



Jean-Baptiste de La Salle placed his institute under the protection of the great Saint and constantly pondered how the high Patriarch could be venerated even more. Shortly before his death, on the feast of St Joseph, he recovered the strength he had lost through serious illness, so that he could once again celebrate a Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in honour of the great Patron Saint, completely free of pain. When he was dying, he repeated to his friars what he had often recommended to them during his life, namely, to distinguish themselves by their devotion to St Joseph. Before his passing he made the statement: „I hope soon to be freed from Egypt to enter the true Promised Land.“

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This Month's Heartfelt Matters

- Let us have rock solid confidence that GOD has given us the good and just will, also always the necessary strength, to serve Him faithfully in our status.



CHRIST, the SON of GOD, became like us, so that we have a home in Him and will become like Him.

Brother Paula



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Lay Community of St Joseph

Christmas Legend

On Christmas Eve, hand in hand
three Angels flew down to the Jewish land.

They wanted to see the most blessed of all women
and the divine Child in the manger.

The star of Bethlehem was still awake
and shone mildly on the flat roof.

They sought the gate and soon found it
and peered alternately through a secret crack.

They called and begged and knocked quite gently,
until Joseph calmly opened the door.

The stable was dimly lit. They floated closer
and looked at the slumbering SAVIOUR.

The first one raised high his lantern
shading it by spreading his wings.

The second gently pushed into the Child's hand
a little star, found at the edge of the sky.





The third knelt piously before the manger
and, with a sweet voice, sang a song.
Then a smile, divine and light,
flitted across the heavenly Child's face.

For the whole future He consecrated
the celebration of the holy Christmas season:

The shining light, the Christmas star
and the pious song to the praise of the LORD!

(Alice Freiin von Gaudy)

Holy Family – JESUS Himself Speaks

I came into the world like an orphan who no longer had a father. Joseph stood there with My Mother. Joseph took Me in his warming arms and again, pressed Me to My Mother's heart. Both of them wept with joy, knowing what would become of this little Child who had to leave Heaven. Joseph was there, who gave us both the support and immediately replaced the Child's Father as best he could.

Who can express with what joy Joseph welcomed the abandoned one and how he wholeheartedly offered to be the Father of this Child. From that time on he lived and cared only for Me and My Mother. And even if he is not My Father by nature, he is My Father by love.

Joseph consecrated himself to the new born Saviour as His servant. In silence he prayed: „My GOD! How magnificently have Your promises been fulfilled, much more than I believed. You promised me a great grace in my life. There it is now in such bounty.“ He thanked his GOD.

Joseph said to himself: „Now it depends on me. I want to live up to this goodness and love completely and serve Mary and her divine SON in perfection, protect both from malicious people and dark powers, keep away everything that could worry them, protect and preserve this mission and the incomprehensible secret. All the love and care are now only for my family.“

Mary remembered: „Ah, Joseph, my dear protector, guardian of my youth. – Joseph, so humble, so loving. Such a man amongst men is a gift to the world, a gift of quiet service and love.“

(from “Through the Eyes of JESUS” by Alan Ames)

Joseph is the glorious representative of the Heavenly FATHER for His SON. Mary and Joseph are the most noble people the earth has borne.

St Jean-Baptiste de La Salle

The founder of the “Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools” composed several litanies of St Joseph and prayed them daily. He also recommended this devotion to his confreres. What touched him most in the admirable life of the holy Spouse of the Mother of GOD was his great docility in the guidance of divine Providence, his submission to the decrees, his quick obedience, his hidden life, his angelic purity and finally his tenderness and love for JESUS and Mary; virtues which he tried to imitate. He became, in fact, a living image of St Joseph.

