



Day 2: Chosen

Jesus, the Chosen Son

“You are my Son; today I have begotten you.” Psalm 2:7

At the heart of every relationship is the experience of being ‘chosen.’ This dynamic finds its perfection in the heart of the Trinity. The Father constantly ‘chooses’ His Son Jesus as the object of his love and affection. The Father has a preference for His Son. He delights in His choice of Him, and constantly overflows in Him His love, blessing, and presence. In the life of the Trinity, there is no abstract or non-personal intimacy. With deep love and desire, the Father ‘chooses’ the Son as His favored Son, and with great constancy always pours His life into Him. Jesus is continually receptive to the choice and presence of His Father, and this fills His heart with delight and gives Him perfect security in His Sonship.

Mary, the one who Chooses

“Let it be with me according to your word.” Luke 1:38

Rendered truly free by being created “full of grace,” Mary offers the gift of her “yes” at the Annunciation. In a way, Mary “chooses” Jesus to be her beloved Son. She chooses Him to be her delight and her joy. She chooses Him to be the center of her whole existence. This way of loving is at the heart of all motherhood, especially the motherhood of Mary. In her deepest identity as the mother of Jesus, every moment of the day was filled with the grace to be this instrument of love for Jesus, the favored Son of the Father. She delighted in every experience where she could love Jesus in concrete ways that reminded Him of His goodness, belovedness, and His identity as the Son of the Father. Every son needs to be loved like this by his mother and father, to be chosen and beloved by her.

St. Juan Diego and Us

You are chosen and you are made to be a saint. There is no question: to be baptized into Christ is to be chosen and called to be holy. St. Juan Diego, from the very moment of His baptism, was chosen and called by God to sanctity. This is the “universal call to holiness”—each and every baptized, regardless of our state in life, is called to be a saint. This means that God has a unique and personal mission for *you*. In the wonder and providence of God, we see this unfold in the vocation of Juan Diego. Mary chooses him with such a wonderful and personal love. It might be difficult to grasp, but Our Lady of Guadalupe had the freedom to choose to appear anywhere and to anyone in the world,

as she said to Juan Diego, “Listen, my youngest and dearest son, know for sure that I have no lack of servants, of messengers, to whom I can give the task of carrying my breath, my word, so that they carry out my will” (NM, 58). She came to a poor, simple, aged, widower. In her second apparition, after Juan Diego had begun to resist his mission, Mary exhorts him: “But it is necessary that you, personally go...” (NM, 59). Mary’s mission as mother is to form Christ in us, and to guide us to accomplish the will of God. Just like St. Juan Diego, may the choice of God through Our Lady of Guadalupe resound in us and encourage us to trust and to carry out God’s will in our daily lives.

Prayer

O Jesus, we adore You, we love You, and we thank You for the gift of Your presence. You are the chosen Son of the Father and we long to share in the gift of being the “chosen” sons of the Father and given a mission by Our Lady of Guadalupe. We ask You now to hear this prayer.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of God and Mother of us, draw us close to your heart. As you chose Juan Diego as your favored son, we say yes to the way that you choose us to be your sons in this world. Please come and fill us with your love.

Amen.

After reading today’s reflection, [pray the Litany of Restoration of Sonship](#).