

Thursday, May 20, 2021
Thursday of the Seventh Week of Easter
Saint Bernadine of Siena, Priest

Seventh day of the novena to Pentecost. Division among the Jews: Pharisees verse Sadducees, those who believe in the resurrection of the dead and those who do not. Paul needs to be protected as these two groups clash. Human nature, even when it comes to religion, does not guarantee civil discourse. Religiosity does not make the person to be like Jesus but the gift of faith and grace that God gives freely do. So no one can boast of being better than anyone else when it comes to sin because if we do the right thing, it is all coming from God's grace. We can hear that in Jesus' words in today's Gospel: "Father, . . . I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that you sent me, and that you loved them even as you loved me. . . I made known to them your name and I will make it known, that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them." The Holy Name was represented by the letters IHS, the first three Greek letters for Jesus. St. Bernadine, a Franciscan, helped bring renewal to the Church through the Holy Name of Jesus in the fifteenth century.

Saint Bernadine of Siena, pray for us!

God Love You!

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