

Tuesday, March 23, 2021
Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Lent
Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

The Israelites repent, “We have sinned in complaining against the Lord and [Moses].” “Moses accordingly made a bronze serpent and mounted it on a pole, and whenever anyone who had been bitten by a serpent looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.” It was not something magical that cured them, simply looking at the serpent, but a reminder that repentance leads us back to God, and it is the Almighty who heals us. The serpent is also a reminder of the Fall of Adam and Eve, under which all humanity suffers, and turning to God, we pray: “O Lord, hear my prayer, and let my cry come to you.” Jesus uses the I AM phrase twice, the same name Moses heard God call Himself from the burning bush. Jesus tells the scribes and Pharisees, “When you lift up the Son of Man, then you will realize that I AM, and that I do nothing on my own, but I say only what the Father taught me. The one who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, because I always do what is pleasing to him.” It pleases the Father that Jesus will give His life to save our lives! “Because he spoke this way, many came to believe in him.” St. Turibius brought the Good News of Jesus to Peru and many also came to believe in Him! We, too, believe!
Saint Turibius, pray for us!

God Love You!

Fr. Jim Starasovich



The Miracle of Saint Turibius.