



suffered only some skin abrasions, although by human standards he could have been dead. And when the tower reached its intended height, St Joseph prevented another accident that could have been fatal. Two heavy steel plates slipped, hurtled downward, and bored into the ground just beside a worker.

We certainly owe the mild outcome of these two accidents to the protection of St Joseph. He was our best “insurance” at that time, since we had not insured any of the workers. We were truly allowed to experience his protection as the Patron Saint of craftsmen. His statue adorns our high Altar. We trust in him in a special way, also as Patron at the hour of our death. “Saint Joseph, pray for us!”

This Month's Heartfelt Matters

- „Saint Joseph, obtain for us and for all people a happy hour of death. Yours in life, Yours in death!”



With the blessing of St Joseph and very kind regards,

Sister Paula



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Lay Community of St Joseph

Joseph Can Do Great Things at the Hour of Our Death

Death comes to every human being, and these are very serious hours that decide where we will end up in eternity. The last hour separates us from everything earthly, from loved ones, from possessions ... The only thing that counts is what good we have done in our lives – physically, spiritually and mentally. Death is the transition from here to eternity, where the divine Judge unrolls life before our eyes in a single moment – we will recognise whether we are to stand on the right or on the left. In such a moment every person needs mediators: Mary and Joseph – our Advocates! How much they will help us if we were in constant contact with them in life, if we really nourished a cordial relationship.

Pharaoh of Egypt said: „Could we indeed find a better steward than this man Joseph, in whom the SPIRIT of his GOD dwells?” How much more is this true of Joseph of Nazareth! He was distinguished with many great, splendid gifts and abilities. GOD could entrust to him the greatest and holiest: JESUS and His most holy Mother Mary. He was the Protector and nourisher of his Holy

Family, he is the great and reliable help here on earth, especially at the hour of death. In Heaven, so many patronages are assigned to Him – he is simply a tremendous helper – all-round. Joseph was allowed to go home to the FATHER in the arms of His JESUS and in the presence of Mary. He was like an Angel!

Let us ask St Joseph for much, very much – for a rock solid trust in GOD's providence. Let us entrust to him that he may see to it that we may receive the holy Sacraments before we die, that we build on and trust in the mercy of GOD. Do let us pray daily for all the dying and entrust them to St Joseph, especially those who are facing the abyss and are most in need of our prayers.

Rembering the Departed

Let us remember this month especially the Poor Souls. Let us give them much comfort and light through Holy Sacrifices of the Mass, prayers, light from sacralised candles, through renunciations, by offering up the Precious Blood of JESUS CHRIST. Thus, we relieve their great sufferings and longings for the vision of GOD.

It is GOD's wish that we commemorate the Poor Souls. They cannot help themselves. May GOD hear our prayers in His infinite mercy, in memory of the terrible Passion and death of His divine SON. May GOD let His clemency and loving-kindness prevail and, in this very month, let countless Souls be released from purification by their Guardian Angels.

St Josef Helped to Build the Church

The village of Neusserling belongs to the parish of Gramastetten (Austria) and is about eight kilometres away from the parish church. In order to save the elderly and children the trip to church, the parish priest Just decided to celebrate services also in the school building of Neusserling, for the first time on 19 March, 1946, the feast day of St Joseph. Since the school rooms soon became too small because of the good attendance at services, it was decided to build a church in Neusserling. When the construction of the church was in good progress in 1947, it was not yet clear to whom the church should be dedicated: St Joseph, the Holy Family or the Mother of GOD.

Two dozen men were asked to decide on it. After a long discussion, I said: „Men, we have been through a terrible war, but I believe the greatest is yet ahead of us. We could hardly secure a better protection for this terrible time than by consecrating this church to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The building as such, however, we want to place under the protection of St Joseph.“ This proposal was unanimously accepted.

Our trust in our builder St Joseph was richly rewarded. Since no craftsmen could be obtained, the foreman worked with unskilled labourers. Suddenly, the progress of construction was called into question because the foreman suffered a broken leg. However, this injury healed so remarkably quickly that it was generally considered a miracle and work did not even have to be interrupted. When the wall had already reached its full height, a worker fell down. Miraculously, he

