

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Mother of God



FEAST DAY

JANUARY 1

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

FEBRUARY 11

Our Lady of Lourdes

MAY 13

Our Lady of Fatima

MAY 31

Visitation of the Mary

JULY 16

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

AUGUST 15

Assumption of Mary

AUGUST 22

Queenship of Mary

SEPTEMBER 8

Nativity of Mary

SEPTEMBER 12

Most Holy Name of Mary

SEPTEMBER 15

Our Lady of Sorrows

OCTOBER 7

Our Lady of the Rosary

NOVEMBER 21

Presentation of Mary

DECEMBER 8

Immaculate Conception

DECEMBER 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

SATURDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Immaculate Heart of Mary



THE VEIL OF MARY

The Catholic Church venerates the veil of Mary, the Mother of God, as a powerful symbol of her purity, holiness, and role in salvation history. Preserved by early Christians and now enshrined in the Cathedral of Chartres, this sacred relic offers believers a tangible connection to the Blessed Virgin Mary, inspiring deep devotion and reverence.

PRAYER

Mother Mary, before this thread of your veil, I open my heart to you. Shelter me in your love, strengthen my faith, and help me follow your example. Mother of Jesus, be a mother to me now. Amen.

RELIC

ex velo
(from the veil)

ST. ADRIAN OF NICOMEDIA

Martyr

FEAST DAY
SEPTEMBER 8



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Lzmit, Kocaeli,
Turkey

DATE OF BIRTH
Late 3rd Century

DATE OF DEATH
March 4, 306 AD

PATRONAGE
Soldier, Guards, Butchers,
Arms Dealers, Epileptics

QUOTE
No known quotation.

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **PAGAN OFFICER TURNED BELIEVER:** Roman guard who converted after witnessing Christians courageously endure torture.
- ◆ **VOLUNTARY CONFESSION OF FAITH:** Declared himself a Christian and was immediately imprisoned with those he admired.
- ◆ **ENCOURAGED BY HIS WIFE:** His Christian wife, Natalia, supported him at his death and preserved his relics.
- ◆ **MARTYRDOM BY DISMEMBERMENT:** Executed by having his limbs broken on an anvil.

ST. AGATHA OF SICILY

Virgin & Martyr

FEAST DAY
FEBRUARY 5

PLACE OF ORIGIN
Catania, Sicily,
Italy

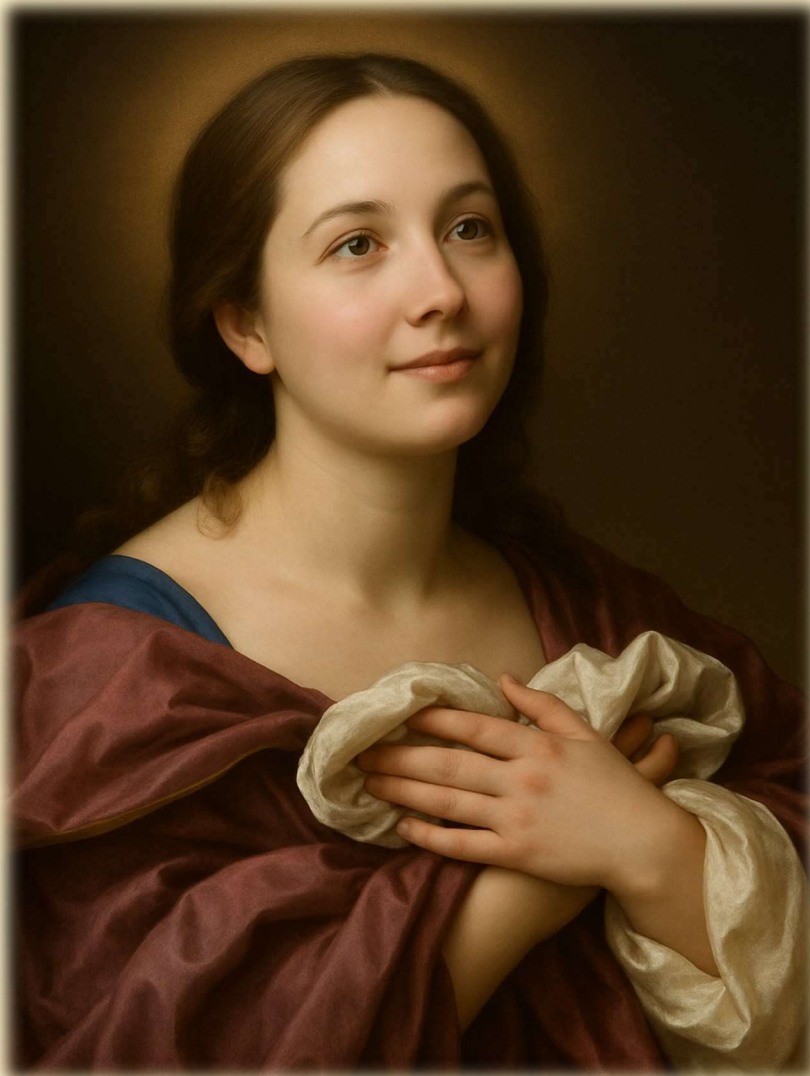
DATE OF BIRTH
c. 231 AD

DATE OF DEATH
c. 251 AD

PATRONAGE
Breast Cancer Patients,
Rape Victims and Nurses

QUOTE
*"I am a servant
Of Jesus Christ."*

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **REFUSED TO MARRY A ROMAN GOVERNOR:** Agatha's refusal led to her arrest, imprisonment, and martyrdom.
- ◆ **IMPRISONED AND TORTURED:** Agatha was imprisoned and tortured in a brothel for her refusal to worship pagan gods.
- ◆ **PATRONESS OF BREAST CANCER PATIENTS:** Due to her martyrdom, which involved the mutilation of her breasts.
- ◆ **MARTYRDOM FOR PURITY:** Agatha was martyred for refusing to renounce her vow of chastity.
- ◆ **MIRACULOUS RELICS:** Her relics were preserved for centuries and credited with many miracles.

ST. AGNES OF ROME

Virgin & Martyr

FEAST DAY
JANUARY 21



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Rome, Italy

DATE OF BIRTH
c. 291 AD

DATE OF DEATH
c. 304 AD

PATRONAGE
Young Girls, Chastity, and
Virgins, Rape Victims

QUOTE
*“Jesus Christ
is my only spouse.”*

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **REFUSAL TO MARRY:** She rejected a suitor who was a Roman nobleman, choosing to remain devoted to Christ and live in chastity.
- ◆ **MARTYRDOM AT A YOUNG AGE:** Agnes was martyred at approximately 12 or 13 years old during the Roman persecution of Christians under Emperor Diocletian.
- ◆ **MIRACLE OF THE LAMB:** According to tradition, after her martyrdom, a lamb was seen grazing at her grave, which became a symbol of her innocence and purity.
- ◆ **FEAST DAY CELEBRATION:** Her feast day, January 21st, is marked by the blessing of lambs, whose wool is used for archbishops' palliums.

ST. ALFONSO MARIA FUSCO

Founder

**FEAST DAY
FEBRUARY 6**



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Angri, Italy

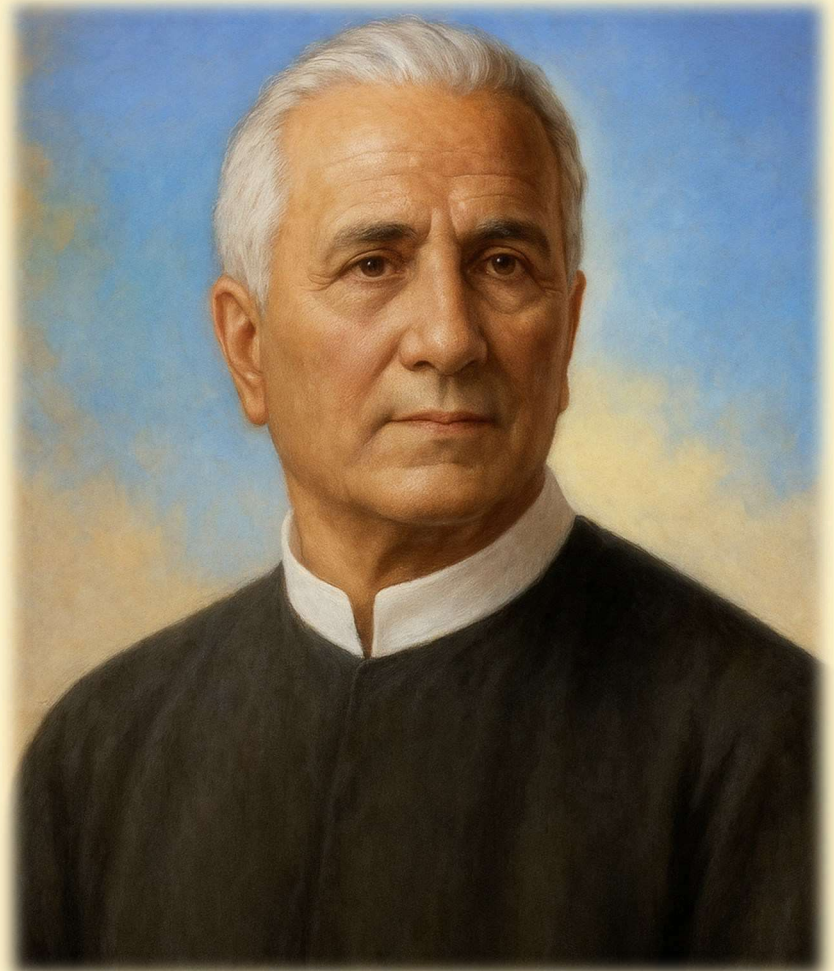
DATE OF BIRTH
March 23, 1839

DATE OF DEATH
February 6, 1910

PATRONAGE
Patron of the Congregation
of the Sister of
St. John the Baptist

QUOTE
*"Nothing is due to me,
everything is due to God, I
am a simple, poor
instrument in His hands."*

RELIC
Ex indumentis
(from the clothing)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **PROPHETIC DREAM:** As a child, he dreamed he would become a priest and found a congregation for poor children.
- ◆ **REFUSAL OF ADVANCEMENT:** He declined ecclesiastical honors to remain a humble parish priest serving the poor.
- ◆ **FOUNDING THE BAPTISTINE SISTERS:** In 1878, he founded the Sisters of St. John the Baptist, now present in 19 countries, including Hamilton, Ontario.
- ◆ **PERSEVERANCE AMID OPPOSITION:** He endured slander and parish conflict but remained faithful to his charitable mission.
- ◆ **APOSTOLATE OF THE ORPHANED:** He devoted his life to educating and caring for abandoned and impoverished youth.

ST. AMBROSE OF MILAN

**Doctor of the Church
and Church Father**

**FEAST DAY
DECEMBER 7**



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Trier, Gallia Belgica,
Present-day Germany

DATE OF BIRTH
c. 340 AD

DATE OF DEATH
c. 397 AD

PATRONAGE
Milan, Beekeepers and
Candlemakers

QUOTE
*"It is a better thing to save
souls for the Lord than to
save treasures."*

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **UNEXPECTED BISHOP:** Chosen as Bishop of Milan by public acclaim before baptism.
- ◆ **RAPID ORDINATION:** Baptized and ordained within just eight days!
- ◆ **DOCTRINAL CHAMPION:** Helped resolve conflicts between Arians and Catholics.
- ◆ **"HONEY-TONGUED DOCTOR":** Known for eloquent preaching and inspired writing.
- ◆ **MENTOR TO ST. AUGUSTINE:** Mentored and baptized the great theologian, St. Augustine.

ST. ANDRÉ BESSETTE

**Congregation of the
Holy Cross
&
Lay Brother**

**FEAST DAY
JANUARY 7**



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Quebec, Canada

DATE OF BIRTH
August 9, 1845

DATE OF DEATH
January 6, 1937

PATRONAGE
The Sick and of the Poor,
patron for devotion to
St. Joseph.

QUOTE
*"It is with the smallest
brushes that the artist paints
the most exquisitely
beautiful pictures."*

RELIC
Ex capillis
(particle of hair)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **EARLY LIFE:** The 8th of 12 children, he was orphaned by age 12 and worked various trades to support himself.
- ◆ **RELIGIOUS VOCATION:** At age 25, he joined the Congregation of Holy Cross as a lay brother, serving as porter at Notre-Dame College in Montreal for over 40 years.
- ◆ **HEALING MINISTRY:** Known for praying through St. Joseph, he became famous for healings that drew thousands.
- ◆ **ORATORY FOUNDATION:** In 1904, he began the modest project that became Saint Joseph's Oratory, now Canada's largest church.
- ◆ **DEATH:** Over a million people attended his funeral, and was canonized by Pope Benedict XVI in 2010.

ST. ANDREW AVELLINO

Confessor

FEAST DAY
NOVEMBER 10



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Castronuovo di Sant'Andrea
Italy

DATE OF BIRTH
c. 1521 AD

DATE OF DEATH
c. 1608 AD

PATRONAGE
Those who suffer from
strokes and sudden death

QUOTE
*"One cannot separate the
most Holy Eucharist from
the Passion of Jesus."*

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **FRIEND OF A SAINT:** Trusted advisor and close friend of St. Charles Borromeo.
- ◆ **EARLY LEGAL PRODIGY:** Ordained and earned a Doctorate of Laws by age twenty-six.
- ◆ **CONSCIENCE OVER CAREER:** Left church court upon realizing success required dishonesty.
- ◆ **REFORM PROVOKED VIOLENCE:** Was physically attacked for reforming a lax convent in Naples.
- ◆ **BUILDER OF RENEWAL:** Founded and led several Theatine monasteries as superior.

ST. ANDREW CORSINI

Bishop

FEAST DAY
February 4

PLACE OF ORIGIN
Florence, Italy

DATE OF BIRTH
November 30, 1302

DATE OF DEATH
January 6, 1373

PATRONAGE
Civic Harmony
& Conflict Resolution

QUOTE
*“One cannot separate the
most Holy Eucharist from
the Passion of Jesus.”*

RELIC
Ex sandalis
(from the sandals)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **REBELLIOUS YOUTH:** Lived a worldly youth before experiencing a deep conversion.
- ◆ **CARMELITE VOCATION:** Entered the Carmelite Order, embracing austerity and prayer.
- ◆ **BISHOP BY DIVINE SIGN:** Reluctantly accepted role as Bishop after reportedly hiding to avoid it.
- ◆ **PEACEMAKER OF FLORENCE:** Renowned for mediating peace during civil unrest.
- ◆ **VISION BEFORE DEATH:** Predicted his own death after experiencing a vision of the Virgin Mary.

ST. ANDREW THE APOSTLE

Apostle and Martyr

FEAST DAY
NOVEMBER 30



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Bethsaide, Galilee,
Roman Empire

DATE OF BIRTH
c. 5 AD

DATE OF DEATH
c. 60 AD

PATRONAGE
Fisherman, Rope Makers,
and Singers

QUOTE
*"We have found the
Messiah." (John 1:40-41)*

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **FIRST-CALLED DISCIPLE:** The first apostle to follow Jesus after hearing John the Baptist.
- ◆ **BROTHER OF PETER:** Introduced his brother, St. Peter, to Christ, sparking Peter's vocation.
- ◆ **MISSIONARY TO MANY LANDS:** Preached in Greece, Scythia, and Asia Minor.
- ◆ **MARTYR ON AN X-SHAPED CROSS:** Crucified in Patras on a diagonal cross, now known as St. Andrew's Cross.
- ◆ **BRIDGE FOR THE GENTILES:** Led Greeks to Jesus, showing the Church's universal mission.

ST. ANNE

**Mother of the
Virgin Mary
&
Grandmother of Jesus**

**FEAST DAY
JULY 26**



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Bethlehem

DATE OF BIRTH
1st Century BCE

DATE OF DEATH
Unknown

PATRONAGE
Mothers and Grandmothers

QUOTE
No known quotation.

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **MOTHER OF THE VIRGIN MARY:** St. Anne is revered as the mother of Mary, making her the grandmother of Christ.
- ◆ **PATRONESS OF MOTHERS:** She is the patron saint of mothers, particularly those seeking divine assistance in fertility and childbirth.
- ◆ **HOLY LINEAGE:** Tradition says St. Anne descended from Aaron's priestly line.
- ◆ **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ADVOCATE:** St. Anne is honored for her role in the miraculous birth of Mary, who was conceived without original sin.

ST. ANTHONY MARY PUCCI

**Order of Friar
Servants of Mary
“Servite Order”**

**FEAST DAY
JANUARY 12**



PLACE OF ORIGIN

Vernio, Florence, Grand
Duchy of Tuscany

DATE OF BIRTH

April 16, 1819

DATE OF DEATH

January 12, 1892

PATRONAGE

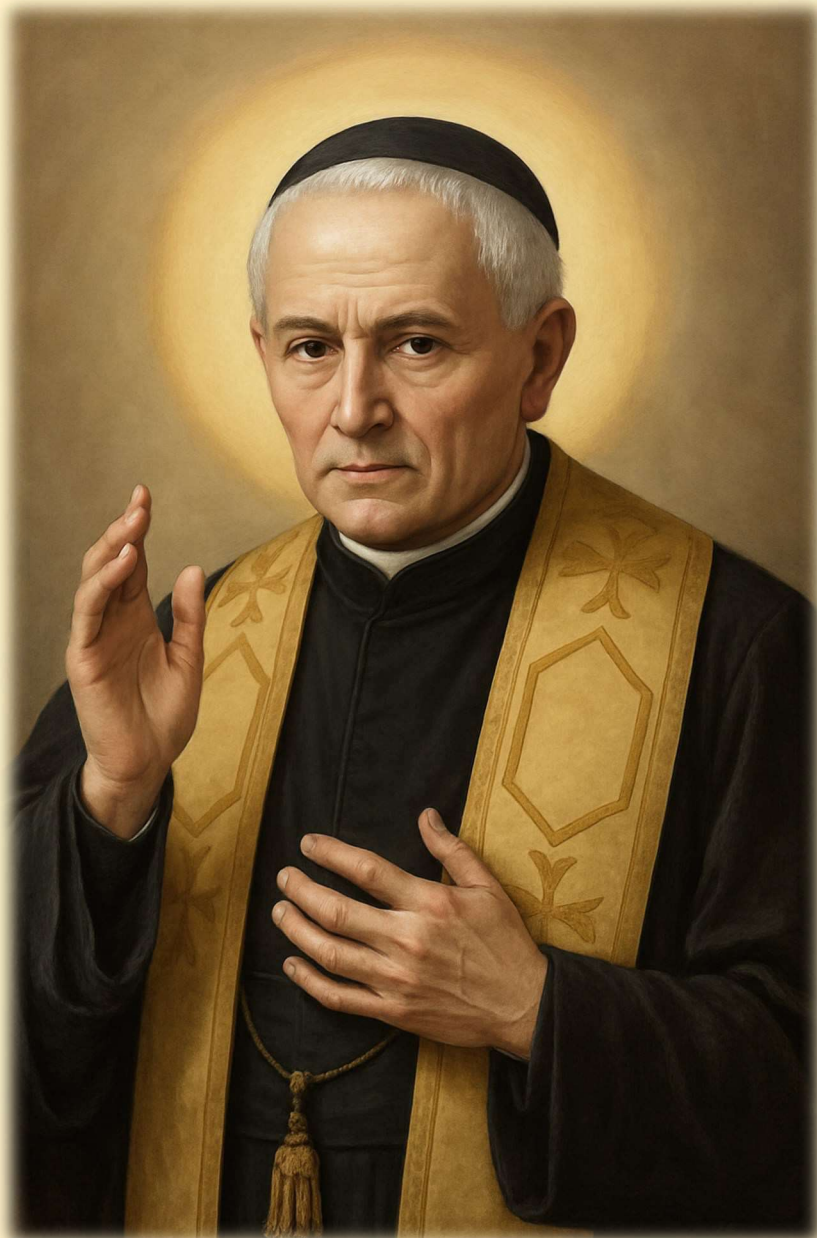
Social Workers,
Sick and Abandoned

QUOTE

*"It is not necessary to have
a long life, but it is
necessary to take advantage
of the hour that God gives
us to do what we ought."*

RELIC

Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **JOINED THE SERVITES:** Entered the Servite Order at age 18, taking the name Antonio Maria.
- ◆ **BELOVED PASTOR:** Served 45 years in Viareggio; called “the little parish priest” for humble, tireless pastoral care.
- ◆ **FOUNDER OF CHARITIES:** Established schools, orphanages, and care homes for the elderly and abandoned children.
- ◆ **CANONIZED BY JOHN XXIII:** Canonized in 1962, praised as a model for parish priests.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

**Priest and
Doctor of the Church**

**FEAST DAY
JUNE 13**



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Lisbon, Portugal

DATE OF BIRTH
August 15, 1195

DATE OF DEATH
June 13, 1231

PATRONAGE
Lost Things, The Poor,
Travelers, and Animals

QUOTE

*"The word of God is light to
the mind and fire to the will,
enabling man to know and
to love God."*

RELIC

Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **MIRACLE WORKER OF PADUA:** Known for many miracles during and after his life.
- ◆ **GIFTED FRANCISCAN PREACHER:** Preached with such power that language barriers were miraculously overcome.
- ◆ **LOST ITEMS PATRON:** He became the patron saint of lost things after a beloved book of his was stolen and later returned through prayer.
- ◆ **CANONIZED IN RECORD TIME:** St. Anthony was canonized just 11 months after his death—one of the fastest in Church history.

