



just do what is best at the moment with joy and wholeheartedly.

„Dear GOD, put me at the spot where You want me to be, and let me serve there with devotion.“

This Month's Heartfelt Matters

- That we use all our strength and all our senses to obtain a great purity of heart and by doing so become increasingly a shining light for our neighbours. St Joseph will help us – it is his wish as well.



„Even if you have many Saints as intercessors, do venerate as such more particularly st Joseph for he achieves great things with GOD.“ (st Theresa of Avila)

Indeed, st Joseph will also obtain for us a certain intimacy and depth. We must go to him, though, and look at him, contemplate his life, imitate his virtues, especially in being silent. He wants us to seek quiet and lonely moments; for GOD can speak in our hearts in the stillness.

With love and best wishes for everyone I remain united with the blessing of saint Joseph, cordially yours,

Brother Paula



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Lay Community of St Joseph

Angel-like

St Joseph reveals himself to us with a perfectly pure soul. In him sin has lost any power.

Words of st Augustine: „Though no one can be totally free of sin in this earthly life, and even though Saints have to say: ‚Forgive us our debts‘, GOD can, if it pleases Him, by exceptions and privilege, cancel man's frailty which makes him a sinner. And so He can already clothe him in this life with holiness to such an extent that this man knows the omnipresent GOD like the Saints in Heaven.“

St Joseph has been granted this wonderful privilege. He was called to remain a virgin in marriage. GOD was always in his mind's eye and he was constantly contemplating his GOD. In his home in Nazareth there was no room for sin and idle diversions.

The wonderful Providence directed everything in the life of st Joseph in such a wonderful way. How well does she make st Joseph's purity stand out – in speech, thought and action. He passed on every praise, every apprecia-



tion and affection of men to his GOD. He kept nothing for himself.

In his holy silence he hid the greatest secret. Throughout his entire life on earth Mary and her Child were completely enshrouded in his holy silence. He consecrated his life to GOD in constant devotion and adoration.

St Joseph leads us so wonderfully towards the Main Commandment, he gives us such wonderful teachings that we

may imitate his life of virtue. In order to experience this we must become quiet at least once a day, remain silent, contemplate his life. The purer our heart, the more we will understand his greatness.

May st Joseph obtain for us this grace. The impossible becomes possible with him. Let us trust in him!

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The Place Assigned by GOD

There were two monks reading a book which said that at the end of the world there was a place at which Heaven and earth met. They decided to search for it and not to return until they had found it. They travelled through the world, surviving countless dangers, suffering all the hardships which one has to endure when travelling through the whole world, and going through all the temptations which could lead man astray.

They had read that there was a door, if you just knocked at it, you would be with GOD. They finally found what they were looking for. They knocked at the door. With a trembling heart they stood by and watched the door as it opened and when they had entered, they found themselves at home in their own monastery cell.

Then they realized: the place where Heaven and earth meet is the place on earth which GOD has assigned to us. –

(from the internet)

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The above story does make one ponder, does it not? Every one of us has their own particular place and maybe from time to time we ask ourselves:

„What am I doing here? Is this the right place for me? Am I able to perform my task?“ – Lots of questions ... Maybe some people are just going through a learning process at their momentary place, and it is not their ultimate goal. It could also be just a part of the journey, on which certain people accompany me – in order to get very specific experiences of life, which are not to be found in any book. As GOD knows everything and as there are no coincidences, I should

