

THIRTEENTH DAY
CHARACTERISTICS OF SAINT JOSEPH'S ADORATION

April 11, 2021

St. Peter Julian Eymard writes:

And so the more our Lord revealed Himself to Saint Joseph, the stronger the hunger and thirst for Him grew within His foster-father. The more light that flooded the Saint's soul, the more burning his love became and the purer his virtues. Saint Joseph entered upon the service of our Lord endowed with virtue and love; the deeper he penetrated into it, the more his knowledge and love grew: it followed necessarily. "He who loves me," says Christ, "will win my Father's love, and I too will love him, and will reveal myself to." Saint Joseph must have suffered from the him.' longing to love ever more and more. His acts of virtue varied according to the lights he received from the contemplation of love. His thoughts hovered, not about himself, but about our Lord, Who each day initiated him more intimately into the secrets of His divine Heart.

Our Lord must be the end of all our graces; our life must tend towards Him as toward its end and must lose itself in Him as in its center. Never lose sight of His adorable Person.

Honor our Lord, but do so especially interiorly, in and about His Person. You must see our Lord and live in Him. He is light and heat; love shoots forth from His Heart like a devouring flame. Unfortunate he who lives so close to Christ, yet neither sees nor feels Him!

Further question to consider:

Do I lose sight of the Lord's adorable Person in my daily activities? How do I show my love for Him in my day to day activities? How do I minimize the noise around me so I can be recollected in Him?

Action Item:

Today, say to Him as many times as you remember, "Jesus I love and adore You."

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