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Ite Ad Joseph!



SAINT TERESA OF JESUS FAMOUSLY SAID of St. Joseph in her autobiography: "I took for my advocate and lord the glorious Saint Joseph and commended myself earnestly to him; and I found that this my father and lord delivered me both from this trouble and also from other and greater troubles concerning my honor and the loss of my soul, and that he gave me greater blessings than I could ask of him. I do not remember even now that I have ever asked anything of him which he has failed to grant. I am astonished at the great favors which God has bestowed on me through this blessed saint, and at the perils from which He has freed me, both in body and in soul. To other saints the Lord seems to have given grace to help us in some of our necessities but of this glorious saint my experience is that he helps us in them all and that the Lord wishes to teach us that as He was Himself subject to him on earth (for, being His guardian and being called His father, he could command Him) just so in Heaven He still does all that he asks."

Knowing the great privileges and graces granted to good St. Joseph, it is obvious that he, like Our Lady, must be most powerful in his intercession. No wonder, then, that his power before the throne of the Son of God is compared to the power of the Old Testament Joseph before the throne of Pharaoh. In the historical and inerrant *Book of Genesis*, it is said that Egypt experienced a great famine. When the people cried for help, Pharaoh told all the Egyptians, *Go to Joseph and do what he tells you*. Today, the world is experiencing a great moral and spiritual famine. And so the Church and her popes have told us: *Ite Ad Joseph...Go to Joseph...go to the New Testament Joseph...go to the greatest of all Patriarchs for relief and strength*. Devotion to St. Joseph has been steadily

gaining momentum for hundreds of years and is desperately needed for our time.

There is no doubt that the foster-father of Jesus Christ possesses in heaven an unlimited power of intercession. Holy teachers of the Faith have taught that Mary approaches the throne of her Son, not as a beggar, but as a sovereign queen. She does not plead so much, but rather lovingly insists. As for good St. Joseph, the prayers of this devoted husband and caring father amount to commandments regarding



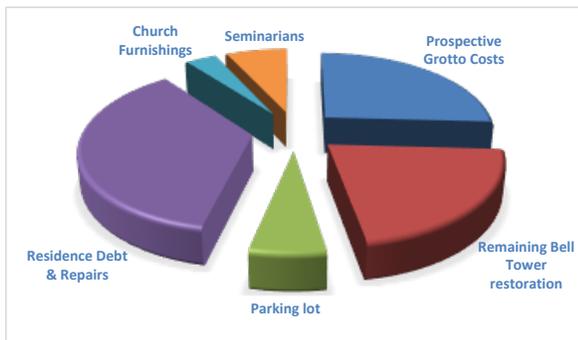
his spouse and his Son. How could Mary deny such a husband? How could Jesus deny the prayers of the man He willingly called father? Furthermore, many teachers of the holy Faith have declared that most saints are prayed to for some particular need, such as praying to St. Christopher for safe travels. But as for St. Joseph, he has received universal power to come to our aid in all our wants of body and soul. The Son of God and Son of Mary never refused Joseph anything while living under his roof in Nazareth. And so now that the Lord Jesus is sitting at the right hand of His Heavenly Father, He grants Joseph all that he asks.

Let us praise good St. Joseph, for God has highly exalted him. As Pope Leo XIII, of holy memory, once taught: *The dignity of the Mother of God is certainly so sublime that nothing can surpass it; but none the less, since the bond of marriage existed between Joseph and the Blessed Virgin, there can be no doubt that, more than any other person, he approached that super-eminent dignity by which the Mother of God is raised far above all created natures*. May our lips speak of our love for Jesus, Mary, and Joseph: *Heart of Jesus, I adore Thee; Heart of Mary, I implore thee; Heart of Joseph, pure and just; in these three Hearts I place my trust.* ✿

