



Pastor's Message

April 26, 2020

Saint Justin was born and lived in the 1st Century. He was an early **Christian apologist**. In addition, Justin was **martyred**, alongside some of his students, and is venerated as a **saint** by the **Roman Catholic Church**, the **Anglican Church**, the **Eastern Orthodox Church**, and the **Oriental Orthodox Churches**.

Saint Justin wrote a very beautiful description about what the early Christians did every Lord's Day, which is Sunday, during the first century.

“On the day called Sunday, all who live in cities or in the country gather together to one place, and the memoirs of the apostles or the writings of the prophets are read, as long as time permits; then, when the reader has ceased, the president verbally instructs, and exhorts to the imitation of these good things. Then we all rise together and pray, and, as we before said, when our prayer is ended, bread and wine and water are brought, and the president in like manner offers prayers and thanksgivings, according to his ability, and the people assent, saying Amen; and there is a distribution to each, and a participation of that over which thanks have been given, and to those who are absent a portion is sent by the deacons.

And they who are well to do, and willing, give what each thinks fit; and what is collected is deposited with the president, who succors the orphans and widows and those who, through sickness or any other cause, are in want, and those who are in bonds and the strangers sojourning among us, and in a word takes care of all who are in need.

But Sunday is the day on which we all hold our common assembly, because it is the first day on which God, having wrought a change in the darkness and matter, made the world; and Jesus Christ our Savior on the same day rose from the dead.”

Certainly, all of us look forward to the day, when we could return to our parish church to do the same. Meanwhile, we continue to ask the Lord to bless us by participation in the Holy Mass in the most perfect manner we can during the time of the pandemic.

God bless you.

Fr. Marc