ST. ANTHONY THE GREAT

Abbot

FEAST DAY
JANUARY 17

PLACE OF ORIGIN
Coma, Egypt

DATE OF BIRTH
c. 251 AD

DATE OF DEATH
c. 356 AD (age 105)

PATRONAGE
Farmers, Monks and
Hermits, Diseases of the
Skin, Lost Souls

QUOTE

*"The one who has God in
his heart and thoughts has
everything."*

RELIC

Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **FATHER OF MONASTICISM:** Founded Christian monasticism as a desert hermit in Egypt.
- ◆ **TEMPTED BY DEMONS:** Endured spiritual battles, overcoming through steadfast faith and prayer.
- ◆ **INFLUENTIAL TEACHER:** His life inspired many to adopt the monastic lifestyle, shaping early Christian asceticism.
- ◆ **THE BELL:** Symbolizes St. Anthony's role as a spiritual healer, guide, and the monastic call to vigilance and holiness.

ST. AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO

Doctor of the Church

FEAST DAY
AUGUST 28



PLACE OF ORIGIN

Thagaste, Numidia,
North Africa
(present-day Souk Ahras,
Algeria)

DATE OF BIRTH

November 13, 354

DATE OF DEATH

August 28, 430

PATRONAGE

Theologians, Philosophers,
Brewers, Bookbinders,
those seeking conversion

QUOTE

*"You have made us for
yourself, O Lord, and our
heart is restless until it rests
in you."*

RELIC

Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **TROUBLED YOUTH TRANSFORMED BY PRAYER:** His early wild life deeply distressed his mother, St. Monica, who prayed fervently for his conversion.—*the power of a mothers prayer!*
- ◆ **FAITH DEFENDER:** He fought false teachings (Pelagianism and Donatism) with solid theology.
- ◆ **FATHER OF WESTERN THEOLOGY:** His writings, especially *Confessions* and *City of God*, shaped Christian thought for centuries.
- ◆ **FLAMING HEART:** Symbol of his passionate love for God and intense spiritual conversion.

ST. BARBARA

Virgin & Martyr

FEAST DAY
DECEMBER 4



PLACE OF ORIGIN

Phoenicia
(Modern-day Baalbek)

DATE OF BIRTH

c. 273—286 AD

DATE OF DEATH

c. 306 AD

PATRONAGE

Soldiers, Miners,
Firefighters,
Against Lightning Storms,
and Prisoners

QUOTE

No known quotations.

RELIC

Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **TOWER IMPRISONMENT:** Locked away by her father, St. Barbara chose Christ over marriage.
- ◆ **SECRET BAPTISM:** She ignored her father and his pagan beliefs and secretly became a Christian.
- ◆ **MARTYRED BY HER FATHER:** He beheaded her for her faith and was instantly hit by lightning.
- ◆ **EUCCHARISTIC PATRONESS:** Invoked to help the faithful receive the Eucharist before death.
- ◆ **NAMESAKE CITY:** Santa Barbara, California, is named in her honor.

ST. BARNABAS

Given the title
“Apostle”
by the original
Twelve Apostles
&
Bishop of Milan

FEAST DAY
JUNE 11

PLACE OF ORIGIN
Salamis, Cyprus

DATE OF BIRTH
1st Century AD

DATE OF DEATH
c. 61 AD

PATRONAGE
Peacemakers, Hailstorms,
Cyprus, Antioch

QUOTE
No known quotations.

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **NAMED BY APOSTLES:** Originally Joseph, renamed "Barnabas" meaning "son of encouragement." (Acts 4:36)
- ◆ **EARLY CHRISTIAN GENEROSITY:** Sold land and gave proceeds to the apostles. (Acts 4:37)
- ◆ **ADVOCATE FOR PAUL:** Introduced Paul to suspicious apostles after his conversion.
- ◆ **BODY DISCOVERED WITH GOSPEL:** Tradition says his remains were found with Matthew's Gospel on his chest.

SAINT BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE

Apostle and Martyr

FEAST DAY
AUGUST 24



PLACE OF ORIGIN

Cana of Galilee
(present-day Israel)

DATE OF BIRTH

1st Century AD

DATE OF DEATH

c. 62—70 AD

PATRONAGE

Famers, Bookbinders,
and Butchers

QUOTE

*“Rabbi, you are the Son of
God; you are the King of
Israel.” (John 1:49)*

RELIC

Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **NAMED BY CHRIST:** Jesus praised his honesty, calling him *“a true Israelite in whom there is no deceit”* (John 1:47).
- ◆ **EVANGELIZED ABROAD:** Traveled to India, Armenia, and Turkey to preach the Gospel and build Christian communities.
- ◆ **MARTYR'S DEATH:** Martyred for preaching the truth, he was flayed alive for refusing to deny Christ.
- ◆ **RELIC MIRACLES:** His relics were associated with numerous healings and miracles.

ST. BASIL THE GREAT

**Doctor of the Church
& Bishop**

**FEAST DAY
JANUARY 2**

PLACE OF ORIGIN
Caesarea Mazaca,
Cappadocia
(present-day Turkey)

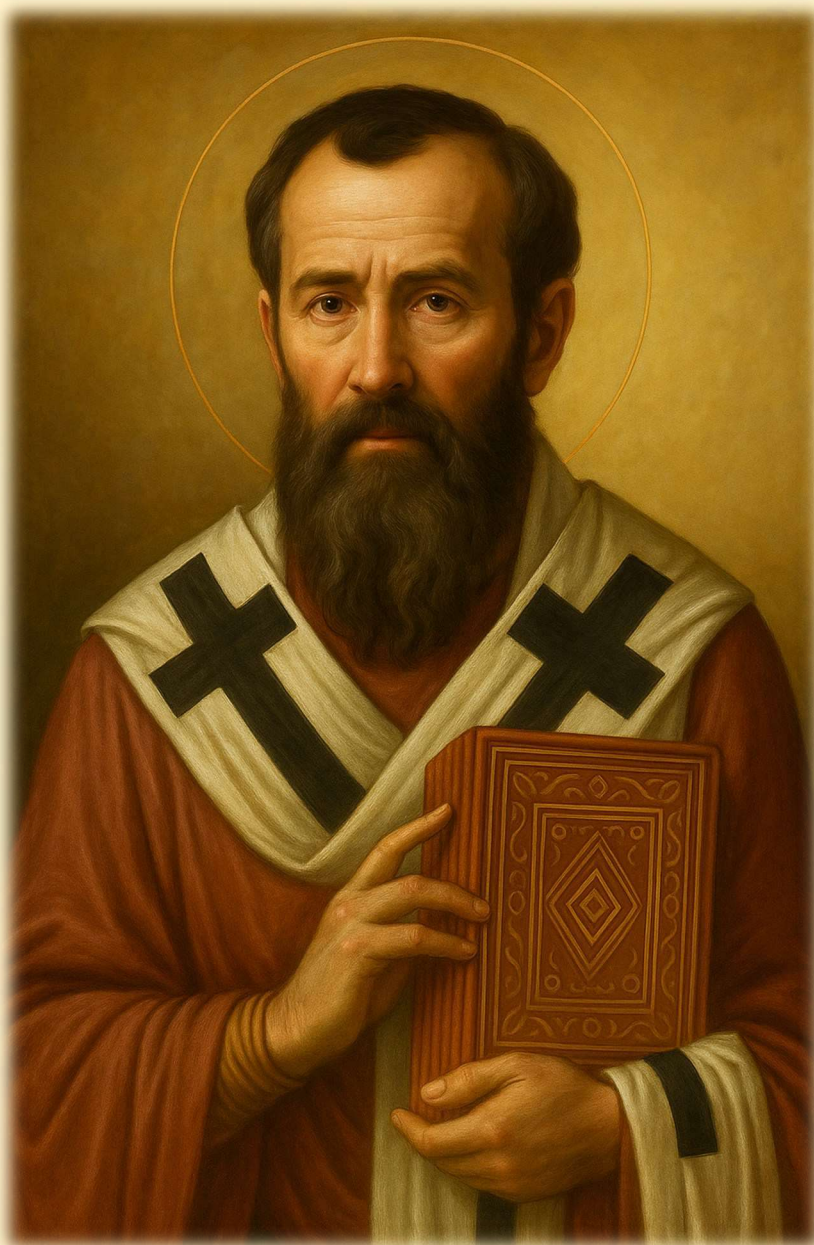
DATE OF BIRTH
c. 329 AD

DATE OF DEATH
c. 379 AD

PATRONAGE
Hospital Administrators,
Reformers, Liturgists,
Monks and Exorcist

QUOTE
*"A tree is known by its fruit;
a man by his deeds."*

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **FAMILY OF SAINTS:** St. Basil had siblings who are also venerated as saints in the Church.
- ◆ **MONASTIC PIONEER:** His rule of prayer, work, and community shaped Eastern monasticism.
- ◆ **NICENE CREED CONTRIBUTOR:** St. Basil helped shape the Creed, central to Christian faith today.
- ◆ **DEFENDER OF THE TRINITY:** He opposed Arianism and upheld the divinity of Christ and the Holy Spirit.

ST. BENEDICT JOSEPH LABRE

**Third Order
of Saint Francis**

**FEAST DAY
APRIL 16**



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Amettes, Artois region,
Kingdom of France
(present-day North France)

DATE OF BIRTH
March 26, 1748

DATE OF DEATH
April 16, 1783

PATRONAGE
The Homeless, Beggars,
People with Mental Illness,
Pilgrims and the Outcast

QUOTE
*"We offend God because we
do not know His greatness."*

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **REJECTED BY ORDERS:** Turned away by monasteries, he chose a life of poverty.
- ◆ **PILGRIM SAINT:** Traveled Europe on foot, visiting shrines and living on alms.
- ◆ **DEVOTED TO THE EUCHARIST:** He spent hours daily in adoration, often found rapt in prayer.
- ◆ **MYSTIC AND MIRACLE WORKER:** Known for ecstasies, bilocation, and healings.
- ◆ **SAINT OF THE STREETS:** Died in a Roman gutter; many revered him as a man of humility and love.

ST. BENEDICT OF NURSIA

**Founder of the
Benedictine Order**

**FEAST DAY
JULY 11**



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Nursia, Kingdom of Italy

DATE OF BIRTH
March 2, 480

DATE OF DEATH
March 21, 547

PATRONAGE
Against Poison, Against
Curses and Witchcraft, and
Agricultural Workers

QUOTE
*"The love of Christ must
come before all else."*

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **FOUNDER OF WESTERN MONASTICISM:** Benedict established the foundation of Western monastic life through his Rule.
- ◆ **WROTE THE RULE OF ST. BENEDICT:** His Rule united prayer, work, obedience, and community.
- ◆ **MIRACLE WORKER:** Performed exorcisms, healings, and survived attempts to poison him.
- ◆ **BENEDICT MEDAL LEGACY:** His name endures in the powerful sacramental medal against evil.

ST. BERNADETTE SOUBIROUS

Virgin & Religious

FEAST DAY
APRIL 16



PLACE OF ORIGIN

Lourdes, Hautes-Pyrenees,
France

DATE OF BIRTH

January 7, 1844

DATE OF DEATH

April 16, 1879

PATRONAGE

Bodily Illness, Against
Poverty, and people
Ridiculed for Their Faith.

QUOTE

*"I shall spend every moment
loving."*

RELIC

Ex indumentis
(from the clothing)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **VISIONARY OF LOURDES:** She witnessed eighteen apparitions of the Virgin Mary in 1858.
- ◆ **MESSENGER OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:** She relayed Mary's words identifying herself with this title.
- ◆ **HUMBLE PEASANT GIRL:** She came from a poor family and remained simple and unpretentious all her life.
- ◆ **RELIGIOUS SISTER:** She joined the Sisters of Charity in Nevers, where she lived quietly and devoutly until her death.

ST. BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX

**Doctor of the Church
and Abbot**

**FEAST DAY
AUGUST 20**



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Clairvaux, France

DATE OF BIRTH
c. 1090 AD

DATE OF DEATH
c. 1153 AD

PATRONAGE
BOOKKEEPERS
CANDLE MAKERS
SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS

QUOTE

*"What we love we shall
grow to resemble."*

RELIC

Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **MYSTIC THEOLOGIAN:** Wrote on divine love and shaped medieval theology.
- ◆ **MARIAN DEVOTEE:** Spread devotion to Mary by popularizing the title "Star of the Sea."
- ◆ **PREACHER OF CRUSADE:** Inspired thousands to join the Second Crusade through fiery sermons.
- ◆ **MONASTIC REFORMER:** Revived the Cistercians, founding 60+ monasteries.
- ◆ **PEACEMAKER:** Mediated Church-state conflicts and papal schisms, promoting unity and reform.

SAINT BERNARDINE OF SIENA

**Priest, Confessor, and
Apostle of Italy**

**FEAST DAY
MAY 20**



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Aquila, Kingdom of Naples,
Holy Roman Empire

DATE OF BIRTH
September 8, 1380

DATE OF DEATH
May 20, 1444

PATRONAGE
Advertisers, Chest
Problems, Gambling
Addicts, Public Relations

QUOTE
*"You must look upon others
with love, not as burdens,
but as brothers."*

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **PREACHER OF THE HOLY NAME:** Promoted Jesus' Name and spread the IHS symbol throughout Italy.
- ◆ **GIFTED ORATOR:** His powerful sermons drew massive crowds, reviving faith and morality throughout war-torn 15th-century Italy.
- ◆ **FRANCISCAN REFORMER:** He reformed the Franciscan Order, emphasizing poverty, discipline, and zeal among its members.
- ◆ **PUBLIC PEACEMAKER:** Bernardine mediated peace between feuding Italian cities, earning respect as a reconciler and voice of unity.

ST. BLAISE

Bishop & Martyr

FEAST DAY
FEBRUARY 3



PLACE OF ORIGIN

Sebastea, in Cappadocia
(Modern-day Sivas, Turkey)

DATE OF BIRTH

3rd Century

DATE OF DEATH

c. 316 AD

PATRONAGE

Illness of the Throat
and Wool Combers

QUOTE

"Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness."

RELIC

Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **MIRACLE HEALER:** Saved a boy choking on a fishbone, becoming patron of throat ailments.
- ◆ **DUAL VOCATION:** He served as both a skilled physician and a faithful bishop in early Christian Armenia or Turkey.
- ◆ **CAVE PRISONER:** Jailed in a cave for refusing to deny Christ.
- ◆ **HEALTH ADVOCATE:** Promoted the value of doctors, and medicine to the faithful.
- ◆ **PERSECUTED SAINT:** Arrested and martyred for refusing to renounce his Christian faith.

SAINT BONAVENTURE

**“Seraphic”
Doctor of the Church**

**FEAST DAY
JULY 15**



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Bagnoregio, Lazio
Italy

DATE OF BIRTH
c. 1221 AD

DATE OF DEATH
c. 1274 AD

PATRONAGE
Bowel Disorder

QUOTE

*"If you learn everything
except Christ, you learn
nothing. If you learn nothing
except Christ, you learn
everything."*

RELIC

Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **NAMED BY A SAINT:** Saint Francis of Assisi called him “*O buona ventura!*” (O good fortune) and foretold his future greatness.
- ◆ **Young General:** Became head of the Franciscan Order at just 36 years old.
- ◆ **SERAPHIC DOCTOR:** He united deep wisdom with a fiery, angelic (*seraphic*) love for God.
- ◆ **COUNCIL LEADER:** Presided over the Council of Lyons, helping unite the Greek and Roman Churches.

ST. BONIFACE

Bishop & Martyr
“Apostle to Germany”

FEAST DAY
JUNE 5

PLACE OF ORIGIN
Credition, Wessex
(present-day Devon,
England)

DATE OF BIRTH
c. 675 AD

DATE OF DEATH
c. 754 AD

PATRONAGE
Germany and
Winnipeg-Manitoba in Canada

QUOTE

"The Church is like a great ship sailing on the sea of the world and tossed by the waves of temptation in this life, yet she does not drift because she is steered by the faithful."

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **SYMBOL OF THE AXE:** He is shown with an axe for famously chopping down the pagan “Donar Oak” (Oak of Thor), defying Germanic gods.
- ◆ **APOSTLE OF GERMANY:** He baptized thousands, reformed the Church, and organized dioceses.
- ◆ **GUIDED BY PRINCIPLES:** He defended papal unity and founded monasteries to restore discipline and spread the faith.
- ◆ **CHURCH REFORMER:** He fought corruption, trained clergy, and stayed close to the Pope to uphold the faith.

ST. CAMILLUS DE LELLIS

**Priest and
Religious Founder**

**FEAST DAY
JULY 14**



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Bucchianico, Italy

DATE OF BIRTH
May 25, 1550

DATE OF DEATH
July 14, 1614

PATRONAGE
The Sick, Hospitals, Nurses,
and Physicians

QUOTE
*"More love in those hands,
Brother, more love."*

RELIC
Ex praecordis
(from the stomach and
intestines)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **WAYWARD YOUTH:** Struggled with a violent temper and gambling addiction before undergoing a profound conversion.
- ◆ **COMPASSIONATE REFORMER:** Disturbed by poor patient care, he founded the *Servants of the Sick* in 1584 to offer free, loving service to the ill.
- ◆ **MIRACLE WORKER:** Was said to possess supernatural insight into the state of souls and comforted the dying with deep compassion.
- ◆ **HERO OF THE PLAGUE (BUBONIC PLAGUE):** Sent his religious to serve plague victims in Hungary, where many died ministering to the sick.

ST. CARLO ACUTIS

First Millennial Saint

FEAST DAY
OCTOBER 12



PLACE OF ORIGIN
London, England

DATE OF BIRTH
May 3, 1991

DATE OF DEATH
October 12, 2006

PATRONAGE
Youth and Computer
Programmers

QUOTE
*"The Eucharist is my
highway to Heaven."*

RELIC
Ex capillis
(from the hair)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **DEVOTION TO THE EUCHARIST:** Attended daily Mass and Adoration from age 7 until his death.
- ◆ **TECH EVANGELIST FOR FAITH:** Created a website cataloguing Eucharistic miracles around the world at age 11.
- ◆ **PURITY IN THE DIGITAL AGE:** Avoided online impurity and encouraged virtuous living.
- ◆ **UNEXPECTED ILLNESS:** Diagnosed with aggressive leukemia at age 15, offering his suffering for the Church.
- ◆ **LOVE FOR MARY:** Prayed the Rosary daily and entrusted himself to the Virgin Mary.
- ◆ **INCORRUPT BODY:** His body was found incorrupt during exhumation in 2019.

ST. CATHERINE LABOURÉ

Virgin and Visionary

FEAST DAY
NOVEMBER 28



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Fain-lès-Moutiers, Côte-d'Or,
France

DATE OF BIRTH
May 2, 1806

DATE OF DEATH
December 31, 1876

PATRONAGE
The Miraculous Medal
The Elderly, The Infirm

QUOTE
*"One must see God
in everyone."*

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **VISIONARY DAUGHTER:** Received Mary's message in the chapel of Rue du Bac to have the Miraculous Medal struck
- ◆ **GLOBAL IMPACT:** The Miraculous Medal led to many conversions and healings, becoming a beloved Catholic sacramental.
- ◆ **HUMBLE SERVANT:** Quietly served the elderly for over 40 years after Mary's apparitions.
- ◆ **INCORRUPT BODY:** Her body found incorrupt, now rests beneath the apparition chapel altar.

ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA

Virgin and Martyr

FEAST DAY
NOVEMBER 25



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Alexandria, Egypt

DATE OF BIRTH
c. 2872 AD

DATE OF DEATH
c. 305 AD

PATRONAGE
Unmarried Girls, Spinners,
Philosophers, Archivists,
Educators, Dying People,
Students, Scribes

QUOTE
"Your threats do not terrify me. I have given myself to Christ, and death itself is my gain."

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **ROYAL SCHOLAR:** A noble-born woman known for wisdom, beauty, and mastery of philosophy.
- ◆ **BRILLIANT DEBATER:** Converted 50 pagan philosophers by defending the faith publicly.
- ◆ **MARTYR'S COURAGE:** Refused to renounce Christ; was tortured and condemned to die on a spiked breaking wheel.
- ◆ **MIRACULOUS LEGACY:** Wheel shattered at her touch; she was ultimately beheaded, becoming a powerful martyr and patron of philosophers.

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

Virgin and
Doctor of the Church

FEAST DAY
APRIL 29

PLACE OF ORIGIN
Siena, Italy

DATE OF BIRTH
March 25, 1347

DATE OF DEATH
April 29, 1380

PATRONAGE
Against Fire, Bodily Illness,
Nurses, Sick People, and
Miscarriages

QUOTE
*"Be who God meant you to
be and you will set the world
on fire."*

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **VISIONARY:** Had divine visions, deepening her union with Christ and inspiring others.
- ◆ **PAPAL PEACEMAKER:** Persuaded Pope Gregory XI to return the papacy from Avignon to Rome during a time of Church crisis.
- ◆ **MYSTICAL SUFFERING:** Received invisible stigmata and wore a crown of thorns, reflecting her deep union with Christ's Passion.
- ◆ **DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH:** One of the first female Doctors, recognized for her profound theological writings and spiritual authority.

ST. CECILIA

Virgin and Martyr

FEAST DAY
NOVEMBER 22

PLACE OF ORIGIN
Rome, Italy

DATE OF BIRTH
2nd Century AD

DATE OF DEATH
c. 230 AD

PATRONAGE
Musicians and Music

QUOTE

"Sing to the Lord with your heart and mind, not just your voice."

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **VOWED VIRGIN:** Consecrated her virginity to God, even when forced into marriage.
- ◆ **MUSICAL MARTYR:** Revered for singing to God in her heart during her wedding, inspiring her patronage of music.
- ◆ **FAITHFUL WITNESS:** Converted her husband Valerian and his brother to Christianity.
- ◆ **STEADFAST UNDER TORTURE:** Survived a failed beheading for three days, preaching and converting many even in her final hours.
- ◆ **INCORRUPT SAINT:** Believed to be the first saint whose body was reported as incorrupt, perceived to look as if she were just sleeping.

ST. CHARLES BORRAMEO

Cardinal

FEAST DAY
NOVEMBER 4



PLACE OF ORIGIN

Arona, Milan, Italy

DATE OF BIRTH

October 2, 1538

DATE OF DEATH

November 3, 1584

PATRONAGE

Seminarians, Catechists,
Bishops, Against Plague

QUOTE

"If we wish to make any progress in the service of God, we must begin every day of our life with a new eagerness."

RELIC

Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **EARLY CALLING:** Felt drawn to the priesthood at age 12, despite his wealthy upbringing.
- ◆ **CHURCH REFORMER:** Revitalized the clergy by founding seminaries, writing a catechism for children, and promoting religious education.
- ◆ **YOUNG CARDINAL:** Made cardinal and Archbishop of Milan at age 22 by his uncle, Pope Pius IV.
- ◆ **HERO OF THE PLAGUE:** Personally cared for the sick and dying during the bubonic plague.
- ◆ **FEARLESS WITNESS:** Survived assassination attempts and responded with mercy, dedicating himself even more to converting hearts to God.

ST. CLARE OF ASSISI

Virgin

FEAST DAY
AUGUST 11



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Assisi, Italy

DATE OF BIRTH
July 16, 1194

DATE OF DEATH
August 11, 1253

PATRONAGE
Eye Disease,
Needleworkers, and
Television

QUOTE
*"Gaze upon Him, consider
Him, contemplate Him, as
you desire to imitate Him."*

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **FIRST FEMALE:** At 18, Clare left her wealthy family to follow St. Francis and live in poverty.
- ◆ **FOUNDED THE POOR CLARE'S:** She established a contemplative order of women devoted to poverty, prayer, community.
- ◆ **EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLE:** Drove off invaders (Saracens) by raising the Blessed Sacrament, protecting her convent without weapons.
- ◆ **WROTE HER OWN RULE:** Clare was the first woman in Church history to write a monastic rule officially approved by the Church.

ST. CLEMENT OF ROME

Pope and Martyr

FEAST DAY
NOVEMBER 23



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Rome, Italy

DATE OF BIRTH
c. 35 AD

DATE OF DEATH
c. 99AD

PATRONAGE
Sailors, Boatmen,
Stonecutters

QUOTE

*"It is better for one to
confess their sins than to
harden their heart."*

RELIC

Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **ORDAINED BY ST. PETER THE APOSTLE:** Clement became the third Bishop of Rome.
- ◆ **APOSTOLIC FATHER:** One of five who linked the Apostles to later Church Fathers.
- ◆ **WROTE TO RESTORE CHURCH UNITY:** His letter urged peace amid division—one of the earliest Christian writings.
- ◆ **MARTYRED BY ANCHOR DROWNING:** Thrown into the sea with an anchor, now a lasting symbol of his steadfast faith.

ST. CORNELIUS

Pope

FEAST DAY
SEPTEMBER 16



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Rome, Italy

DATE OF BIRTH
3rd Century AD

DATE OF DEATH
c. 253 AD

PATRONAGE
Earache Sufferers
and Epilepsy

QUOTE

“Whatever happens, let us stand firm in the Spirit, with hearts prepared for any suffering.”

RELIC

Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **OPPOSED NOVATIAN:** He affirmed that grave sinners could be forgiven through sincere repentance and proper penance.
- ◆ **EXILED BY GALLUS:** Banished by Emperor Gallus in 253 for his steadfast Christian leadership.
- ◆ **NAME MEANS “HORN”:** Cornelius comes from the Latin *cornu*, meaning “horn,” symbolizing strength, authority, and spiritual leadership in Scripture.

ST. COSMAS

Martyr

FEAST DAY
SEPTEMBER 25

PLACE OF ORIGIN
Arabia Petraea
(present-day Jordan)

DATE OF BIRTH
3rd Century AD

DATE OF DEATH
c. 287 AD

PATRONAGE
Physicians and Surgeons,
Pharmacists

QUOTE
No known quotations.

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **TWIN PHYSICIAN-SAINT:** Practiced medicine with his brother St. Damian, they treated the sick out of charity, becoming known as a "moneyless" physicians.
- ◆ **MARTYR FOR THE FAITH:** Executed for refusing to renounce his Christian faith.
- ◆ **MIRACLE WORKERS:** Many healings were attributed to their intercession after death.
- ◆ **ICONIC IN ART:** Often depicted holding medical tools, symbolizing his holy vocation of healing.

ST. DOMINIC GUZMAN

Dominican Order

FEAST DAY
AUGUST 8



PLACE OF ORIGIN

Caleruega, Kingdom of Castile
(present-day Spain)

DATE OF BIRTH

August 8, 1170

DATE OF DEATH

August 6, 1221

PATRONAGE

Astronomers and Scientists

QUOTE

*"Arm yourself with prayer
rather than a sword; wear
humility as your armor."*

RELIC

Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **FOUNDED DOMINICANS:** Started the Order of Preachers to pray, study, and share the truth.
- ◆ **SCHOLAR AND PREACHER:** Studied deeply and preached only sacred truth.
- ◆ **FOUGHT ALBIGENSIAN HERESY:** Dominic opposed the false belief that physical matter and the body are evil, affirming God's creation as good.
- ◆ **PROMOTED THE ROSARY:** Tradition holds the Virgin Mary gave him the Rosary to spread.

ST. DONATUS OF AREZZO

Martyr and Bishop

FEAST DAY
AUGUST 7

PLACE OF ORIGIN
Nicomedia
(present-day Turkey)

DATE OF BIRTH
Late 3rd Century AD

DATE OF DEATH
c. 362 AD

PATRONAGE
Epileptics

QUOTE

"It is better for one to confess their sins than to harden their heart."

RELIC

Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **DEFENDER OF THE EUCHARIST:** He exorcised a poisoned chalice—after his blessing, a serpent emerged, and the wine became safe.
- ◆ **DRAGON SLAYER LEGEND:** Allegedly killed a dragon, symbolizing his fight against paganism and spiritual evil.
- ◆ **FAMOUS FOR MIRACLES:** healed the sick, cast out demons, and raised the dead through Christ's power.

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

Religious and Founder

FEAST DAY
January 4



PLACE OF ORIGIN
New York City, USA

DATE OF BIRTH
August 28, 1774

DATE OF DEATH
January 4, 1821

PATRONAGE
Catholic Schools, Widows
and Catholic Converts

QUOTE
*"Be attentive
to the voice of grace."*

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **FIRST AMERICAN SAINT:** First U.S.-born person canonized a saint by the Catholic Church in 1975.
- ◆ **YOUNG WIDOW:** Lost her husband to tuberculosis in 1803, left to raise five children alone.
- ◆ **CONVERTED TO CATHOLICISM:** Drawn to the Eucharist, she converted in 1805.
- ◆ **CATHOLIC EDUCATION PIONEER:** Opened America's first free Catholic girls' school in Emmitsburg, Maryland.
- ◆ **FOUNDED RELIGIOUS ORDER:** Founded the Sisters of Charity, the first U.S.-based congregation for Catholic women.

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY

**Third Order
of Saint Francis**

**FEAST DAY
NOVEMBER 17**



PLACE OF ORIGIN

Pozsony, Hungary
(present-day Bratislava,
Slovakia)

DATE OF BIRTH

July 7, 1207

DATE OF DEATH

November 17, 1231

PATRONAGE

Hospitals, Nurses,
Bakers, and Widows

QUOTE

*"How could I bear a crown
of gold when the Lord bears
a crown of thorns?"*

RELIC

Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **BORN A HUNGARIAN PRINCESS:** Elizabeth was daughter of King Andrew II and Queen Gertrude.
- ◆ **WIDOWED AT 20:** She gave her life fully to God.
- ◆ **FOUNDED A HOSPITAL:** Using her money to build a hospital in Marburg she lovingly cared for the sick.
- ◆ **LIVED IN POVERTY:** Though a princess, she embraced Franciscan poverty, living humbly and dressing in simple, modest clothing.
- ◆ **ROSES MIRACLE:** Bread hidden for the poor turned to roses when her charity was questioned.

ST. EUGÈNE DE MAZENOD

**Missionary Oblates of
Mary Immaculate**

**FEAST DAY
MAY 21**



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Aix-en-Provence, France

DATE OF BIRTH
August 1, 1782

DATE OF DEATH
May 21, 1861

PATRONAGE
Against Poison, Against
Curses and Witchcraft, and
Agricultural Workers

QUOTE
*"Charity is the first rule of
our ministry."*

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **FOUNDER OF WESTERN MONASTICISM:** Benedict established the foundation of Western monastic life through his Rule.
- ◆ **WROTE THE RULE OF ST. BENEDICT:** His Rule united prayer, work, obedience, and community.
- ◆ **MIRACLE WORKER:** Performed exorcisms, healings, and survived attempts to poison him.
- ◆ **BENEDICT MEDAL LEGACY:** His name endures in the powerful sacramental medal against evil.

ST. FAUSTINA KOWALSKA

Apostle of Divine Mercy

FEAST DAY
OCTOBER 5



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Glogowiec, Poland

DATE OF BIRTH
August 25, 1905

DATE OF DEATH
October 5, 1938

PATRONAGE
Those Seeking Mercy

QUOTE
"Jesus, I trust in You"

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **NAME AND VOCATION:** Baptized Helena Kowalska; became Sr. Maria Faustina upon entering religious life in 1925.
- ◆ **DIVINE MERCY REVELATION:** Saw Jesus with radiant rays and received the Chaplet to intercede for mercy.
- ◆ **MISSION OF MERCY:** Called by Jesus to be the "Secretary of My mercy."
- ◆ **DIED YOUNG:** Died at age 33 from tuberculosis in Kraków, offering her suffering for sinners.

ST. FELICITY OF ROME

Martyr

FEAST DAY
NOVEMBER 23



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Rome, Italy

DATE OF BIRTH
c. 101 AD

DATE OF DEATH
c. 165 AD

PATRONAGE
Martyrs, Widows,
All Mothers with Sons,
All who have lost a Child

QUOTE
No known quotation.

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **WIDOWED YOUNG:** Felicity raised her seven sons in a time of intense Christian persecution.
- ◆ **DEVOUT CHRISTIAN:** She refused to renounce her faith, even under threat of torture and death.
- ◆ **INSPIRING COURAGE:** She encouraged her sons to embrace martyrdom rather than deny Christ.
- ◆ **MARTYR MOTHER:** She saw all seven sons executed for their faith, spiritually dying with each—then once more physically herself.
- ◆ **UNWAVERING FAITH:** She is remembered as a powerful symbol of maternal love.

ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI

**Missionary Sisters
of the Sacred Heart
of Jesus**

**FEAST DAY
DECEMBER 22**



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Sant'Angelo Lodigiano,
Lombardy, Italy

DATE OF BIRTH
July 15, 1850

DATE OF DEATH
December 22, 1917

PATRONAGE
Immigrants

QUOTE
“Be faithful in little things.”

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **FIRST AMERICAN SAINT:** First U.S. citizen to be canonized a saint (1946).
- ◆ **FOUNDED SCHOOLS & HOSPITALS:** Established 67 schools, hospitals, and orphanages across the U.S. and beyond.
- ◆ **MISSIONARY TO IMMIGRANTS:** Dedicated her life to serving Italian immigrants in America.
- ◆ **FOUNDER:** Founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in 1880.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

**Founder of the
Franciscan Order**

**FEAST DAY
OCTOBER 4**



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Assisi, Umbria, Italy

DATE OF BIRTH
c. 1181 AD

DATE OF DEATH
c. 1226 AD

PATRONAGE
Animals, the Poor, and the
Environment

QUOTE

*"While you are proclaiming
peace with your lips, be
careful to have it even more
fully in your heart."*

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **HEARD CHRIST SPEAK:** Before a crucifix, he heard Jesus say, "Rebuild my Church."
- ◆ **FOUNDED THE FRANCISCANS:** He started the Order of Friars Minor, embracing poverty, preaching, and fraternity.
- ◆ **RECEIVED THE STIGMATA:** In 1224, he became the first recorded person to receive Christ's wounds in his flesh.
- ◆ **PREACHED TO ANIMALS:** He preached to birds and called all creatures "brother" or "sister."

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

Doctor of the Church

FEAST DAY
JANUARY 24



PLACE OF ORIGIN
France

DATE OF BIRTH
August 21, 1567

DATE OF DEATH
December 28, 1622

PATRONAGE
Adult Education, the Deaf,
and Journalists, Bakers

QUOTE
*"Be who you are
and be that well."*

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH:** Honored for his gentle and practical teaching.
- ◆ **CO-FOUNDED THE ORDER OF THE VISITATION SISTERS:** With St. Jane Frances de Chantal.
- ◆ **WROTE "INTRODUCTION TO THE DEVOUT LIFE":** His spiritual classic guides laypeople toward sanctity in daily life.
- ◆ **CONVERTED THOUSANDS:** Preached with charity and reason, converting over 70,000 Calvinists in the Chablais region.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

Society of Jesus
“Jesuits”

FEAST DAY
DECEMBER 3



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Spain

DATE OF BIRTH
April 7, 1506

DATE OF DEATH
December 3, 1552

PATRONAGE
Patron of Missionaries

QUOTE

"I am ready to endure any suffering if only I can bring one soul to God."

RELIC

Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **CO-FOUNDED THE JESUITS:** Helped St. Ignatius of Loyola establish the Society of Jesus
- ◆ **RELUCTANT MISSIONARY:** Initially resisted going to Asia—later became one of the Church’s greatest missionaries.
- ◆ **BAPTIZED THOUSANDS:** Personally baptized an estimated 30,000 people during his missions.
- ◆ **FIRST CHRISTIAN IN JAPAN:** Introduced Christianity to Japan in 1549 after learning its language and customs.

ST. FRANÇOIS DE LAVAL

**First Bishop of Quebec
and of Canada**

**FEAST DAY
MAY 6**



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Montigny-sur-Avre,
France

DATE OF BIRTH
April 30, 1623

DATE OF DEATH
May 6, 1708

PATRONAGE
Patron of Bishops in Canada

QUOTE
*"The cross is the road to
heaven. Let us carry it with
joy, as Christ did."*

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **ORDAINED A PRIEST:** He was ordained in 1647 and soon served in missionary and administrative roles.
- ◆ **NAMED FIRST BISHOP:** Appointed first bishop of Quebec / Canada in 1658 by Pope Alexander VII.
- ◆ **FOUNDED A SEMINARY:** Established the *Séminaire de Québec* to form priests in New France (Quebec)
- ◆ **LIVED IN POVERTY:** Chose a simple life to relate to settlers and Indigenous peoples.
- ◆ **DEFENDED CHURCH AUTHORITY:** Stood firmly against government intrusion in Church matters.
- ◆ **BUILT CHURCH FOUNDATIONS:** Laid spiritual and structural groundwork for the Church in Canada.

ST. GABRIEL LALEMANT

Canadian Martyr

FEAST DAY
SEPTEMBER 26



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Paris, France

DATE OF BIRTH
October 31, 1610

DATE OF DEATH
March 17, 1649

PATRONAGE
Secondary Patron of Canada

QUOTE
No known quotation.

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **JOINED THE JESUITS:** Entered at 19, embracing life of prayer, study, and missionary work.
- ◆ **STUDIED HURON CULTURE:** Dedicated himself to learning the Huron language and culture to evangelize respectfully and effectively.
- ◆ **ASSISTANT TO ST. JEAN DE BRÉBEUF:** Served alongside him at the Saint-Ignace mission.
- ◆ **SUFFERED WITH COURAGE:** Endured hours of torture without denying his faith, praying for his persecutors.

ST. GASPAR DE BUFALO

**Missionaries of the
Precious Blood**

FEAST DAY
October 21



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Rome, Papal States

DATE OF BIRTH
January 6, 1786

DATE OF DEATH
December 28, 1837

PATRONAGE
The Missionaries, Prisons
and Hospital Ministry

QUOTE
*"I am like a piece of wood in
the hands of the Divine
Carpenter."*

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **FOUNDER:** Founded the Missionaries of the Precious Blood to preach missions and renew faith in post-Napoleonic Italy.
- ◆ **CONFESSOR OF THE FAITH:** Jailed for refusing Napoleon's oath against the pope's authority.
- ◆ **SERVANT OF THE POOR:** Cared for the sick, imprisoned, and impoverished with tireless compassion and zeal.
- ◆ **THE CHALICE:** Inspired clergy and laity to spread devotion to Christ's Precious Blood—symbolized by the chalice.

ST. GEMMA GALGANI

Virgin

FEAST DAY
APRIL 11



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Camigliano, Capannori
Italy

DATE OF BIRTH
March 12, 1878

DATE OF DEATH
April 11, 1903

PATRONAGE
Students, Pharmacists, Loss
of Parents, Those Struggling
with temptations of
impurity, Those Seeking
Purity of Heart

QUOTE
*"If you really want to love
Jesus, first learn to suffer,
because suffering teaches
you to love."*

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **RECEIVED VISIONS FROM CHILDHOOD:** Spoke with Jesus, Mary, and her guardian angel with striking clarity and deep devotion.
- ◆ **LIVED A LIFE OF DEEP SUFFERING:** Endured tuberculosis and demonic attacks with extraordinary patience and faith.
- ◆ **SUFFERED FOR THE SALVATION OF SINNERS:** Willingly united her pain to Christ's for the conversion of souls.
- ◆ **MIRACULOUS HEALING:** Gemma was completely and instantaneously healed of spinal tuberculosis through prayer to St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows. The cure was medically verified and inexplicable by her doctors.
- ◆ **AIDED EXORCISTS AFTER DEATH:** Invoked during exorcisms; demons fearfully call her *"The one in black, the Jinx!"*

ST. GENEVIEVE

Virgin

FEAST DAY
JANUARY 3



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Nanterre, France

DATE OF BIRTH
c. 422 AD

DATE OF DEATH
c. 502 AD

PATRONAGE
Paris, Young Girls,
and Natural Disasters

QUOTE
No known quotations.

