

THIRD DAY

SAIN'T JOSEPH'S TRIPLE CROWN

April 1, 2021

St. Peter Julian Eymard Writes:

The dignity, the sanctity, and the power of Saint Joseph are like three gems in a diadem.

His dignity. Saint Joseph is a man of God, His representative, His ambassador. From the Eternal Father he received the commission to guard His adorable Son [...] He is head of the Holy Family, father of the trinity on earth [...]

His sanctity. His sanctity does him more honor than his dignity, for he received the most abundant gifts of infused holiness. [...] “He was just.” This best describes his holiness. He practiced every virtue to a heroic degree. The Gospel portrays his charity, his purity, his perfect obedience, his devoted affection for Jesus, his humility, his love for the simple and hidden life. [...]

His power. God bestows upon him a power equal to his dignity as a fitting reward for his sanctity. Jesus and Mary not only bent their wills to Joseph's, for he was the head of the Holy Family, but they lovingly surrendered their hearts to him as well. [...]

Further question to consider:

Do I understand and center my dignity upon the right things? How is my spiritual life? Am I on the path of sanctification that is supported by virtues? What are some virtues that I can identify in my life and where is there room for improvement?

Action Item:

- Identify a virtue to work on and get to work on it.

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