

Friday, December 4, 2020

Friday of the First Week of Advent

*Saint John Damascene, Priest, Doctor of the Church*

The two blind men believed that Jesus had the power to heal them. Their faith – their belief in Jesus, whom they did not see – healed them! We have physical sight and yet often are blind to reality, truth, goodness, and beauty because there exists evil in our world. The principalities and powers are not seen, just as we do not see God, and we have to at least question why we lack understanding at times. Advent is a time of “joyful expectation”. What do we expect from life? If we have faith in a Good God, who is more powerful than evil, expect to “see” miracles, like the two blind men. How is it possible that, in their joy, they can obey Jesus’ words: “See that no one knows about this.” They will witness to the Truth, who is Jesus the Christ! Today’s saint defended the veneration of images, because the beauty of art in images can strengthen our faith as images can remind us of God and those who gave witness to Jesus.

St. John Damascene, pray for us!

God Love You!

*Fr. Jim Staranich*



*The saints are precisely lords, kings and gods, not in their own nature but because they have become lords over themselves, they have ruled their passions, they have kept intact that image of God in which they were created.*

*St. John Damascene*