

Week 26



Evil spirits are terrified of Saint Joseph because he alone is the spouse of the Immaculata and the father of Jesus Christ. Saint Joseph is the gateway to Jesus and Mary. The title “Terror of Demons” is the most unique title of Saint Joseph. It is a fearsome and commanding title. It is the title of a warrior. The lily Saint Joseph holds in his hand is a mighty spiritual weapon, a sword of purity. It has the power to pierce fire-breathing dragons (demons) and conquer every form of filth and darkness. The lily he wields is a threat to all filthy forces of Satan. Demons are terrified at the mere mention of Saint Joseph’s name. Saint Joseph is a quiet man, but he is not a timid man. One glance of his eyes sends all hell into flight. One word from his mouth roots the forces of darkness as an axe levels a field of trees! To defeat the devil, you need Jesus, Mary, Saint Joseph, and the teachings and Sacraments of the Catholic Church. Every Christian needs truth and the strong spiritual fatherhood of Saint Joseph. Jesus is God, and he has appointed Saint Joseph to be your loving spiritual father. In times of fear, oppression, mortal danger, and extreme temptation, run to your spiritual father. He will fight for you. The Terror of Demons is ready to slay dragons for you!

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Week 27



If Saint Joseph lived with Jesus for thirty years, his vocation was one of perpetual adoration. In many ways, the home of the Holy Family in Nazareth was the first Christian monastery. Although he never adored our Lord under the Eucharistic species and never had the happiness of receiving Holy Communion, he did possess and adore Jesus in human form. Saint Joseph knew our Lord more thoroughly than did all the saints together: he lived for him alone. In that lies his special glory, the keynote of his sanctity. In that, above all, he is our model, and in that too does his incomparable greatness consist. We find in him (Saint Joseph), the perfect adorer, entirely consecrated to Jesus, working always near Jesus, giving Jesus his virtues, his time, his very life: it is thus that he is our model and our inspiration. As foster-father of Jesus and husband of Mary, Joseph ranks among the elite of heaven. On earth he deserves the same recognition, for his mission, which will last as long as the Church itself, draws everyone within its scope. After the child's birth at Bethlehem, Joseph and Mary

adored him uninterruptedly as he lay before their eyes. They represented all mankind at the feet of Christ. In profound adoration he united himself to the special grace of each one of the events in the life of Jesus. Have confidence, strong confidence in him (Saint Joseph). Take him as the patron and the model of your life of adoration.

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Week 28



Saint Joseph is the Guardian of Virgins. An example of his fatherly protection is evidenced in what he did for the Sisters of Loretto. In 1873 the Sisters of Loretto opened and operated a very successful girl's academy in Santa Fe, New Mexico. They wanted to build a chapel so they hired a well-known architect to complete the task. However, once the chapel was finished the sisters realized that the chapel lacked a way to get to the choir loft twenty feet above. The architect who built the chapel had died so they looked to Saint Joseph for help. The sisters began a novena to Saint Joseph asking him to send a carpenter to help them. Remarkably on the final day of the novena, a mysterious man arrived who stated he would like to build the staircase. He had only one request that he wanted to work alone and behind closed doors. It took the man three months to build the staircase and when he finished, he just vanished. He built a spiral staircase with thirty steps that had no center or load bearing column, and appeared to be floating in air. It contains no nails and is held together with wooden pegs. The staircase is an architectural wonder. Upon further study it was discovered the wood used to build it is only found in Israel. The Sisters of Loretto believe that it was Saint Joseph himself who built and constructed the staircase for the consecrated virgins. The staircase remains intact to this day.

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Week 29



Now is the time for Saint Joseph! I truly believe that in our day the Lord wants to direct our hearts, families, parishes, dioceses, and Church to Saint Joseph. This action of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church has been gaining momentum for a very long time. Saint Andre Bassette initiated construction on what has become the world's largest church dedicated to Saint Joseph – Saint Joseph's Oratory in Montreal, Canada. According to Saint Pope John the XXIII, God desires devotion to Saint Joseph to search forth in the form of special prayers of "trusting abandonment." There are two especially important reasons for total consecration to Saint Joseph. First, we need the spiritual fatherhood of Saint Joseph to help us protect marriage and the family. Marriage and family have always been under attack, but in modern times, the threats have reached extraordinary heights. Sister Lucia of Fatima wrote: "The final battle between the Lord and the Kingdom of Satan will be about marriage and the family." Second the world needs to be re-evangelized, including the vast majority of baptized Christians. Saint Joseph was the first missionary. Today, he desires again to bring Jesus to the nations. Many nations and cultures that were previously Christian have fallen away from their Christian roots and are on a path of self-destruction.

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