



## This Month's Heartfelt Matters

- Let us try hard not to judge any person, not even to have a low opinion of him or think of him as deficient, for every soul is of equal value and everyone has different talents, often delicate and hidden ones. St Joseph never wasted his time on any of these thoughts.



Do we really entrust all our worries to st Joseph? Do we really have confidence – or do we think: „Perhaps he might help ...?“ Let us trust in him unconditionally and thank him as if he had already saved the situation.

How often people are facing a problem that cannot be possibly solved and they think: „How shall this go on?“ Let us remember st Joseph – what great plans of GOD he faced? He did not question them – he did what the Angel told him to do, trustingly. He believed and acted, without delay.

With the blessing of saint Joseph and with all good wishes for a happy and blessed Easter I say goodbye again. Most sincerely, your

*Sister Paula*



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## Lay Community of St Joseph

### Protector of the Church

The month of March is dedicated to st Joseph. He is the Patron of the Church. As he then served GOD's plan of salvation with wisdom and energy providing for JESUS and Mary, so now he is an intercessor for all and a helper in need – and there are so many difficulties – physical and spiritual ones. We simply need st Joseph very much!

If the prayers and devotions to st Joseph are not just for show but really come from the heart, then they will have great power and they will reach him for sure. Parish priest Mäder says: „Only kindred spirits and imitators have the right to call themselves venerators. Who is not willing to adopt and observe the principles which st Joseph embodied in his life, should praise someone else to the skies.“

Joseph was the holiest, purest, noblest and most perfect father of humankind. Everything which is said and written about his greatness is insignificant compared to his merits. The greatness of st Joseph shines best in his holy silence, in his prompt and unquestioning obedience. How



did he take up the battle with Herod – he opposed the tyrant with the right of his family, of the divine Child, not with words but with deeds. In order to save the Child he sacrifices his domestic peace, his livelihood, his home country. In his humility, in his simplicity, in his modesty, simply in all virtues he was a shining example for many people in Egypt as well and to the underworld a mighty terror!

### A Wonderful Testimony

Report of a man from Slovenia who experienced the following in 1975 while working in Bavaria:

„Strictly speaking I had no special relationship to st Joseph. Perhaps it was because I did not know any details about him and because you do not hear anything about him, till someone gave me the book ‘Sankt Joseph, auch dein Helfer’ (‘Saint Joseph, your helper as well’) to read, which filled me with enthusiasm. At this time I was in a desperate situation. I was away on business when I was sent to another place to do several jobs. When I arrived, it turned out that it was more than I could cope with professionally. To be brief: I could not handle the technical plans. A colleague who would have been able to help me turned his back on me and disappeared. So there I was on my own with the plans, inexperienced and devastated. But not for long. I remembered st Joseph for a moment and said to myself: ‚It’s now or never!’ So I implored

him: ‚Good saint Joseph, please help me in this my despair! I cannot even read the plan, let alone work with it. Please help me as there is no one else to help me. There must be a way for me to manage!’

And then the miracle happened! Really: a true miracle! Because after my continuous short prayers: ‚Saint Joseph, help me!’ a light in my mind was beginning to dawn on me. Little by little, without external help, I was able to puzzle out and understand the electric plans, which I saw for the very first time. Day by day things worked out better. Sometimes I asked someone to help me with this or that and behold: I could do the job on my own, reliably and without making any mistakes. When the other arrogant colleagues checked on my work, they gave me a pat on the back and spoke very highly about the good construction. Only now did I feel the nervous strain that I had had for a week. I locked myself up in a room and shed tears of release and gratitude.

St Joseph was my foreman and helped me to do a job which I would have completely failed to do on my own. ‚You kind Patron Saint, how could I ever forget it?!

Thank You, thank you ever so much!“

(From the internet)

