

TENTH DAY

SAINT JOSEPH, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT

April 8, 2021

St. Peter Julian Eymard writes:

Saint Joseph lived for one purpose: to be the personal servant of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. His nobility of birth, his glorious ancestry, his graces and gifts so munificently poured out on him by God—all this was his to serve our Lord better. Realizing this, he fulfilled to perfection the role of a good and faithful servant charged with caring for the House of God. Every thought, word, and action of his was a homage to the love and glory of the Incarnate Word. Such must be my life if I want to be a good adorer and a true servant of Jesus Eucharistic.

My God, from the bottom of my heart I repeat: I give myself, I consecrate myself to Your divine service without condition and without reserve. Be my grace and my life.

Further question to consider:

Do I allow the “work” involved with silent prayer and Eucharistic adoration deter me from it? Do I become easily discouraged or overcome by distractions? Silence and prayer may not be pleasant at first, and we can become frustrated, and we may gladly let our minds slip away, do I fall victim to this? Do I realize that even the most unlearned person can do, and will do, if he has a will to do it?

Action Item:

- Get your prayer life organized – make a schedule (when, where, how long), pick out some of the mysteries of Christ’s life to pray over, select a book for spiritual reading, and pray for perseverance.

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