Saint Joseph

This Thursday, March 19th, is the feast day of Saint Joseph. He is one of the greatest saints in the Church. The Bible doesn't tell us very much about him, but we know that he was very obedient and trusted God, and that he must have been a very holy man—God chose him to look after His own Son, Jesus!

Saint Joseph was just a poor Jewish carpenter, but God saw that he was a very good man so He chose him to be the husband and protector of Mary, who would be the Mother of Jesus. Saint Joseph provided for Mary by his hard work.

When Jesus was born Saint Joseph protected Him from the evil King Herod, who wanted to kill Him. He spent his days working to support Jesus and Mary and taught Jesus how to be a carpenter. Saint Joseph was Jesus' teacher, but he also learned from Jesus how to be holy.

Saint Joseph died a holy and peaceful death in the arms of Jesus and Mary. Now he is in Heaven, helping us when we pray to him. We should pray to him because he is a great protector and teacher for us, just like he was for Jesus.

Jesus says that if we drink His living water, we
LITTLE IS KNOWN OF NICHOLAS’ EARLY LIFE. HE WAS A CARPENTER IN ENGLAND DURING THE TIME OF THE PERSECUTION OF CATHOLICS.

AT THAT TIME IT WAS ILLEGAL TO BE A CATHOLIC, ESPECIALLY TO BE A PRIEST AND TO SAY MASS.

NICHOLAS BUILT SECRET HIDING PLACES FOR THE JESUIT PRIESTS TO STAY IN.

HE SECRETLY BECAME A JESUIT BROTHER.

HE DID REGULAR WORK DURING THE DAY SO THAT NOBODY WOULD SUSPECT HIM.

I would like to become a Jesuit.

NICHOLAS WAS ARRESTED AND TORTURED FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE PRIESTS BUT HE DIDN’T TELL ANYTHING. HE WAS FREED ONCE BUT THE SECOND TIME HE WAS KILLED.

ONCE HE HELPED A PRIEST ESCAPE FROM THE LONDON TOWER PRISON.

Hm. So the guard changes at ten...

I will tell you nothing!

SAINT NICHOLAS REFUSED TO BETRAY THE PRIESTS AND DIED FROM THE TORTURES. HERE IS A MAN WHO USED HIS SKILLS AND CLEVERNESS TO WORK FOR GOD AND PROTECT HIS PRIESTS. WE CAN LEARN FROM HIM THAT GOD WANTS US TO USE OUR TALENTS TO BUILD AND PROTECT THE CHURCH.

Fill-in-the-Blanks

Fill in the blanks with the words in the box. Use the marked letters to fill in the blanks at the end.

And hope does not disappoint,
1. _____ the love of God has been poured into our 2. _____ through the Holy 3. _____ who has been 4. _____ to us. For Christ, while we were 5. _____ helpless, died at the appointed 6. _____ for the ungodly. Indeed, only with 7. _____ does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one 8. _____ even find 9. _____ to die. But 10. _____ proves his love for us in that...

...while we were still sinners ___________ FOR US.

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