



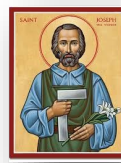
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Faithful Navigator Report

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Sir Knights,

Our Church has dedicated the month of March to St. Joseph. This year, because Easter was so early, St. Joseph had to take a back seat. I believe He is perfectly content with that, as taking a back seat is kind of what he does. St. Joseph is never in the spotlight, but he is always there. There to support Mary, there to Produce, Provide, and Protect the Holy Family. Sure, there are statues of Him, but they pale in comparison to Mother Mary and our Savior Jesus Christ.

A lot of Protestant Christians like the WWJD? (What Would Jesus Do?). Wow! That is a tall order, we are just a bunch of men trying to do our best. I like, (What Would Joseph Do?), still works, so no need to through out that WWJD bracelet your daughter or granddaughter made.

Are we being the Joseph of our Holy Family? Do we Produce, Provide, and Protect? I am comfortable saying...Yes to that question. The Sir Knights I see at our meetings, funerals, and community events are solid Josephs to their Families and the community. Of course there is a "but"...What can we do better? **Simple, always remember it is not about Joseph, therefore it is not about you and I.**

Many men get caught up asking themselves "What is in this deal for me?" Did Joseph do that? No, he did not worry about himself, he handled the 3P's for Mary and Jesus, and did not complain about it. Or at least it is not really written that he was a complainer. Lol! We know that when Jesus was a child he was "lost" at the Temple, other than that was there any other problems written? Joseph was being Joseph, getting it done for the Holy Family.

What is in this for us Sir Knights? Your Mary's embrace, her head on your shoulder, a kiss on the cheek from your daughter or granddaughter, a hug from your son or grandson. This is what we get Brothers, and this was enough St. Joseph, should be enough for us too.

Being jealous of others, and making this life about ourselves, our needs, our wants only, well there was an Angel that felt that way, and we all know what happened to him.

Apparently, we can sleep as long as we need to, so we got that going for us, which is nice. Keep fighting the good fight, Brothers. Remember to sleep, Mother Mary's orders.

St. Joseph, pray for us!



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Pope Saint John Paul II on Saint Joseph the Worker

*Pope Saint John Paul II's Apostolic Exhortation **Redemptoris Custos** -*

22. Work was the daily expression of love in the life of the Family of Nazareth. The Gospel specifies the kind of work Joseph did in order to support his family: he was a carpenter. This simple word sums up Joseph's entire life. For Jesus, these were hidden years, the years to which Luke refers after recounting the episode that occurred in the Temple: "And he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them" (Lk 2:51). This "submission" or obedience of Jesus in the house of Nazareth should be understood as a sharing in the work of Joseph. Having learned the work of his presumed father, he was known as "the carpenter's son." If the Family of Nazareth is an example and model for human families, in the order of salvation and holiness, so too, by analogy, is Jesus' work at the side of Joseph the carpenter. In our own day, the Church has emphasized this by instituting the liturgical memorial of St. Joseph the Worker on May 1. Human work, and especially manual labor, receive special prominence in the Gospel. Along with the humanity of the Son of God, work too has been taken up in the mystery of the Incarnation, and has also been redeemed in a special way. At the workbench where he plied his trade together with Jesus, Joseph brought human work closer to the mystery of the Redemption.

23. In the human growth of Jesus "in wisdom, age and grace," the virtue of industriousness played a notable role, since "work is a human good" which "transforms nature" and makes man "in a sense, more human."(34)

The importance of work in human life demands that its meaning be known and assimilated in order to "help all people to come closer to God, the Creator and Redeemer, to participate in his salvific plan for man and the world, and to deepen...friendship with Christ in their lives, by accepting, through faith, a living participation in his threefold mission as Priest, Prophet and King."(35)

24. What is crucially important here is the sanctification of daily life, a sanctification which each person must acquire according to his or her own state, and one which can be promoted according to a model accessible to all people: "St. Joseph is the model of those humble ones that Christianity raises up to great destinies;...he is the proof that in order to be a good and genuine follower of Christ, there is no need of great things-it is enough to have the common, simple and human virtues, but they need to be true and authentic."(36)





Color Corps Report

C.C.C.— Curt Horner

Sir Knights,

Our Color Corps participated in 1 funeral this past month...3/6/24 was the funeral of SK Don Lavertue at St. Norbert's. Please pray for the soul of our departed Brother.