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **PROTECTED PARIS FROM ATILA THE HUN:** Urged citizens to pray and fast instead of fleeing the Huns' invasion.
- ◆ **SPOKE WITH HEAVEN:** Had conversations with saints, angels, and the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- ◆ **DEFENDED THE POOR AND SICK:** Devoted her life to caring for the hungry, sick and suffering.
- ◆ **CANDLE RELIT:** God reignited her candle after evil blew it out.
- ◆ **SURVIVED POISON:** Jealous townspeople tried to poison her; God protected her from harm.

ST. GERARD MAJELLA

Religious

**FEAST DAY
OCTOBER 16**

PLACE OF ORIGIN
Muro Lucano, Italy

DATE OF BIRTH
April 6, 1726

DATE OF DEATH
October 16, 1755

PATRONAGE
Expectant Mothers,
Children, Childbirth,
Motherhood

QUOTE
"The chance to become a Saint is offered me only once. If I do not profit by it, it is gone forever."

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **TOOK VOWS AS A LAY BROTHER:** Joined the Redemptorists in 1749, never ordained a priest.
- ◆ **LEVITATION:** Witnesses reported him suspended above ground during deep contemplation.
- ◆ **MIRACLE WORKER IN LIFE:** Cured the sick, multiplied food, and read souls.
- ◆ **GIFT OF BILOCATION:** Seen in two places at once while attending to different needs.
- ◆ **PATRON OF EXPECTANT MOTHERS:** Miraculous intercession saved a woman in childbirth; now invoked by pregnant women.

ST. GERMAINE COUSIN

FEAST DAY
JUNE 15



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Pibrac, France

DATE OF BIRTH
c. 1579 AD

DATE OF DEATH
c. 1601 AD

PATRONAGE
Abandoned People,
Disabled People

QUOTE
No known quotations.

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **SUFFERED SCROFULA AND DISABILITY:** Had tuberculosis and a paralyzed arm.
- ◆ **ABUSED BY STEPMOTHER:** Forced to sleep in a barn while shepherding and was nearly starved.
- ◆ **LIVED WITH SWEETNESS AND FAITH:** Maintained a gentle spirit despite constant suffering.
- ◆ **BODY FOUND INCORRUPT:** Exhumed 43 years after death; her body was miraculously preserved.

ST. HELENA

**Mother of Emperor
Constantine the Great
&
Empress of the
Roman Empire**

**FEAST DAY
AUGUST 18**



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Drepanum
(present day Turkey)

DATE OF BIRTH
c. 248 AD

DATE OF DEATH
c. 330 AD

PATRONAGE
Archaeologists,
Divorced people
Difficult marriages
New discoveries

QUOTE
No known quotation.

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **HOLY LINEAGE:** St. Helena was the mother of Emperor Constantine the Great, the first Christian emperor of Rome.
- ◆ **PILGRIMAGE OF DISCOVERY:** In her 70s, she journeyed to the Holy Land, where tradition says she discovered the True Cross and Holy Nails of Christ.
- ◆ **CHURCH BUILDER:** She ordered the construction of many churches in Jerusalem and Bethlehem, including the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and the Church of the Nativity.

ST. HENRY II

Holy Roman Emperor

FEAST DAY
JULY 13



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Abbach, Bavaria, Germany

DATE OF BIRTH
May 6, 973

DATE OF DEATH
July 13, 1024

PATRONAGE
The Childless,
the Handicapped,
and the Poor

QUOTE

"I desire to serve the Church with all my strength."

RELIC

Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **CROWNED IN ROME:** Received the imperial crown from Pope Benedict VIII.
- ◆ **CHASTE MARRIAGE:** He and his wife reportedly lived in perpetual chastity, dedicating their lives to God.
- ◆ **JUSTICE AND FAITH:** Orb and Cross and sword shows Henry's balance of authority, civil justice, and unwavering devotion to God's Church.
- ◆ **CANONIZED EMPEROR:** Only German monarch canonized; declared a saint by Pope Eugene III in 1146

ST. HERMES

Martyr

FEAST DAY
AUGUST 28



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Greece or Rome

DATE OF BIRTH
2nd Century

DATE OF DEATH
c. 120—150 AD

PATRONAGE
Invoked against
Mental Illnesses

QUOTE
No known quotations.

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **FREED SLAVE TURNED SAINT:** Wealthy freed Roman slave who embraced Christianity.
- ◆ **MARTYR UNDER EMPEROR HADRIAN:** Executed during Hadrian's persecution of Christians.
- ◆ **HEALING MIRACLES:** Known for his miracles, he became patron of those with mental illness.
- ◆ **THE SCROLL:** Symbolizes St. Hermes' witness to faith and his record in early Church martyrologies.

ST. HILARY OF POITIERS

Doctor of the Church

FEAST DAY
JANUARY 13



PLACE OF ORIGIN
France

DATE OF BIRTH
c. 310 AD

DATE OF DEATH
c. 367 AD

PATRONAGE
Lawyers.
Children with Disabilities
and against Snake Bites

QUOTE
*"Let us not try to understand
in order to believe, but
believe so that we may
understand."*

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **CONVERTED BY PHILOSOPHY:** Studied philosophy, which led him to embrace Christianity as truth.
- ◆ **DEFENDED CHRIST'S DIVINITY:** Opposed Arian heresy, affirming Jesus as true God and true Man.
- ◆ **WROTE ON THE TRINITY:** Composed *De Trinitate* during exile, a key Latin defense of Nicene Creed.
- ◆ **FIRST LATIN DOCTOR OF THE TRINITY:** Among the earliest to articulate the Trinity clearly in Western theology.
- ◆ **MIRACLE WORKER:** Traditions claim he cured the sick and expelled demons through prayer.
- ◆ **MENTOR TO ST. MARTIN:** Greatly influenced the young St. Martin of Tours, his spiritual protégé.

ST. HUBERT LIÈGE

Apostle of the Ardennes

FEAST DAY
NOVEMBER 3



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Toulouse, France

DATE OF BIRTH
c. 656—658 AD

DATE OF DEATH
c. 727 AD

PATRONAGE
Hunters, Archers, Dogs,
Forest Workers, Trappers

QUOTE
No known quotation

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **PASSION FOR HUNTING:** Renowned for his enthusiasm for hunting, even on holy days.
- ◆ **MYSTICAL VISION:** Saw a stag bearing a glowing cross; heard God's voice to conversion.
- ◆ **SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION:** Guided by St. Lambert, he gave up nobility and embraced faith.
- ◆ **APOSTLE OF THE ARDENNES:** converted pagan lands; particularly in the Ardennes Forest.
- ◆ **HEALER:** Known for healing powers; invoked against rabies and other afflictions.

ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYLOA

Founder of the
Society of Jesus
“*Jesuits*”

FEAST DAY
JULY 31

PLACE OF ORIGIN
Azpeitia, Gipuzkoa
Spain

DATE OF BIRTH
October 23, 1491

DATE OF DEATH
July 31, 1556

PATRONAGE
Soldiers,
Spiritual Retreats

QUOTE

"The human person is created to praise, reverence, and serve God our Lord, and by doing so, to save his soul."

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **WOUNDED CONVERSION:** Wounded in battle, he read the lives of the saints' during recovery, sparking a deep conversion from vanity to devoted service of Christ.
- ◆ **AUTHOR OF EXERCISES:** Composed the *Spiritual Exercises*, a guide to discernment and deep union with God.
- ◆ **JESUIT FOUNDER:** Co-founded the “*Jesuits*” to serve Christ through obedience and mission.
- ◆ **MOTTO OF GLORY:** Lived by “*Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam*”—doing all things for the greater glory of God.

ST. JAMES THE GREATER

Apostle and Martyr

FEAST DAY
JULY 25



PLACE OF ORIGIN

Bethsaida or Capernaum
Galilee
(present-day Israel)

DATE OF BIRTH

c. 5—10 AD

DATE OF DEATH

c. 44 AD

PATRONAGE

Pilgrims, Veterinarians,
Equestrians, Pharmacists

QUOTE

"Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you... Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." (Mark 10:35-27)

RELIC

Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **"SON OF THUNDER":** Jesus' nickname for him and his brother John, reflecting their fiery zeal.
- ◆ **PILGRIMAGE ROUTE:** Inspired the *Camino de Santiago*, drawing pilgrims worldwide seeking grace and penance.
- ◆ **PILGRIMAGE JOURNEY:** The shell conveys lines which symbolize many life paths leading to God. Also, used by early pilgrims to drink water.
- ◆ **THE SHELL:** Symbolizes baptism in Christian art—marking our cleansing, rebirth, and entry into life with Christ.

ST. JAMES THE LESS

Apostle and Martyr

FEAST DAY
May 3



PLACE OF ORIGIN

Bethsaida or Capernaum
Galilee
(present-day Israel)

DATE OF BIRTH

c. 1—10 AD

DATE OF DEATH

c. 62 AD

PATRONAGE

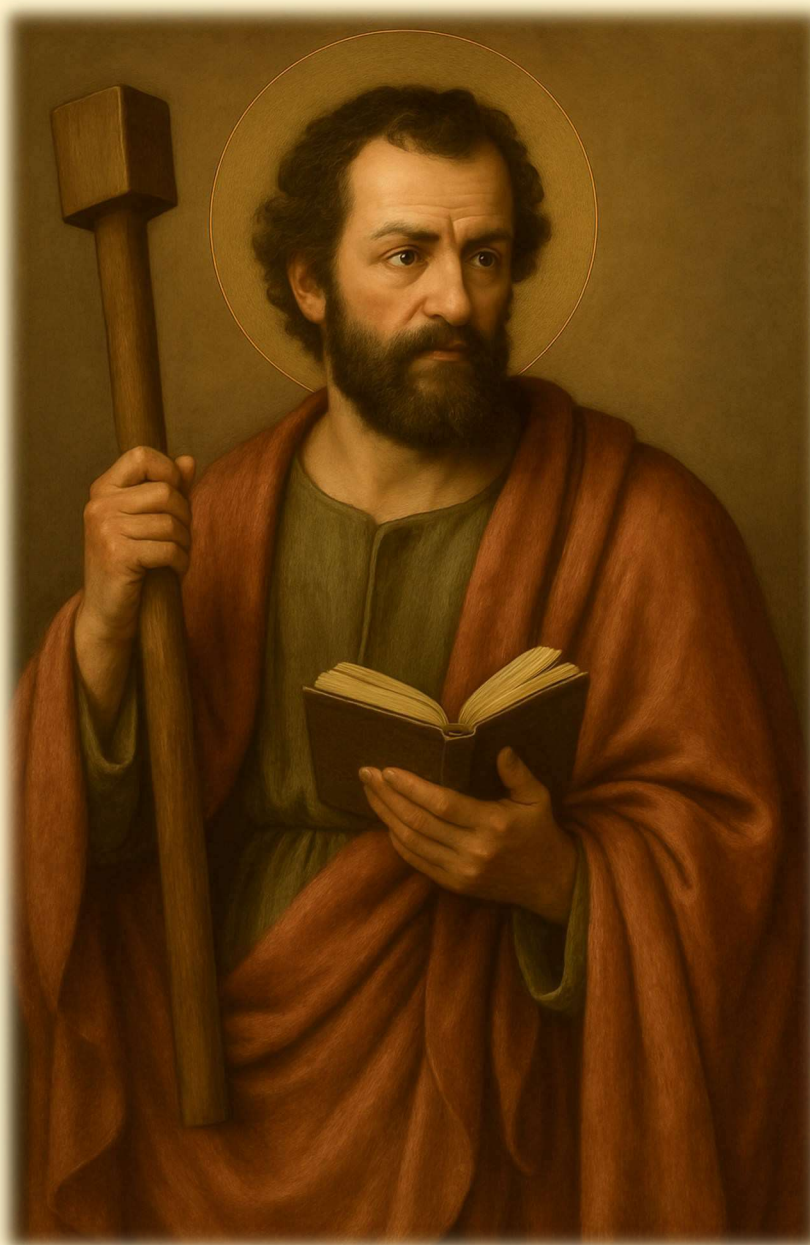
Pharmacists, Hatmakers,
Dying People

QUOTE

"Faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead." (James 2:17)

RELIC

Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **TITLE "THE LESS":** Was to distinguish him from James the Greater—perhaps younger or shorter.
- ◆ **WHAT HE HOLDS:** Often depicted holding a wooden club and an open book, symbols of martyrdom and wisdom.
- ◆ **JERUSALEM BISHOP:** First bishop of Jerusalem, leading the early Church with wisdom, prayer, and steadfast leadership.
- ◆ **EPISTLE AUTHOR:** Traditionally credited as the author of the Epistle of James, filled with moral wisdom.

ST. JEROME

Doctor of the Church

FEAST DAY
SEPTEMBER 30



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Croatia or Slovenia

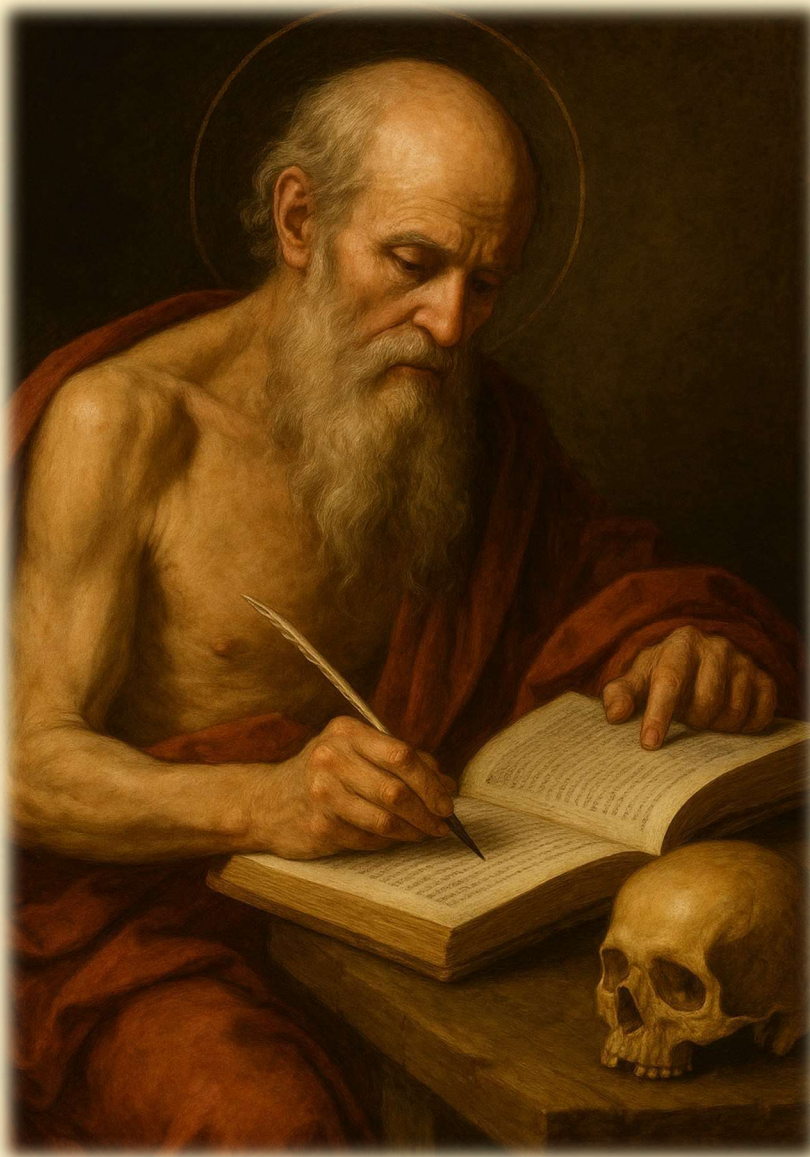
DATE OF BIRTH
c. 342—347 AD

DATE OF DEATH
c. 420 AD

PATRONAGE
Archaeologists, Bible
Scholars, Librarians,
Archivists, Students

QUOTE
“Ignorance of Scripture is
ignorance of Christ.”

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **TRANSLATED THE BIBLE:** In 382 AD, Pope Damasus asked him to create a Latin version of Scripture, which had previously existed only in Hebrew (most of the Old Testament), Aramaic (some Old Testament parts), and Greek (the entire New Testament).
- ◆ **SYMBOL OF MORTALITY:** Often shown with a skull, reminding us to reflect on death, repentance, and eternal life.
- ◆ **DESERT HERMIT LIFE:** Lived alone in the Syrian desert, devoted to prayer, fasting, and study.
- ◆ **FRIEND OF SAINTS:** Maintained correspondence with St. Augustine and St. Paula of Rome.

ST. JOACHIM

**Father of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
&
Grandfather to Jesus**

FEAST DAY
July 26



PLACE OF ORIGIN

Nazareth,
Hasmonean Judea

DATE OF BIRTH

c. 75 BC

DATE OF DEATH

c. 15 BC

PATRONAGE

Fathers and Grandparents

QUOTE

No known quotations.

RELIC

Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **ANGELIC MESSAGE:** Received a vision of Mary's birth while praying in the wilderness.
- ◆ **FATHER OF MARY:** Honored as the father of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- ◆ **SAINTLY LINEAGE:** His daughter Mary became the Mother of God—making him Jesus' grandfather.
- ◆ **OFFERING OF DOVES:** Brought doves to the Temple as sacrifice—symbolizing humility, prayer, purity, and trust in God's promise.

ST. JOHN BERCHMAN

Jesuit Scholastic

FEAST DAY
NOVEMBER 26



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Diest, Belgium

DATE OF BIRTH
March 13, 1599

DATE OF DEATH
August 13, 1621

PATRONAGE
Altar Servers and Students

QUOTE
*"I will have no other desire
but to be holy."*

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ♦ **EARLY DEVOTION:** Entered the Jesuits at the age of 17, to serve God and living virtuously.
- ♦ **MODEL OF OBEDIENCE:** Exemplified Jesuit ideals of obedience, humility, and service in everyday life.
- ♦ **ALTAR SERVER:** Known for his devotion as an altar server, reflecting his deep love for the Eucharist.
- ♦ **HEALTH STRUGGLES:** Fell ill with a fever during studies, dying at just 22 years old.

ST. JOHN BOSCO

Priest and Confessor

FEAST DAY
JANUARY 31



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Asti, Piedmont, Italy

DATE OF BIRTH
August 16, 1815

DATE OF DEATH
January 31, 1888

PATRONAGE
Editors, Catholic Publishers,
and the Youth

QUOTE
"The school was not the end; it was rather the instrumental means for improving the way of life."

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **YOUTHFUL DREAMS:** From a young age, dreamed of becoming a priest.
- ◆ **FORMED SALESIAN SOCIETY:** Founded the *Salesians*, dedicated to educating and helping poor and at-risk youth.
- ◆ **EDUCATIONAL LEGACY:** Pioneered a system of education based on reason, religion, and loving-kindness.
- ◆ **DEVOTION TO MARY:** Had a deep devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, calling her his "Good Mother."

ST. JOHN FRANCIS REGIS

Jesuit Missionary

FEAST DAY
JUNE 16



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Fontcouverte, Languedoc,
France

DATE OF BIRTH
January 31, 1597

DATE OF DEATH
December 31, 1640

PATRONAGE
Regis University,
Lacemakers

QUOTE
"The poor await us."

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **JESUIT ZEAL:** Entered the Society of Jesus at 19.
- ◆ **MISSIONARY TO THE POOR:** Preached tirelessly in rural France, reaching remote and neglected communities.
- ◆ **CONFESSOR FOR HOURS:** Heard confessions for up to 16 hours daily.
- ◆ **APOSTLE OF CHARITY:** Founded homes for orphans and former prostitutes.
- ◆ **CONVERSION PREACHER:** Brought thousands of Calvinists back to the Church.

