



am afraid of a long period of infirmity and above all of the last agony, yet I am sure that St Joseph will not abandon me then and will ward off all the enemies at the hour of death.

I cordially ask for the publication of my everlasting thanks. How could St Joseph abandon us since he himself has gone through so many hardships and therefore knows our needs and worries.

(from "Und wieder half der Heilige Josef" [And Again Saint Joseph Helped])

This Month's Heartfelt Matters

- „Mary and Joseph, I commend the Christian families to you. Obtain for them the grace to truly love one another and to stand by one another in distress and affliction. Help them to maintain mutual faithfulness.“



I wish a good rest to all who are on holiday now under the protection of St Joseph.

With kindest regards and with his blessing,

Brother Paula



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Lay Community of St Joseph

Joseph in Jerusalem

After the death of his parents, Joseph lived in Jerusalem. Near the temple wall he found a master who taught him the carpenter's trade. Joseph was very skilled with his hands and had an excellent mind, so that through his craft he knew how to help himself in so many things and served his fellow men in so many ways.

The awareness of doing GOD's will this way inspired him and he was very happy in his work – in the small workshop – with his good master. What also made St Joseph very happy was the fact that he had the opportunity to go to the temple every day to his GOD. Even though his work demanded a lot of him, he never stopped praying. A regular, heartfelt prayer is the ground under our feet and always the guide to the throne of GOD.

Joseph liked to give the poor what little he had, so that one day his master told him to consider that he himself was poor and needy. Joseph replied that GOD would provide for his needs.

Joseph was happy to be a subordinate, to be poor and unnoticed amongst men. GOD was the object of his love, and he contemplated the perfection of GOD even whilst working. He often spent nights praying for the dying, who were so close to his heart.

He finished his apprenticeship with this good master. Joseph thought about whether he should stay or start his own business. Then he asked GOD for His advice, as he always did when he was faced with a decision. Joseph had many lively contacts with his Angel and again the latter came to his aid with his wise counsel. Joseph's master died after a short illness. The following night the Angel spoke to him in a dream about what he should do to fulfil GOD's will: he should retire to his own workshop and work there on his own – buy his own tools. For the rest, he was to continue his simple life. Joseph immediately got up to thank GOD and His Angel.

If we became calmer, more silent and more modest, and did not take many things so seriously, we would perceive the promptings of our Guardian Angel. If we asked him for advice before taking initiatives and making decisions, our heavenly friend would give us the answer, or at least be there.

With JESUS and Mary

St Joseph speaks: „As a poor carpenter I was chosen for the great, unique task: to be the Bridegroom of the Mother of GOD. I was destined by GOD to assume vicarious fatherhood on earth to His SON. This grace was granted to me by GOD

Himself. I really felt like a father. JESUS was obedient and listened to me. In the present time, people do not want to obey any more. Neo-paganism has brought about the terrible moral downfall in the world.

Deep, pure love reigned between me and my Bride Mary, our love was never touched by sensual feelings: we loved each other like Angels who have no body. Never could I have fulfilled my unique mission in the history of mankind if JESUS and Mary had not been with me.“

He Helped Us to Have a Home of Our Own

I would hereby like to express my heartfelt thanks to St Joseph for his help and intercession with GOD to obtain a home for our family.

St Joseph has long been my father and protector, advisor, and mediator in all our affairs. I have been a widow for eight years. The landlord now wanted to use our home, in which we lived for 33 years, for himself. All of us, especially my son, were looking for another dwelling for a long time, but all our savings were not enough for a new building. Miraculously, my son found a very old house, which we all rebuilt with our combined efforts. The interior installations are still missing, but we hope to move in as early as this year.

Even when my son was born thirty years ago, St Joseph helped me wonderfully, as he still does today: every day he stands by me and helps me quickly and reliably. I read the book “Saint Joseph, Your Helper, too” every evening. Although I