If you are interested in joining the Color Corps please contact the Faithful Navigator and check out the link below for purchasing the uniform. Serving in the Color Corps is a great use of your time, you will be serving God's Church and the Families of Knights we have lost.

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March: St. Joseph Model of Fathers

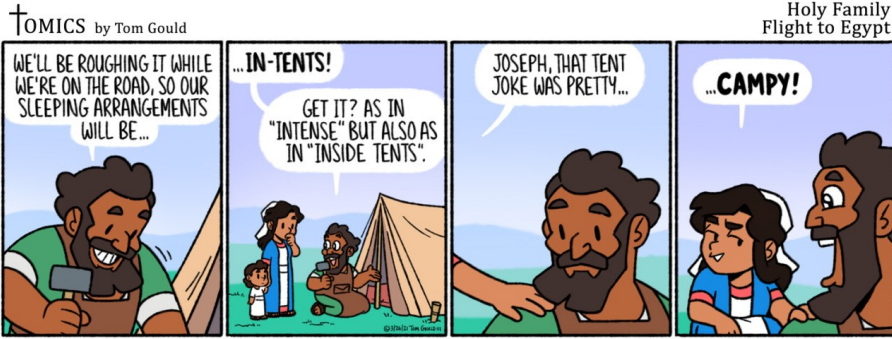
In the litany of St. Joseph, we say, St. Joseph, Head of the Holy Family, pray for us. There is more hidden behind this invocation than meets the eye. We know, of course, that Mary is the Virgin Mother of Jesus Christ. We know that the Savior was not conceived of a human father. Yet the Church has never tired insisting on the fatherhood of St. Joseph in the Holy Family. It is crucially important to understand that there are two levels to fatherhood. There is the physical level of providing for the conception of a human body. In this sense, Christ did not have a human father. But a father is not only to cooperate with his wife in generating a child. He is also to cooperate with her in rearing the offspring which his spouse brings into the world. From all eternity, Joseph was destined to be the spouse of the Blessed Virgin. They were truly married. Joseph was Mary's husband, and she was his wife. Marriage is the most intimate of all unions between two human beings. It imparts a community of gifts between those joined together in matrimony. Consequently, in giving Joseph the Blessed Virgin as his spouse, God appointed him to be not only her life's companion, but also the witness of her virginity, the protector of her honor. No, by reason of his conjugal tie to Mary, he participated in her sublime dignity. We cannot exaggerate the importance of seeing St. Joseph as the true spouse of Mary. Under God, he was to share in her unique role as Mother of the Word made flesh who dwelt among us. St. Luke tells us that, on returning to Nazareth after Mary and Joseph found the young Christ in the temple, Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and grace before God and men (Luke 2:52). What are we being told? We are being told that the Christ child constantly manifested greater wisdom as he grew in age. In God's mysterious providence, both Mary and Joseph contributed to this manifestation of greater wisdom in Jesus.

— *Father John Hardon*

"Of all the people I have known with a true devotion and particular veneration for St. Joseph, not one has failed to advance in virtue; he helps those who turn to him to make real progress. For several years now, I believe, I have always made some request to him on his feast day, and it was always been granted; and when my request is not quite what it ought to be, he puts it right for my greater benefit."— *St. Teresa of Avila*



Catholic Humor



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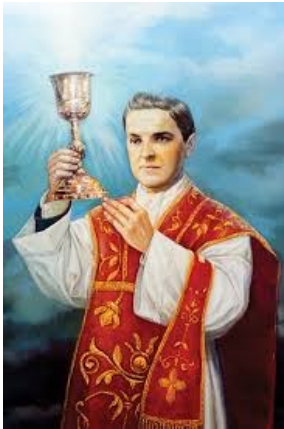
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† Rest in peace

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- ◆ Fr. Rick Serra

Upcoming important dates below:

5/4– 4th Degree Exemplification, St. Bruno in Whittier CA.

5/6– Officers Meeting– 6pm location TBD.

5/20– General Meeting - 6pm Rosary, 6:30pm Dinner, 7:15pm Meeting starts, at Pope St. John Paul II Polish Center. Looks for new Officer's Slate.