

## FIFTH DAY

### *SAINTE JOSEPH'S RICHES*

**April 3, 2021**

#### **St. Peter Julian Eymard writes:**

St. Joseph is the richest of all the saints. God owed it to Himself to be divinely generous to Saint Joseph; otherwise Joseph would have had reason to complain that our Lord had not given him the means to support his rank. We know that God gives us grace according to the needs of our state of life. [...] Our Heavenly Father has had only one saint to represent Him on earth. Hence He bestowed everything He could on that favored saint, and equipped him with all that he needed to be His worthy representative. [...] And what a tender love filled his heart! The heart of Mary excepted, there never has been or ever will be a heart more loving. I do not speak of his body, for that was perfect. His very person radiated a majestic kindness. [...] Saint Joseph was certainly very great before God. He has won men's admiration besides, and he shall continue to grow in their esteem. We must study his life the better to foster our filial devotion to him.

#### **Further question to consider:**

*Do I place undue attention upon earthly riches (recognition, places of honor, riches, vainglory) and, as a result, lose sight of the true riches that are found in serving God and neighbor? Do I give more effort in obtaining material goods than I do spiritual goods, such as virtue and grace? Can I truly appreciate the good of St. Joseph's character and his estimable qualities, those esteemed by God but often unnoticed by the world?*

#### **Action Item:**

- Usually those things that we spend our time and money on are most dear to us, make an inventory of where you spend these goods, i.e., time and money. Are there any changes needed?

#### **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*