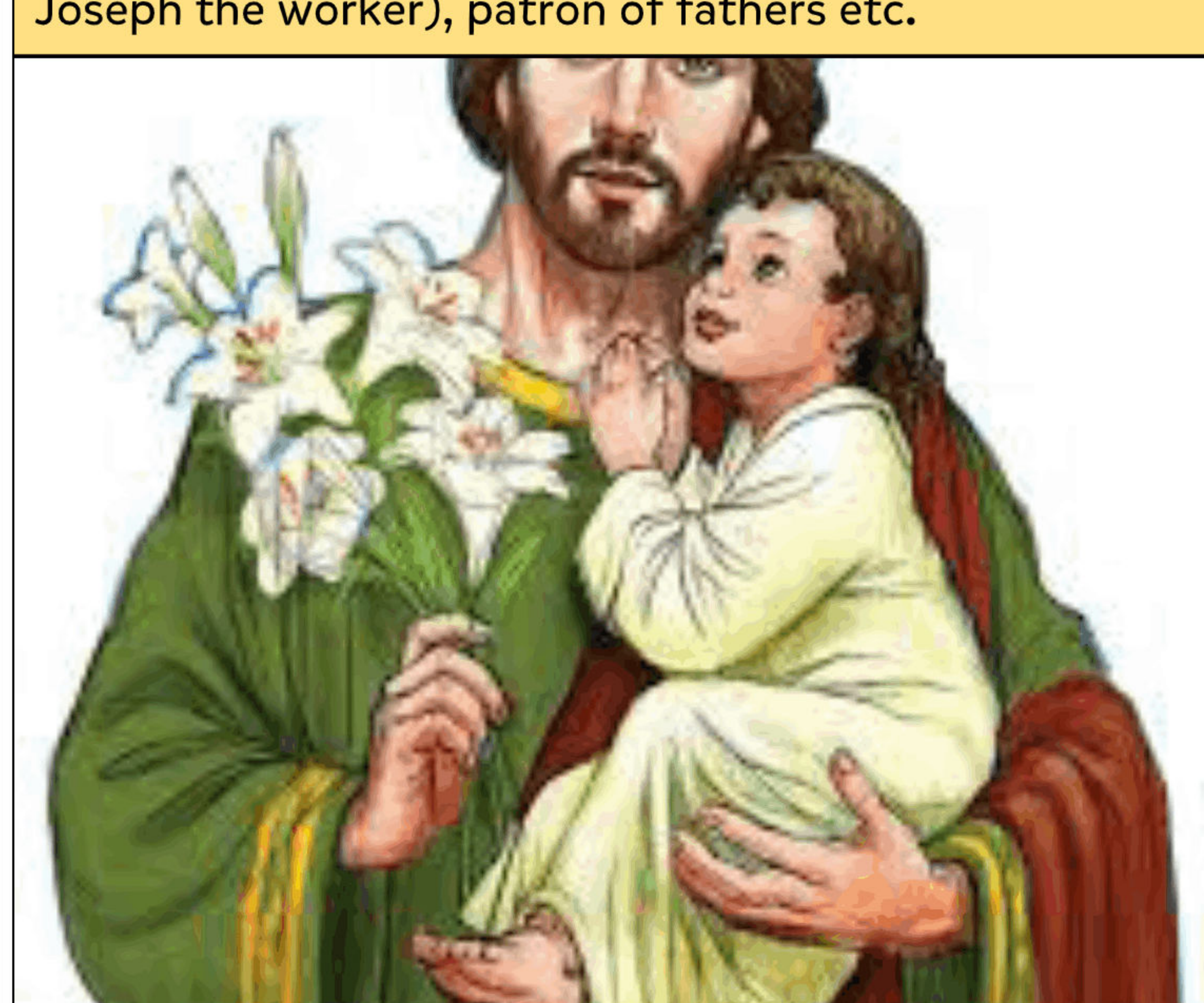
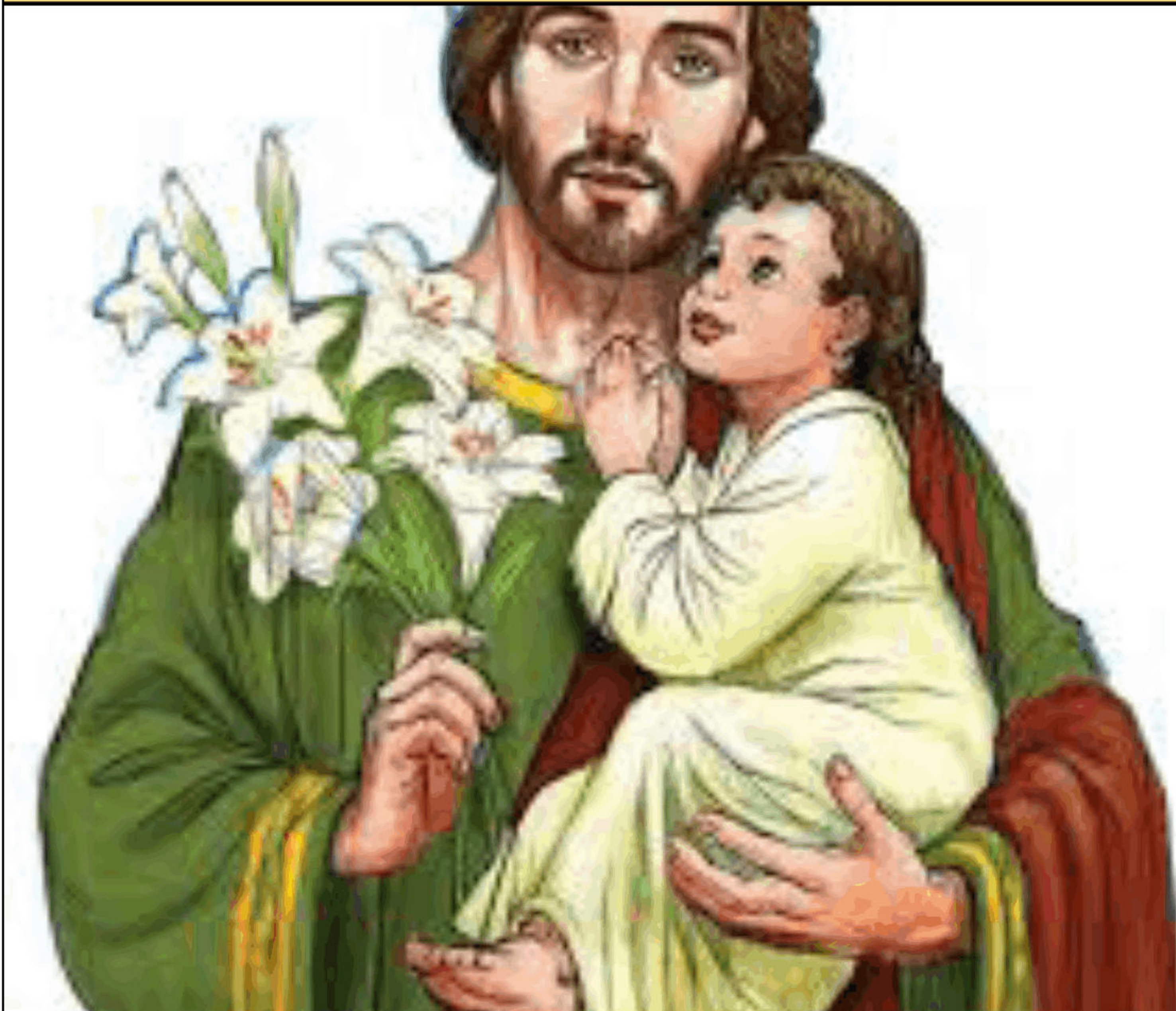


“Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit (Matthew 1:20).

It is the solemnity of Saint Joseph! The spouse of Mary, foster father of Jesus and one whose feast we celebrate specially this year, the year of Saint Joseph.

Saint Joseph is several reality to several people: amongst them he is the patron of the universal church; the patron of workers (so we sometimes call him Joseph the worker), patron of fathers etc.



Prayer to Saint Joseph: To you, O blessed Joseph, do we come in our afflictions, and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse, we confidently invoke your patronage also. Through that charity which bound you to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and through the paternal love with which you embraced the Child Jesus, we humbly beg you graciously ...

...to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood, and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities. O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family, defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ; O most loving father, ward off from us every contagion of error and corrupting influence; O our most mighty protector, be kind to us ...

...and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the power of darkness. As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril, so now protect God's Holy Church from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity; shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection. O Saint Joseph, pray for us!