ST. JOHN NEUMANN

Bishop

FEAST DAY
JANUARY 5



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Czech Republic

DATE OF BIRTH
March 28, 1811

DATE OF DEATH
January 5, 1860

PATRONAGE
Catholic Education,
and Immigrants

QUOTE

"To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often."

RELIC

Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **ORDINATION:** Denied ordination in Europe due to priest oversupply, John Neumann was ordained in New York.
- ◆ **MISSIONARY WORK:** Joined the Redemptorists, spreading love to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.
- ◆ **SCHOOL FOUNDER:** Founded over 100 schools, promoting Catholic education.
- ◆ **CATHOLIC IMMIGRANT ADVOCATE:** Advocated for immigrant communities, particularly German-speaking Catholics.

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

Doctor of the Church

FEAST DAY
DECEMBER 14



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Fontiveros, Avila
Spain

DATE OF BIRTH
June 24, 1542

DATE OF DEATH
December 14, 1591

PATRONAGE
Mystics, Contemplatives
and Spanish Poets

QUOTE

*"Where there is no love, put
love — and you will draw
out love."*

RELIC

Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **CARMELITE REFORMER:** Co-founded the Discalced Carmelites with St. Teresa of Ávila to restore contemplative rigor.
- ◆ **IMPRISONED MYSTIC:** Endured months of harsh imprisonment by fellow Carmelites for supporting the reform of the Carmelites.
- ◆ **POETIC THEOLOGIAN:** Wrote "Dark Night of the Soul" and "Spiritual Canticle" in prison.
- ◆ **MYSTICAL DOCTOR:** Declared Doctor of the Church for profound writings on spiritual union with God.

SAINT JOHN PAUL II

Pope

FEAST DAY
OCTOBER 22

PLACE OF ORIGIN
Wadowice, Poland

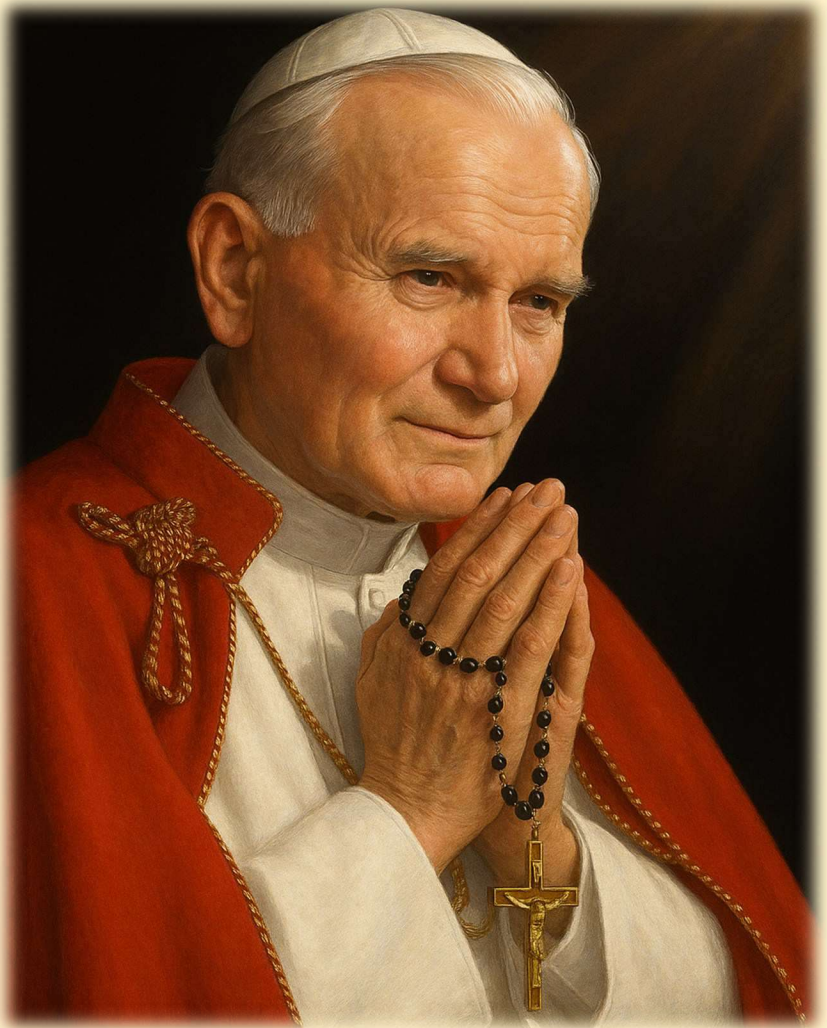
DATE OF BIRTH
May 18, 1920

DATE OF DEATH
April 2, 2005

PATRONAGE
Young Catholics and Family
Sports and Poland

QUOTE
*"Do not be afraid. Open
wide the doors for Christ."*

RELIC
zucchetto integrum
(the whole zucchetto)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **THEATRE STUDENT:** Studied literature and drama at Jagiellonian University
- ◆ **UNDERGROUND SEMINARIAN:** Secretly studied for the priesthood during Nazi occupation.
- ◆ **YOUNGEST POLISH BISHOP:** Appointed auxiliary bishop of Kraków at age 38.
- ◆ **YOUNG POPE:** Elected pope at the young age of 58—the first non-Italian pope in 455 years.
- ◆ **CANONIZED SAINTS:** Canonized more saints than all previous popes combined.
- ◆ **SURVIVED ASSASSINATION:** Shot in St. Peter's Square and forgave his attacker.
- ◆ **THEOLOGY OF THE BODY:** Taught revolutionary vision of human dignity, marriage, and sexuality.

ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE

Apostle and Evangelist

FEAST DAY
DECEMBER 27



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Bethsaida or Capernaum
Galilee
(present-day Israel)

DATE OF BIRTH
c. 6—15 AD

DATE OF DEATH
c. 100 AD

PATRONAGE
Writers, Theologians
Friendship, and Love

QUOTE
"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." (John 1:1)

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **TRADITION BELIEVES:** John is the youngest apostles and the only one to die a natural death.
- ◆ **NAMES OF JOHN:** Known as the “disciple whom Jesus loved,” and brother to James the Greater—both called “Sons of Thunder.”
- ◆ **EAGLE SYMBOLISM:** Represents John’s divine vision, soaring theology, and deep insight as Christ’s beloved disciple.
- ◆ **BIBLICAL AUTHOR:** Wrote the Gospel of John, three epistles, and Revelation—emphasizing Christ’s divinity and final victory.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Forerunner to Jesus

FEAST DAY

JUNE 24

(The Nativity)

AUGUST 29

(The Passion)



PLACE OF ORIGIN

Judea
(present-day Palestine)

DATE OF BIRTH

c. 6—4 BC

DATE OF DEATH

c. 30 AD

PATRONAGE

Baptism, Monks and
Spirituality

QUOTE

*"Prepare the way of the
Lord" (Luke 3:4)*

RELIC

Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **MIRACULOUS BIRTH:** Born to elderly parents, Zechariah and Elizabeth, through divine intervention. (*Luke 1:5–25*)
- ◆ **PROPHETIC MISSION:** Called to prepare the way for Christ as the last great prophet. (*Luke 3:4–6*)
- ◆ **IDENTIFIED THE MESSIAH:** Proclaimed Jesus as “Lamb of God,” symbolized by his banner reading *Ecce Agnus Dei*—behold the Lamb of God. (*John 1:29*)
- ◆ **MARTYRED PROPHET:** Beheaded by Herod Antipas at Salome’s request. (*Mark 6:21–29*)
- ◆ **JESUS’ PRAISE:** Christ called him the greatest born of women. (*Luke 7:28*)

ST. JOHN VIANNEY

Priest

FEAST DAY
AUGUST 4

PLACE OF ORIGIN
Dardilly, France

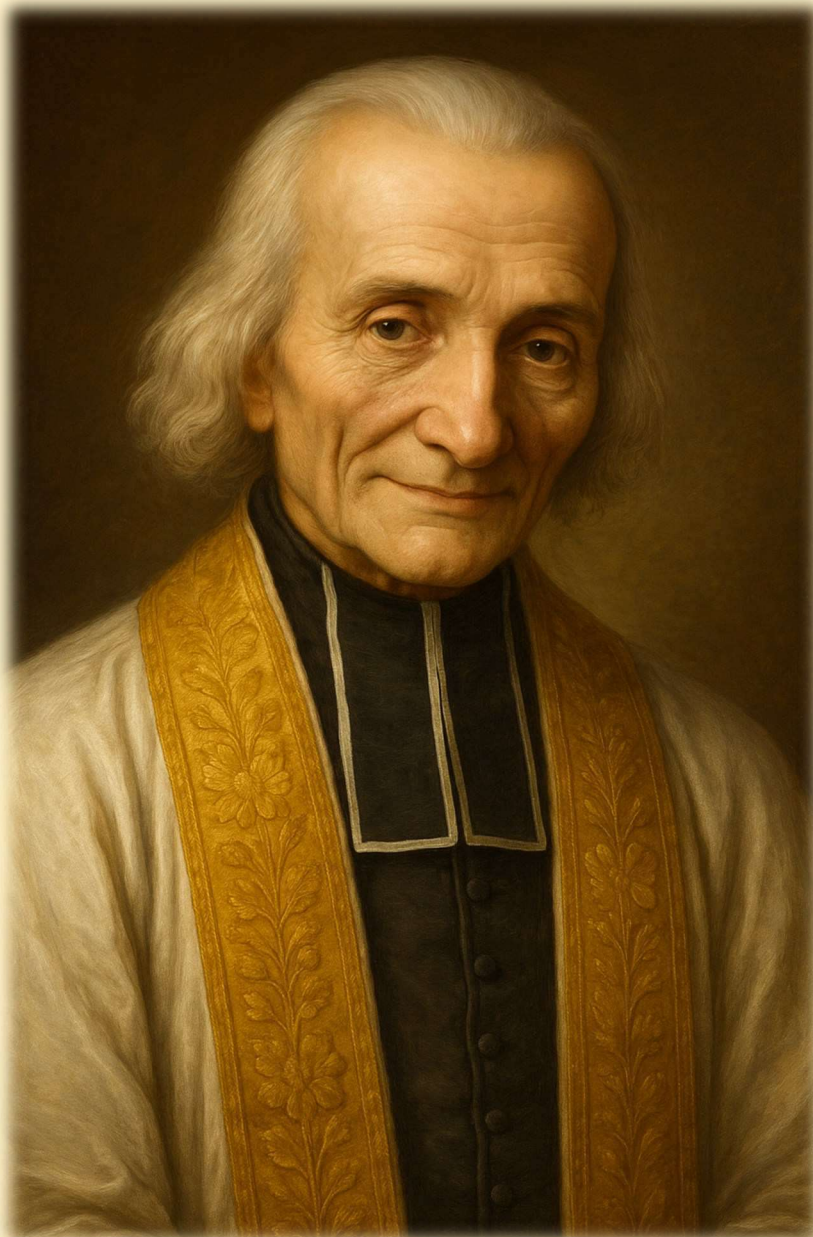
DATE OF BIRTH
May 8, 1786

DATE OF DEATH
August 4, 1859

PATRONAGE
Parish Priest and Confessors

QUOTE
"There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, He would have given it to us."

RELIC
Ex ossibus—particle of bone
Ex capatus—strains of hair



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **POOR STUDENT, HOLY PRIEST:** Struggled academically but was ordained due to his holiness and perseverance.
- ◆ **CURÉ OF ARS:** Assigned to Ars, where he began a spiritual revival of the region.
- ◆ **CONFESSOR TO THOUSANDS:** Heard confessions for up to 16 hours daily from pilgrims across France.
- ◆ **COMBAT WITH THE DEVIL:** Experienced physical attacks and temptations from the devil during intense ministry.

SAINT JOHN-BAPTIST DE LA SALLE

**Priest, Religious,
Founder, Confessor**

**FEAST DAY
APRIL 7**



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Reims, Champagne, France

DATE OF BIRTH
April 30, 1651

DATE OF DEATH
April 7, 1719

PATRONAGE
Teachers, Youth, Principals

QUOTE
*"You can perform miracles
by touching the hearts of
those entrusted to your
care."*

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **FOUNDER OF CHRISTIAN BROTHERS:** Established the Institute of the Brothers of the Christian Schools for poor boys' education.
- ◆ **EDUCATOR OF THE POOR:** Opened free schools for impoverished children, emphasizing dignity and Christian formation.
- ◆ **SPIRITUAL WRITINGS:** Authored *Meditations for the Time of Retreat*, a key text on vocation and formation.
- ◆ **LAICIZED EDUCATION:** Introduced lay-led religious teaching, a bold change for the era.

ST. JOSEPH BENEDICT COTTOLENGO

Confessor

FEAST DAY
APRIL 30

PLACE OF ORIGIN
Bra, Italy

DATE OF BIRTH
May 3, 1786

DATE OF DEATH
April 30, 1842

PATRONAGE
Founder of the Little House
of Divine Providence and
Hospitals, and those who
serve the poor.

QUOTE
*"The poor are Jesus; they
are not just an image of
Him."*

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **FOUNDED "LITTLE HOUSE":** Created the "Little House of Divine Providence" to serve the abandoned, incurable, disabled and ill.
- ◆ **ITALIAN ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:** Earned this title serving those rejected by all other hospitals.
- ◆ **MISSION OF PROVIDENCE:** Trusted only in God, never sought steady funding.
- ◆ **FOUNDED 14 ORDERS:** Created communities to support his expanding ministry.
- ◆ **TYPHUS MARTYRDOM:** Died of typhus contracted while serving contagious patients.

ST. JOSEPH CALASANZ

Founder

FEAST DAY
AUGUST 25



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Aragon, Spain

DATE OF BIRTH
September 11, 1557

DATE OF DEATH
August 25, 1648

PATRONAGE
Catholic Schools, Students,
and Teachers

QUOTE
*"The education of youth is
the renewal of society."*

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **FOUNDER:** Founded the "Pious Schools," known as *The Order of the Piarist Fathers*.
- ◆ **FAITH-FILLED FREE EDUCATION:** Taught thousands of children for free, structuring each school day with prayer, devotions, and catechesis.
- ◆ **CHILD PROTECTION:** Teachers walked children home to guard them from danger and vice.
- ◆ **FRIEND OF GALILEO:** Supported Galileo's heliocentric views despite Church opposition.

ST. JOSEPH

Husband to Mary

FEAST DAY
MARCH 19
&
MAY 1

(St. Joseph the Worker)



PLACE OF ORIGIN

Bethlehem or Nazareth
(present-day Israel)

DATE OF BIRTH

c. 100—1 BC

DATE OF DEATH

c. 30 AD

PATRONAGE

Principal Patron of Canada
Fathers, Carpenters,
Families, Travelers

QUOTE

No known quotations.

RELIC

Ex vessillo
(from the cloak)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **ROYAL LINEAGE:** Descendant of King David, fulfilling Messianic prophecies of Jesus' royal heritage. (*Matthew 1:1–16*)
- ◆ **SILENT SAINT:** Spoke no recorded words in Scripture, embodying humility and action.
- ◆ **PATRON OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH:** Declared in 1870 by Pope Pius IX as protector of the Church.
- ◆ **TERROR OF DEMONS:** Known for powerful spiritual protection against evil through his purity and authority.

ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE

Apostle and Martyr

**FEAST DAY
OCTOBER 28**



PLACE OF ORIGIN

Galilee
(present-day Israel)

DATE OF BIRTH

1st Century

DATE OF DEATH

c. 60—70 AD

PATRONAGE

Lost Causes
and Hospitals

QUOTE

*"Lord, how is it that You will
reveal Yourself to us, and
not to the world?"*
(John 14:22)

RELIC

Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **RELATIVE OF JESUS:** Described as a “brother of the Lord,” likely a cousin (*Mark 6:3; CCC 500*).
- ◆ **EVANGELIZED THE EAST:** Preached the Gospel in Judea, Samaria, Syria, Mesopotamia, and possibly Persia,
- ◆ **CHRIST’S IMAGE:** Tradition holds he carried a cloth with Jesus’ face on it (*King Abgar legend*).
- ◆ **PENTECOST FLAME SYMBOL:** Depicted with a flame to show Spirit-filled zeal and distinguish him from Judas Iscariot, the betrayer of Christ.

ST. JULIA OF CORSICA

Virgin & Martyr

FEAST DAY
MAY 23



PLACE OF ORIGIN

Carthage
(present-day Tunisia,
North Africa)

DATE OF BIRTH

c. 420 AD

DATE OF DEATH

c. 450 AD

PATRONAGE

Torture Victims, Slaves,
illnesses of Hands and Feet

QUOTE

No known quotations.

RELIC

Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **ENSLAVED FOR FAITH:** Sold into slavery after refusing to renounce her Christian faith during the Vandal conquest.
- ◆ **MARTYRDOM ON CORSICA:** Crucified for refusing to sacrifice to pagan gods on the island of Corsica.
- ◆ **SYMBOLS OF WITNESS:** Often depicted with a palm branch, and a cross—symbols of her martyrdom.

ST. JULIAN THE HOSPITALLER

“St. Julian of the Poor”

FEAST DAY
February 12



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Italy

DATE OF BIRTH
4th—5th Century

DATE OF DEATH
Uncertain

PATRONAGE
Travelers and Pilgrims,
Hospitality Workers,
the Poor and the Sick

QUOTE
No known quotations

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **TRAGIC MISTAKE:** Accidentally killed his own parents, mistaking them for intruders.
- ◆ **PROFOUND REPENTANCE:** Fled in sorrow and committed his life to penance and service.
- ◆ **RADICAL HOSPITALITY:** Opened a hospital and inn to serve the poor, sick, and travelers.
- ◆ **FERRYING THE NEEDY:** Carried pilgrims and the infirm across a dangerous river by boat.
- ◆ **LIFE OF SERVICE:** Devoted his remaining years to charity and humble works of mercy.

ST. JULIANA OF NICOMEDIA

Virgin & Martyr

FEAST DAY
FEBRUARY 16



PLACE OF ORIGIN

Cumae
(present-day Naples, Italy)

DATE OF BIRTH

c. 285 AD

DATE OF DEATH

c. 304 AD

PATRONAGE

Sickness

QUOTE

No known quotations.

RELIC

Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **REFUSED PAGAN SUITOR:** Rejected marriage unless he converted to Christianity.
- ◆ **TORTURED FOR FAITH:** Endured brutal tortures—including flogging and burning—for refusing to renounce Christ.
- ◆ **IMPRISONED BY FIANCÉ:** Her pagan fiancé denounced her for her faith.
- ◆ **PUBLIC MARTYRDOM:** Beheaded under Diocletian for refusing pagan sacrifice.

ST. JUSTIN MARTYR

**Theologian and
First Apologist**

**FEAST DAY
JUNE 1**



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Flavia Neapolis, Judaea,
Roman Empire

DATE OF BIRTH
c. 100 AD

DATE OF DEATH
c. 165 AD

PATRONAGE
Philosophers

QUOTE

*"The greatest grace God can
give a man is to send him a
trial."*

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **FIRST CHRISTIAN PHILOSOPHER:** Studied many philosophies, but all were empty without Christ
- ◆ **APOLOGIST TO EMPERORS:** Wrote to persuade emperors Antoninus Pius and Marcus Aurelius to end Christian persecution using reason.
- ◆ **LITURGICAL WITNESS:** His *First Apology* gives earliest known description of Christian Eucharistic worship (CCC 1345).
- ◆ **WROTE DIALOGUES WITH JEWS:** Defended Christ as fulfillment of Hebrew Scriptures.
- ◆ **TITLE "MARTYR" AS SURNAME:** He died for his faith, and "Martyr" became part of his name.

ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA

Virgin

FEAST DAY
APRIL 17



PLACE OF ORIGIN
United State of America
(Died in Canada)

DATE OF BIRTH
c. 1656 AD

DATE OF DEATH
April 17, 1680

PATRONAGE
Environment, and Ecology

QUOTE
"Look at this cross. Oh, how beautiful it is! It has been my whole happiness during my life, and I advise you also to make it yours."

