

August 8, 2021

Blessed Sunday Morning!

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

2. The RE Corner with Jan Heithaus: As we continue with our ongoing series on St. Joseph in this year of St. Joseph, we remember him as "most honorable". What does it mean to be honorable? How did St. Joseph display this virtue?

3. Quotes of the Day:

~ "Virtue demands courage, constant effort, and above all, help from on high." *St. John Marie Vianney*

~ "All of us can attain to Christian virtue and holiness, no matter in what condition of life we live and no matter what our life work may be." *St. Francis de Sales*

~ "Virtue is a very wonderful thing for us. It is the good of life, the fruit of a clear conscience and the peace of the innocent." *St. Ambrose*

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St. Joseph Most Honorable



Honor is living by the virtues, embracing them as part of your essence, and materializing them in your day-to-day actions. It is having great respect for yourself, others, and the rules you live by. Being honorable means you have the integrity to do the right thing regardless of the circumstances surrounding you.

Joseph understood that God entrusted with him the task of protecting Mary and Jesus: Jesus' birth in Bethlehem, on their journey to Egypt, returning to Nazareth, losing Jesus in Jerusalem, and during their journey through life together, as a family. No doubt he felt vulnerable and uncertain about exactly what he was supposed to do as he watched over Mary and Jesus. Joseph trusted God.

Whenever the divine favor chooses someone for a special grace or exalted position, it endows the person chosen with all the gifts and virtues necessary for him and for his task. Joseph was chosen by the Father as the faithful foster father and guardian of his principal treasures, that is his son and his spouse. If you compare Joseph to the whole Church of Christ, is he not that chosen and unique man through whom and under whom Christ was brought into the world with due order and HONOR?

Joseph, our spiritual father, is not a man of doubt. Joseph is the model of supernatural love, faith, justice, reverence, humility and honor. He is a virtuous gentleman whose faith is constant and pure. Joseph, our spiritual father, teaches us how to be just and reverent in the face of all sorts of events. He teaches us to give God his due even if it requires us to be willing to sacrifice everything we love. He teaches us that we should not act hastily or harshly when we encounter perplexing situations. We are to take everything to prayer, and wait on the Lord for guidance and light. If we are loving, faithful, reverent, just, and honorable, God will reveal everything to us and make us abundantly fruitful.

Saint Joseph, our most mighty and honorable protector, be kind to us and from heaven assist us in our struggle with the powers of darkness. Amen.



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