

Friday, December 18, 2020

Friday of the Third Week of Advent

“O Adonai and Leader of the house of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the flames of the burning bush and gave him the law on Sinai: come and redeem us with outstretched arm.” (Today’s “O” Antiphon)

In this, “The Year of Saint Joseph”, we hear of Joseph’s response in today’s Gospel. He acts on the angel’s message he receives in a dream. A righteous man, he could have brought Mary before the leading religious authorities because his betrothed was not carrying his child. We find in Joseph a quality that makes him “just”, for he seeks the justice of God by wanting to simply dismiss Mary and not bring her to trial. He knows the ugly side of the law in a situation like his: stone this woman to death! Joseph is righteous, he is just, and he helps us to see God in a new light – for the justice of God is mercy! His merciful heart allowed the Savior to be born! This was all God’s work! Thank you, heavenly Father, for safeguarding Joseph to be the worthy foster-father of your Son!

God Love You!

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