

Saturday, May 1, 2021
Saturday of the Fourth Week of Easter
Saint Joseph the Worker

During this Year of St. Joseph, we take this opportunity to celebrate this optional memorial of St. Joseph the Worker. This was a response of the Church against the former Soviet Union's Communist celebration of workers on May 1st. The Church has written about the evils of communism and the exploitation of workers. As St. Joseph lived his life providing for the Holy Family through his work, there is the dignity of all who work, thus focusing on the person and not the labor itself. "...the Church considers it her task always to call attention to the dignity and rights of those who work, to condemn situations in which that dignity and those rights are violated, and to help to guide... so as to ensure authentic progress by man and society" (St. John Paul II, from the encyclical *Laborem Exercens* [On Human Work], n. 1).

Saint Joseph the Worker, pray for us!

God Love You!

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