

Friday, April 23, 2021

Friday of the Third Week of Easter

*Saint George, Martyr; Saint Adalbert, Bishop, Martyr*

Saul encounters Jesus. He is stricken blind and humbled. This humiliation saves him and he experiences the power of Jesus through the disciples, particularly Ananias, who through the laying on of hands, restores his sight through the gift of the Holy Spirit. He now boldly proclaims Jesus in the synagogues. Jesus, in the synagogue of Capernaum, teaches about the Eucharist, which confounds many, even his disciples. The Eucharist is a “pledge of our resurrection” (quoting subtitle from the Office of Readings, Volume II, p. 727, in excerpt from Saint Irenaeus, From the Treatise Against Heresies). The Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist – grant us the gift that keeps us united with Jesus. “Saint Paul says in his letter to the Ephesians that *we are members of his body*, of his flesh and bones. He is not speaking of some spiritual and incorporeal kind of man, *for spirits do not have flesh and bones*. He is speaking of a real human body composed of flesh, sinews and bones, nourished by the chalice of Christ’s blood and receiving growth from the bread which is his body” (Ibid., p. 728).

God Love You!

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