

The heavens and the heavenly hosts together with the blessed Seraphim in triumphant chorus unite to celebrate it. Together with them we entreat Thee that Thou mayest bid our voices also to be admitted, while we say with lowly praise: — *Sanctus*.

COMMUNION (Matt. 1. 16)

BUT JACOB begot Joseph, the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ (*P.T. Alleluia*.)

POSTCOMMUNION

WE who have been refreshed at the fountain of divine blessing, beseech Thee, O Lord our God: that as Thou dost gladden us by the protection of blessed Joseph, so by his merits and intercession Thou wouldst make us partakers of everlasting glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ ...

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TO BE CONVINCED how much the intercession of St. Joseph prevails with Jesus Christ, we have only to consider these words of the Evangelist: And he was subject to them. The Son of God employed thirty years assiduously obeying Joseph and Mary! It was sufficient for Joseph, by the least word or sign, to show that he wished Him to do anything; Jesus immediately obeyed. This humble obedience of Jesus



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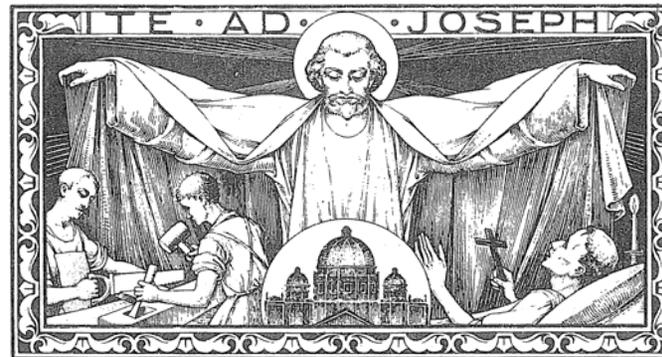
help us on all occasions. Our Lord would teach us, that, as He was pleased to be subject to Joseph upon the earth, so He is now pleased to grant whatever this Saint asks for in heaven. Others whom I have recommended to have recourse to Joseph, have known this from experience. I never knew anyone who was particularly devout to him, that did not continually advance more and more in virtue. For the love of God, let him who believes not this make his own trial. And I do not know how anyone can think of the Queen of Angels, at the time when she labored so much in the infancy and childhood of Jesus, and not return thanks to Joseph for the assistance which he rendered both to the Mother and to the Son." We should be particularly devout to Saint Joseph, that he may obtain for us a happy death.

cœlorúmque Virtútes, ac beáta Séraphim, sócia exultatióne concélebrant. Cum quibus et nostras voces, ut admitti júbeas, deprecámur, súplici confessióne dicétes: — *Sanctus*.

JACOB autem génuít Joseph Virum Mariæ, de qua natus est Jesus, qui vocátur Christus. (*T.P. Alleluia*.)

DIVINI múnérís fonte refécti, quæsumus, Dómine Deus noster: ut sicut nos facis beáti Joseph protectióne gaudére: ita ejus méritis et intercessióne, cœlestis glóriæ fácias esse partícipes. Per Dóminum nostrum Jesum Christum ...

Proper Prayers of the Mass in the Extraordinary Form Votive Mass of Saint Joseph



INTROIT (Psalm 32. 20-21)

ADJÚTOR, et protéctor noster est Dóminus: in eo lætábitur cor nostrum, et in nómine sancto ejus sperávimus. (*P.T. Alleluia*.) *Psalm*. Qui regis Israël, inténde: qui dedúcis, velut ovem, Joseph. V. Glória Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculórum. R. Amen. — Adjútor, et protéctor ...

THE LORD is our helper and protector: in Him our heart shall rejoice, and in His holy name we have trusted. (*P.T. Alleluia*.) *Ps. 79. 2*. Give ear, O Thou that rulest Israel: Thou that ledest Joseph like a sheep. V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. — The Lord ...

COLLECT

DEUS, qui ineffábili providéntia beátum Joseph sanctíssimæ Genitricis tuæ Sponsum eligere dignátus es: præsta, quæsumus: ut quæ protectórem venerámur in terris, intercessórem habére mereámur in cœlis: Qui vivis et regnas ...

O GOD, who in Thine unspeakable providence didst vouchsafe to choose blessed Joseph for Thy most holy Mother's spouse: grant, we beseech Thee, that we who revere him as our protector upon earth, may become worthy to have him for our intercessor in heaven. Who livest ...

LESSON

From the Book of Genesis, 49. 22-26.

FÍLIUS accrésceus Joseph, filius accrésceus, et decórus aspéctu: filia discurrérunt super murum. Sed exasperavérunt eum, et jurgáti sunt, inviderúntque illi habétes jácula. Sedit in forti

JOSEPH was a growing son, a growing son, and comely to behold: the daughters run to and fro upon the wall. But they that held darts provoked him, and quarreled with him, and envied him. His bow rested upon

the strong, and the bands of his arms and his hands were loosed, by the hands of the mighty one of Jacob: thence he came forth a pastor, the stone of Israel. The God of thy father shall be thy helper, and the Almighty shall bless thee with the blessings of heaven above, with the blessings of the deep that lieth beneath, with the blessings of the breasts and of the womb. The blessings of thy father are strengthened with the blessings of his fathers: until the desire of the everlasting hills shall come; may they be upon the head of Joseph, and upon the crown of the Nazarite among his brethren.

