

*Feast of St. Joseph*March 19th

"Go to Joseph," said Pharaoh of old: "he will open to you the barns of Egypt."

"Go to Joseph," says the Church to the faithful, in these times of great spiritual famine; "he will lead you to Jesus and throw open to you the door of the tabernacle to share Its treasures."

Saint Joseph, the plain artisan, was chosen to be the spouse of the Blessed Virgin, and the Foster-Father of the Incarnate Son of God—no king or emperor, rich or prominent man, nor great philosopher was selected for this dignity. Is not this a sign that God regards things quite differently from the point of view of the world? Also that often He loves the humble and insignificant which the world despises, that in a lowly condition we can serve Him well, please Him, and be especially beloved and preferred by Him? One glance at Saint Joseph impresses this truth upon us: a poor but God-fearing man is of more account before Almighty God, than one who is wealthy and powerful, yet wicked withal. This should inspire all those who live in abasement and poverty, with feelings of gladness, patience, and content; it ought to incite them to lead a good life, one pleasing to God.

What Saint Theresa Says of Saint Joseph

"Although the intercession of Saint Joseph is effective in all necessities, yet God has endowed him with special privileges. The first is that of attaining the virtue of chastity through his intercession, and of being able to overcome the perils arising from the lust of the flesh. The second is to obtain strength and assistance through him to arise from sin and to regain the Divine friendship. The third is through him to gain Mary's help and a great devotion to her. The fourth is the grace of a happy death. The fifth is that at the devout utterance of his name the demons tremble. The sixth that through him we receive bodily health and strength for new enterprises.