

FIFTEENTH DAY
THE SILENCE OF SAINT JOSEPH

April 13, 2021

St. Peter Julian Eymard writes:

Saint Joseph stands out as one of the great men of silence.

He observed, first, silence of fidelity in keeping strictly secret the divine mystery of which he was the confidant. Nothing could make him break this secret of God.

Secondly, he observed silence of humility. It was an incomparable honor and glory for Joseph to know and possess the Messiah, to be His legal father and the husband of the Mother of God. Yet he never revealed a word of this crowning privilege, never a word that might draw upon him the praise and admiration of men.

Lastly, Saint Joseph observed silence of patience, in all his trials seeking consolation only from our Lord and in the thought that he was suffering for Christ.

I must be silent concerning my special graces, so that Jesus who gives them may alone be glorified by them.

I will bear patiently whatever suffering may come my way with an eye to the sufferings of Jesus, the victim of love, Who accepts irreverence, abuse, and outrage without ever complaining or punishing, seeking on the contrary to win the guilty back to their duties.

Further question to consider:

When I receive special graces from our Lord, do I observe the silence of humility or do I boast to others about these graces? Do I complain whenever I suffer instead of uniting the sufferings with our Lord's passion?

Action Item:

Thank the Lord today for all graces you have received. Thank St. Joseph for his intercession.

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