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Novena for Dad, 2nd day.  
Private novena for vo-  
cations. Pray to Joseph.

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The Less Solemn Feast of St. Joseph, Transferred From  
The Nineteenth of March.

In art, through the centuries, Saint Joseph has almost invariably been pictured as an old man. Whether this has been really justified is, in the minds of some, somewhat open to question. Father John Bernard Kelly of the Archdiocese of New York quotes the noted Jesuit Suarez as opposed to the notion that Joseph was old:

Forasmuch as it was God's design to cover the maidenhood and motherhood of Mary beneath the marriage veil, thus to shield the honor of Jesus from idle rumor, so, likewise, no such shocking difference in ages of the pair would have been allowed, lest it cast shadow of ridicule upon their union.

And Father Kelly further appeals to the celebrated spiritual author Fouard, who says:

Without one exception every sarcophagus and monument of the first four centuries gives a type of manhood for St. Joseph which is very different from the figure we encounter nowadays. He is always represented as a young man and beardless. It is only in the fourth century that certain Fathers, after consulting the apocryphal gospels, made St. Joseph an old man. St. Epiphanius even goes so far as to give his age as about forty-four.

In any case, Father Kelly has delved into the question, and he puts it this way:

THE MAN OF MARY'S HEART.

Of all the suitors seeking love of maid	The angel spoke his souls' astonished,
Was ever one who might be more dismayed	"Hail!"
Than he who challenged Mary's cloudless	Beholding her whose beauty ne'er would fail
gaze	The woman, blest of all, and full of grace
To rate his worth as mate to love all days?	To bear Life's child, and mother Adam's race

Above all Maids in true discernment's art,	Do then the tears that gleam in Mary's eyes
In gladness she surrendered hand and heart	Find source in wee or mirth when they arise
To Joseph, symbol bright of valiant youth	Beholding art depicting Joseph bold
Whose might of arm was as his soul's, for-	As wrinkled, gray of hair, and sadly old?
sooth!	

Patrician born, was he, of David's line,	The call to Mary's sons who meet the name
A lover bold, made strong by love's design	Is test of knight in search of heaven's
To guard the Father's choice of daughters	fame
pure	Let men of truth, on banners bright, un-
The Maid most fair to heaven's Connoisseur.	furled,
	Proclaim the youth of Joseph to the world!

GO TO JOSEPH....FOR PURITY AND MANLINESS....LOVE OF MARY....LOVE OF WOMEN....LOVE OF GOD....MAKE THIS NOVENA FOR YOUR DAD IN HONOR OF SAINT JOSEPH....PRAY TO HIM ABOUT YOUR OWN VOCATION....GO TO JOSEPH FOR THE THINGS YOU NEED....MORE GRACE.....A JOB.

P E N N Y   A   D A Y   I N   L E N T   F U N D

The Monogram Men who passed out the mite boxes six weeks ago will pick them up again tonight....for the Poor whom Our Lord loves.....Negroes in Madame de Hueck's settle-ment in Harlem....Mexicans, tattered, ignorant, suffering and despised in Texas....Tiny, poverty-stricken Koreans entrusted to ex-Badin Haller, Father Ed Barron of the Maryknoll Fathers.....DON'T FAIL THEM....If you do, YOU FAIL OUR LORD....Whatever you do to the least of My Brethren, you do to Me.....His words.....and your test....

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