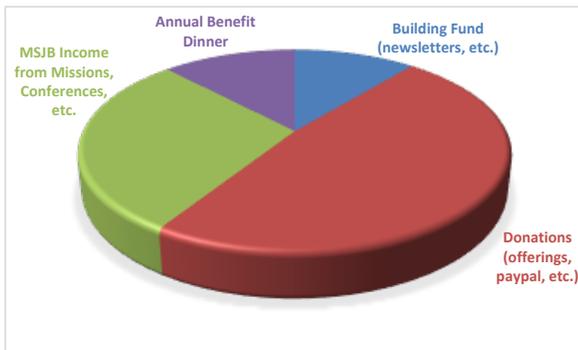


WE ARE ALSO PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE our third annual benefit dinner for the MSJB to be held on June 18 from 5:30 - 9:30 pm. We will begin with sung Vespers of the Sacred Heart at our parish church of Our Lady of Lourdes at 4:30 pm and then make our way to the nearby Fort Mitchell Country Club. Our Bishop, Roger J. Foys will be in attendance, and our featured speaker was to be our long time friend, Fr. Valentine Young, OFM, but he passed to his reward on January 17th of this year. May he rest in peace. Consequently, part of our effort at this benefit dinner will be to honor his memory. All present will also enjoy a live and edifying children's play on the apparitions of Lourdes, France, as well as other live wholesome musical performances. Please see our website www.msjb.info for more details as the date approaches.

PROJECTED FUTURE EXPENDITURES: \$580,000
(note: normal operating costs not included)



INCOME FOR 2019: \$366,000



With your further support, we hope to continue to build up the Body of Christ, including not only a beautiful Grotto for the highest honor of our race, but also a traditional religious community of good men to carry out our apostolate of saving souls. ✠

Please join us in praying the Novena in honor of the great St. Joseph. We have provided you with an intention sheet if you desire to unite your intentions with us before the holy altar of God.

ST. JOSEPH NOVENA PRAYERS (MARCH 10-18)

O GLORIOUS ST. JOSEPH, faithful follower of Jesus Christ, to thee do we raise our hearts and hands to implore thy powerful intercession in obtaining from the benign Heart of Jesus all the helps and graces necessary for our spiritual and temporal welfare, particularly the grace of a happy death, and the special intentions that have been committed to us.

O GUARDIAN OF THE WORD INCARNATE, we feel animated with confidence that thy prayers on our behalf will be graciously heard before the throne of God.

(Then the following V. & R. are to be said seven times in honor of the seven joys and sorrows of St. Joseph.)

V. O glorious St. Joseph, through the love thou dost bear to Jesus Christ, and for the glory of His name,

R. Hear our prayers and obtain our petitions.

Let us pray.

O GLORIOUS ST. JOSEPH, spouse of the Immaculate Virgin, obtain for me a pure, humble, and charitable mind, and perfect resignation to the divine will. Be my guide, father, and model through life, that I may merit to die as thou didst in the arms of Jesus and Mary. Amen.

*St. Joseph, friend of the Sacred Heart, pray for us.
St. Joseph, Spouse of the Mother of God, pray for us.
St. Joseph, Protector of Holy Church, pray for us.*

St. Bernard of speaks of St. Joseph



WE MUST NOT FORGET that great patriarch Joseph, who in ancient days was sold into Egypt and of whom St. Joseph was heir not only in name but also in purity, innocence, and grace. Indeed, as that former Joseph, sold and brought to Egypt by the envy of his brothers, prefigured the selling of Christ, so this Joseph, fleeing the envy of Herod, carried Christ into Egypt. The former Joseph, faithfully serving his master, would not commit adultery with his master's wife; this Joseph, knowing Mary to be a virgin, she who was his Lady and the Mother of his Lord, himself remained continent and faithfully protected her. To the former Joseph was given the gift of knowing the mysteries of dreams; the latter was graced not only with knowledge of, but even participation in the mysteries of heaven. The former Joseph kept food-stuffs, not indeed for himself but for all the people, while the latter received into his care the living Bread from heaven for himself as well as for all the world. ✠

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St. Joseph Novena Intentions & Petitions
