

MORNING MEDITATION

The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Forbearance and gentleness are much tougher
than niceness and geniality.**

2 Timothy 4:1-8

Paul encouraged Timothy to preach the good news at all times....correcting, reproofing, appealing....to stick to this task...constantly teaching and never losing patience, whether convenient or inconvenient....be faithful to fulfilling the mission. Paul says that he has fought the good fight, finished the race and kept the faith and is waiting for the reward...

Be faithful to the mission God has given you when convenient and inconvenient!

Psalm 71

**I give you thanks with music on the lyre,
For your faithfulness, O my God!
I will sing your praises with the harp,
O Holy One of Israel!**

Luke 2:41-52

This excerpt from Luke's Gospel is about the parents of Jesus finding him in the temple after a search for three days. Joseph and Mary anxiously searched for their lost son, found him in the temple, took him to the safety of their home where he grew in wisdom and knowledge and age. It is in the safety of an ordinary home, in a safe and loving environment that children have an opportunity to grow up to be mature, free, joyful, faith-filled, virtuous and wise men and women.

Be Safe. And be a safe person to be with. May your home be safe. Make your home a safe place, a sanctuary for yourself, for your spouse, for your children, for your parents, for your neighbors. Be safe! And look out for each other's safety!

Be grateful.... grateful for your family, however imperfect or broken it may be, be grateful. Be grateful for your spouse, for your children, for your parents.....just be grateful!

Saint of the day, June 8 - St. William of York and 17 other saints are remembered this day.

William was born into a powerful family in England sometime before 1090, but the date of birth is unknown. He was the son of Herbert of Winchester, chancellor and treasurer of King Henry I. He was appointed treasurer of York and archdeacon of the East Riding of Yorkshire, probably through the influence of his rich and powerful father. He held both of these offices until his election as archbishop of York in 1140. Local clergymen were less enthusiastic, however, and the archbishop of Canterbury refused to consecrate William. Three years later a neighboring bishop performed the consecration, but it lacked the approval of Pope Innocent II, whose successors likewise withheld approval. William was deposed, and a new election was ordered.

It was not until 1154 - 14 years after he was first nominated—that William became archbishop of York. When he entered the city that spring after years of exile, he received an enthusiastic welcome. Within two months he died on June 8, 1154, allegedly due to poison administered in the chalice at Mass. William was buried in York Minster and within a few months of his death, miracles were attributed to his intervention and a sweet smell came from his tomb when it was damaged during a fire. Nor was the body decayed or burnt in the fire. Pope Honorius III then ordered an investigation into the miracles. In 1227, he was canonized in Rome by Pope Honorius III.

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