

Thursday, March 4, 2021
Thursday of the Second Week of Lent
Saint Casimir

These are some of the greatest lines in Scripture, (in my humble opinion), from the prophet Jeremiah: “More torturous than all else is the human heart, beyond remedy; who can understand it? I, the Lord, alone probe the mind and test the heart, to reward everyone according to his ways, according to the merit of his deeds.” We know that we cannot earn salvation but once we have received God’s mercy and forgiveness and the grace of the Holy Spirit, we are moved to serve others and forget about self. We will be rewarded on how we have lived our baptismal call.

The poor man Lazarus, in today’s Gospel, upon his death “was carried away to the bosom of Abraham” and entered a new life free of suffering. The rich man, who ignored Lazarus when he was alive, did not make it to heaven. Jesus uses this parable to remind us not to forget the teachings we have received and to practice them, for this is true living. St. Casimir (1458-1484) did just that in his short life. He is patron of Lithuania and Poland.

Saint Casimir, pray for us!

God Love You!

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