

Saint Boniface (c. 675? – 754), was born in the kingdom of Wessex in Anglo-Saxon England, was a leading figure in the Anglo-Saxon mission to the Germanic parts of the Frankish Empire during the 8th century. He established the first organized Christianity in many parts of Germania. He is the first archbishop of Mainz and the “Apostle of the Germans”. He was killed in Frisia in 754, along with 52 others



First Reading: (1 Cor 4:1-5) This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you or by any human court. I do not even judge myself. I am not aware of anything against myself, but I am not thereby acquitted. It is the Lord who judges me. Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then every man will receive his commendation from God.

Ps 36:3-6, 27-28, 39-40

R./ The salvation of the just comes from the Lord.

Gospel: (Lk 5:33-39) The Pharisees and the scribes said to Jesus, “The disciples of John fast often and offer prayers, and so do the disciples of the Pharisees, but yours eat and drink.” And Jesus said to them, “Can you make wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them? The days will come, when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days.” He told them a parable also: “No one tears a piece from a new garment and puts it upon an old garment; if he does, he will tear the new, and the piece from the new will not match the old. And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; if he does, the new wine will burst the skins and it will be spilled, and the skins will be destroyed. But new wine must be put into fresh wineskins. And no one after drinking old wine desires new; for he says, ‘The old is good.’”

Reflection: There is a culture of adjustment out there. Adjustments and compromises are seen as the progressive managerial tactics that brings out instant profit. But we know that adjustments do not last long. **The real relationship is built up on trust and fidelity that involves taking up the cross and being faithful to our responsibilities to the end.** Culture of adjustment belongs to the devil. He even tempts Jesus to jump from the pinnacle to reveal the Father instead of taking the hard way of carrying the cross to Calvary and die on the cross. He was saying to Jesus, come on, there are “better ways” of doing things. Has your life become a bundle of adjustments? If so, what are you going to do with it?