



many times carried Him, but especially in their journey from Judea to Egypt, and from Egypt to Judea. Ah! who then can doubt that this holy Father being come to the end of his earthly days, was reciprocally carried by his divine foster-Child, in the passage from this to another life, into Abraham's bosom, and eventually into His own, into glory, on the day of His Ascension?

This Month's Heartfelt Matters

- GOD is our Creator – the origin of our lives – He willed us to be. Let us thank Him this month for so infinitely many things, also on behalf of all people, and let us ask Him to help us to cope with life.



Since JESUS CHRIST ascended to Heaven, He has wanted to carry on working also through us, e.g. through our hands by us doing good; through our feet by us rushing to other people's aid, visiting the sick, spreading the Gospel; through our eyes by us recognising other people's needs and helping them.

„Sustain, to the best of your ability, silence, modesty, inner recollection, love of neighbour.“ (Anthony Marie Claret)

With kind regards and the blessing of Saint Joseph,

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Lay Community of St Joseph

Joseph's Confidence Never Faltered

St. Joseph revealed to Barbara Weigand: „The awareness that I was doing my duty kept me going. Although I had many and great enlightenments during my whole life, I was nevertheless a human being like you. I had to atone for Adam's sin just like you, but I have never allowed the slightest doubt to enter my mind about GOD's mercy and infinite love. And even when the incarnation of the SON of GOD was kept secret from me and I was very saddened because of it, my confidence in GOD did not falter anyway.

I sought to hide all this pain and sorrow from my virgin Spouse. I also thought that I was too unworthy to be the foster Father of the SON of the Most High. But from the very moment that I was taught by the Angel, no more doubt, no further discord sprang up in my soul. My gaze was fixed on the One entrusted to me, on the SON of GOD, on my GOD and LORD, and therefore I deserved to be the Patron Saint of all those who are serious about their immortal souls. I tell you, all those who place themselves under my protection, will be saved.

Because I was so faithful with little things and faithful with great things, I am destined to be the protector of the great and mighty as well as the protector of every single soul. I say the protector of the great and mighty, by this I mean the holy Church entrusted to me, the many communities that are under my protection. And since I enjoy the blissful company of the One who deigned to leave Heaven to be in my company, my intercession is an all-embracing, even an almighty one."

Barbara Weigand was lonely, rejected by everyone, even by the priests, labelled as sick, treated as a dangerous person and so on.

Joseph: „What might you expect? You ought to be glad! Come with me into the silent little house of Nazareth. I want to show you how people lived there. Look how modestly, how plainly, how humbly GOD’S SON descended from Heaven, without much clamour, without boasting before the eyes of men, and yet He is the SON of GOD! He had come to redeem men. Behold, my holy Spouse did not tell me how she had conceived. The SON of GOD was born. He began to talk, to work. He lived with me for 30 years, worked with me, prayed with me, ate and drank with me and yet everything was so wrapped up in the utmost humility, that I could not but secretly admire His wisdom.

He never spoke of His high dignity. His conversations were so fascinating, so aimed at GOD, His Heavenly FATHER, that you had constantly to strive to do the same, to imitate Him and you had to be very modest – like He was – to be willing to establish His kingdom. Look, that is characteristic of all



that comes from GOD. He sent His divine SON down to the earth to draw the world to Himself and to lead her back to GOD. Everything happens in such a way that mankind is forced to see the difference between what is divine and what is human, between the kingdom of Satan and the kingdom of GOD. The latter reveals itself from within, whereas the former intends to impose itself merely from the outside. And so it is with your mission. Progress will be made, do not worry. The word of GOD is like a mustard seed, it will grow and become a tree."

Excerpt from "Revelations to Barbara Weigand"

The Holy Bishop, Francis of Sales, on Saint Joseph

One can hardly well doubt that the great St. Joseph died before the passion and death of our SAVIOUR, who otherwise would not have commended His Mother to St. John.

And how can one then imagine that the dear Child of his heart, his much beloved foster-Child, did not assist him at the hour of his departure? – „Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy.“ (Mt 5,7) Ah! how much sweetness, charity and mercy, did this good foster Father use towards our SAVIOUR, when He was born a little Child in the world! And who can then believe but that, at his departure out of it, this divine Child rendered him the like a hundredfold, showering him with heavenly delights? ...

While our SAVIOUR was yet a little Child, St. Joseph His foster Father, and the most glorious Virgin His Mother, had