



matrimony. Accept the congratulations for such great happiness in the name of the whole human race. You are the master and spouse of Her, who is inferior only to GOD Himself; You find Yourself enriched and prosperous in the sight of all men and of the Angels themselves.

Remember our poverty and misery ... I desire to be Your faithful servant, blessed and favoured by Your powerful intercession."

(Maria Agreda)

This Month's Heartfelt Matters

- That the Mother of GOD may ask GOD to give the world the long-awaited peace.
- Let us give her, if possible every day, a bunch of roses – the Rosary. If it is not possible, at least one decade or three "Hail Marys", according to circumstances.



"Saint Joseph, I want to comfort all the poor, all the sick, whom I see suffering, all those who have gone astray, whom I wish to return to the right path, I entrust them all to You. Ask GOD for me. Your word is so powerful before GOD's throne."

With kindest regards and the blessing of saint Joseph I say good-bye once again,

Sister Paula



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Lay Community of St Joseph

Just As it Pleases GOD

St Joseph played an important role in all which happened in Nazareth, in Bethlehem. But everything concerning this Saint is carefully concealed and many people do not care about it because it is not eventful enough for them.

As pope Pius IX helped st Joseph to fame by declaring him Patron and Protector of the whole Church in order to point the way for all Christians and teach them to read the book "JOSEPH", it was bound to become clear to many people what a mighty Saint he must be.

Joseph, the modest, quiet, silent, devoted one in everything, accepting everything just as GOD placed it before him. – Consider the extreme poverty in Bethlehem. This complete destitution, which on serious inspection hurts because it seems so indescribable to us.

Within the Holy Family there is a very special atmosphere. Special with regard to their poverty, their holy silence, their plain and simple work, regarding their contentment, their peace, and their joy. All this happens in the mysterious silence of st Joseph.

It is a matter of great concern to me that we learn to control our tongue, for it is a tool which can cause so much damage:



disharmony, jealousy, hatred, slander, damage to reputation, abuse of confidence and so on.

May st Joseph teach us to use words in the right place.

St Joseph's Understanding

How well does st Joseph understand us, and can help us sympathetically. Let us never think that we bother st Joseph too much. No, he will never become tired of listening to us and of visiting his divine foster Son.

Indescribably great and mysterious was his life on earth. He is pleasing to GOD because of his wonderful life of virtue so that he can obtain everything from Him. He stands alone in his humility, patience and purity. It is not without reason that he has power over everything. Let us unconditionally trust him in everything and give him if possible a pure heart, then the eyes of st Joseph will rest on us.

As mentioned before, st Joseph is always prepared to listen to anyone. Are we, men, not constantly inclined to ask, beg and take? That might, however, be all right with him yet we should remember to give, as well. The possibilities are manifold.

Let us please st Joseph's heart by keeping in check our passions for his sake. For instance: by watching one or two hours less TV – by less surfing on the internet and less playing computer games – by less keeping the neighbour or less getting on his nerves through idle talk – by staying with st Joseph through short, inward contemplations. The latter ones can easily be done during

certain kinds of work. There are no limits to our phantasy. Let us try to master the occasional issue.

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„I cannot at this juncture withhold my words of congratulation at the good fortune of the most happy among men, saint Joseph. How come, O man of GOD, that You among all sons of Adam, should have the happiness and good fortune of possessing GOD himself in such a manner that He conducted Himself and was reputed as Your only Son? The eternal FATHER gives to You His Daughter, and the Son gives to You His true and real Mother, and the HOLY SPIRIT entrusts to You His Spouse, and made you His representative. The Most Blessed TRINITY in its turn yields and espouses to You as Your legitimate wife its only One, its chosen One, elect as the sun? Do You realize, O Saint, Your dignity? Do You recognise Your excellence? Do You understand that Your Spouse is the Queen and Lady of Heaven and earth and that You are the custodian of the inestimable treasures of GOD Himself?

Be mindful, man of GOD, of Your entrusted pledge and know that if You are not envied by the Angels and Seraphim, You have certainly filled them with wonder and astonishment at Your good fortune and at the sacramental mystery connected with Your

