

June 27, 2021

Good Sunday Morning!

Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 today!

1. Today's Readings: [Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | USCCB](#)

2. The RE Corner with Jan Heithaus: We continue with our series, Sundays with St. Joseph. The attached is an excerpt from the book, *Consecration to St. Joseph*. It explains why we should consider making this consecration. The book will be the foundation for the short course that Deacon Chet Johns and his wife Ann will be leading at our parish beginning July 13th. See the bulletin and the sign in the narthex for more information. It's not too late to sign up!

3. Quotes of the Day:

~ "We must pray to St. Joseph, but always and in everything will nothing but what God wills." *St. Andre Bessette*

~ "What many kings and prophets desired to see, and saw not; desired to hear, and heard not; St. Joseph was allowed not merely to hear and see, but also carry, lead, embrace, kiss, nourish, and protect." *St. Bernard of Clairvaux*

**St. Joseph, Pray for Us!**  

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## Why Consecration to St. Joseph?

### Day 1

Do you want to ascend to greater heights in the spiritual life? Consecration to Saint Joseph will take you there.

Many Christians have consecrated themselves to the Virgin Mary so as to be more closely united to Jesus. Without a doubt, consecration to Mary is one of the best things you could do for your spiritual life. The essence of Marian consecration is to help you become “another Mary” for Jesus, a faithful, loving, and trusting companion of the Savior. Consecration to Saint Joseph does something similar.

Consecration to Saint Joseph will help you become “another Joseph” for Jesus and Mary. That is, entrusting yourself entirely to Saint Joseph helps you become a faithful, loving, and trusting companion of Jesus and Mary!

In the New Testament, we read that Jesus in the New Testament, “increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man” (Luke 2: 52) under the watchful care of his parents. Such an “increase” can happen to you, too, if you entrust yourself to the paternal care of Saint Joseph. Saint Bernard of Clairvaux explains how it works. He writes:

Who and what manner of man this blessed Joseph was, you may conjecture from the name by which, a dispensation being allowed, he deserved to be so honored as to be believed and to be called the father of God. You may conjecture it from his very name, which, being interpreted, means “increase.”

Saint Joseph is “the increaser.” He has paternal love for you and the power to increase the presence of God in your life and take you to greater heights in the spiritual life. For centuries, this “secret” of Saint Joseph lay hidden. Saints, mystics, and a handful of popes knew of it. Now is your turn to discover it.

Now is the time of Saint Joseph! The Church and the world greatly need Saint Joseph. We need him to help us return to the love of Jesus and to the living lives of virtue. We desperately need Saint Joseph's protection as well. The family- the

foundation of society- is under attack. The family of God- the Catholic Church- is also undergoing vicious assaults from the world, the flesh, the devil, and some of her own children. We need Saint Joseph to protect us. He is our loving and merciful spiritual father, holy, strong, and ready to help. He is forever linked to Jesus, Mary and the Church. He protected the Holy Family; he will protect us, too, if we entrust ourselves to his paternal heart and his spiritual care.

Saint Joseph is your spiritual father. All children resemble their parents. You are a child of Saint Joseph. You need to resemble him, especially by imitating his virtues and faithfulness to Jesus and Mary. Saint Joseph plays a vital (life- giving) role in your spiritual growth and well being. This is the heart of consecration to Saint Joseph. Blessed William Joseph Chaminade explains it very well. He states:

He (Saint Joseph) was not a passive instrument in the great work of our salvation; He played a very active role, and that is why he was included in the merciful counsels of the Incarnate wisdom.

The merciful love of God has given Saint Joseph to you as a spiritual father. Are you ready to ascend to greater heights in the spiritual life? Are you ready to draw near to Jesus and Mary, and experience it increase in virtue? Let's go to Joseph!

We are going to consecrate ourselves to Saint Joseph. We shall place at his feet all we are and all that we have. *St. Peter Julian Eymard*

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