

April 18, 2021

Good Morning All,

Divine Mercy Chaplet today at 3:00 PM.

1. Today's Readings: [Third Sunday of Easter | USCCB](#)

2. The RE Corner with Jan Heithaus: Today we continue with our series, Sundays with St. Joseph. Since we are covering the virtue of justice in our other emails, let us look at why St. Joseph is called "the Just Man".

3. Quotes of the Day:

~ "Saint Joseph was a 'a just man,' a tireless worker, the upright guardian of those entrusted to his care." *Saint John Paul II*

~ "Do you wish to know why Joseph is called just? Because he possessed perfectly all the virtues." *Saint Maximus of Turin*

~ "The gospel describes Saint Joseph as a just man. No greater praise of virtue and no higher tribute to merit could be applied to a man." *Saint Pope Paul VI*

St. Joseph, Pray for Us!

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St Joseph, The Just Man



What does it mean to call Saint Joseph a just man? Saint Josemaria Escriva provides a great answer for us. He states:

“Saint Joseph was an ordinary sort of man on whom God relied to do great things. He did exactly what the Lord wanted him to do, each and every event that went to make up his life. That is why Scripture praises Joseph as “a just man.” In Hebrew a just man means a good and faithful servant of God, someone who fulfills the divine will, or who is honorable and charitable toward his neighbor. So a just man is someone who loves God and proves his love by keeping God’s Commandments and directing his whole life toward the service of his brothers, his fellow men.”

Theologians define the virtue of justice as “giving to another his due.” For example in our relationship with God, we owe it to him to be grateful for our existence, and to praise him for his goodness. We act justly toward God, giving him his due, when we worship him, especially by our participation in Holy Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. If we fail to do this, we are not loving God. We are not acting justly toward God; we are not giving him his due.

For Saint Joseph, being a just man meant he observed that dictates of the Jewish religion. This required him to travel to Jerusalem three times a year – a long distance from Nazareth – and participate in various rituals and ceremonies.

Source: excerpt from Consecration to St Joseph by Fr. Donald Calloway, MIC