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Wednesday of the Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

The burning bush – burning with flames visible but not consumed! Amazing! God is amazing! He treats Moses the murderer not like humanity would treat a murderer. He does not ask Moses to return to Egypt for justice to be done to him because of his crime. On the contrary, God chooses Moses to bring justice to a nation being oppressed. God tells Moses: “I will be with you.” These are words for us to remember, that God is with us! Jesus, our new Moses, wants us to know the Father. May we be “childlike” so that we can really mean it when we pray, “Our Father”!

Kateri was childlike throughout her life, her eyesight diminished because of smallpox and she was moved by the compassion of the Jesuits who brought the Good News to her people. Childlike, she accepted the Good News while many did not. She suffered because she believed in this love she received from the missionaries while others mistreated her because of her disability and because she was a Christian. She heard the taunts and was made fun of by her own people but she trusted in Jesus. Jesus took her to heaven at the age of 24. The blemishes on her face due to small pox disfigured her but disappeared – a miracle that the missionaries witnessed as she was transformed into a beautiful maiden as she passed to the Lord. It was a sign of the resurrection and new life she believed in!

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, pray for us!

God Love You!

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