

SIXTEENTH DAY
SAINT JOSEPH'S FAITH

April 14, 2021

St. Peter Julian Eymard writes:

In the ensuing years his faith was to be frequently put to the test. At Bethlehem he had to content himself with a stable for a home where the Incarnate Word might be born. Soon after, he was forced to flee into exile in order to save the Infant God, and when later he returned to the tiny village of Nazareth it was to live there unknown and in dire poverty.

All these trials only tempered his faith. Although he sees only the Child's wretchedness and poverty, his faith pierces the shroud and uncovers the hidden God within this weak baby frame. Because his faith was so strong, Joseph's mind and heart bowed in perfect adoration.

Imitate his faith as you kneel before the humble Christ annihilated in the Eucharist. Pierce the veil which covers this furnace of love and adore the hidden God. At the same time respect this veil of love and make the immolation of your mind and heart your most beautiful homage of faith.

Further question to consider:

Do I easily give up in times of turmoil? Do I try to solve things my way instead of surrendering them to Jesus and trusting that He has the best plan?

Action Item:

When you pray today, ask St. Joseph to help you strengthen your faith and trust in the Lord completely.

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