

Tuesday, December 29, 2020  
Fifth Day of the Octave of Christmas  
*Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr*

“My own eyes have seen the salvation which you prepared in the sight of every people, a light to reveal you to the nations and glory to your people Israel.” Simeon rejoices while saying those words. Jesus is the Light that has come into the world for all nations and peoples. He brings us out of the darkness of sin and death, enabling us by His grace to remain “in the light” and love our brothers and sisters. St. Thomas Becket loved his neighbors and gave his life for the love of Jesus and His Church. King Henry II, who instigated his murder, did public penance and was absolved. Within three years and with numerous miracles attributed to the Archbishop of Canterbury, he was canonized only three years later.

St. Thomas Becket, pray for us during these trying times when religious freedom is being threatened throughout the world!

Merry Christmas!

God Love You!

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