

TWELFTH DAY
VIRTUES OF SAINT JOSEPH'S ADORATION

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St. Peter Julian Eymard writes:

Faith, humility, purity, and love these were the keynotes of his adoration.[...]

Saint Joseph's adoration kept pace with every stage of our Lord's life, drawing upon the grace, the spirit, and the virtue of each mystery. In the Incarnation he adored the self-annihilation of the Son of God; at Bethlehem, the poverty; at Nazareth, the silence, the apparent weakness, the obedience, and all the other virtues of Christ. He knew them well and he grasped clearly the reason why Christ practiced them for the love and glory of His Heavenly Father.

Saint Joseph adored, interiorly at least, everything that Jesus said and thought. The Holy Spirit revealed all to him, so that joining with these thoughts and words he might glorify the Father in heaven together with the Son, our divine Savior. In this way the life of Saint Joseph was a life of perfect adoration.

From close union with this holy adorer I shall learn to adore our Lord and to live in intimacy with Him. I shall then be the Joseph of the Eucharist as he was the Joseph of Nazareth.

Further question to consider:

Before or after adoring Jesus in the Eucharist, do I maintain a spirit of humility? Do I practice charity towards others in my day to day activities? In order to become a perfect adorer like St. Joseph, I have to live and practice the virtues of faith, humility, purity and love so I can glorify God the Father together with Jesus.

Action Item:

Upon waking up in the morning, pray the following:

“Lord Jesus, I will glorify the Father and You today by being charitable to my neighbor. I will do my best not criticize or complain about others today.”

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