

Happy Father's Day! On behalf of St. Francis of Assisi Preschool let me extend warm wishes to all of the fathers, step-fathers, grandfathers, uncles, and those who are 'father-like' in our lives! May our Heavenly Father continue to shine down on you and your families!

Since we are not in session in June to officially celebrate Father's Day in each class, many of our teachers try to do something special before the school year ends. One such example is having some type of celebration in March that coincides with the feast day of St. Joseph (3/19).

Since St. Joseph is the patron saint of fathers, this is not only fitting, but also provides another opportunity to teach our preschoolers about saints and their importance in our Catholic lives. It also gives further emphasis to the fact that Jesus was like us in so many ways, including having a father on earth whom He loved. He had a father who took care of, cherished, and guided Him as He was growing. Because of all the goodness that St. Joseph shared and the love that he had for God, he now is a saint whom we remember. While he does not live with Jesus and Mary on earth any longer, he is with them again in eternal life. God, as the heavenly Father to him and all of us, continues to take care of Joseph and us. This is just like what our fathers or those like fathers to us do each day.

On this Father's Day weekend, let us not only honor our fathers in our families, but also remind our little ones of the love, grace, and all that we have which is given to us by God the Father. In addition, let us use this weekend as a chance to share some insight into how Jesus' foster father, St. Joseph, did the same things as our fathers do for us today. Let us take a moment to remind our children of all for which we can be thankful, especially those things which God has entrusted our earthly fathers to share with us!

To learn more about becoming part of our incredible preschool family and the opportunities we provide, please visit our website at www.preschoolatstfrancis.com or contact Shelley Freeman at: shelley.freeman@stfrancisraleigh.org.

With Joy,

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