



breakfast, more often than not just water. The people only stay alive because the LORD GOD does not take them home and we often ask ourselves how these poor families manage to survive. St Joseph will help us so that we, too, may be able to help. In my home country people held an old clothes collection. Because of Caritas we had no problems. Because of the many prayers to St Joseph the boxes arrived in good order. I promised him to write you that they are with us now in our house and that we can start distributing them. I know now that St Joseph will continue to help us. (Sorocaba, 27.11.1970, Sr. M.Pr.) The last passage has unfortunately been slightly abridged.

This Month's Heartfelt Matters

- „Saint Joseph, help us with our requests and worries through your mighty support and keep an eye on straying mankind.“ Let us give up our personal tribulations for the time being and immerse ourselves in JESUS' worries – the loss of so many souls.



It is the month of May, the month of the Mother of GOD. Let us give her a bunch of roses by praying the Rosary.

With all good wishes and the blessing of Saint Joseph, until next time,

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Lay Community of St Joseph

Joseph Wishes the Salvation of Men

Many times GOD revealed Himself so clearly to Joseph that he understood many mysteries of the divine Wisdom. And so he also understood that GOD wants to be loved above all else. He was constantly carried by the desire that the Messiah should come soon. But Joseph did not know that GOD would need an instrument for this purpose, that the necessary maturity would also be required and the time according to GOD's plan.

Joseph felt incompetent and said: „Oh my GOD, why do I have only one heart to love You? Why cannot all Your creatures love You? I cannot understand how Your creatures can forget You, the best FATHER.“ He already completely oriented his life towards serving the Messiah. When would this prophecy be fulfilled? He waited in silent resignation. GOD had promised him a great present, which was already very near.

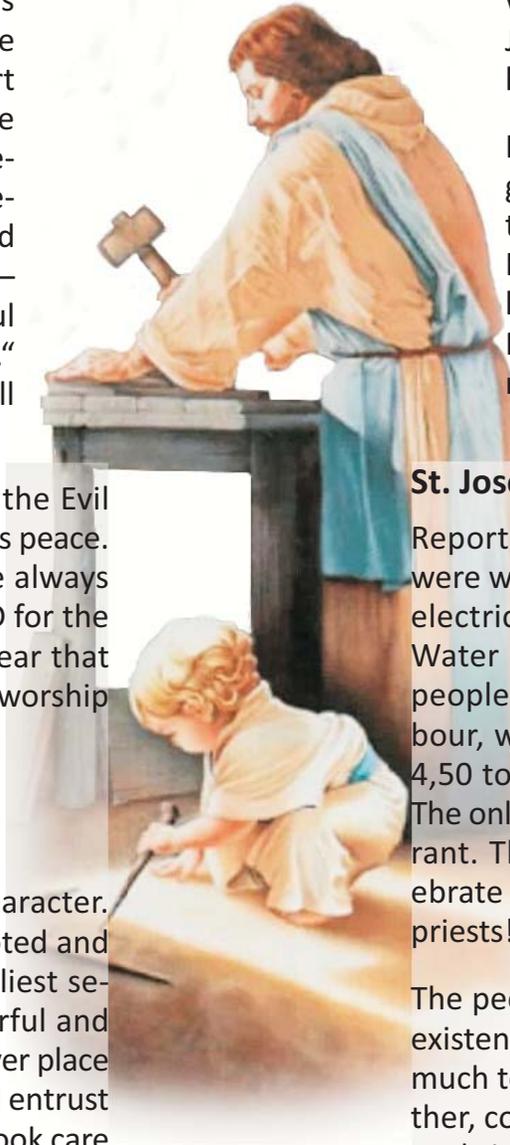
Joseph was invited to the Temple as were other men from the tribe of David. The priest on duty in the Temple explained to them that Mary, who was also from the house of David, had to marry a man. All men received a dry almond branch on which their respective name was

engraved. The high priest said that, at their prayer, GOD may cause to blossom the branch of him who was destined to be the Spouse of Mary. Joseph's branch blossomed. Everyone was astonished because of this miracle. He felt so unworthy and yet his heart was so flooded with joy that he almost was beside himself with happiness: „My GOD, how is it that I deserve such a grace, such a happiness!“ Mary was presented to Joseph. The priest drew near and married them. Joseph's heart rejoiced in great joy: „GOD – You have given to me the purest and most beautiful Virgin. She is my Spouse and I will be her Protector.“ Joseph had already seen Mary's soul in his spirit well before they met – wonderful and immaculate.

The mutual love and their virtuousness disturbed the Evil One very much and he tried by all means to break this peace. Joseph was constantly subjected to trials, which he always discussed with his Spouse. They daily implored GOD for the Messiah. They spoke: „If we are lucky enough to hear that the Messiah has been born, we will at once go and worship Him.“

Joseph, a True Son of David

Joseph, noble by his birth and yet nobler by his character. Joseph had a heart after GOD's heart: faithful, devoted and holy. GOD could safely confide His deepest and holiest secret to him. GOD revealed to him the most wonderful and secret things. In no human being on earth did GOD ever place as much confidence as in the one to whom He could entrust the Immaculate Mother with her divine Child, who took care



of both with the most pure intention, protecting them from all persecutions and, by his holy silence, in no way exposed what was holy. No one knew that his Son JESUS was the Messiah, until His public life of teaching had begun.

It is wonderful to see, how Joseph, of all men, was given the chance of taking care of Mary and JESUS, to carry Him, to suffer for Him, to hug and caress Him. How often Mary must have thanked GOD for giving her this wonderful person to stand by her. JESUS, Mary and Joseph – the Holy Family in Nazareth – from royal descent.

St. Joseph Does Not Have a Moment's Rest

Report from the Brazilian mission: Since two months we were working in a place with about 120 families. There is no electric light, the nearest telephone is 6 kilometres away. Water comes from a single well, often not enough. Most people can only write their name. The daily wages for labour, which are often not enough for everyone, are about 4,50 to 5,- DM, the monthly rent is about 30,- to 40,- DM. The only wealth is their children, but they are religiously ignorant. The priest can visit them only twice a month to celebrate Holy Mass. There is an alarmingly great shortage of priests!

The people are totally indifferent to the great misery. Life's existence is all that matters. What they earn is, in truth, too much to die on and too little to live on. If you, Reverend Father, could only watch the children devour the bread, when we bring them some! They often have only some coffee for