

Wednesday, March 3, 2021
Wednesday of the Second Week of Lent
Saint Katherine Drexel

There will always be someone to test our faith. Jeremiah must endure the hatred of his own people against him. “And so, let us destroy him by his own tongue; let us carefully note his every word.” Have you ever experienced something like this? I know this has happened to nearly every reformer known in the history of the Church. There are always those who look to others to justify their position and status quo within the Church: “Come, let us contrive a plot against Jeremiah. It will not mean the loss of instruction from the priests, nor of counsel from the wise, nor of the messages of the prophets.” Yes, we can always seek out others. But if God sends us a true prophet, like Jeremiah, what will we do?

Jesus shows us the way of the true disciple: the way of the Cross. It is authenticated by the Resurrection! Jesus always completes the meaning of his mission with the Resurrection.

Our American born saint today did like many who sought renewal and reform: go to Rome, to Peter, to the Holy Father. She said there was need to evangelize and help the poor in the United States, especially the native Americans and the African Americans. The Holy Father asked her, “Why don’t you do something?” She heeded his words and began a great ministry to both, founding the Missionary Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. She used her wealth to help in this endeavor. She lived through the Civil War, the Spanish American War, World War I, World War II, and the Korean War. God called her home on this day at the age of 97 in 1955.

Saint Katherine Drexel, pray for us!

God Love You!

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