



of His foster father. Joseph is allowed to pass them on to numerous people, who, because of the worries to earn their daily bread, with bowed head as farmers are forced to plough the furrows or as labourers to work in factories.

This Month's Heartfelt Matters

- „Sometimes I feel my shadow – the darkness in me, which, of course, I reject. Saint Joseph, make us clear and true and absolutely confident.“



„We are so slow in giving GOD the absolute gift of our own self that by no means do we manage to prepare ourselves for this great grace. It seems to us that we are giving all to GOD, whereas the truth of the matter is that we are paying GOD the rent or giving Him the fruits and keeping for ourselves the ownership and the capital.“ (St. Teresa of Avila)

Always united with the blessing of Saint Joseph and my regards,

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Lay Community of St Joseph

„Never Divest Yourself of the Protection of Prayer!“

Mary says: „I will not speak much, because you are tired, my poor daughter. I only wish to draw your attention and the attention of readers to the constant habit of Joseph and mine of giving priority to prayer. Tiredness, haste, worries, and occupations never hindered our prayer, on the contrary they helped it. It was always the queen of our occupations. It was our relief, our light, our hope. If in sad moments it was our consolation, in happy ones it was a song of praise. But it was always the constant delight of our souls. It detached us from the earth, from our exile, and it raised us up towards Heaven, our Fatherland.“

Not only I, who by now had GOD within me and I had but to look at my lap to worship the Holy of Holies; also Joseph felt united to GOD when he prayed, because our prayers were a true adoration of our whole beings, which melted with GOD by worshipping Him and by being embraced by Him.“

Excerpt from “The Poem of the Man-GOD”
by Maria Valtorta

Absolute Love of Neighbour

means, always being willing to forgive – to forgive in advance by excusing the faults of the neighbour in your heart. To forgive immediately and to allow all mitigating factors to the culprit.

If you have lapsed, you should acknowledge it in unconditional humility and love, be it only in mere thought so as not to be so haughty – which would be even worse than the former sin –, that you are reluctant to confess: „I have erred!“ Apart from GOD, all men err. Who could say: „I never err!“?

See how Just St. Joseph Is!

If we really want to become acquainted with Joseph's greatness as being just, let us analyse the word itself. It sums up all the virtues. The holy Father of the Church, St. Maximinus of Turin, tells us the same thing: „Do you wish to know why Joseph is called just? Because he possessed perfectly all the virtues.“ What greater thing can one say about a man than to say that he possesses all the virtues to a perfect degree? Is this not an outstanding praise?

Who could compare himself in grandeur to St. Joseph? Let us look at Adam with the animals subject to him, at Moses how he led the Israelites with his rod, and at Abraham surrounded by his descendants. Call to mind Joshua stopping the sun at the command of his voice; Solomon seeing queens prostrate before his throne. No miracle worker can let creation come to an end at his command. – We are to know that

all these noble privileges cannot compare with St. Joseph's. For Joseph did not have only a few, but all of these prerogatives and virtues to a perfect degree. „Humble yourselves then at his feet, all you prophets, Patriarchs, Apostles, martyrs, miracle workers, all you great ones of Heaven and earth, just as in ancient times the sun and the moon and the stars bowed down to honour the first Joseph in Egypt.“ (St. Leonard of Port-Maurice)

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A Model of Faithful Work

Was it not a well-intended act of Providence to make St. Joseph a model of workers? Joseph was a worker and JESUS, too, was a worker under the eyes of His foster father, and in this way he sanctified labour. JESUS was called the Son of the carpenter, the Son of the workman. That is truly a lesson to curb human pride!

GOD's SON came down on the earth to set a good example to men as well as to give them His grace profusely. He enclosed this grace in the examples He gave them. JESUS' deeds as a human being are not just gestures worth imitating, but rather gifts of grace for mankind to draw from abundantly. All people now must have the chance to imitate the good deeds of the SAVIOUR, which is why it pleased Him for Himself and His family on earth to choose a very simple and modest life, that is the life of a workman.

In His wonderful Providence JESUS decided to place all the graces which He had gathered in those 30 years in the hands

