

Day 8

The Communion of Saints

The Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph

St-Jean de Brébeuf:

"Is it not highly probable that once the Holy Spirit takes them in hand, He will impress upon them so deeply, in every place and at all times, the respect they owe to His divine presence that they will be glad to be chaste to be Christians, and will earnestly ask to be Christians to be chaste? I imagine that it is with this plan in mind that Our Lord has inspired us to put them under the protection of St. Joseph. This great Saint was given to the Blessed Virgin Mary to be her spouse and to protect from the eyes of the world and the Devil, a virginity that God was to honor with his Incarnation, St. Joseph has so much influence over our Blessed Lady into whose hands Her Son entrusted all the graces that work together for this heavenly virtue, that there is almost nothing to fear from the contrary vice for those who have a solid devotion to her as we all desire to have both ourselves... and the Wendats."

Holy Angels

St-Jean de Brébeuf:

"I greeted the angel guardian of the land, and I offered myself to Our Lord, with all our small efforts for the salvation of these poor peoples."

"Silence will be delightful for you, since you will learn to converse with God and have heavenly conversation with the Saints and the Angels."

Scripture Passages for Personal Prayer Time:

The Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph:

"The angel came to her and said, "Peace be with you! The Lord is with you and has greatly blessed you."" (Luke 1. 26-38)

“His mother Mary was engaged to Joseph... a man who always did what was right.” (Matthew 1, 18-25)

The Holy Angels:

“Suddenly a great army of heaven’s angels appeared with the angels, singing praises to God: “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom he is pleased!”” (Luke 2. 8-20)

“See that you do not disdain one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven.” (Matthew 18. 5-10)

Possible Questions for Personal Reflection:

1. How can I cultivate a life of fellowship with God and the heavenly court?
2. Do I recognize that I need the help of others to live as a Christian?
3. Do I say the Rosary every now and then?
4. Do I carry the needs of the Church in my prayer?
5. Who are my favorite saints and why do I love them so much?