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **SURVIVOR:** Orphaned at 4 after the smallpox epidemic, leaving scars and weak eyesight.
- ◆ **BAPTIZED CHRISTIAN:** Received baptism on Easter Sunday at age 20.
- ◆ **FIRST NATIVE AMERICAN SAINT:** Canonized in 2012, she became the first Indigenous person of North America officially declared a saint.
- ◆ **"LILY OF THE MOHAWKS":** Nicknamed for her purity, piety, and spiritual beauty.
- ◆ **POST-DEATH HEALING:** Witnesses reported her smallpox-scarred face became radiant and clear moments after death.

ST. LAMBERT OF MAASTRICHT

Bishop & Martyr

FEAST DAY
SEPTEMBER 17



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Maastricht

DATE OF BIRTH
c. 636 AD

DATE OF DEATH
c. 705 AD

PATRONAGE
Masons and Builders

QUOTE
No known quotation.

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **FORMED BY A SAINT:** Educated by Bishop Saint Theodard; known for piety and miraculous acts.
- ◆ **YOUNG BISHOP:** Appointed bishop at 21, noted for his zeal and moral leadership.
- ◆ **COURAGEOUS PREACHER:** Boldly condemned societal and political immorality, regardless of personal risk or status.
- ◆ **MARTYRED FOR MORAL TRUTH:** Condemned King Pepin's adultery; which led to his assassination for defending marriage and Christian morality.

ST. LAWRENCE OF ROME

Deacon & Martyr

FEAST DAY
AUGUST 10

PLACE OF ORIGIN
Valencia
(present-day Spain)

DATE OF BIRTH
c. 225 AD

DATE OF DEATH
c. 258 AD

PATRONAGE
Deacons, The Poor, Cooks,
Firefighters, Comedians

QUOTE
No known quotation.

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **GUARDIAN OF THE POOR:** As a deacon, Lawrence was entrusted with the Church's treasures—giving them away to the poor, calling the poor of the Church, it's true treasures.
- ◆ **FIERY WITNESS:** Martyred by being roasted on a grill, Lawrence displayed fearless joy, joking, "*Turn me over; I'm done on this side.*"
- ◆ **SYMBOL OF ROMAN COURAGE:** His steadfastness made him one of Rome's most venerated early martyrs.

ST. LEO THE GREAT

Doctor of the Church
&
Pope

FEAST DAY
NOVEMBER 10



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Tuscany, Italy

DATE OF BIRTH
c. 400 AD

DATE OF DEATH
c. 461 AD

PATRONAGE
Popes, Confessors and
Moral Theologians

QUOTE
*"The reception of Christ's
Body and Blood transforms
us into that which we
consume."*

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **DEFENDER OF CHRIST'S DIVINITY:** Proclaimed Christ's two natures at Chalcedon, affirming true God and true man.
- ◆ **FIRST "GREAT" POPE:** First pope officially called "the Great" due to theological clarity and courageous leadership.
- ◆ **CONVINCED ATTLA TO WITHDRAW:** Personally met Attila the Hun, urging him to spare Rome
- ◆ **GIFTED PREACHER:** Left 100+ sermons on grace, unity, Incarnation, and moral conversion.

ST. LOUIS IX

King of France

FEAST DAY
AUGUST 25



PLACE OF ORIGIN
France

DATE OF BIRTH
April 25, 1214

DATE OF DEATH
August 25, 1270

PATRONAGE
Barbers, Construction
Workers, Kings, and Third
Order Franciscans

QUOTE

*"My dear son, if you ever
have to bear adversity, do it
patiently and with
gratitude..."*

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **CRUSADE LEADER:** Led 7th & 8th Crusades, aiming to reclaim and defend Christian lands.
- ◆ **RELIC PROTECTOR:** Purchased Christ's Crown of Thorns and built Sainte-Chapelle to house the Passion relics.
- ◆ **MODEL KING:** Ruled as a servant of Christ, calling himself "*lieutenant of God on earth.*"
- ◆ **CHARITY DEVOTION:** Served the poor daily, washed feet, and welcomed beggars to his table.
- ◆ **LETTER TO HIS SON:** Urged his son to martyrdom then to commit a single mortal sin.

ST. LOUISE DE MARILLAC

**Daughters of Charity of
Saint Vincent de Paul**

FEAST DAY
MARCH 15



PLACE OF ORIGIN
France

DATE OF BIRTH
August 12, 1591

DATE OF DEATH
March 15, 1660

PATRONAGE
Christian Social Workers

QUOTE

"Love the poor and honor them as you would honor Christ Himself."

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **MARRIAGE:** Married Antoine Le Gras and cared for him through his long illness until his death.
- ◆ **VISION AT PENTECOST:** A vision revealed St. Vincent de Paul as her future spiritual director.
- ◆ **COLLABORATION:** Close collaborator of St. Vincent de Paul in charity and mission.
- ◆ **FOUNDER:** Co-founded the Daughters of Charity to serve the poor outside cloistered life.
- ◆ **SERVED WAR-TORN FRANCE:** Sent sisters to war zones and plague-stricken cities to nurse and teach.

ST. LUCY

Virgin & Martyr

FEAST DAY
DECEMBER 13



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Syracuse, Italy

DATE OF BIRTH
c. 283 AD

DATE OF DEATH
c. 304 AD

PATRONAGE
The Blind, Those with Eyes
Troubles, and Throat
Infections

QUOTE
No known quotations.

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **CONSECRATED VIRGIN:** Lucy consecrated her virginity to God, pledging not to marry.
- ◆ **REFUSED IMPERIAL WORSHIP AND RESISTED ARREST:** When Lucy refused to sacrifice to the emperor's image, the governor sentenced her to a brothel—but though guards tried, even with oxen, they could not move her.
- ◆ **TORTURED AND MARTYRED:** Lucy was brutally tortured—her eyes were removed—then, after fire failed to harm her, she was killed by a sword to the throat.

ST. LUKE

THE EVANGELIST

FEAST DAY
OCTOBER 18



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Antioch, Syria
(present-day Turkey)

DATE OF BIRTH
c. 1—15 AD

DATE OF DEATH
c. 84 AD

PATRONAGE
Artists, Physicians and
Surgeons, Scribes,
Bachelors, Butchers and
Students

QUOTE
No known quotations.

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **PHYSICIAN BY TRADE:** Practiced medicine, showing care for physical and spiritual needs.
- ◆ **NOT AN APOSTLE:** Not one of the Twelve, but closely associated with the mission and witness.
- ◆ **EVANGELIST AND HISTORIAN:** Authored the Gospel of Luke and Acts.
- ◆ **SYMBOL OF AN OX:** representing sacrifice and priesthood, as his Gospel begins with Temple worship and emphasizes Christ's priestly and sacrificial mission.

ST. MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE

VIRGIN

**FEAST DAY
OCTOBER 16**



PLACE OF ORIGIN
L'Hautecour, Burgundy,
France

DATE OF BIRTH
July 22, 1647

DATE OF DEATH
October 17, 1690

PATRONAGE
Devotees to the Sacred
Heart, and those suffering
from the loss of a parent.

QUOTE
No known quotations.

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **VISIONS OF CHRIST:** Received Sacred Heart revelations from Jesus between 1673–1675.
- ◆ **SACRED HEART DEVOTION:** Promoted First Fridays, Holy Hour, and Sacred Heart image.
- ◆ **RELIGIOUS VOCATION:** Joined Visitation Order at Paray-le-Monial in 1671 despite family resistance.
- ◆ **APOSTLE OF THE SACRED HEART:** Called by Jesus “Beloved disciple of My Sacred Heart.”
- ◆ **FEAST ESTABLISHED:** Sacred Heart Feast formally approved by Pope Clement XIII in 1765.
- ◆ **CHRIST’S 12 PROMISES:** Shared Jesus’ promises for those devoted to His Sacred Heart.

SAINT MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS

RELIGIOUS

FEAST DAY
JANUARY 12

PLACE OF ORIGIN
Troyes, Champagne,
France

DATE OF BIRTH
April 17, 1620

DATE OF DEATH
January 12, 1700
(Montreal, Canada)

PATRONAGE
Patroness of the poor,
uneducated, and
marginalized

QUOTE
*"We should go to God as we
go to the fire: not only when
we are cold, but when we
are warm."*

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **FOUNDRRESS OF A TEACHING ORDER:** Founded the Congregation of Notre Dame, first un-cloistered women's order in North America.
- ◆ **FIRST TEACHER IN MONTREAL:** Opened the first school for girls in Montreal in a stable in 1658.
- ◆ **APOSTLE TO WOMEN:** Empowered women through education, and active religious life without cloister.
- ◆ **GREAT HARDSHIPS:** Faced famine, war, and harsh winters while teaching and building the mission.
- ◆ **FIRST CANADIAN FEMALE SAINT:** Recognized as the first woman saint of Canada.

SAINT MARGUERITE D'YOUVILLE

The Sisters of Charity
“Grey Nuns”

FEAST DAY
OCTOBER 16



PLACE OF ORIGIN

Varenes, Quebec, Canada

DATE OF BIRTH

October 15, 1701

DATE OF DEATH

December 23, 1771

PATRONAGE

Widows, Difficult
Marriages, Death of Young
Children

QUOTE

“All the poor, whatever their condition, must be treated with justice, tenderness, and charity.”

RELIC

Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **EARLY WIDOWHOOD:** Became a widow at 29, left with debts and two children to raise.
- ◆ **CHARITY TO THE POOR:** Opened her home to the sick, poor, and elderly despite personal poverty.
- ◆ **FOUNDED GREY NUNS:** Established the Sisters of Charity of Montreal to serve society's outcasts.
- ◆ **SUFFERED REJECTION:** Was scorned and called “madwoman” for caring for abandoned persons.
- ◆ **FIRST NATIVE-BORN CANADIAN SAINT:** First Canadian-born person canonized by the Church.
- ◆ **LEGACY OF MERCY:** Her congregation continues to serve globally in education, health, and outreach.

ST. MARIA GORETTI

Virgin & Martyr

FEAST DAY
JULY 6



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Corinaldo, Ancona
Province, Italy

DATE OF BIRTH
October 15, 1890

DATE OF DEATH
July 6, 1902

PATRONAGE
Chastity, Young Girls,
Victims of Rape,
Forgiveness and Mercy

QUOTE

"Yes, for the love of Jesus, I forgive him... and I want him to be with me in heaven." (she this said about her killer)

RELIC

Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **YOUNG SAINT:** One of the youngest canonized saints in the Catholic Church.
- ◆ **MARTYR FOR PURITY:** Resisted sexual assault at age 11; was then fatally stabbed defending her chastity and Christian virtue.
- ◆ **FORGIVENESS:** Forgave her attacker, Alessandro Serenelli on her deathbed.
- ◆ **RAISED TO HEAVEN:** Beatified in 1947 and canonized in 1950; her mother and the repentant killer were both in attendance.

ST. MARIE OF THE INCARNATION

VIRGIN

**FEAST DAY
APRIL 30**



PLACE OF ORIGIN

Tours, France

DATE OF BIRTH

October 28, 1599

DATE OF DEATH

April 30, 1672
(Canada)

PATRONAGE

Patron of the Ursuline order

QUOTE

"I am only a brush in the hand of God who is painting His image on the souls He draws to Himself."

RELIC

Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **SPIRITUAL AWAKENING:** Inspired by Teresa of Avila's autobiography in 1627.
- ◆ **ENTERED URSULINES:** Joined the Ursuline convent in Tours, dedicating her life to God.
- ◆ **FOUNDER IN CANADA:** Founded Ursulines in Quebec to educate French and Indigenous girls.
- ◆ **FOUNDED FIRST GIRLS' SCHOOL:** Established the first school for girls in Quebec.
- ◆ **PROLIFIC CORRESPONDENT:** Said to have authored around 20,000 letters detailing her spiritual experiences and missionary work.

SAINT MARIE-LEONIE PARADIS

VIRGIN & RELIGIOUS

FEAST DAY
MAY 4



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Quebec, Canada

DATE OF BIRTH
May 12, 1840

DATE OF DEATH
May 3, 1912

PATRONAGE
Little Sisters of the
Holy Family

QUOTE
*"Let us work, my daughters,
we shall rest in heaven!"*

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **RELIGIOUS NAME:** Took the name Marie-Léonie upon entering the Marianite Sisters of Holy Cross in 1854.
- ◆ **EDUCATOR OF ORPHANS:** Dedicated herself to teaching and caring for orphans in Quebec.
- ◆ **FOUNDRESS FOR PRIESTS:** Founded Little Sisters of the Holy Family in 1880 to serve priests through humble domestic work.
- ◆ **SIMPLE MOTTO:** Lived by the words: *"To serve and to love"*—a reflection of her selfless mission.

ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST

FEAST DAY
APRIL 25

PLACE OF ORIGIN
Cyrene
(present-day Libya)

DATE OF BIRTH
c. 5—15 AD

DATE OF DEATH
c. 68 AD

PATRONAGE
Notaries, Lawyers,
Stained-Glass Workers
Prisoners

QUOTE
No known quotations.

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **DISCIPLE OF PETER:** Interpreter and companion of St. Peter in Rome; and authored the earliest Gospel from Peter's preached testimony.
- ◆ **MISSIONARY TO EGYPT:** Founded the Christian Church in Alexandria, becoming its first bishop.
- ◆ **EVANGELIST SYMBOL OF THE LION:** St. Mark is represented by a lion, symbolizing courage and Christ's royal dignity.
- ◆ **COMPANION OF PAUL:** Traveled with St. Paul and Barnabas on missionary journeys (*Acts 12:25; 2 Tim 4:11*).

ST. MARTHA OF BETHANY

Virgin

FEAST DAY
JULY 29



PLACE OF ORIGIN

Israel / Palestine

DATE OF BIRTH

1st Century AD

DATE OF DEATH

Unknown

PATRONAGE

Homemakers, Cooks,
Servants, Housewives,
Innkeepers, Hospitals

QUOTE

"Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world." (John 11:27)

RELIC

Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **BELOVED FRIEND OF JESUS:** Deeply loved by Jesus and welcomed Him often into her home.
- ◆ **REBUKED BY JESUS:** Gently corrected for being anxious about serving over listening.
- ◆ **SYMBOL OF ACTION:** Represents those burdened by worldly cares, yet still deeply loved by Jesus.
- ◆ **TRADITION IN PROVENCE:** Medieval legend claims Martha evangelized in southern France after Pentecost.

ST. MARTIN OF TOURS

Bishop & Confessor

FEAST DAY
NOVEMBER 11



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Sabaria, Pannonia
(present-day Hungary)

DATE OF BIRTH
c. 316 AD

DATE OF DEATH
c. 397 AD

PATRONAGE
Beggars, Against Poverty
and Against Alcoholism

QUOTE

*"Lord, if your people still
need me, I do not refuse the
work; your will be done."*

RELIC

Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **SOLDIER TURNED CHRISTIAN:** Baptized at 18 while serving in Roman military.
- ◆ **ACT OF CHARITY:** Gave half his military cloak to a beggar in Amiens.
- ◆ **VISION OF CHRIST:** Christ appeared wearing the cloak, praising Martin's charity.
- ◆ **REFUSED COMBAT:** Declared "I am a soldier of Christ" and refused to fight.
- ◆ **MIRACLE WORKER:** Known for healing the sick and casting out demon.

ST. MARY MAGDALEN

Apostle to the Apostles

**FEAST DAY
JULY 22**



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Present-day Israel

DATE OF BIRTH
1st Century AD

DATE OF DEATH
Unknown

PATRONAGE
Penitent Sinners, Converts

QUOTE
""Rabboni!" (which means Teacher) John 20:16

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **PENITENT DEVOTION:** Wept at Jesus' feet, anointed them with perfume, and dried them with her hair.
- ◆ **FAITHFUL DISCIPLE:** Followed Jesus closely, ministering and listening to His teachings.
- ◆ **AT THE CROSS:** Stood beside Mary and John during the Crucifixion out of love and loyalty.
- ◆ **RESURRECTION WITNESS:** First to witness Christ's Resurrection and to announce it to the Apostles.

ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE

FEAST DAY
SEPTEMBER 21



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Galilee
(present-day Israel)

DATE OF BIRTH
c. 5—10 AD

DATE OF DEATH
c. 60—70 AD

PATRONAGE
Accountants, Bankers,
Tax Collectors

QUOTE
No known quotations.

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **NAME MEANING:** “Matthew” means “gift of the Lord” in Hebrew
- ◆ **GOSPEL AUTHOR:** Wrote the first Gospel in the New Testament for Jewish Christian converts.
- ◆ **BEATITUDES AUTHOR:** Only Evangelist to record the eight Beatitudes taught by Jesus.
- ◆ **SYMBOL OF THE ANGEL:** His Gospel begins with Christ’s human genealogy, symbolized by a winged man.

ST. MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE

FEAST DAY
MAY 14



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Bethlehem, Judea
(present-day Palestine)

DATE OF BIRTH
1st Century AD

DATE OF DEATH
c. 80 AD

PATRONAGE
Carpenters, Tailors
Perseverance and Hope.

QUOTE
No known quotations.

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **APOSTOLIC SUCCESSION:** Chosen to replace Judas Iscariot and universally venerated as one of the Twelve Apostles.
- ◆ **NAME MEANS “GIFT OF GOD”:** Matthias is derived from Hebrew *Mattityahu*, meaning “gift of Yahweh.”
- ◆ **EYEWITNESS TO CHRIST:** Followed Jesus from John’s baptism to the Ascension.
- ◆ **MARTYRDOM BY AXE:** Tradition says he was martyred by beheading with an axe.

ST. MAURICE

Martyr

FEAST DAY
SEPTEMBER 22

PLACE OF ORIGIN
Thebes, Egypt

DATE OF BIRTH
3rd Century AD

DATE OF DEATH
c. 287 AD

PATRONAGE
Infantry Soldiers,
Swordsmiths,
The Swiss Guard

QUOTE
No known quotations.

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **CHRISTIAN LEGION:** Theban Legion of 6,000+ Christian soldiers served under General Maurice.
- ◆ **LETTER TO EMPEROR:** Maurice affirmed loyalty to empire but refused idolatry: *"Die innocent than live guilty."*
- ◆ **REFUSAL AND CONSEQUENCE:** Declined pagan sacrifice; Entire legion slaughtered after refusing to abandon faith.
- ◆ **BANNER AND SWORD SYMBOLISM:** Represent his military leadership and martyrdom in defense of faith over imperial commands.

ST. MICHAEL DE SANCTIS

Confessor

FEAST DAY
APRIL 10

PLACE OF ORIGIN
Vic, Catalonia, Spain

DATE OF BIRTH
September 29, 1591

DATE OF DEATH
April 10, 1625

PATRONAGE
Cancer Patients

QUOTE
No known quotation.

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **EARLY VOCATION:** Joined Trinitarian monastery at age 12, drawn to deep prayer and sacrifice.
- ◆ **EUCCHARISTIC ECSTASIES:** Had mystical experiences at Mass, especially at consecration.
- ◆ **DEVOTED TO MARY:** Often prayed entire rosary while kneeling on bare ground.
- ◆ **PATRON SAINT:** Invoked as patron of Eucharistic devotion and those seeking purity of heart
- ◆ **RED AND BLUE CROSS SYMBOLISM:** Red for Christ's Passion; blue for divine glory and Christ's heavenly nature (Trinitarians).

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Prince (Commander)
of the Heavenly Host
&
Guardian of the Church

FEAST DAY
SEPTEMBER 29



KEY CLARIFICATIONS

NATURE

Angel, not Human

CREATION

Created by God before time as part of the angelic hosts.

NOT BORN

Angels do not have a physical birth, parents or earthly origin.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

“As purely spiritual creatures angels have intelligence and will: they are personal and immortal creatures...”

RELIC

Sacred Grotto Stone
(Monte Gardano)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **HEAVENLY WARRIOR:** Led God's army against Satan in the heavenly battle (*Revelation 12:7–9*).
- ◆ **NAME MEANING:** His name means “*Who is like God?*”—a rebuke to Lucifer’s pride.
- ◆ **MONTE GARGANO APPARITION (493 AD):** Appeared to Italian bishop and consecrated the cave sanctuary with his presence.
- ◆ **MICHAEL’S FOOTPRINT:** Legend claims a stone at the shrine bears the Archangel’s footprint.
- ◆ **MIRACULOUS STONES:** Sacred grotto stones bring liberation from evil to those who use them.
- ◆ **EXORCISTIC USE:** Fr. Chad Ripperger states that sacred grotto stones aided in successful Catholic exorcisms and expelling the presence of evil.

