

SIXTH DAY

THE NOBILITY OF SAINT JOSEPH

April 4, 2021

St. Peter Julian Eymard writes:

When God the Father decided to give His Son to the world, He wanted to do it in royal fashion, because His Son is deserving of all honor and praise. That great mystery of grace, the Incarnation, was not a sudden improvisation on the part of God. Those chosen to take part in it were prepared long in advance.

The court of the Son of God was composed of Mary and Joseph; God could find for His Son no more worthy servants. Jesus must not since He is king, of the blood of David, He saw to it that Joseph be born of the royal family; He wanted him to be noble even with earthly nobility. What difference the nobility of Jesus, you may say, since He came to be despised. But I tell you that though He wanted to be scorned for a time, it was also His wish to unite in Himself every type of greatness. He is king by right of heritage, by His royal blood. He is noble and when He chooses his Apostles from the common people, He ennobles them; surely this Son of Abraham, this heir to the throne of David had such a right.

Further question to consider:

But must we then be noble to serve our Lord? If you were noble, you would have one more gem to offer Him; but it is not necessary. He is satisfied with your good will and your nobility of heart. What can I change in my attitude in order to attain nobility of heart? Do I harbor any unforgiveness or resentment against others? Do I internally judge and condemn others? As I go through this consecration, I will use the examples of St. Joseph to help me reflect upon my past behaviors and guide me to a heart worthy of nobility.

Action Item:

- Identify one habit, flaw, quality in you that does not speak of nobility.

Daily Prayer:

Be mindful of us, O blessed Joseph, and intercede for us with thy foster-Son by the pleading of thy prayer: do thou in like manner render the Blessed Virgin Mary, thy Spouse, gracious unto us, for she is the Mother of Him, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns world without end. Amen. (*Memorare of St. Bernardine of Siena*)

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be

