Day 3 ~ The Marriage of St. Rita

Ever since her childhood Rita desired to vow herself fully to God. She converted one of the rooms of her home into a place of quiet and prayer. There at times she listened in secret to the Lord who spoke to her heart.

Rita's parents did not understand the deepest secret of Rita's heart: to become an Augustinian nun. They were eager to have her marry, perhaps to provide for Rita since they were poor and by then quite old and close to death. Rita must have felt terrible. She had kept herself from joining the convent in the interest of looking after her parents and now she was being told to get married.

So Rita went to her little room of quiet and cried and prayed. There God made known to her that by conforming and submitting her will to that of her parents, she would be obeying His holy will and lose nothing of that intimate relationship with the Friend and Spouse of her heart. God has His own plan for her. So, she consented to marry Paolo Ferdinando Mancini.