

March 11

Blessed John Baptist Righi of Fabiano

Good day, good people! May the Lord give you peace!

It is always a joy to welcome an "expert" to your home as company. We have so much to gain from their visit. Blessed John Baptist Righi is truly an expert in living the Gospel life.

As a young man John Baptist meditated on the sufferings of Christ. In these meditations he was overwhelmed by the extent of the sufferings of Jesus and that he was innocent. He began to realize that no matter what our sufferings may be, they would never be more than the sufferings of Jesus. Yet, Jesus suffered these for us.

His preaching and counsel were filled with this message. So sincere and passionate about this, he moved the hearts of many to recognize the love of God and the need for reconciliation. People traveled great distances to hear him preach.

In our recent past we have all known sufferings to a greater or lesser degree. So lengthy has our suffering been that we can lose perspective. We can forget that Christ knows our suffering. Christ felt our pain. Christ knows the interior suffering that can accompany physical suffering. Let us remember Blessed John Baptist Righi and his message to us of faith, hope and love.

Let us pray.

Caring God, help us to attach ourselves deeply to you. Help us to welcome you into our lives to share our suffering, our disillusionments, even our moments of despair. For we know how intimately you experienced these same sufferings. May we follow the empowering words of Psalm 90 and of Blessed John reminding us how to "gain true wisdom of heart." We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Blessed John Baptist Righi of Fabiano is a friend of God, the company we welcome today.

