

Consecration the St. Joseph

Part 32

Protector of the Holy Church, Pray for Us

The Church invokes St. Joseph is the Patron and Protector through her unshakable trust that he to whom Christ willed to confide they care and protection on his own frail human childhood, will continue from heaven to perform his protective task in order to guide and defend the Mystical Body of Christ himself, which is always weak, always under attack, always in a state of peril. – St. Pope Paul VI

The Church needs the protection of St. Joseph. According to the designs of Providence, the Church has always needed his protection, but today it needs it more than ever. The Church is being assaulted by those outside it (Satan and the world) and by those inside it (many of her own children). Sadly, the Church also has to be protected from heterodox and spiritually weak priests and bishops.

Don't believe me? Well, on June 29, 1972, St. Pope Paul VI made the claim that "the smoke of Satan has entered the Church." He was right. The Church is in a mess. The smoke of Satan has infiltrated even the highest levels of the Church. The only way to clear away the smoke and make the Church beautiful again is to repent and return to order. There is no other way.

Jesus never promised that everyone in the Church would be holy. The weeds and the wheat grow together. The Church in her essence is holy because she is the bride of Christ, but there are many individual members of the Church who are not holy, marring the beauty of the bride of Christ by their sinful and criminal actions. In God's time, the weeds and the wheat will be separated. Our role is to stay close to St. Joseph. In this way, we will be wheat, not weeds.

To be faithful and humble collaborators with the divine plan over our lives, we need, along with the protection of the Virgin Mary, that of St. Joseph, a most powerful intercessor. – St. Pope John XXIII

St. Joseph protects the Church. The days in which we live are filled with scandal, confusion and division. It is not easy to remain faithful, zealous and hopeful. Yet, we have reason for hope. God will never abandon us. St. Joseph will never abandons us either. He knows what is going on in the Church, and he wants to correct it.

St. Joseph is always the choir director who intones the songs, but he sometimes allows a few sour notes. – St. Joseph Marelllo

There are many sour notes in the Church today. Do not jump ship, though! In his time, the Heavenly Father will put his foot down. We will see the glory of the Church again. All is in the hands of Divine Providence. Trust.

At a time of persecution of the Church in Mexico, Blessed Miguel Pro turned to St. Joseph for help. His first Mass had been said at an altar of St. Joseph. He would later give his life as a martyr before a firing squad, crucifix in one hand, Rosary in the other and St. Joseph in his heart. Blessed Miguel offers words of comfort for the difficult times in which we live. He states:

The splendor of the Resurrection [of the Church[] is already on its way because now the gloom of the passion [of the Church] is at its height.

Hold fast to Jesus, Mary and St. Joseph. They are with us. Trust in Divine Providence.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Litany of St. Joseph

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, hear us.

Christ, graciously hear us.

God the Father of Heaven, have mercy on us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.

God the Holy Ghost, have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, One God, have mercy on us.

Holy Mary, pray for us

St. Joseph,

Noble scion of David,

Light of the Patriarchs,

Spouse of the Mother of God,

Chaste Guardian of the Virgin,

Foster-father of the Son of God,

Sedulous Defender of Christ,

Head of the Holy Family,

Joseph most just,

Joseph most chaste,

Joseph most prudent,

Joseph most valiant,

Joseph most obedient,

Joseph most faithful,

Mirror of patience,

Lover of poverty,

Model of all who labor,

Glory of family life,

Protector of virgins,

Pillar of families,

Consolation of the afflicted,

Hope of the sick,

Patron of the dying,

Terror of the demons,

Protector of Holy Church,

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world, spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world, graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, Who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

V. He made him the lord of his household.

R. And prince over all his possessions.

Let us pray. God, Who, in Thine ineffable Providence didst vouchsafe to choose blessed Joseph to be the Spouse of Thy most holy Mother; grant, we beseech Thee, that we may be worthy to have him for our intercessor in Heaven whom, on earth, we venerate as our protector. Who livest and reignest world without end. Amen

