

Tuesday, June 22, 2021

Tuesday of the Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time

Saint Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Saints John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs

Today we begin Religious Freedom Week 2021: Solidarity in Freedom. From June 22 to June 29.

Abram and Lot agree to separate. Immediately after this occurs, the Lord spoke to Abram and promised what He would do for him: “all the land that you see I will give to you and your descendants forever. I will make your descendants like the dust of the earth.” *God will give, God will make!* God wants to do the same for us! It is a matter of trust, putting faith in God! That is why Abram becomes “Abraham, our father in faith”! Saints John Fisher and Thomas More held fast to Jesus, avoiding the road that leads to destruction. History has shown that the split of the Church under King Henry VIII in Great Britain brought destruction within society and we are suffering the consequences of the division in Christianity up to the present. The Cross is a narrow gate indeed! May we be among “those who find it” since it “leads to life.” Life eternal! Saints Paulinus of Nola, John Fisher, and Thomas More, pray for us!

God Love You!

Fr. Jim Starasovich



Religious Freedom Week 2021: Solidarity in Freedom

“Solidarity means much more than engaging in sporadic acts of generosity. It means thinking and acting in terms of community” (*Fratelli tutti*, 116).

Religious freedom allows the Church, and all religious communities, to live out their faith in public and to serve the good of all. Beginning June 22, the feast of Saints Thomas More and John Fisher, the USCCB invites Catholics to pray, reflect, and act to promote religious freedom.