

## Week 21



Mirror of patience, Pray for us. Saint Joseph is a model of patience. Life was not easy for Saint Joseph. His mission required a lot of waiting. “Blessed are all those who wait on the Lord.” (Is 30:18) If Saint Joseph did not accompany Mary on her Journey to Elizabeth’s house, he had to wait 3 long months to see his wife again. When Saint Joseph observed that his wife was pregnant, he had to wait for the Lord to reveal what he wanted him to do in response to the

wondrous pregnancy. Saint Joseph used these trials as an opportunity to grow in patience and holiness. Saint Joseph exhibited heroic patience in Egypt. He had no idea how long he would have to stay in Egypt. Saint Joseph remained peaceful, kind, calm and abandoned to Divine Providence. “When Mary and Joseph lost Jesus for 3 days in Jerusalem they searched to great anxiety.” (Lk 2:48) They were greatly concerned but had boundless confidence in Divine Providence. Let us model ourselves this sublime example of Saint Joseph. Remain peaceful, tranquil in all of life circumstances

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## Week 22



The devil hates an honest and diligent worker. Saint Joseph taught the God-Man how to work. Our Lord desired to do manual labor for many years prior to his public ministry. He wanted to sanctify work and teach us that work is honorable and pleasing to God. Saint Joseph also serves as the model of workmen for the imitation of those who work for the salvation of souls, especially deacons, priests, bishops and religious. On a related note, in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century, May 1<sup>st</sup> was celebrated around the world as a secular holiday “May Day” was not religious nor a political holiday. In the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century communists re designated it “Communist Workers Day”. Venerable Pope Pius XII turned to Saint Joseph and denounced the falsehoods of communism by elevating the dignity of workers in a specific way. On May 1<sup>st</sup>, 1955 Pope Pius declared May 1<sup>st</sup> to be the liturgical feast of Saint Joseph the worker. Saint Joseph is indeed, a light in the darkness and the Model of Workmen. *Excerpts from: “Consecration to Saint Joseph”, Father Donald Calloway, MIC*

## Week 23



Jesus, Mary, and Joseph loved families. Their three hearts are very concerned about what is happening to families today. Families are falling apart. Modern man has distanced himself from God and attempted to redefine what it means to be a family. The family stands on the edge of a great precipice. Saint Joseph wants to be a pillar of your family. A pillar is a foundation. In order for your home to stand on a firm foundation and be unshakable, your family needs Saint Joseph. He will teach your family the importance prayer, mutual respect, purity, honesty, forgiveness, love, and most importantly, placing God above all things. In the person of Saint Joseph, men can learn what it means to be a husband and father. They must be self-sacrificing for women, children, and the common good. It is honorable for men to sacrifice themselves for others. Manhood and fatherhood are perfected through love,

sacrifice, and faithfulness to those entrusted to their care. The exercise of such manhood is how husbands and fathers become pillars of civilizations, and indeed become holy. A world filled with men like Saint Joseph will experience a renewal of social and moral order.

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## Week 24



The name of Joseph will be our protection during all the days of our life, but above all at the moment of death. Saint Joseph died a holy and happy death. He died gazing upon Jesus and resting in the arms of Mary. What greater death could a person experience? God has designated Saint Joseph as the Patron of the Dying because he wants us to experience a death similar to that of Saint Joseph, a holy and happy death. Death is a part of life, but it is not an easy part of life. We need to be prepared for death because Satan always tries to get a soul to despair and turn away from our loving God at the hour of death. Jesus granted to him (Saint Joseph) the special privilege of safe guarding the dying against the snares of Lucifer, just as he had also saved him (Jesus) from the schemes of Herod. - St. Alphonsus Liguori. The Catechism tells us that, in order to prepare for death, we should "entrust ourselves to Saint Joseph." in other words, consecrate yourselves to Saint Joseph!

To prevent an unhappy death – a death that catches us unprepared, without the last Sacraments – prepare for it now by consecrating yourself to Saint Joseph and living a holy life. In giving everything to Saint Joseph, death will not catch you unprepared.

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## Week 25



The Church needs the protection of Saint Joseph. The Church is being assaulted by those outside it (Satan and the world) and by those inside it (many of her own children). Sadly, the Church also has to be protected from heterodox and spiritually weak priests and bishops. On June 29<sup>th</sup>, 1972, Saint Pope Paul the VI made the claim that “the smoke of capital Satan has entered the Church.” The smoke of Satan has infiltrated even the highest levels of the Church. Jesus never promised that everyone in the Church would be holy. The weeds and the wheat grow together. Our role is to stay close to Saint Joseph. In this way, we will be wheat, not weeds. Saint Joseph protects the Church. It is not easy to remain faithful, zealous, and hopeful. Yet, we have reason for hope. God will never abandon us. Saint Joseph will never abandon us either. He knows what is going on in the Church, and he wants to correct it. We will see the glory of the Church again. All is in the hands of

Divine Providence. Trust. Hold fast to Jesus, Mary, and Saint Joseph. They are with us.

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