



This Month's Heartfelt Matters

- Let us come to the aid of the Poor Souls – console and refresh them – often recommend them to GOD's mercy – frequently put their great misery into the Chalice of sacrifice – forgive all of them without restriction!
- To a Christian, death means going home – from darkness into the light – into the glory of GOD. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the redemptive work of JESUS CHRIST and through this Holy Sacrifice we are able to have a special bond with the departed. Their souls are filled with a painful longing for the vision of GOD. Not all people live in the necessary purity and perfection in order to enter eternal blessedness straightaway. We can help them through prayer and sacrifices, but especially through the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Let us often spiritually hold out to the Heavenly FATHER the Blood of CHRIST on their behalf.

With the blessing of st Joseph and with very kind regards
I say goodbye again,

Sister Paula



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Lay Community of St Joseph

St Joseph Model in All Virtues

Reaching perfection means: progress in all virtues. The main virtue is love. If I do not have this virtue, I cannot possibly reach the other virtues. I can so quickly lapse into sin – through thoughts, through the tongue, through behaviour.

Carelessness, shortcomings, shallowness – all this can also be a lack of love towards people and duties. Unfortunately man fails because his love of GOD is imperfect. If it were perfect, we would not have the heart to sadden our dear LORD.

I know that not every day is a bed of roses. Do not look back on the bad days; it will only bring restlessness, insecurity, and you are discouraged from further hope of success. Restlessness, anxieties are the work of the evil one. He does everything in his power to dishearten people, to cloud them so that they no longer sense GOD's love. He causes us to feel as if everything has grown dark and useless.

As long as I keep struggling without giving in, the evil one will not win. I will emerge even stronger from each battle won and GOD has granted me this strength. So GOD's love is still with me. GOD allows such situations to happen. He wants to set an example of His power and love to the evil one through me.

Often GOD shows new ways after severe struggles. – The inner eye has been purged, heart and soul cleansed. Love returns and with her, inner peace and new knowledge. I can believe again that everything is possible and that my life makes sense.

With hindsight, even hard days and weeks are new experiences to me and I realize that the vineyard of the LORD is not as stony as the evil one leads me to believe. Tests are part of life, they mature and smooth us. Living our daily lives with GOD is adventurous and there are many joys by the wayside – joys which do not leave a bad taste.

Never will I forget: st Joseph with his power is above the power of hell. St Joseph is very happy if I turn to him. He allows me to experience his power and protection, and thus increasingly strengthens our confidence in him.

The more one develops an appreciation for st Joseph, the more one comes to appreciate peace and seclusion.

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This One Is Signed

A community of nuns in the United States tells this story: Early in February, we placed a photograph of a small car, with a note saying why we needed it, by the statue of st. Joseph in our entrance.

The month of March came without any answer, when, in the last week, on Wednesday, a gentleman phoned saying that he wanted to give us a car. He asked if a sister could go with him to the dealer in order to bring the car home. When the dealer brought out the car, it was exactly the same model as the one in the photograph: a small, dark blue Ford!

The car was blessed a few days later, and we had a Mass said in thanksgiving to st. Joseph. Did he not, in a way, sign his answer?"

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It is so brilliant what st Joseph can do – how he will smooth the way for you – maybe not exactly today, but surely tomorrow.

We should be patient and keep our trust in st Joseph. He never lets us down.