

TWENTIETH DAY
THOUGHTS ON SAINT JOSEPH

April 18, 2021

St. Peter Julian Eymard writes:

THOUGHT FROM THE DECREE OF POPE PIUS IX -

And Joseph espoused Mary, the Immaculate Virgin, of whom was born our Lord Jesus Christ, Who wished to pass as the son of Joseph, and was subject to him. And Him, whom so many kings and prophets longed to see, Joseph not only saw, but conversed with, and held Him in his arms, covered Him with kisses, and provided the daily bread of Him Who is the spiritual Bread of all the faithful.

Because of this great dignity, conferred by God upon His most faithful servant, the Church has always held Saint Joseph in great respect and veneration, praying to him with great confidence in all her great necessities; and as at this present time the Church is attacked on all sides by her enemies, and is oppressed by so many calamities, that impious persons have declared, that now at last the gates of hell shall prevail against her, the Bishops of the whole Catholic world have most humbly implored the Sovereign Pontiff, in their own name and in the name of all the faithful confided to their care, to declare Saint Joseph Patron of the Catholic Church.

THOUGHT FROM SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM.-

In giving the name of Jesus to the Redeemer of mankind Saint Joseph uncovered to the world all these mysteries unknown to the world or at least unplumbed by it. It was a tremendous honor to be the instrument of the Holy Spirit in this event. No one less than Saint Joseph could reveal this adorable name to the world and give it to the Infant God.

Further question to consider:

Have I truly understood and taken the time to know St. Joseph? Have I given thought to the greatness of St. Joseph, the head of the household of Jesus and Mary?

Action Item:

Take a few moments to contemplate on the great dignity, conferred by God upon His most faithful servant, St. Joseph. Give honor to St. Joseph this day in thought, word, or deed.

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