

Sister's Spin

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Just as June has its own set of religious feast days, it also has a number of holidays--Flag Day, the new one, Juneteenth Day, and of course, Father's Day. This last holiday is really not so old, being named a national holiday only in 1972 by Richard Nixon. But it does have old roots, having been started in the state of Washington in 1910 by the daughter of a Civil War General who raised six children as a single dad! While it is a day to honor dads, it can also remind us of One who is Father to all of us--that is, God, our Father. This day also brings to mind Joseph, foster father of Jesus, who in his human life, gives us the example of what a father is--one who loves, nurtures, guides, and protects those in his care. It is good on this holiday to think of all the fathers in our lives, starting with God, St. Joseph, our parish priests whom we call Father, the fathers, grandfathers, stepfathers, foster fathers, and those who take the place of fathers in our lives. It is good to ask the Father of all fathers to shower them with the graces they need to raise their children as Joseph raised his--to give glory to God and fulfill the role planned for them. A blessed Father's Day to all those who play such an important role in our world today.

-Sister Marcianne

