

We believe that Jesus has remained with us by placing Himself beneath the sacramental veils. We are familiar with His words to the Apostles: "I will not leave you orphans." And we realize that to fulfil this promise of His loving Heart He became our Companion on life's pilgrimage. He walks by our side in the desert paths, and no place is so poor or so forlorn that He will not deign to stop and rest with His wayfaring children.

At any hour of the day the righteous soul knows where to find its true Friend, and when his heart feels, as it were, congealed by the icy winds of this unholy world, when the sight of wrong-doing excites spiritual aversion or disgust, the just man knows where to find a refuge, a harbor of safety for his life in peril—a beacon of hope. Thus may we repeat the words of St. Augustine: "Our Divine Saviour could not have more wisely chosen; in spite of His omnipotence He could not have done more; in spite of His riches He could not have given us a better Gift."

We need not seek to soar to Heaven's heights to contemplate the Divinity and to experience celestial joys. He lives in our midst. He remains during the long hours of the day and night within the Tabernacle, and but scant veils hide Him from our view,—fragile appearances that abide miraculously sustained.

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*Life of St. Joseph in the Holy Family.*

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ESUS was the centre of Mary and Joseph's love. Where the body is, there are the eagles. Our heart is where our treasure is. The possession of Jesus formed the whole center of that Family. They held not to Bethlehem, nor to Nazareth, nor to Egypt. To have Jesus, was the home of their heart.