



This Month's Heartfelt Matters

- „Everything for JESUS, everything through Mary, everything after Your example, saint Joseph!“ – This should be our slogan in life and in death.

We also wish to thank st Joseph very much for his protection, his help in so many everyday matters during the past year.

Joseph is Protector of the holy Church. – May he hold his hands over her and us in the New Year once again.

With kind regards and best wishes for a blessed New Year, I say goodbye with the blessing of st Joseph,

Sister Paula



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Lay Community of St Joseph

Quite Ordinary and yet Extraordinary

Every person has quite a normal life, quite an ordinary everyday life. – Who conscientiously discharges the duties of their station is doing something great – such an action is holy.

GOD has an unlimited phantasy, which He reveals to certain people, at a certain time, in a certain way. Here and there He takes someone by the scruff of the neck and assigns a special task to him. No one is shut out from fulfilling His wishes, from doing His will – in their very normal as well as in their extraordinary lives. It is up to me to decide whether my life will remain miserable. Every person is destined for great things – to follow in CHRIST's footsteps – to attain Heaven.

On earth st Joseph lived such a very ordinary life – and yet a very extraordinary life. Because of his modesty, humility, plainness, always wrapped up in

GOD, people hardly noticed him. Many people had a low opinion of him – they mocked and took advantage of him. His virtues were smiled at. In his holy silence he kept the greatest secret, the greatest election. Being absorbed in GOD and contemplation was his unswerving prayer.

We may ask st Joseph, but also st Brother André, to grant us the love for true prayer. How necessary is it in our days for people to pray. They make up for so many who think they can solve their problems without GOD – just living a dull life, they do not live life to the full.

A Blue-Tiled Bathroom

„Thank you, O good st Joseph!“ I had for a long time been looking for a more convenient house. On the first of April I had to leave the one in which I was living. On 30 March, we were still in our house with nothing new in sight. I was afraid of being thrown out into the street with my child. In my request to st Joseph, I had asked for another residence with two bedrooms, a living room, kitchen, garden and if possible, a blue-tiled bathroom.

Surprisingly, on that evening, news came of someone moving from a house located in the heart of the town. I responded immediately and hastened to the place, without too much hope, though, as there was always a great demand for housing.

I was the first applicant to arrive. Accompanied by the owner, I inspected the house. Everything was to my taste. The dining room was spacious, the kitchen, three bedrooms and a garden almost exceeded my expectations. I had yet to see the bathroom. There the greatest surprise was awaiting me – it was blue-tiled, exactly as I wanted! And all at reasonable rent.

„Thank you, st Joseph!“ This is a most marvellous grace obtained through your intercession. A statue of st Joseph will be placed in our new dwelling. I shall ever persevere in prayer and never will I forget this particular favour.

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