

Monday, July 12, 2021

Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Although not on the United States Catholic Liturgical Calendar, the parents of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, are honored on this day. Of the nine children born to the couple, the only two boys God gave them died as infants; another baby girl died in infancy; and a five-year old girl died as well; these four all died within a three-year span. All of their surviving daughters entered religious life, thus depriving the parents of grandchildren, had any of them married. We can say that these saints, canonized as a married couple, have many spiritual children who strive to live the legacy we are all called to: sanctity! Today, we see the descendants of Israel (Jacob) in Egypt, growing in such great numbers (and fulfilling God's word!) that the king of Egypt feels threatened by them. Jesus presents us with startling words about family in today's Gospel. It is all about putting God first in our daily lives. May we ponder Jesus' words in the depths of our hearts today and discover that these words are all about love.

God Love You!

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