GRADUAL (Psalm 20. 4-5)

O LORD, Thou hast prevented him with blessings of sweetness; Thou hast set on his head a crown of precious stones. He asked life of Thee, and Thou hast given him length of days for ever and ever.

Alleluia, alleluia. Obtain for us, Joseph, grace to lead an innocent life; and may our life ever be shielded by thy patronage. Alleluia.

After Septuagesima, in place of the Alleluia and V̄. Fac nos... , the following is said:

TRACT (Psalm 111. 1-3)

BLESSED is the man that feareth the Lord: he shall delight exceedingly in His commandments. His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the righteous shall be blessed. Glory and wealth shall be in his house: and His justice remaineth for ever and ever.

During Eastertide, the Gradual and Tract are omitted and the following is said:

ALLELUIA, alleluia. (Ps. 36.) In whatever tribulation they shall cry to Me, I will hear them, and be their protection always.

Alleluia. Obtain for us, Joseph, grace to lead an innocent life; and may it ever be shielded by thy patronage. Alleluia.

arcus ejus, et dissoluta sunt vincula brachiorum et manuum illius per manus potentis Jacob: inde pastor egressus est, lapis Israël. Deus patris tui erit adiutor tuus, et Omnipotens benedicet tibi benedictionibus caeli desuper, benedictionibus abyssi jacentis deorsum, benedictionibus uberum et vulvae. Benedictiones patris tui confortatae sunt benedictionibus patrum ejus, donec veniret desiderium collium aeternorum: fiant in capite Joseph, et in vertice Nazaraei inter fratres suos.

DOMINE, praevénisti eum in benedictionibus dulcedinis; posuisti in capite ejus coronam de lapide pretioso. Vitam petiit a te, et tribuisti ei longitúdinem dierum in saeculum saeculi.

Alleluia, alleluia. Fac nos innocuam, Joseph, decurrere vitam: sitque tuo semper tuta patrocinio.

BEATUS vir qui timet Dominum, qui mandatis ejus delectatur multum. V̄. Potens in terra erit semen ejus; generationi rectorum benedicetur. V̄. Opes et divitiae erunt in domo ejus, et munificentia ejus manebit semper.

ALLELUIA, alleluia. V̄. De quacúmque tribulatione clamaverint ad me, exaudiam eos, et ero protector eorum semper.

Alleluia. V̄. Fac nos innocuam, Joseph, decurrere vitam: sitque tuo semper tuta patrocinio. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Continuation of the holy Gospel according to St. Luke, 3. 21-23.

IN ILLO TEMPORE: Factum est autem, cum baptizaretur omnis populus, et Jesu baptizato et orante, apertum est caelum: et descendit Spiritus Sanctus corporali specie sicut columba in ipsum: et vox de caelo facta est: Tu es Filius meus dilectus, in te compla cui mihi. Et ipse Jesus erat incipiens quasi annorum triginta, ut putabatur filius Joseph.

AT THAT TIME: It came to pass, when all the people were baptized, that Jesus also being baptized and praying, heaven was opened: and the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape as a dove upon Him: and a voice came from heaven: Thou art My beloved Son, in Thee I am well pleased. And Jesus Himself was beginning about the age of thirty years, being (as it was supposed) the son of Joseph.

OFFERTORY (Psalm 147. 12, 13)

LAUDA, Jerúsalem, Dóminum: quóniam confortávit seras portárum tuárum: benedixit filiis tuis in te. (T.P. Alleluia.)

PRAISE the Lord, O Jerusalem, because He hath strengthened the bolts of thy gates: He hath blessed thy children within thee. (P.T. Alleluia.)

SECRET

SANCTISSIME Genitricis tuae Sponsi patrocinio suffulti, rogámus, Dómine, cleméntiam tuam; ut corda nostra fácias terréna cuncta despícere, ac te verum Deum perfectá caritaté diligere: Qui vivis et regnas ...

SUPPORTED by the patronage of the spouse of Thy most holy Mother, we beseech Thy clemency, O Lord: that Thou wouldst make our hearts despise all earthly things, and love Thee, the true God, with perfect charity: Who livest and reignest ...

PREFACE OF SAINT JOSEPH

VERE dignum et justum est, æquum et salutáre, nos tibi semper, et ubique grátias ágere: Dómine sancte, Pater omnipotens, ætérne Deus: Et te in Festivitaté beáti Joseph débitis magnificáre præconiis, benedicere et prædicáre. Qui et vir justus, a te Deíparæ Virgini Sponsus est datus: et fidélis servus ac prudens, super Familiam tuam est constitútus: ut Unigénitum tuum, Sancti Spiritus obumbratióne concéptum, patérna vice custodíret, Jesum Christum, Dóminum nostrum. Per quem majestátem tuam laudant Angeli, adorant Dominatiónes, tremunt Potestátes. Cæli,

IT is truly meet and just, right and for our salvation, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to Thee, holy Lord, Father almighty, eternal God; and that we should magnify with due praises, bless and proclaim Thee on the Feast of blessed Joseph: who, being a just man, was given by Thee as a Spouse to the Virgin Mother of God, and, as a faithful and prudent servant was set over Thy Family, that, with fatherly care, he might guard Thine only-begotten Son, conceived by the overshadowing of the Holy Ghost, even Jesus Christ, our Lord. through Whom the Angels praise Thy Majesty, the Dominations worship it, and the Powers stand in awe.