

Today is the Memorial of St. Albert the Great, who is considered by many to be the greatest German philosopher and theologian of the Middle Ages. He was born around 1200 in Bavaria, and after an early study of Philosophy was convinced by a vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary to pursue Holy Orders. He joined the Dominicans, and taught St. Thomas Aquinas.

In 1254, he became Provincial of the Dominican Order; and in 1260 was made Bishop of Regensburg. He died in 1280, and his relics are kept in St. Andrew's Church in Cologne, Germany.

St. Albert is one of the 35 Doctors of the Church - not a medical doctor, but rather a teacher of Church Doctrine. His writings encompass 38 volumes covering such diverse topics as logic, theology, botany, geography, astronomy, astrology, mineralogy, alchemy, zoology, physiology, phrenology, justice, law, friendship and love ... and in all of which he showed encyclopedic knowledge.

In today's First Reading from Wisdom, we hear of the many ways that God can be known through created things. According to the writer, the foolish miss the forest for the trees, while the wise can see the hand of God in all things.

And in the Gospel, Our Lord speaks about how it will be on the 'Day of the Lord,' when He says that people won't even notice what is happening.

As we approach this altar to receive the Sacred Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ – let us pray for a deeper spirit of Wisdom ... so that we might see God's hand in all things, and learn from Him the way of perfection through Jesus Christ.

Through the intercession of St. Albert the Great, may we seek God in all things, and recognize Him and His signature in all creation.