

St. Joseph Dome

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Andrew and Vivian Decker.

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Your vision and dedication have brought this sacred space to life

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St. Joseph with the Christ Child



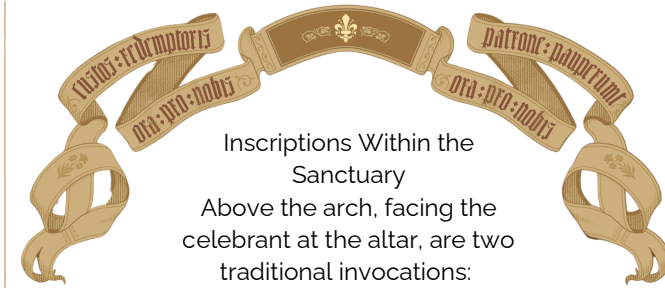
The painting is Conrad-Schmitt's interpretation of a common devotional genre of artwork known as *Saint Joseph with the Christ Child*, which was popular across Europe and Latin America from the 17th to 18th centuries. While there are several notable versions, one particularly similar piece was painted by Martino Altomonte, an Italian Baroque artist active in Austria. His depiction includes Saint Joseph with a flowering staff and the Christ Child, often surrounded by golden light and symbolic elements like a lamb. Another renowned version comes from Jusepe de Ribera, also known as Lo Spagnoletto, whose 17th-century painting features Saint Joseph holding a flowered staff and the Christ Child offering carpentry tools, rich in chiaroscuro and symbolic depth. There's also a beautiful rendition from the Cuzco School in colonial Peru, which often included ornate borders and vibrant religious iconography.

On the scroll of the cross in the St. Joseph mural is the sacred inscription that serves as both reflection and invitation.

"Sic enim Deus dilexit mundum..."

"For God so loved the world..."

A powerful reminder of God's boundless love, taken from the Gospel of John (3:16)



Inscriptions Within the Sanctuary

Above the arch, facing the celebrant at the altar, are two traditional invocations:

"Custos Redemptoris, Ora Pro Nobis"
"Guardian of the Redeemer, pray for us,"
and "Patrone Pauperum, Ora Pro Nobis"
"Patron of the Poor, pray for us"

These titles honor St. Joseph, who faithfully protected the Holy Family and continues to intercede for the Church and all in need.

Thank you to all our donors who contributed to the arch above the altar.

Patrons

In Honor of the parishioners, clergy, and religious who have come before us, those who walk beside us today, and those whose footsteps will one day grace this sacred space

In Honor of Monsignor Richard Harris

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A Sacred Vision Realized

With hearts full of gratitude, we celebrate the completion of our beautifully restored dome - a radiant expression of beauty, faith, and community. This work reflects our shared devotion and the many hours of care, creativity, and stewardship that brought it to life.

May it continue to inspire all who enter to lift their eyes and their hearts toward heaven.



Prayer to St. Joseph

Oh, St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so prompt, so strong, before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires.

Oh, St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession, and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. So that, having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of fathers.

Oh, St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while he reposes near your heart. Press him in my name and kiss his fine head for me and ask him to return the kiss when I draw my dying breath.

St. Joseph, patron of departing souls - Pray for me.
Amen.

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Sanctuary Dome

