

## Daily Reflection

March 26, 2020

We see what led to the Exodus in the first lesson of today's Daily Office: <https://www.missionstclare.com/english/March/whole/morning/26m.html> A new pharaoh has no loyalty to the family of Joseph who were protected by the prior pharaoh. He begins to fear and oppress them. Ironically, choices Joseph made earlier facilitated oppression.

If you have been reading the Daily Office lessons, you might remember part of this story told on March 20<sup>th</sup>, including Genesis 47: 20-21. During the famine, Joseph made all the people sell their possessions for food, and when they ran out, he made them sell themselves into slavery under the pharaoh. He thought he was doing the right thing. The pharaoh of his time had proven trustworthy.

Sometimes it's hard to know what is the "right thing". Right now, faithfully sheltering in place is a great "Mitzvah," an act pleasing to God. Full commitment will have huge positive impact. One person who does not yet know they are infected can spread this disease to 400 people. STAY HOME!

Not everyone can. Chet Hecht has created a process for St. Margaret's Neighbors 4 Neighbors outreach that is as safe as possible for volunteers and clients. This Tuesday, they served over 650 families. Health care workers, delivery drivers and grocery clerks are special saints now. May we join in this prayer for them:

**Loving God, watch over your saints who are called to heal, drive, stock, bag, smile, and labor for the lives of others. By your holy ways, shield them and nurture their souls. Amen.**

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*Joseph Dwelleth in Egypt* painted by James Jacques Joseph Tissot c. 1900

