

Saturday, January 23, 2021

Saturday of the Second Week in Ordinary Time

*Saint Vincent, Deacon, Martyr; Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin; BVM on Saturday*

A very short Gospel. Crowds so great that Jesus and his disciples cannot eat. The response of his relatives is “to seize him, for they said, ‘He is out of his mind.’” Even when we follow Jesus and want to live a new life in Him, people will also say, “They are out of their minds!” Many of the saints were thought to be crazy, foolish, and strange. Vincent was a deacon from Spain and he refused to sacrifice to the pagan gods and give up the Christian sacred books. The pagans thought Christians were strange, so they tortured Vincent, who would die in prison from the wounds of torture but only after he converted the warden to Christ. Marianne Cope did what others would find repulsive, following in the footsteps of Saint Damien of Molokai, giving her life for the care of lepers. The warden and the lepers appreciated these two saints because they transmitted the Spirit of Christ’s love to them. They may have been out of their minds but they were always in the mind and heart of God.

God Love You!

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