

Wednesday, February 10, 2021

Wednesday of the Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

Saint Scholastica, Virgin

The twin sister of Saint Benedict, the founder of western monasticism, Scholastica lived with other virgins in community and this would become the foundation of consecrated religious life among the women of the Church. She would visit with her brother Benedict once a year and spend time with him and some of his brother monks outside the gates of the monastery “praising God and talking of sacred things”, according to St. Gregory the Great. The twins are buried in the same grave at Monte Cassino, in Italy.

The story of the first man and God’s placing him in the garden of Eden is today’s first reading from Genesis. The knowledge of good and evil come from a forbidden tree that will bring death to those who eat from that tree. The man is warned by God because God cares deeply for him who is created in the image and likeness of God. Jesus speaks about the sins that come from the heart of man, and this is the consequence of the disobedience of this first man. We call this Original Sin, the corruption that entered the heart of man. The new Man, Jesus Christ, has come to show the Father’s love for us and remove this corruption and return us to the state that once existed in the first man – immortality and eternal life! Scholastica rejoiced and certainly sang, “O, bless the Lord, my soul”, because she experienced new life in Christ through baptismal grace!

Saint Scholastica, pray for us!

God Love You!

*Fr. Jim Starasovich*

