

St. Gregory's Newsletter - Feast of Christ the King

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Saint of the Week

St. Cecilia (Tuesday, 22nd November)

Cecilia came from a rich family and though married, lived a virginal life with her husband who converted and was baptised, together with his brother, after the wedding. She was a Roman martyr of the 3rd century, spending her life preaching and converting pagans. After her husband and brother in law were killed for burying Christians who had been murdered in the persecutions, she refused to sacrifice to pagan gods and was arrested and sentenced to death, but converted her persecutors and continued her good works. The executioners failed to kill her by suffocation, and the subsequent order to behead her failed despite three blows. She lived for three more days, preaching and converting people. Her body was found incorrupt in 1599, the first of all incorrupt saints, and her remains were then placed under the high altar of St. Cecilia's in Trastevere.

St. Cecilia is regarded as the patroness of music because she is said to have heard music in her heart when she was married.



Reflection

Every Sunday, Christians gather to celebrate the victory of God through Jesus Christ. The one who was crucified was raised on Easter Sunday, thus defeating sin and death. On Christ the King Sunday, we give glory to Christ the Lord with gratitude for his sacrifice. We announce his victory to the world, inviting them to join us in our celebration: Shout to the LORD, all the earth; break out in praise, sing for joy. (Ps98:4)

On Christ the King Sunday, we complete the cycle of the Christian year. It began almost one year ago with Advent. In that season prior to Christmas, we set our hope upon God, yearning for our Saviour, as did the Jews so many centuries earlier. Today, we celebrate the fact that the Saviour came, born in a manger. That he lived among us, proclaiming the kingdom of God. That he died, taking upon himself the sin of the world. And that he was raised from the dead, breaking the power of sin and death itself. Christ rules today as King of kings. This we celebrate, even as we look forward to the time when we will fully enjoy the life of his kingdom. (Susanne Barrett)

Children's Corner

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VINEGAR	KING	CRIMINALS
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