

## **Joseph, A Man of Hope**

**"The man in the background," Joseph enters the Scriptures on this the last Sunday of Advent.**

**Joseph is the exemplar of all our hopes and dreams.**

**He awakens in the darkness of his dreams, and goes forward guided by Hope.**

**From *"Living In The Shadow Of Terror:"***

***At the end of the old century, our lives were cocooned in certainty.***

***Advertizing assured us of perfection.***

***We could purchase everything.***

***...We had our eye on the target,***

***and everything seemed under our complete control.***

**What more to hope for?**

**Our new century ushered in uncertainty.**

**and thus an opportunity for Hope to thrive.**

**Hope comes alive when we are not sure.**

**It is then that we need Hope.**

**And she comes always valiant, to walk by our side.**

**Hope does not flourish on the brightest day.**

**Hope comes alive on the darkest of nights."**

**And so we pray:**

**Come Lord Jesus**

**Into the darkness of our lives.**

**Renew our Hope,**

**so we might glimpse**

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**the ever rising Light.**

**Amen**