

Thursday, January 21, 2021

Thursday of the Second Week in Ordinary Time

Saint Agnes, Virgin, Martyr

Only twelve years old but in love with Jesus and united with Him so strongly that she was protected from her suitors' advances. Grace is given, no matter the age, which is why the Church baptizes infants (expecting parents and godparents to teach by example more than words as the child grows). She must have had holy parents and godparents as well! The Ordo states: "patroness of Christian virtue confronted by political and social violence." How appropriate to ask her intercession amidst these current times! The Psalm today seems to come from the mouth of Agnes herself: "Here I am, Lord, I come to do your will." May we all be inspired by this saint who inspired the great saints Ambrose and Augustine!
Saints Agnes, pray for us!

God Love You!

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