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WE HEAR so much nowadays about hard times. What is the cause of so much misery in the world as the result of these hard times? The answer to this delicate question is not as difficult as it looks. If you, my dear reader, will but open your eyes you will find that the faith of some people is very weak and on the wane; the desire for pleasure and amusement, sensuality in all forms and shapes, however, is on the increase. We find old and young gratifying their senses—domestic life with its priceless charms and Christian contentment are fast vanishing from the face of the earth. These are the true reasons for hard times. To remedy this evil we must return to the one and true faith, as brought down from heaven by Our Divine Lord. We must begin to look upon our daily work as a duty and apply the fruits of our labor in such manner, that we can answer for them before God. How this is to be done we can learn from St. Joseph, to whom the month of March is dedicated.

St. Joseph was a man of faith, "Without faith it is impossible to please God"—Heb. xi-6. Faith then must be the foundation of our life and work, faith must be our guiding star in all temptations, must fill us with courage to fight the battles of life. Nothing can fill us so much with hope, nothing give us so much consolation in the hour of death, as this inestimable gift of holy faith.

For this reason St. Augustine calls the Catholic faith "the greatest riches, the greatest treasure." A good Christian must rejoice and thank God daily for this holy gift. To preserve this faith unimpaired until death, to lead a life in accordance with this faith, must be the main object of this life. Never, my friend, listen to such who ridicule religion and