

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

Wednesday of the Second Week in Ordinary Time

*Saint Fabian, Pope, Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr*

Two martyrs from the third century remind us that living a life in Christ can lead us to giving witness to the point of bloodshed. Even today, we hear in the Gospel: “The Pharisees went out and immediately took counsel with the Herodians against [Jesus] to put him to death.” The Pharisees and the Herodians were not friendly with each other because they disputed over money, primarily taxes, which makes an interesting angle on how often decisions are made over money. Here, we see they collaborate because they do not like Jesus. Yet, Jesus performs a healing miracle in front of the Pharisees, and they want to kill Him. We may do good by the grace of God and others dislike us. Jesus’ love for everyone has shown that He is “a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek,” “king of Salem,’ that is, king of peace.” “Without father, mother, or ancestry, without beginning of days or end of life, thus made to resemble the Son of God, he remains a priest forever.” May we live our baptism and share in the three-fold office of Jesus as priest, prophet and king!

Saints Fabian and Sebastian, pray for us!

God Love You!

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