

Sainthood Saturday: Joseph of Cupertino

Who is he?

Joseph struggled learning new things throughout his entire life. He tried being a shoemaker at one time, a Franciscan at another, even a helper in his mother's home. In all these tasks, he was sent away for his temper and for not doing the jobs well. Eventually, he was allowed to work in the stables at a Franciscan monastery. The more he found strength in the Lord, the more peaceful he became. He was able to do a job well. Parishioners began seeing Joseph levitate when he prayed. Today, we call him the "Flying Friar." Eventually, he was allowed to study to become a priest. Learning was still a struggle for him, but worked hard to pass his classes.

Struggling on a test? Having problems understanding a task?

Here's the prayer of St. Joseph:

O Great St. Joseph of Cupertino who while on earth did obtain from God the grace to be asked at your examination only the questions you knew, obtain for me a like favor in the examinations for which I am now preparing. In return I promise to make you known and cause you to be invoked. I will also imitate your life of prayer and devotion. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

St. Joseph of Cupertino, pray for us.

Want to learn more?

St. Joseph: https://www.catholic.org/saints/saint.php?saint_id=72



“Clearly, what God wants above all is our will which we received as a free gift from God in creation and possess as though our own. When a man trains himself to acts of virtue, it is with the help of grace from God from whom all good things come that he does this. The will is what man has as his unique possession.”