

April 28, 2023

Good Morning!

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

2. The RE Corner with Jan Heithaus: Louis-Marie Grignion de Montfort (31 January 1673 – 28 April 1716) was a French Roman Catholic priest and confessor. He was known in his time as a preacher and was made a missionary apostolic by Pope Clement XI. St. Louis de Montfort is well known for the Consecration to Mary that he formulated. In today's article that we share on his memorial, however, he writes about making the most of our sufferings, something we can all benefit from.

3. Quotes of the Day: St. Louis de Montfort

~"Pray with real concentration, for God listens more to the voice of the heart than that of the mouth."

~"He who fights even the smallest distractions faithfully, when he says even the smallest prayer, will also be faithful in great things."

~"Pray with great confidence, with confidence based upon the goodness and infinite generosity of God and upon the promises of Jesus Christ. God is a spring of living water which flows unceasingly into the hearts of those who pray."

St. Louis de Montfort, Pray for Us!
St. Joseph, Pray for Us!

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Make the Most of Your Sufferings

By St. Louis de Montfort

Take advantage of your sufferings, even more of the small ones than of the great ones. God considers not so much what we suffer as how we suffer.

To suffer much, yet badly, is to suffer like those who are condemned. To suffer much, even bravely, but for a wicked cause, is to suffer as a martyr for the devil. To suffer much or little for the sake of God, however, is to suffer like Saints.

To choose small, unnoticeable crosses and to carry them cheerfully requires the power of a special grace and unshakable faithfulness to God. So do what the merchant does with his merchandise: make a profit on every article.

Don't suffer the loss of even the tiniest splinter of the True Cross. It may be only the sting of a fly or the point of a pin that annoys you. It may be the little eccentricities of a neighbor, some unintentional slight, the significant loss of a coin, some little restlessness of soul, a slight physical weakness, a light pain in your limbs.

Be like the merchant, who makes a profit on every article. You'll soon become wealthy in God, just as the merchant does in money by adding coin to coin in his money drawer.

When you meet with the least contradiction, simply say: "Blessed be God! My God, I thank you." Then tuck away as a treasure, in the money drawer of God's memory, the cross that has just given you a profit. Think no more of it, except to say: "Many thanks!" or "Be merciful!"

Source: A Year With the Saints, by Paul Thigpen