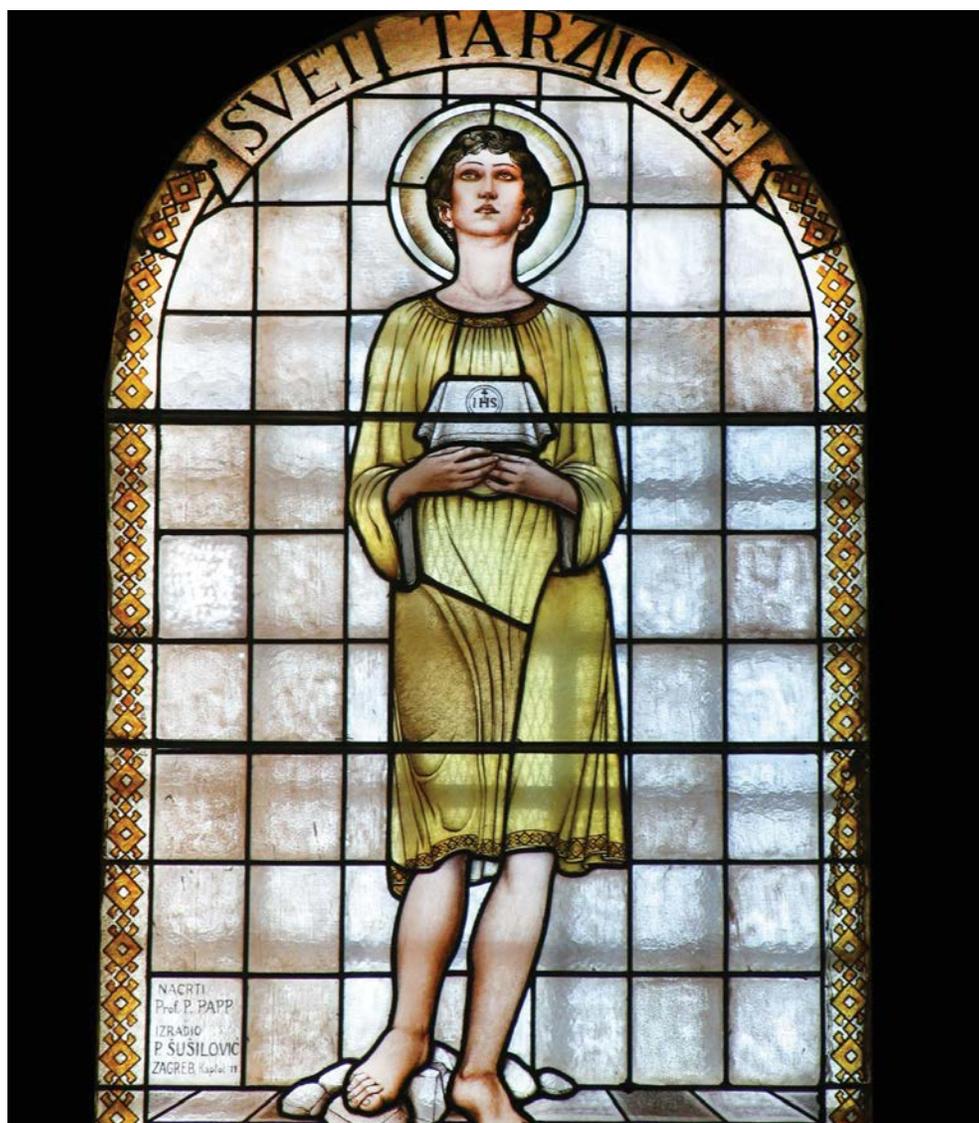




Fra Angelico, *The Forerunners of Christ with Saints and Martyrs* (1423)



## ST. TARCISIUS

Patron: First Communicants and altar servers

Feast Day: August 15

## ST. TARCISIUS (263-275)

St. Tarcisus, martyred at 12 years old, was an altar server during the persecutions of the Roman Emperor Valerian. Tarcisus offered to take the Eucharist to the homes of other Christians stating that his youth would be the best way to keep the Eucharist a secret as he moved through the city. When some of his friends tried to take the Eucharist from him, Tarcisus defended this heavenly treasure with his life. After being beaten to death, he was taken to the priest and oral tradition records that the host he was carrying became one with his flesh. For more on this story see the August 2, 2010 Wednesday audience of Pope Benedict XVI. Patron: First Communicants and altar servers; Feast Day: August 15.





## ST. JOAN OF ARC

Patron: France, prisoners and soldiers

Feast Day: May 30

## **ST. JOAN OF ARC**

(January 6, 1412–May 30, 1431)

St. Joan of Arc, who died at 19 years old, gave herself for the freedom of her country out of love for her people and is known for patiently accepting God's will. Patron: France, prisoners and soldiers; Feast Day: May 30.





**STS. LOUIS IBARAKI,  
ANTHONY & THOMAS KOZAKI**

Known for their courage and joy

Feast Day: February 6

**STS. LOUIS IBARAKI,  
ANTHONY DEYNAN & THOMAS KOZAKI**  
(1582-1597)

St. Louis Ibaraki, 12 years old; St. Anthony Deynan, 13 years old; and St. Thomas Kozaki, 15 years old, were all martyred in Nagasaki in 1597 during a time when Catholicism was outlawed. The boys were known for their courage and their joy, particularly their singing while going to their death. Feast Day: February 6.



## **ST. DOMINIC SAVIO**

**Patron: Boys and Falsely Accused**

**Feast Day: March 6**

## **ST. DOMINIC SAVIO**

(April 2, 1842–March 9, 1857)

St. Dominic Savio, who died at age 14, wrote in his journal at age 7 that he would go to confession and Holy Communion often, that he would live Sundays and feasts in a holy manner, his friends would be Jesus and Mary and he would prefer death rather than sin. Patron: boys and falsely accused; Feast Day: March 6.





## **ST. BERNADETTE**

**Patron: Illness and those teased for their piety**

**Feast Day: April 16**

## **ST. BERNADETTE**

(January 7, 1844–April 16, 1879)

St. Bernadette, who died at the age of 35, saw the Virgin Mary at age 14. Mary appeared to her and, after asking her to dig to find a spring of water and to make a request that a church be built, the Virgin said, “I am the Immaculate Conception.” Bernadette is known for her purity, holiness and obedience to God’s will. Patron: bodily ills, sickness and those ridiculed for their piety; Feast Day: April 16.