

Joachim and Anne



Love for Generations

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First century BC

Joachim was born in Nazareth

Anne was born in Bethlehem

Family connection: Grandparents

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Dedication

**To my family:
my parents Jim and Peg, my husband Bill, our son Sam
and daughter-in-law Erin, and our precious grandchildren
Ben, Lucas, and Andrew.**

**To all the children I have had the privilege of
teaching throughout the years.
And to grandparents who give witness and share their
faith and love of God with their grandchildren.**

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Saints and Me! is a series of children's books about saints, with six books in each set. The first set, *Saints of North America*, honors holy men and women who blessed and served the land we call home. The second set, *Saints of Christmas*, includes heavenly heroes who inspire us during Advent and Christmas and teach us to love the Infant Jesus.

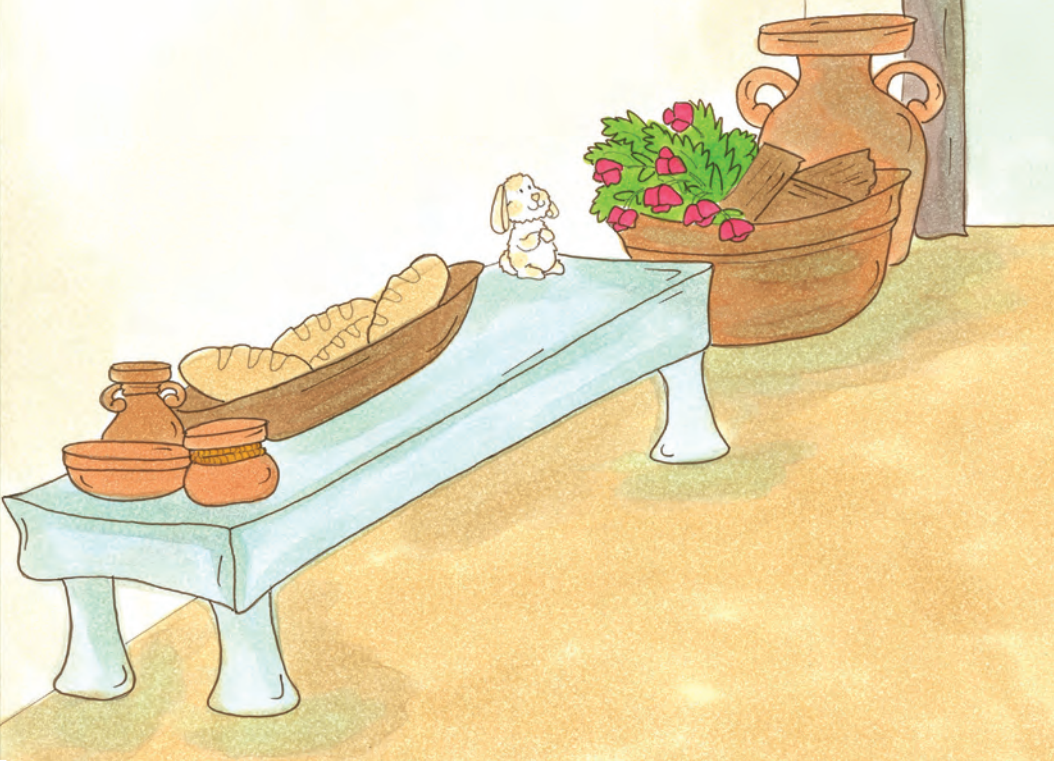
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This is a story about two special saints: Joachim and Anne. They were the parents of Mary and the grandparents of Jesus. They loved Mary and their grandson, Jesus, very much.





Joachim and Anne lived a long time ago in Jerusalem. Joachim was a shepherd. He took care of sheep in the fields. His wife, Anne, took care of the house and the garden. Anne liked to cook, make bread, and sew clothing.





Joachim and Anne loved each other very much. Life was simple, and they were happy. They prayed every day and talked about God. Joachim and Anne helped the poor and gave them food to eat.

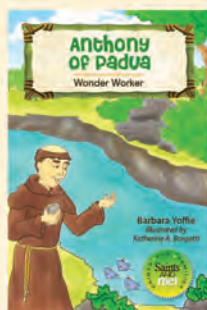
“We have everything we need,” said Anne. “Yes, God has blessed us,” Joachim answered. “I wish we had a baby like our friends,” sighed Anne. Joachim hugged his wife and whispered, “Some day God will hear our prayers.” Many years passed.



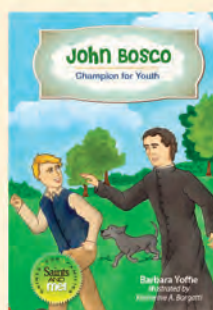
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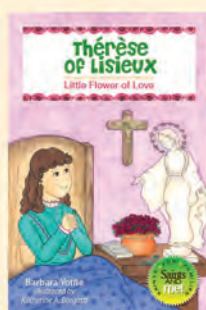
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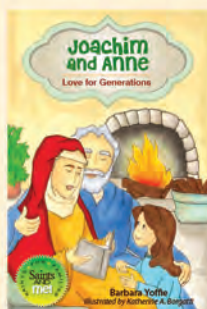
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wonder worker



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champion for youth



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