

Wednesday, April 21, 2021  
Wednesday of the Third Week of Easter  
*Saint Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

The persecution that broke out in Jerusalem scattered the faithful. God makes everything work for the good, now enabling the Gospel to spread with this dispersion. The proclamation of Jesus Christ brought “great joy” to Samaria.

Jesus continues His Eucharistic discourse, found in Chapter 6 of John’s Gospel. Beautiful words that we need to hear over and over: “Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and I will not reject anyone who comes to me, because I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it on the last day.”

Saint Anselm was a monk, bishop and theologian, who had to deal with a strong-willed King William II in England. Anselm persevered in obedience to the Pope and God softened the heart of William, and there was reconciliation between Anselm and the King. Anselm is known as “the Father of Scholasticism”. He died on this day in 1109.

Saint Anselm, pray for us!

God Love You!

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