ST. NICHOLAS OF MYRA

Defender of the Faith

FEAST DAY
DECEMBER 6



PLACE OF ORIGIN

Patara, Lycia et Pamphylia,
Roman Empire

DATE OF BIRTH

March 15, 270

DATE OF DEATH

December 6, 343

PATRONAGE

Children and Toymakers

QUOTE

“Those who love God must extend their hands in charity, for we are mere stewards of what we hold.”

RELIC

Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **DEFENDER OF THE FAITH:** Struck Arius at the Council of Nicaea for denying Christ's divinity.
- ◆ **PROTECTOR OF THE INNOCENT:** Secretly left gold for poor sisters to save them from slavery.
- ◆ **MERCIFUL SHEPHERD:** Gave his inheritance to the poor after his parents' death.
- ◆ **CHAMPION OF JUSTICE:** Intervened to free falsely accused men from execution.
- ◆ **HIDDEN GIVER:** Secretly left gold and gifts for the poor, inspiring the tradition of Santa Claus.

ST. PACIFICUS OF SAN SEVERINO

Franciscan

FEAST DAY
SEPTEMBER 24



PLACE OF ORIGIN
San Severino, Macerata,
Papal State

DATE OF BIRTH
March 1, 1653

DATE OF DEATH
September 24, 1721

PATRONAGE
Peace and Peace-Makers,
Those suffering from
Chronic Pain, the Blind

QUOTE
No known quotations.

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **FRANCISCAN VOCATION:** Entered the Friars Minor at age 17 in San Severino, Italy.
- ◆ **MYSTICAL GIFTS:** Reportedly received the stigmata and had visions during prayer.
- ◆ **SILENCE:** Embraced silence and solitude after losing his voice.
- ◆ **BLINDNESS AND INFIRMITY:** Spent 29 years blind and crippled, never complaining.
- ◆ **EUCCHARISTIC DEVOTION:** Had deep love for the Eucharist and heard confessions daily.
- ◆ **HEAVENLY PATIENCE:** Endured intense physical suffering with serenity and joy.

ST. PASCHAL BAYLÓN

Religious

FEAST DAY
MAY 17

PLACE OF ORIGIN
Torrehermosa,
Aragon Spain

DATE OF BIRTH
May 16, 1540

DATE OF DEATH
May 17, 1592

PATRONAGE
Eucharistic Congresses,
Shepherds, Cooks, and
Eucharistic Adorers

QUOTE

*"If I do not become a saint
when I am young, I shall
never become one."*

RELIC

Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **JOINED FRANCISCANS:** Entered the Reformed Franciscan Order as a lay brother (not ordained).
- ◆ **CHOSE HUMILITY:** Refused priesthood, preferring lowly service and hidden holiness.
- ◆ **DEFENDED THE EUCHARIST:** Boldly confronted Calvinists in France over the Real Presence.
- ◆ **MIRACLES IN LIFE:** Known for miraculous cures and bilocation during his lifetime.
- ◆ **BODY INCORRUPT:** Found incorrupt years after death, attracting many pilgrims.

ST. PATRICIA OF NAPLES

Virgin

FEAST DAY
AUGUST 25



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Istanbul, Turkey

DATE OF BIRTH
4th Century AD

DATE OF DEATH
c. 665 AD

PATRONAGE
Young Women Seeking
Virtue

QUOTE
No known quotation

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **PILGRIMAGE TO HOLINESS:** She undertook a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, seeking deeper union with God.
- ◆ **VIRGINITY VOWED:** She pledged herself to Christ, rejecting marriage and worldly honors.
- ◆ **PROTECTOR OF MAIDENS:** Invoked by young women for purity, marriage, and protection.
- ◆ **BLOOD MIRACLE:** Her blood reportedly liquefies yearly, like that of St. Januarius.

ST. PATRICK

**Apostle of Ireland
Bishop & Confessor**

FEAST DAY
MARCH 17



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Roman Britain,
Wales or South Scotland

DATE OF BIRTH
c. 385 AD

DATE OF DEATH
March 17, 461 AD

PATRONAGE
Ireland, Engineers,
Snakebite Victims

QUOTE

*"Christ beside me, Christ
before me, Christ behind
me, Christ within me, Christ
beneath me, Christ above
me."*

RELIC

Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **CAPTURED IN IRELAND:** At 16, he was taken by pirates, enslaved in Ireland, then escaped back to Britain.
- ◆ **RETURN TO IRELAND:** A vision from God inspired him to return and bring the Christian faith to the Irish.
- ◆ **CONFESSIO WRITTEN:** To defend his mission and express his love for Christ.
- ◆ **THREE-LEAF CLOVER:** Used a shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity—three persons united as one God.

ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS

**Priest, Founder, Mystic
and Confessor**

FEAST DAY
September 26



PLACE OF ORIGIN

Ovada, Republic of Genoa
(present-day Italy)

DATE OF BIRTH

January 3, 1694

DATE OF DEATH

October 18, 1775

PATRONAGE

The Passionist Order,
and Devotion to the
Passion of Christ

QUOTE

*"The Passion of Jesus is the
greatest and most
overwhelming work of God's
love."*

RELIC

Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **FOUNDER OF THE PASSIONISTS:** Founded the Passionist Congregation to preach Christ Crucified.
- ◆ **VISION OF A NEW HABIT:** Dreamed of a religious habit; black in colour with a white heart, seen as divine call to found a new order.
- ◆ **MINISTERED TO DYING:** Comforted the sick and dying, reminding them of God's mercy.
- ◆ **MIRACLE WORKER:** Credited with numerous miracles and prophetic insights during missions.

ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE

**Apostle to the Gentiles
& Martyr**

FEAST DAY
JANUARY 25
(Conversion of St. Paul)

PLACE OF ORIGIN
Tarsus, Cilicia,
Roman Empire

DATE OF BIRTH
c. 5 AD

DATE OF DEATH
c. 65 AD

PATRONAGE
Missionaries, Theologians,
and Evangelists.

QUOTE
*"I have fought the good
fight, I have finished the
race, I have kept the faith."*

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **FORMER PERSECUTOR:** Approved St. Stephen's martyrdom and fiercely hunted early Christians.
- ◆ **DAMASCUS ENCOUNTER:** Saul was commissioned by Christ during his dramatic conversion, later becoming Paul the Apostle.
- ◆ **IMPRISONED FOR THE GOSPEL:** Arrested multiple times for preaching the Christian faith.
- ◆ **WROTE PAULINE EPISTLES:** Authored key New Testament letters guiding early Christian doctrine.

ST. PEREGRINE LAZIOSI

Priest

FEAST DAY
MAY 1

PLACE OF ORIGIN
Forli, Italy

DATE OF BIRTH
c. 1260 AD

DATE OF DEATH
c. 1345 AD

PATRONAGE
Cancer Patients,
AIDS Patients

QUOTE
No known quotations.

RELIC
Ex indumentis
(from the clothing)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **CONVERSION FROM VIOLENCE:** Struck St. Philip Benizi, repented, and fully transformed his life.
- ◆ **SERVITE VOCATION:** Joined the Servite Order in Siena, embracing a life of prayer and penance.
- ◆ **ANGEL OF COUNSEL:** Known for wise spiritual advice, nicknamed "*Angel of Good Counsel*."
- ◆ **HEALING FROM CANCER:** Faced leg cancer with faith; Christ appeared in a vision and healed him overnight.

ST. PETER THE APOSTLE

**Bishop of Rome
(The First Pope)**

**FEAST DAY
JUNE 29**

**&
FEBRUARY 22**
(Chair of St. Peter)



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Bethsaida, in Galilee
(present-day Israel)

DATE OF BIRTH
c. 1—10 AD

DATE OF DEATH
c. 64—68 AD

PATRONAGE
The Papacy, Fishermen,
Shipbuilders, Locksmiths

QUOTE
*“Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of
eternal life.” ~ John 6:68*

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **CALLED AND RENAMED:** Jesus called Simon to discipleship and named him Peter, the "Rock" (*Matt 4:19; John 1:42*).
- ◆ **GIVEN THE KEYS:** Christ gave Peter the keys to the kingdom, symbolizing authority to govern the Church (*Matt 16:19*).
- ◆ **FIRST POPE:** Recognized by the Church as the first Bishop of Rome and Pope.
- ◆ **PREACHED AT PENTECOST:** Boldly preached and converting over 3000 people (*Acts 2:14–41*).
- ◆ **IMPRISONED FOR CHRIST:** Arrested and miraculously freed by an angel (*Acts 12:1–11*).
- ◆ **CRUCIFIED IN ROME:** Martyred under Nero, crucified upside down at Peter's request.

ST. PHILIP NERI

Founder

FEAST DAY
MAY 26

PLACE OF ORIGIN
Florence, Italy

DATE OF BIRTH
July 21, 1515

DATE OF DEATH
May 26, 1595

PATRONAGE
Rome, Joy, Humor,
and Oratorian

QUOTE

*"Cheerfulness strengthens
the heart and makes us
persevere in a good life."*

RELIC

Ex sanguine
(from the blood)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **ROMAN MISSION:** Moved to Rome at 18 to pursue holiness and study.
- ◆ **FOUNDER OF ORATORY:** Founded the Congregation of the Oratory for prayer, preaching, and community life.
- ◆ **JOYFUL SAINT:** Known for humor, cheerfulness, and eccentric acts to cultivate humility.
- ◆ **HEART ENLARGED:** His heart physically expanded during prayer, confirmed by post-mortem exam.

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE

FEAST DAY
MAY 3



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Bethsaida, Galilee
(present-day Israel)

DATE OF BIRTH
1st Century AD

DATE OF DEATH
c. 80 AD

PATRONAGE
Pastry Chefs and Cooks

QUOTE

*“Lord, show us the Father,
and that will be enough for
us.” John 14:8–9*

RELIC

Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **BRINGER OF NATHANAEL:** He brought Nathanael (Bartholomew) to Jesus, declaring Him the promised Messiah.
- ◆ **DESIRE TO SEE GOD:** Asked Jesus, “Show us the Father,” revealing a deep longing for divine understanding.
- ◆ **EVANGELIZER IN ASIA MINOR:** Preached the Gospel in Phrygia (Turkey), converting many.
- ◆ **MARTYRDOM IN HIERAPOLIS:** Crucified upside down in Hierapolis, refusing to deny Christ.

ST. PIO OF PIETRELCINA

**ORDER OF FRIARS
MINOR CAPUCHIN**

FEAST DAY
September 23



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Pietrelcina, Benevento, Italy

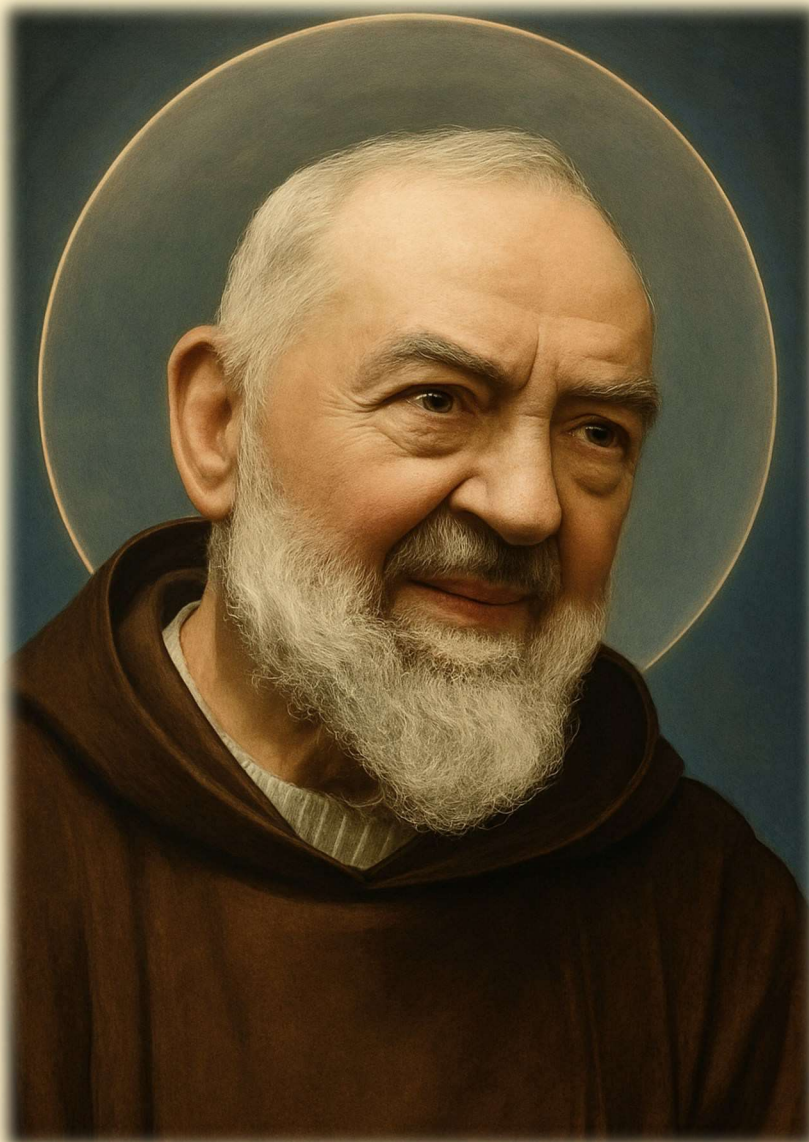
DATE OF BIRTH
May 25, 1887

DATE OF DEATH
September 23, 1968

PATRONAGE
Volunteers, Adolescents,
Stress Relief,
Civil Defense Volunteers

QUOTE
““*It would be easier for the world to exist without the sun than without the Holy Mass.*”

RELIC
Ex indumentis—from the glove
Ex linteis—from the cloth to
clean his bleeding wounds



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **STIGMATA RECEIVED:** Received visible stigmata in 1918 while praying before a crucifix.
- ◆ **SPIRITUAL GIFTS:** Known for bilocation, reading souls, healing, and prophetic insights—verified by eyewitnesses.
- ◆ **CONFESSOR OF SOULS:** Spent up to 16 hours daily hearing confessions.
- ◆ **PERSECUTION:** Briefly barred from ministry by the Vatican over doubts about his stigmata.
- ◆ **FOUNDED HOSPITAL:** Established “*Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza*” in 1956, combining prayer and medical care.

ST. PIUS X

Pope

FEAST DAY
AUGUST 21

PLACE OF ORIGIN
Riese, Kingdom of
Lombardy-Venetia
(present-day Italy)

DATE OF BIRTH
June 2, 1835

DATE OF DEATH
August 20, 1914

PATRONAGE
First Communion,
Catechists, and Pilgrims

QUOTE
*"Holy Communion is the
shortest and safest way to
heaven."*

RELIC
Ex corpore
(from the body)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **EARLY VOCATION:** Walked miles daily to attend seminary; ordained a priest in 1858.
- ◆ **PASTORAL HEART:** Known for simplicity, charity, and catechesis as priest and bishop.
- ◆ **FREQUENT COMMUNION:** Promoted daily Communion and lowered age for First Holy Communion to the age of seven.
- ◆ **EUCCHARISTIC POPE:** Called the Eucharist "the shortest and safest way to Heaven."
- ◆ **SAINTLY IMPRESSION:** Many believed they met a saint after encountering him.

ST. RITA OF CASCIA

Order of
Saint Augustine

FEAST DAY
MAY 22



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Roccaporena, Perugia,
Papal States

DATE OF BIRTH
c. 1381 AD

DATE OF DEATH
c. 1457 AD

PATRONAGE
Lost and Impossible Causes,
Sickness, Wounds, Couples,
Marital Problems, Abuse

QUOTE
*"I have asked my God to
grant peace to those who
have wounded me."*

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **PEACEMAKER IN MARRIAGE:** Endured abuse patiently, converting her violent husband to Christ.
- ◆ **FORGIVENESS OVER VENGEANCE:** Prevented her sons from avenging their father's murder, praying they would die in grace.
- ◆ **MYSTICAL WOUND:** Received a wound on her forehead, symbol of the crown of thrones, while meditating on Christ's Passion.
- ◆ **PATRON OF IMPOSSIBLE CASES:** Widely invoked for hopeless causes due to the miraculous answers to her persistent prayers.

ST. ROSALIA OF PALERMO

Virgin

FEAST DAY
September 4



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Palermo, Italy

DATE OF BIRTH
c. 1130 AD

DATE OF DEATH
c. 1166 AD

PATRONAGE
Invoked in Times of Plague

QUOTE
No known quotations.

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **HERMIT LIFE:** Lived and died as a hermit in a cave on Mount Pellegrino.
- ◆ **AFTER HER DEATH (1624):** She appeared to a sick woman and a hunter, revealing the location of her bones.
- ◆ **RELICS & MIRACLE:** Her relics were processed through Palermo, and the plague ended instantly.
- ◆ **PROTECTOR IN PANDEMICS:** Venerated internationally, especially invoked during plagues, including COVID-19 (2020).

ST. ROSE OF LIMA

Virgin

FEAST DAY
AUGUST 23

PLACE OF ORIGIN
Lima, Peru

DATE OF BIRTH
April 20, 1586

DATE OF DEATH
August 24, 1617

PATRONAGE
Florists and Gardeners, and
Those Ridiculed for Piety

QUOTE
*“Apart from the cross, there
is no other ladder by which
we may get to heaven.”*

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **BORN ISABEL FLORES:** Baptized Isabel, later adopted the name "Rose" from childhood beauty.
- ◆ **CONSECRATED VIRGIN:** Lifelong virginity, refused marriage despite family pressure.
- ◆ **DOMINICAN:** Joined the Third Order of St. Dominic at age twenty.
- ◆ **FIRST CANONIZED AMERICAN:** First saint from the Americas (Peru) by Pope Clement X in 1671.
- ◆ **HIDDEN SANCTUARY:** Lived in a small garden hut for solitude and prayer.

ST. SABASTIAN

**Roman Soldier
&
Martyr**

**FEAST DAY
JANUARY 20**



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Narbo Martius, Gallia
Narbonensis,
Roman Empire

DATE OF BIRTH
c. 256 AD

DATE OF DEATH
c. 288 AD

PATRONAGE
Athletes, Soldiers, Archers,
and Plague Victims

QUOTE
No known quotation.

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **SECRET CHRISTIAN:** Hid his faith while aiding persecuted Christians in the Roman army.
- ◆ **COMFORTER OF PRISONERS:** Visited and encouraged imprisoned Christians, strengthening them before their execution.
- ◆ **CONDEMNED TO DEATH BY ARROWS:** Ordered shot by archers for professing Christ to Emperor Diocletian.
- ◆ **SURVIVED AND REBUKED:** Survived execution, rebuked the Emperor again, then beaten to death.

ST. SIMON STOCK

**Order of the Brothers
of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
of Mount Carmel**

“Carmelites”

**FEAST DAY
MAY 16**



PLACE OF ORIGIN

Aylesford, Kent, England

DATE OF BIRTH

c. 1165 AD

DATE OF DEATH

c. 1265 AD

PATRONAGE

Carmelite Order, and
Brown Scapular

QUOTE

*"Whosoever dies clothed in
this [scapular] shall not
suffer eternal fire."*

RELIC

Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **EARLY HERMIT LIFE:** Lived as a forest hermit from age 12 for about 20 years.
- ◆ **CALLED TO PRIESTHOOD AND CARMEL:** Left solitude to study theology, ordained a priest, then joined the strict Carmelite Order.
- ◆ **VISION OF THE BROWN SCAPULAR:** Mary appeared with the scapular, promising salvation to those who die clothed in it.
- ◆ **PROMOTED MARIAN DEVOTION:** Eagerly spread Marian devotion central to Carmelite identity.

ST. SIMON THE APOSTLE

FEAST DAY
OCTOBER 28



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Galilee
(present-day Israel)

DATE OF BIRTH
1st Century AD

DATE OF DEATH
c. 65 AD

PATRONAGE
Leather Workers,
Woodcutters, Tanners

QUOTE
No known quotations.

