



St Joseph is the noble example for all Christian families by his deep, sound piety – by his faithfulness to GOD's Child entrusted to him and by his faithfulness to the most Blessed Virgin Mary – by his unwavering faith in GOD in all the trials of his life.

### This Month's Heartfelt Matters

- May St Joseph ask GOD for holy priests – priests who stand between GOD and the people.



„St Joseph, ask GOD to grant us purity of heart, of conscience and body and all the necessary virtues, which You possessed to such a high degree. To Your care I entrust our families, all those consecrated to GOD and the married couples. Ask GOD to grant us much patience in our daily contact with other people.“

With very kind regards and the blessing of Saint Joseph I say goodbye again,

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## Lay Community of St Joseph

### The Patience of St Joseph

He had an unwavering patience – when looking for a job – on his long and tiring journeys – with his fellow human beings; even with those who bothered him, or hindered him from work with their idle talk. Patiently, he waited for years for the Angel to call him back home and to leave Egypt. No one ever sensed that he was impatient.

Let us admire this holy patience of Joseph and imitate it, as far as we are able; let us at least always try hard. St Joseph's patience shines with a heavenly brilliance, as do all of his many great virtues.

### Let Us Not Become Tired of Exercising Patience

The holy Apostle James says that only patience will put the final seal of perfection on all the good we do. (see James 1,4)

It is certain that the devil will try with all possible means to wear out and break down the patience of GOD's servants. He wants to make us give up and wants us to not finish the work which GOD destined us to do and which

often involves certain difficulties. It is beneficial to us to always fulfil GOD's will faithfully and not to lose our courage and confidence, but to hold out in an unwavering patience. And so St James summons us: „Be patient and stand firm because the Lord's coming is near.“ (James 5,8) Patience will last as long as our earthly life, but how short is it compared to eternity! So let us be patient, because every day brings us closer to the LORD.

The holy Apostle Paul tells us that from suffering emerges patience, from patience reliability, and from reliability hope. But hope does not put us to shame. (see Romans 5,4-5) And so patience strengthens hope and hope in turn nurses patience by showing it the certain, crowning reward.

Joseph knew about the shortness of this earthly life. But even if he had been forced to suffer continually and without end for JESUS and Mary, he would have accepted these sufferings in love. To suffer out of love for JESUS' Divinity and the most pure Virgin was his life, his happiness. (Abbot Bernhard Maréchaux)

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### **Outrage against a Statue of St Joseph**

In Madrid a young workman visited the hospital. He reached out his right hand to the nurse who opened the door for him asking: „Would you please give me something for this hand?“ – On closer inspection, the nurse realised that it was

a deeper, more serious evil. „I have to take you to the doctor!“ – The doctor looked very worried while examining him and declared: „Only by amputating the hand can the arm be saved.“ – As white as a sheet, the sick man moaned: „Please help me, perhaps there is another solution.“ – „Impossible, because the bone decay has already advanced too far,“ the doctor replied.

Now the workman took his other hand from his pocket, in which he had hidden it so far. Shocked at this sight, the doctor called out: „You poorest fellow, this hand must also be severed, if you wish to save your life.“

And then the man made the terrible confession: „You see, doctor, back then, when the great College of Las Maravillas in Madrid was burnt down by arson, I was also present. In the burning building I found a statue of St Joseph. In blind fury I knocked off both hands with my fist. I did not escape the punishing hand, as you can see now.“ A. M.

### **The Month of the Sacred Heart of JESUS**

Let us love the divine Heart of JESUS more and more and let us spread His love into the cold world! – St Joseph clasped the divine Heart to his heart as often as he could.

May St Joseph raise our hearts to GOD's throne, so that GOD's love can penetrate to the roots of our lives.

