



excellently versed in the Holy Scriptures. Also St Bartholomew was quite an educated man. Joseph possessed high personal education, but the merit of holiness outweighed all his other excellent abilities.

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This Month's Heartfelt Matters

- „Saint Joseph, please help and have mercy on so many workers who, in unbelief, far from GOD, in anger against Him, struggle through life with these thoughts. How are they to be concerned for a good atmosphere at home?“



It is summer season – holiday time. To all those going on holiday, all those at home or far away, I wish you a good and lasting relaxation, many happy and soothing hours. My greetings and thoughts go with you.

I will accompany you all with the blessing of St Joseph,

Sister Paula



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Lay Community of St Joseph

Faithful Protector

St Joseph was such a faithful protector of the SON of GOD. How many worries did the safety and sustenance of JESUS cause him, especially on the flight to Egypt! How great was his joy though, because he had JESUS with him. With great astonishment he saw the idols of the Egyptians crash down on arrival. If we have enough confidence and ask St Joseph that he may take us into his protection, then in this case, too, the infernal enemy must flee. Joseph is a caring protector and through his own sorrows, fears, efforts, absolute devotion, his life of privation on earth, but also through his joys, he obtained for us infinite riches for all eternity. Mary and Joseph, in their great holiness, went through life in great poverty and modesty, orienting their lives only towards GOD and working and earning graces for all eternity for all mankind. What tremendous people they are! Actually, there are no proper words for it.

Joseph saved the divine Child from the highest danger of life. The holy Church is, although she cannot perish, nevertheless in mortal fear for the many souls plunging

into hell. „Saint Joseph, You are the Protector of the Church. Defend her now in the battle against the infernal powers!“

St Joseph also providently cared for JESUS and Mary by the labour of his hands. He worked conscientiously and very well, guided by the purest and holiest intention that it may benefit humanity. So we, too, want to go to work daily with the good intention of including all humanity.

Joseph precisely affects those people who are disoriented, anxious, helpless and crushed by worries – like sheep having no shepherd to give them the support they need. He gladly turns to them. We need not be ashamed of our helplessness. If we make an effort to climb down from our pedestal and ask him, he is immediately willing to reach out his hand to us and eventually lead us to the true Shepherd JESUS CHRIST.

How Fr Johann Eduard Lamy Experienced St Joseph

As much as we may be touched by the many visions of our LORD and His Mother in the life of this simple, humble Parisian suburban priest, they are not the only apparitions that Father Lamy (1853-1931) received. For his communication with Heaven was so constant that he often enjoyed the visible presence of his heavenly friends and that the supernatural and its world had become, as it were, the greatest naturalness to him. We have already reported before (reference by the author Count Biver) how St Joseph appeared to him one evening in the chapel of “Our Lady of Good Hope” in Troyes and announced that he would become a priest in



spite of all difficulties. Fr Lamy: „At the second apparition in La Courneuve, St Joseph spoke to me only of things concerning myself. He is always very kind, but does not have such a mild voice as the Mother of GOD. The somewhat harsh sound of his oriental homeland is always audible with him. The holy Nursing Father also visited me a third time, again in La Courneuve, but this time not in the church, but in the youth home. It happened in the Sacred Heart room, which was in the old parish garden. The statue of the Holy Patriarch had been brought here from the church to be thoroughly cleaned before being placed on the new more beautiful pedestal bought by a woman from Remiremont.“

On 3 July 1917, the statue was carried into the hall, where it remained for several days. As I was constantly very busy, I could not go there as soon as it was cleaned but arrived about three or four days later. The door and window were on the same side, while the rest of the room was in darkness. When I entered the room, the Saint was already standing between his statue and the speaker, smiling kindly. Joyfully I exclaimed: ‚Is it You, St Joseph?‘ Again, he was talking to me about purely personal matters. I remember well that I took a few steps back to be able to observe him even better and that I made a deep bow to him. When I rose again, the apparition had disappeared.“

As on his earlier visits, also this time St Joseph already looked quite grey and wore almost the same dress as the divine SAVIOUR. However, St Joseph is not just the simple worker that one would often like to portray him as. That is just a trait of his character. He knew the Psalms very well and was