

## Daily Reflection

March 17, 2020

**Happy Feast of Saint Patrick!** If you have not yet experienced Morning Prayer using the Mission St. Clare link, you will want to do so today. The music today is very inspirational and suited to our times:

<https://www.missionstclare.com/english/March/whole/morning/17m.html>

While it is tempting to write about St. Patrick, I will save that for Sunday when I am the scheduled preacher. Today's Daily Office readings continue the saga of Joseph, and the present chapter is too precious to ignore. In today's snippet, Joseph finally reveals his identity to his brothers with love and tears.

If anyone in the history of the world had cause for deep resentment and anger, it was Joseph. Being sold into slavery by his brothers was equivalent to a sentence of death by deprivation. But instead of seeking vengeance, he joyfully shared how God had used it all to accomplish great good, placing him in a position to save his people from starvation.

Most of us are housebound altogether or for longer periods than usual. It affords the chance to tackle some things we've been putting off. Don't stop at dusting. A higher calling might be to ponder whether we still harbor any resentment that is corroding the heart. Our time might be better spent scrubbing our hearts than scrubbing our houses. May Joseph inspire us to look for God in the painful parts of our histories. May we receive sufficient grace to share it with others. Perhaps it would be a good day to write an overdue note.

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*Joseph Recognized by Brothers, Oil on Canvas, c.1800, Francois Gerard, 1770-1817*

