

SEVENTEENTH DAY  
*SAINT JOSEPH'S ADORING FAITH*

**April 15, 2021**

**St. Peter Julian Eymard writes:**

If Saint John leaped in the womb at the approach of Mary, what feelings must have coursed through Joseph during those six months when he had at his side and under his very eyes the hidden God!

No one can describe the adoration of this noble soul. He saw nothing, yet he believed; his faith had to pierce the virginal veil of Mary. So likewise with you! Under the veil of the Sacred Species your faith must see our Lord. Ask Saint Joseph for his lively, constant faith.

When later he carried the Child in his arms, acts of loving faith, welled up constantly in his heart. It was a worship that pleased our Lord more than that which He receives in heaven. Picture to yourself Saint Joseph adoring the little Child in his arms as his God. He tells of his readiness to die for Christ, of all his plans to promote Christ's glory and to win more souls to His love. The purer and simpler a soul, the more magnificent its love and adoration.

Saint Joseph adored our Lord in a spirit of compassion. By faith he saw and joined the self-immolation of Christ on Calvary and on the altar. To perfect his love Jesus gave him a pre view of the Passion, for a love that does not suffer is a childlike love. You will never equal Joseph in compassionate love, but unite with him in adoring the Sacred Victim on the altar; let your faith be food and light for your adoration. Have faith and you will see, for faith is the eye of the pure soul.

**Further question to consider:**

If I truly believed that Jesus is present in the Holy Eucharist, I would tremble in His presence in Adoration. Do I forget at times that He is truly there? Is my faith strong enough to be constant and lively, always aware of His Divine Presence?

**Action Item:** Ask Saint Joseph for his lively, constant faith and to strive to be perfect as He is in your adoration.

**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*