph, and held a banquet in the town square. They invited everyone, especially those who were _____ and hungry. This was the first Saint Joseph Table.

To this day, we still celebrate the Solemnity of Saint Joseph with a Saint Joseph Table. A big part of this celebration is a Saint Joseph _____. This usually has _____ tiers, representing the _____. There are many traditional foods associated with the Saint Joseph Table. One of these is _____ beans, which are said to bring good luck because they continued to grow during the drought. _____ are the flowers associated with Saint Joseph, and they always appear on a Saint Joseph Table. Part of the Saint Joseph Table celebration is the _____, which recalls the Holy Family seeking shelter as Jesus was about to be born.

Saint Joseph is the patron saint of _____ and of the _____.

Word List

fathers	patron	March 19	Altar
three	Italy	fava	Sicily
highest	Church	poor	Trinity
intercede	tupa-tupa	drought	Lilies