

## Joseph the Betrothed

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*Saint Joseph with the Infant Jesus by Guido Reni, c 1635*

Saint Joseph the Betrothed was of the lineage of King David. In his first marriage, he had four sons and two daughters. After he became a widower, St Joseph led a life of strict temperance. He was chosen to be the husband and guardian of the Most Holy Theotokos, who had taken a vow of virginity.

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