

Friday, April 30, 2021
Friday of the Fourth Week of Easter
Saint Pius V, Pope

Paul boldly proclaims the risen Christ in the synagogue in Pisidia. Jesus, at the Last Supper, encourages the apostles with promising words and they are for us today! “Do not let your hearts be troubled.” From His Sacred Heart to our hardened hearts, he cuts through with words he insistently wants us to cherish in our hearts! He wants us in heaven, with Him! Thomas, like us, does not understand. This should console us that Jesus chose ones who struggled to understand, like us. Jesus desires to bring us to the Father. He respects our freedom, knowing that we can say no. But he is insistent because He concludes today’s Gospel in these words: “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

This great Pope was a Dominican before being becoming Pope Pius V. A great reformer, he is also known for encouraging the faithful to pray the rosary to defeat the Ottoman Turks in 1571 at the Battle of Lepanto.

Saint Pius V, pray for us!

God Love You!

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