

Tuesday, June 1, 2021
Tuesday of the Ninth Week in Ordinary Time
Saint Justin, Martyr

Tobit is corrected by his wife, who sees his ongoing desire to do good but is reminded of his “true character”, that he is a sinner, like all of us. We need to return all the glory to God for any good that we do. The imprint on the denarius is of Caesar, so Jesus rightly says, “Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.” We bear the imprint of God, for we are made in the image and likeness of God. Therefore, let us give ourselves over to the Good Lord, for he justifies us when we repent and ask forgiveness for our sins. We pray with gratitude: “The heart of the just one is firm, trusting in the Lord.” St. Justin came to know the Lord through his openness to learning, beginning with philosophy. He encountered the Scriptures, which came alive for him and converted him to Christianity, where he would write in defense of the faith. Thanks to him, we have the earliest account of the Christian liturgy (confer the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* 1345-1355). Saint Justin the Martyr, pray for us!

God Love You!

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