

ELEVENTH DAY
SAINT JOSEPH, PERPETUAL ADORER

April 9, 2021

St. Peter Julian Eymard writes:

And 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. Certainly Adam and Eve were well replaced!

When evening brought St. Joseph home again, he would pass the entire night in adoration, never tiring, only too happy for the chance to contemplate the hidden riches of Jesus' divinity. For he pierced the rough garments the Child wore, until his faith touched the Sacred Heart. In profound adoration he united himself to the special grace of each one of the events in the life of Jesus. He adored our Lord in His hidden life and in His Passion and Death; he adored in advance the Eucharistic Christ in His tabernacles: there was nothing that our Lord could hide from Saint Joseph.

Among the graces which Jesus gave to His foster-father -- and He flooded him with the graces attached to every one of His mysteries -- is that special to an adorer of the Blessed Sacrament. That is the one we must ask of Saint Joseph. Have confidence, strong confidence in him. Take him as the patron and the model of your life of adoration.

Further question to consider:

Do I feel a hunger to adore our Lord in the Eucharist? Is adoration of our Lord in the Eucharist a priority in my life? What are the distractions that preclude me from adoring the Lord in the Eucharist? When I adore him, is my mind, heart and soul truly engaged and focused on His divine presence?

Action Item:

- Ask St. Joseph to come into your heart and accompany you in your next Eucharistic adoration. Ask him to teach you how to contemplate on the hidden riches of Jesus' divinity. As St. Joseph pierced the rough garments the Child wore until his faith touched the Sacred Heart, may your faith deepen like St Joseph.

Daily Prayer:

Be mindful of us, O blessed Joseph, and intercede for us with thy foster-Son by the pleading of thy prayer: do thou in like manner render the Blessed Virgin Mary, thy Spouse, gracious unto us, for she is the Mother of Him, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns world without end. Amen. (*Memorare of St. Bernardine of Siena*)

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be