

SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER

LITURGICAL PRAYERS — MAY 1

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

PSALM 128 (127): 1-2

*Blessed are all who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!
By the labor of your hands you shall eat;
blessed are you, and blessed will you be, alleluia.*

COLLECT:



God, Creator of all things,
who laid down for the human race the law of work,
graciously grant
that by the example of Saint Joseph and under his patronage
we may complete the works you set us to do
and attain the rewards you promise.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS:



God, fount of all mercy,
I look upon our offerings,
which we bring before your majesty
in commemoration of Saint Joseph,
and mercifully grant that the gifts we offer
may become the means of protection for those who call upon you.

Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

CF. COLOSSIANS 3:11

*Whatever you do in word or deed,
do everything in the name of the Lord, giving thanks to God through him, alleluia.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:



Having fed upon heavenly delights, we humbly ask you, O Lord,
that, by Saint Joseph's example,
cherishing in our hearts the signs of your love,
we may ever enjoy the fruit of perpetual peace.

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PREFACE: *THE MISSION OF SAINT JOSEPH*

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
and on the commemoration of Saint Joseph
to give you fitting praise,
to glorify you and bless you.

For this just man was given by you
as spouse to the Virgin Mother of God
and set as a wise and faithful servant
in charge of your household
to watch like a father over your Only Begotten Son,
who was conceived by the overshadowing of the Holy Spirit,
our Lord Jesus Christ.

Through him the Angels praise your majesty,
Dominions adore and Powers tremble before you.
Heaven and the Virtues of heaven and the blessed Seraphim
worship together with exultation.

May our voices, we pray, join with theirs
in humble praise, as we acclaim: *Holy, holy, holy...*

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE:

May the Christian people exult, O Lord,
at the glorification of the illustrious members of your Son's Body,
and may they gain a share in the eternal lot
of the Saints on whose feast day
they reaffirm their devotion to you,
rejoicing with them for ever in your glory.

Through Christ our Lord.

or:

Turn the hearts of your people
always to you, O Lord, we pray,
and, as you give them the help of such great patrons as these,
grant also the unfailing help of your protection.

Through Christ our Lord.