

BAREFOOT IN THE SNOW

ST. LAMBERT OF BELGIUM

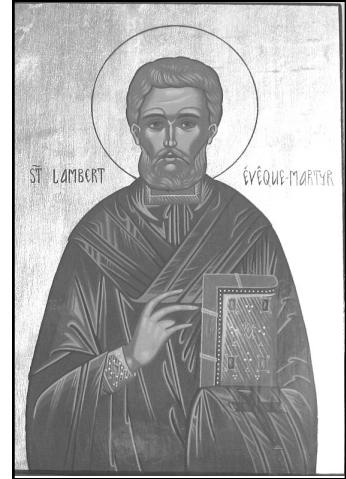
Has anybody ever blamed you for something you didn't do? What did you do next? Did you argue? Did you fight? Did you cry out, "I didn't do it!" Did you blame somebody else?

This week we celebrate a saint who didn't do any of those things! Saint Lambert was a bishop in Maastricht (today that's the country of Belgium). For a while, he lived as a humble monk. Once, during the night, Saint Lambert woke up to go pray. He accidentally made too much noise and the abbot said that the person who made the noise had to go stand in front of the cross, barefoot, and in the snow.

When the abbot woke up in the morning, he found Saint Lambert, the bishop, standing there in the snow! And that was the bishop! Saint Lambert didn't complain. He didn't argue. He said he was honored to serve God like that.

If you ever go to the country of Belgium, you'll see lots of churches built to remember Saint Lambert.

Saint Lambert lived more than 1,300 years ago, but one thing is the same. He lived the same way we all want to live as Christians...even today. Saint Lambert was humble, he was kind, he was gentle. What an example for all of us Christians!



We celebrate St. Lambert on Thursday, September 17th (OC: September 30th).