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **ONE OF THE TWELVE:** Chosen by Jesus as one of His twelve apostles. (*Luke 6:15; Acts 1:13*)
- ◆ **SIMON THE ZEALOT:** Title may reflect past ties to Jewish Zealots or personal religious zeal.
- ◆ **MISSIONARY TO PERSIA:** Evangelized in Persia, often alongside St. Jude Thaddeus.
- ◆ **MARTYRED BY SAWING:** Believed to have been martyred by being sawn in half.

SAINT STANISLAUS KOSTKA

Jesuit Novice

FEAST DAY
NOVEMBER 13



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Rostkowo, Poland

DATE OF BIRTH
October 28, 1550

DATE OF DEATH
August 15, 1568

PATRONAGE
Jesuit Novices, Students,
Poland, Broken Bones

QUOTE
*"I was born
for greater things."*

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **VISION OF MARY:** Mary appeared and told him to join the Jesuits.
- ◆ **JESUIT ASPIRANT:** Longed to join Jesuits despite strong opposition from his noble family.
- ◆ **ADMITTED BY ST. FRANCIS BORGIA:** Personally received into the Jesuits by St. Francis Borgia.
- ◆ **MIRACULOUS COMMUNION:** While gravely ill, he received the Eucharist from St. Barbara and was completely healed.
- ◆ **Jesuit Novice:** Died at 17, nine months into novitiate, filled with virtue, grace, and promise.

ST. STEPHEN

The Protomartyr

FEAST DAY
DECEMBER 26



PLACE OF ORIGIN

Jerusalem
(present-day Israel)

DATE OF BIRTH

c. First century AD

DATE OF DEATH

c. 34—35 AD

PATRONAGE

Altar Servers, Deacons,
Bricklayers, Casket Makers

QUOTE

*"Lord Jesus,
receive my spirit."*

RELIC

Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **FIRST CHRISTIAN MARTYR:** Stephen was the first to die for faith in Jesus Christ. (*Acts 7:59*)
- ◆ **APPOINTED AS DEACON:** Chosen to serve the poor and widows in the early Church. (*Acts 6:5*)
- ◆ **PERFORMED MIRACLES:** Worked signs and wonders among the people. (*Acts 6:8*)
- ◆ **CHRISTLIKE DEATH:** Forgave his killers as he was stoned. (*Acts 7:60*)
- ◆ **NAME MEANS "CROWN":** From Greek Stephanos, symbolizing his martyr's reward.

ST. SUSANNA

Martyr

FEAST DAY
AUGUST 11



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Italy

DATE OF BIRTH
3rd Century AD

DATE OF DEATH
c. 295 AD

PATRONAGE
Patron Saint of Gardeners.

QUOTE
No known quotations.

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **NOBLE CHRISTIAN ROOTS:** Born in Rome to a noble family tied to Diocletian, she was raised in the faith and vowed virginity.
- ◆ **REFUSED IMPERIAL MARRIAGE:** Rejected marriage to Diocletian's son to remain faithful to Christ.
- ◆ **PERSECUTION AND MARTYRDOM:** Arrested, tortured, and secretly beheaded for her faith.
- ◆ **CHURCH BUILT ON HOME:** Pope St. Caius turned her family home into a church.

ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA

Doctor of the Church
&
Virgin

FEAST DAY
OCTOBER 15



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Gotarrendura (near Ávila),
Castile, Spain

DATE OF BIRTH
March 28, 1515

DATE OF DEATH
October 4, 1582

PATRONAGE
Catholic Writers, Mystics
Headache Sufferers

QUOTE

*"Christ has no body now but
yours, no hands, no feet on
earth but yours..."*

RELIC

Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **CHILDHOOD ZEAL:** Fascinated by sainthood; chanted “forever, forever, forever ...” with her brother while dreaming of heaven.
- ◆ **RELIGIOUS VOCATION:** Sent to convent at 16 and professed her vows as a Carmelite nun at 21.
- ◆ **MYSTICAL VISIONS:** An angel pierced her heart with love in a well-known spiritual experience.
- ◆ **WRITER OF PRAYER:** Authored *Interior Castle* and *Way of Perfection*, theology classics.
- ◆ **REFORMER OF CARMEL:** Founded Discalced Carmelites, returning the order to poverty and contemplative prayer.
- ◆ **SAINTLY FRIENDSHIP:** Aided St. John of the Cross to reform male Carmelite houses.

ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA

**Missionaries of Charity
&
Virgin**

**FEAST DAY
SEPTEMBER 5**



PLACE OF ORIGIN

Üsküp, Kosovo
vilayet, Ottoman Empire

DATE OF BIRTH

August 26, 1910

DATE OF DEATH

September 5, 1997

PATRONAGE

World Youth Day, and
Missionaries of Charity

QUOTE

"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love."

RELIC

Ex capillis
(from the hair)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **RELIGIOUS FORMATION:** Joined the Sisters of Loreto at 18 and took on the name of Sister Mary Teresa in Dublin.
- ◆ **CALL WITHIN A CALL:** In 1946, Teresa felt called to serve the sick and dying in Calcutta.
- ◆ **MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY:** St. Teresa founded the order in 1950, devoting herself entirely to Calcutta's most abandoned.
- ◆ **GLOBAL RECOGNITION:** Received Nobel Peace Prize in 1979 for her humanitarian and charitable work.

ST. THÉRÈE OF LISIEUX

Doctor of the Church
&
Virgin

FEAST DAY
OCTOBER 1



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Alençon, France

DATE OF BIRTH
January 2, 1873

DATE OF DEATH
September 30, 1897

PATRONAGE
Florists, Pilots, Missions
and Missionaries, The Sick

QUOTE
*"I understand now that
charity consists in bearing
all with love."*

RELIC
Ex pulvere corporis
(dust from the body)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **CARMELITE VOCATION:** Entered the Carmelite convent in Lisieux at age 15 with permission from the Pope.
- ◆ **"LITTLE WAY" OF HOLINESS:** Embraced humble acts—smiling, accepting blame, self-sacrifice—as her path to sanctity.
- ◆ **SPIRITUAL LEGACY:** Wrote *Story of a Soul*, her autobiography and a spiritual classic worldwide.
- ◆ **NICKNAME:** Called "*The Little Flower*" for her simplicity and love of Jesus.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

Doctor of the Church
&
Priest

FEAST DAY
JANUARY 28



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Roccasecca, Italy

DATE OF BIRTH
January 28, 1225

DATE OF DEATH
March 7, 1274

PATRONAGE
Catholic Schools, Students,
Theologians, Philosophers,
Academics and Universities

QUOTE
*"The soul is known
by its acts."*

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **FAMILY IMPRISONMENT:** Imprisoned by his family for over a year to prevent his vocation.
- ◆ **JOINED DOMINICANS:** Secretly joined the Dominican Order despite family opposition.
- ◆ **NICKNAMED "DUMB OX":** Due to his silence, yet recognized as brilliant by St. Albertus Magnus.
- ◆ **AUTHORED THE *SUMMA THEOLOGIAE*:** His most important and celebrated theological work.
- ◆ **MYSTICAL VISION:** After a profound vision during Mass, he stopped writing, saying all he had written seemed "as straw" compared to divine truth.

ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

FEAST DAY
JULY 3



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Galilee
(present-day Israel)

DATE OF BIRTH
1st Century AD

DATE OF DEATH
c. 52 AD

PATRONAGE
Architects, Builder,
and India

QUOTE
"My Lord and my God."
(John 20:29)

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **CALLED THE TWIN:** Known as "*Didymus*," meaning twin, in Greek (John 11:16).
- ◆ **DOUBT TO FAITH:** Demanded proof, then proclaimed, "*My Lord and my God*" upon seeing the risen Christ.
- ◆ **MISSION TO INDIA:** Evangelized in India; founded the Church among the Malabar Christians.
- ◆ **MISSIONARY MARTYRDOM:** Martyred by spear in Mylapore, India.

ST. URSULA

Martyr & Virgin

FEAST DAY
OCTOBER 21



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Cologne, Germany

DATE OF BIRTH
4th Century AD

DATE OF DEATH
c. 383 AD

PATRONAGE
Catholic Education,
Orphans, Teachers, Holy
Virgins

QUOTE
No known quotations.

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **RENOWNED VIRTUE:** Ursula was famed for her dignity, wisdom, and beauty across the land.
- ◆ **PILGRIMAGE TO ROME:** She led 11,000 virgins on a pilgrimage to Rome.
- ◆ **MARTYRDOM IN COLOGNE:** Killed by the Huns for refusing to renounce faith or chastity.
- ◆ **ARROW RELIC PRESERVED:** The arrow said to have pierced her is still conserved in Cologne.
- ◆ **URSULINE ORDER FOUNDED:** In 1535, St. Angela Merici founded the Order in her honor.

ST. VALENTINE OF ROME

Martyr

FEAST DAY
FEBRUARY 14



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Temi, Italy

DATE OF BIRTH
3rd Century AD

DATE OF DEATH
c. 269 AD

PATRONAGE
Love, Engaged Couples,
and Happy Marriage

QUOTE
No known quotations.

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **NAME MEANS "WORTHY":** "*Valentinus*" signifies strength, courage, and worthiness.
- ◆ **SECRET MARRIAGES:** He secretly married Christian couples against imperial orders.
- ◆ **IMPRISONED FOR FAITH:** Arrested for aiding Christians and defying the emperor's decree.
- ◆ **MIRACLE IN PRISON:** He healed the jailer's blind daughter through prayer.
- ◆ **MARTYRED FOR FAITH:** Executed for refusing to renounce Christianity.

ST. VICTOR I

Pope

FEAST DAY
JULY 28



PLACE OF ORIGIN

Roman Africa,
Roman Empire

DATE OF BIRTH

c. 110—130 AD

DATE OF DEATH

c. 199 AD

PATRONAGE

Not associated with any.

QUOTE

No known quotations.

RELIC

Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **DEACON TO POPE:** He was a deacon when he became pope.
- ◆ **FIRST AFRICAN POPE:** Born in Roman Africa (likely Africa Proconsularis), of Berber descent.
- ◆ **PROMOTED LATIN:** First pope to use Latin liturgy in Rome, replacing Greek
- ◆ **ESTABLISHED EASTER DATE:** He is known for establishing a set date for the yearly celebration of Easter.
- ◆ **CANON DEVELOPMENT:** His papacy possibly saw the formation of the Roman biblical canon

ST. VICTORIA

Martyr

FEAST DAY
DECEMBER 23



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Tivoli, Rome, Italy

DATE OF BIRTH
c. 3rd Century AD

DATE OF DEATH
c. 250 AD

PATRONAGE
Victims of Betrayal

QUOTE
No known quotations

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **REFUSED PAGAN MARRIAGE:** Rejected a suitor to preserve her Christian virginity.
- ◆ **SECRETLY CONSECRATED:** Victoria had privately vowed herself to Christ as a consecrated virgin.
- ◆ **BETRAYED BY FIANCÉ:** Her pagan fiancé denounced her for refusing to marry and worship Roman gods.
- ◆ **MARTYRED FOR THE FAITH:** Arrested for boldly confessing Christ; executed for refusing to worship Roman idols.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Priest & Founder

FEAST DAY
SEPTEMBER 27



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Pouy, Italy

DATE OF BIRTH
April 24, 1581

DATE OF DEATH
September 27, 1660

PATRONAGE
Charitable Societies,
Hospitals, Volunteers,
Orphans, Prisoners,
The Poor

QUOTE
*“Go to the poor:
you will find God.”*

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **EARLY ORDINATION:** He became a priest at the young age of 19.
- ◆ **ENSLAVEMENT & ESCAPE:** He was captured by pirates, sold into slavery, converted his master, and escaped.
- ◆ **CHARITY IN ACTION:** He dedicated his life to serving the sick and poor, persuaded the wealthy to support his mission, and provided daily meals to nearly 16,000 people.
- ◆ **RELIGIOUS FOUNDATIONS:** He founded the Paules and the Daughters of Charity.

ST. VIRGINIA CENTURIONE BRACELLI

Religious & Founder

FEAST DAY
DECEMBER 15



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Genoa, Republic of Genoa

DATE OF BIRTH
April 2, 1587

DATE OF DEATH
December 15, 1651

PATRONAGE
Sisters of Our Lady of
Refuge in Mount Calvary

QUOTE
*"Serve the poor with joy,
seeing in them the image of
Christ."*

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **FORCED MARRIAGE:** Married Gaspare Bracelli at age 15 despite her wish for religious life.
- ◆ **WIDOWHOOD AT 20:** Became a widow two years into marriage and refused to remarry.
- ◆ **FOUNDED MERCY SOCIETY:** Founded *Hundred Ladies of Mercy* to serve poor in Jesus' name.
- ◆ **GOSPEL AND SKILLS:** Taught life skills and preached the Gospel to the needy.
- ◆ **CANONIZED SAINT:** Canonized by Pope John Paul II on May 18, 2003.

BL. CATHERINE OF AUGUSTINE

Virgin & Religious

FEAST DAY
MAY 8



PLACE OF ORIGIN

Saint-Sauveur-le-Vicomte,
Normandy, France

DATE OF BIRTH

May 3, 1632

DATE OF DEATH

May 8, 1668

PATRONAGE

Founder of the Canadian
Catholic Church

QUOTE

*"To belong to God, to be
entirely His, that is what my
heart desires above all."*

RELIC

Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **MISSIONARY TO NEW FRANCE (QUEBEC):** Brought Augustinian life to early Quebec.
- ◆ **HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR:** Manage one of North America's first hospitals in Quebec.
- ◆ **SPIRITUAL MYSTIC:** She had deep mystical experiences and spoke interiorly with Christ.
- ◆ **PROTECTOR OF THE DYING:** She cared for the dying and prayed for their salvation.
- ◆ **DEVOTED TO THE POOR:** She embraced poverty and served the sick and poor.
- ◆ **SPIRITUAL WARFARE:** She battled spiritual evil through prayer and sacrifice.
- ◆ **FRIEND OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES:** She served Indigenous people with care and respect.

BL. FRÉDÉRIC JANSSOONE

Priest

FEAST DAY
AUGUST 5



PLACE OF ORIGIN
Ghyvelde, Nord
Hauts-de-France, France

DATE OF BIRTH
November 19, 1838

DATE OF DEATH
August 4, 1916

PATRONAGE
Franciscan Missionaries,
Pilgrims to the Holy Land,
Devotees of Marian Shrines,
Preachers and Evangelists

QUOTE
*“Let us go to Jesus through
Mary and with Mary, and
we shall never be lost.”*

RELIC
Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **FRANCISCAN MISSIONARY:** He brought new life to the Franciscan presence in Canada.
- ◆ **PROMOTER OF THE HOLY LAND:** He worked tirelessly to raise support for Christian sites in the Holy Land.
- ◆ **CHAMPION OF SHRINES :** He helped restore and promote devotion at the Shrine of *Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré*.
- ◆ **GIFTED PREACHER:** He preached missions across Quebec, drawing large crowds with his humble zeal.
- ◆ **APOSTLE OF THE PRESS:** He used pamphlets and print media to evangelize and explain faith.
- ◆ **BEATIFIED SEPTEMBER 25, 1988:** For his missionary spirit and dedication to the Church.

BL. MARIE ROSE DUROCHER

Foundress

**FEAST DAY
OCTOBER 6**



PLACE OF ORIGIN

Saint-Antoine-sur-Richelieu,
Quebec, Canada

DATE OF BIRTH

October 6, 1811

DATE OF DEATH

October 6, 1849

PATRONAGE

Foundress the Sisters of the
Holy Names of Jesus and Mary.

QUOTE

*“Ask Our Lady to help you.
Ask her to entreat her Son to
let you know what you
should do.”*

RELIC

Ex ossibus
(particle of bone)



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **FOUNDRESS OF A TEACHING ORDER:** She founded the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary to educate young girls.
- ◆ **PIONEER IN EDUCATION:** She promoted Catholic education in rural Quebec where schools were scarce.
- ◆ **ADVOCATE FOR WOMEN:** She empowered women through education and religious formation.
- ◆ **MODEL OF PATIENCE:** She led her community with gentleness amid hardship and opposition.

THE TRUE CROSS

**FEAST OF THE
EXALTATION OF THE
HOLY CROSS**

SEPTEMBER 14



DISCOVERED
c. 326 AD

DISCOVERED BY:
St. Helena
Mother of the
Emperor Constantine

DISCOVERED IN:
Jerusalem

IDENTIFICATION:
The True Cross was identified among three discovered crosses when it miraculously healed a dying woman, confirming it as the authentic cross of Christ.



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **EMPRESS HELENA'S DREAM:** Before discovering the cross, St. Helena reportedly had a dream instructing her where to dig in Jerusalem.
- ◆ **STOLEN AND RECOVERED:** The True Cross was taken by the Persians during their 614 AD sack of Jerusalem. It was returned in 630 AD by Emperor Heraclius, who—legend says—entered barefoot, carrying it humbly.
- ◆ **CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE:** The site of the discovery, believed to be both the place of Crucifixion and Resurrection, houses part of the True Cross to this day.

THE CROWN OF THORNS

DISCOVERED

c. 409 AD

St. Paulinus of Nola refers to a crown-of-thorn relic in Jerusalem

DISCOVERED BY

Thus, while the relic wasn't "discovered" by a single person, its veneration is clearly attested from the early 5th century onward in Jerusalem.

DISCOVERED IN

Basilica on Mount Zion,
Jerusalem

LOCATIONS

Originally venerated in Jerusalem, transferred to Constantinople by 1063, acquired by King Louis IX of France in 1239, and housed at Sainte-Chapelle then moved to Notre-Dame de Paris since 1801.



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **NO THORNS REMAIN:** The Paris relic is a reed circlet; its thorns were distributed as relics in the Middle Ages.
- ◆ **COSTLY PURCHASE AND SACRED DESIGN:** Louis IX paid 135,000 livres—half of France's annual revenue—for the Crown of Thorns, more than the cost of building Sainte-Chapelle, a stunning church solely to house the relic.
- ◆ **135,000 LIVRES:** A sum equivalent to roughly 70 years of combined lifetime earnings for a well-off medieval citizen.
- ◆ **NAPOLEON RESTORED IT:** After the Revolution, Napoleon returned the relic to the Church in 1801, placing it in Notre-Dame.
- ◆ **SURVIVED 2019 FIRE:** Firefighters and Chaplain Fournier saved the Crown during the Notre-Dame fire.
- ◆ **INDULGENCES GRANTED:** Viewing or touching the Crown earned papal indulgences, drawing pilgrims from across medieval Europe.

THE HOLY NAIL



DISCOVERED
c. 326 AD

DISCOVERED BY:
St. Helena
Mother of the
Emperor Constantine

DISCOVERED IN:
Jerusalem

IDENTIFICATION:
Along with the Cross, St. Helena is said to have found three nails, believed to be those used to crucify Jesus.

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE NAILS?

- 1) One nail was used to make a bridle for Constantine's horse.
- 2) One may have been embedded into Constantine's helmet or armor, for divine protection.
- 3) Others were enshrined as relics and sent to various churches.



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **MADE OF IRON:** Roman crucifixion nails, including those believed to be Christ's, were forged from iron, the metal of execution.
- ◆ **FAITH IN FRAGMENTS:** Tiny pieces of the true Holy Nails are set in replicas, showing belief that even the smallest part holds sacred power.
- ◆ **THE THREE HOLY NAILS:** Traditionally believed to be preserved in (1) Milan Cathedral, (2) Santa Croce in Jerusalem in Rome, and (3) Trier Cathedral in Germany.

THE HOLY LANCE



DISCOVERED

June 15, 1098

During the siege of Antioch

DISCOVERED BY:

Peter Bartholomew, a peasant and visionary who claimed to have received visions from St. Andrew.

DISCOVERED IN:

Antioch
(present-day Turkey)
Beneath the floor of the
Cathedral of St. Peter

IDENTIFICATION:

At a desperate point during the siege of Antioch, Crusaders discovered the Holy Lance.

This miraculous find renewed their hope, led to victory, and was widely seen as divine confirmation of the relic's authenticity.



INTERESTING FACTS

- ◆ **REFERENCED IN JOHN 19:34:** The Gospel describes a soldier piercing Jesus' side with a spear.
- ◆ **LONGINUS LEGEND:** The soldier who pierced Christ is known as Saint Longinus. He converted, preached Christ, and died a martyr.
- ◆ **HITLER'S OBSESSION:** Hitler allegedly saw the Lance as a source of power and pursued it relentlessly.