



Let us always be confident that our requests will be heard, if they are to the honour of GOD, if they concern the salvation of souls and if they serve our true happiness. Let us trust him in recognition of his services, let us love him and let us serve our families with love and care so that the hearts can be won over and will not be hardened.

This Month's Heartfelt Matters

- We pray st Joseph that he may protect the holy Church, all those dedicated to GOD, that all may be preserved in the true faith and may soon be led to unity.



The nursing and foster Father of JESUS also wants to be our father. Let us act according to the will of GOD, then he will accept us as his child and he will let us experience his power. Let us ask him for the conversion of the families, of humanity, for perseverance in doing good and to be able to share his virtues, then we will inevitably be more intimately united with GOD, prayerfulness will increase and humility of heart will grow.

At the feast of st Joseph, on 22 September 2013, we joyfully celebrate the 3rd anniversary of the foundation of the Lay Community! May the Community continue to grow and may st Joseph be venerated by many people. – At the feast of the Holy TRINITY on 18 August 2013 I could admit another person from Belgium in the Lay Community and some others during the last months by admission by proxy.

With kind regards and the blessing of saint Joseph,

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Lay Community of St Joseph

St Joseph Watches over the Church

The spreading of the word of GOD and the referring to st Joseph are so important in this day and age. People should experience the power and mighty working of st Joseph. He has been given full authority by his divine foster Son JESUS. He can desire and straighten out anything. Let it be known what a mighty Patron Saint of the Church he is. The veneration of this unique Saint must be revived, be passed on from one person to the next, by example and in deed.

Pope John Paul II writes about st Joseph: „Joseph stands entirely in the tradition of Israel which he regards as his sacred heritage and obligation. At the same time he accepts his human fatherhood of JESUS in obedience to faith by following the light of the HOLY SPIRIT, granted to man through faith, and thus becomes the Redeemer's companion.“

And so, in Nazareth, st Joseph protected the most holy, most secret gift, his Family – the little Church – quietly, modestly in everything, silently, open to everybody's needs. Uninterruptedly, he has been living a life dedicated solely to GOD together with Mary, his Spouse and her



divine Child, always looking up to Heaven with his inner eyes, being careful not to miss the will of GOD.

Quietly and grievously he bore the preceding suffering together with Mary and JESUS. After all, he knew from the prophets, for he was well versed in Holy Scripture, that the Redeemer would come for the sake of saving mankind. – Do we really believe that?! Truth, faith is mine, ours, and that is worth more than anything in the world – they are a driving force!

With a deep, strong faith in our hearts let us confidently and intimately turn to st Joseph. Let us try to cope with our daily routine in his spirit, then he will deepen our faith in GOD, in JESUS CHRIST and we will grow in our love of GOD and our neighbour. We will fulfil our tasks and duties with more joy and verve. We will surely not have fewer worries, difficulties and infirmities, but we will look at them in a different light. They will come to play a very important role. We can save countless souls by them.

From the Letter of a Mother

In my married life the dear GOD granted me seven children, nothing but boys. I wanted to raise them all for Heaven. But as they grew up, also my worries increased, especially regarding their salvation because five of them were scattered over the world to learn their trades. And so I turned to st Joseph convinced that the foster Father of the Infant JESUS would

also take my children under his care as his protégés and would support me in my worries.

The year 1881 was approaching and with it the peak of my fears and worries; because my eldest son was already past 34 and, like my other children, had not yet settled down. I then really urged st Joseph to help them. And help came overnight. If I look at my seven children today, they are all, humanly speaking, well looked after, two of them are even crowned with the priestly office ... My husband has recently died but I can only say with the words of the old Simeon: „You may now dismiss your servant in peace.“ I recommend to all the devotees of st Joseph: „Go to st Joseph in all your matters!“

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Indeed, st Joseph truly is the special Patron Saint of Christian families. There is hardly any family who is not in a great worry about the salvation of the children and spouses, and this Saint is well aware of it. Let us implore him in our ever-present worries. Let us put all our requests in his hands that he may bring them before our LORD and SAVIOUR. He will support them with his powerful intercession. St Joseph who once looked after the GOD-Man-Child with such loving care will always find a favourable ear with his JESUS.

