



## This Month's Heartfelt Matters

- During this Christmas season let us remember the homeless, the outcast, and all people separated from their families, that they may receive a little love from somebody.

As soon as the SAVIOUR was born st Joseph looked after Him; on that cold night he wrapped Him in his woollen coat. – And today, as countless people have become exiles, st Joseph understands them like no other. On a dark, cold night he fled to Egypt with Mother and Child and in this way has earned immeasurable merits for the people then and today.

Yes, peace on earth to all people – with all our hearts!

I wish everyone a merry, blessed and peaceful Christmas!

With very kind Christmas greetings and with the blessing of st Joseph I remain with you,

*Sister Paula*



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## Lay Community of St Joseph

### Christmas – Birth of JESUS

The feast of love and peace. – So many people long for love and peace. They may find love, after their own opinion, but not peace, or only for a short time. Life is hard and pleasant feelings will soon be shattered. But why? –

True peace cannot be dependent on uncertain and disorderly circumstances. Man wants to be happy for ever. – It has always been like that and it is clear that this peace within can only be found near GOD. Only in this way will peace live on after death and for eternity.

People who live without any relationship to GOD do not have peace and stability, they are blown away with the wind like chaff.

The peace which the SAVIOUR has brought us is not lukewarm, cold or disappointing. His peace gives rest, harmony, brightness and order, is communion with GOD. He is our foundation, His coming is our salvation.

The SAVIOUR is born, also for the lost sheep which come back. GOD will take pleasure in them as well.

The Evangelist Luke writes in the gospel, read on Christmas day: „But the angel said to them: do not be afraid! I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.“  
(Luke 2,10ff)

Mary and Joseph were the first to worship the Redeemer. Deeply moved in his heart of hearts by such an incomprehensible event in this Holy Night, st Joseph was at a complete loss for words. He must have been perfectly aware of his responsibility and his task, when he saw the Creator-GOD and Saviour of mankind lying before him – the Child with His mother.

He must have been very eager to watch over the life of his foster Son JESUS. – To safeguard all these mysteries, it took a st Joseph – his holy silence.



Without silence and inwardness we will hardly make any progress, will scarcely say any good prayer. Let us pray to st Joseph for these gifts.

We have chosen this great Saint for us. Let us see to it that many people will also make this choice for themselves because he is a wonderful master in daily life.

### The Star of Christmas

A winter night I have never seen before!  
White snowflakes far and near.

Nothing breaks the silent air;  
snow covering every tree.

Do not disturb the peace of winter!  
But look, a bright light!

Shining in this winter night,  
GOD has brought salvation to the world!

We see the star of Bethlehem  
inviting us to the manger.

The world is so silvery and peaceful  
lit by the Christmas star.

I stand there, worshipping in wonder,  
I can feel it: a miracle has happened.

