

Friday, February 5, 2021

Friday of the Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Saint Agatha, Virgin, Martyr

Agatha died around the year 251 in Sicily, preserving her virginity because her only love in life was Jesus Christ – and still is, as she is with her Beloved for all eternity! Preserving her virginity also led to her martyrdom, a cruel fate but following her Beloved in a death like His. The readings today also speak of the importance of the sacredness of the body, which Agatha understood: “Let marriage be honored among all and the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the immoral and adulterers.” John the Baptist knew the importance of the sanctity of marriage and died for trying to uphold it. “Herod was the one who had John arrested and bound in prison on account of Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip, whom he had married. John had said to Herod, ‘It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife.’ Herodias harbored a grudge against him and wanted to kill him...” Purity is a beautiful virtue and giving witness to that is why we uphold saints like Agatha. May she intercede for our world, full of vice and impurity, so that others can also discover her secret to true happiness.

St. Agatha, pray for us!

God Love You!

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