

ST. MARY, MOTHER OF GOD



MARY: Feasts: Jan. 1, Mar. 25, Aug. 15, Sept. 8, Dec. 8
Born: Nazareth (Sept. 8, 18 B.C.-Aug. 15, 41 A.D.)
Patron: All humanity, any good activity, mothers, sailors, Benedictines, Carmelites, Cistercians, Jesuits, Dominicans, monks, nuns, United States

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ST. JOSEPH



JOSEPH: Feast Days: March 19 and May 1
Born: Bethlehem (90 B.C.-18 A.D.)
Patron: Catholic Church, unborn children, fathers, immigrants, workers, employment, travel, carpenters, retailers, happy death, and against doubt and hesitation

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Sts. Mary and Joseph

ST. PERPETUA



PERPETUA: Feast Day: March 7
Born: Unknown (died 203 A.D.)
Patron: Mothers, expectant mothers, ranchers, butchers, Carthage and Catalonia

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ST. FELICITY



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Sts. Perpetua and Felicity

ST. COSMAS



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Born: Arabia (3rd century-287 A.D.)
Patron: Surgeons, physicians, dentists, protectors of children, pharmacists, veterinarians and barbers

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ST. DAMIAN

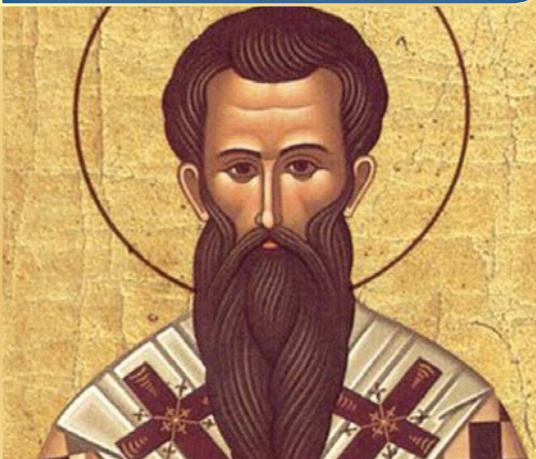


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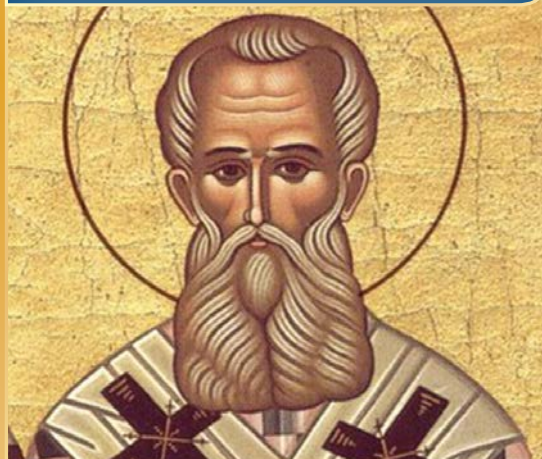
ST. BASIL THE GREAT



BASIL THE GREAT: Feast Day: January 2
Born: Caesarea (330-January 2, 379)
Patron: Russia, Cappadocia, hospital administrators, reformers, monks, education, exorcism, liturgists

Basil and **Gregory** began a friendship in school but they did not compete to be better than one another. Instead, they celebrated the success of the other. Both Basil and Gregory wanted to live a life of virtue and wanted to be called Christians.

ST. GREGORY OF NAZIANZUS



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Born: Arianus (325-January 25, 390)
Patron: Harvests and poets

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Sts. Basil and Gregory

ST. MONICA



MONICA: Feast Day: August 27
Born: Thagaste (331–387 A.D.)
Patron: Difficult marriages, conversion of relatives

Monica is the mother of **Augustine** who prayed fervently for her son's conversion. Augustine converted and during visits to the house of a friend with his mother and a few others they discussed religion and philosophy.

ST. AUGUSTINE



AUGUSTINE: Feast Day: August 28
Born: Thagaste (November 13, 354–August 28, 430)
Patron: Brewers, printers, theologians

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Sts. Monica and Augustine

ST. PATRICK



PATRICK: Feast Day: March 17
Born: Roman Britain (385–March 17, 461)
Patron: Ireland, engineers, paralegals, invoked against snakes

Patrick baptized **Brigid** and they became close friends. Others said that they were such close friends that it was as if they had one heart and one mind. Both Patrick and Brigid founded monasteries in Ireland.

ST. BRIGID



BRIGID: Feast Day: February 1
Born: Ireland (453–524)
Patron: Kildare (Ireland), babies, blacksmiths, children whose parents are not married

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Sts. Patrick and Brigid

ST. SCHOLASTICA



SCHOLASTICA: Feast Day: February 10
Born: Norcia (March 2, 480–February 10, 543)
Patron: Schools, tests, books, reading, invoked against storms and rain

Benedict and **Scholastica** are twins that founded monastic communities. The brother and sister would visit each other once a year and enjoy prayer and conversation. Once Scholastica prayed for her brother to be able to stay longer and a severe storm prevented him from leaving.

ST. BENEDICT



BENEDICT: Feast Day: July 11
Born: Norcia (March 2, 480–March 21, 543)
Patron: Dying people, farmers, disease, invoked against poison and temptations

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Sts. Benedict and Scholastica

ST. ALBERT THE GREAT



ALBERT THE GREAT: Feast Day: November 15
Born: Lauingen (1200–November 15, 1280)
Patron: Medical technicians, natural sciences, scientists, Cincinnati, Ohio

Albert was **Thomas's** teacher and saw that his pupil was incredibly gifted. The two friends became very great theologians and had a tremendous love for science and the faith.

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS



THOMAS AQUINAS: Feast Day: January 28
Born: Sicily (1225–March 7, 1274)
Patron: Academics, universities, philosophers, theologians, scholars, publishers

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Sts. Albert the Great and Thomas Aquinas

ST. CLARE



CLARE: Feast Day: August 11
Born: Assisi (July 16, 1194–August 11, 1253)
Patron: Eye disease, television, needle workers

Clare had a great love for Christ and wanted to follow him in the same way as **Francis**. Both Francis and Clare lived a life of poverty, humility and charity as they dedicated themselves completely to Christ. Many people follow their example today by becoming members of the Franciscan Order.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI



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Patron: Animals, the environment, Italy, San Francisco

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Sts. Clare and Francis of Assisi

ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA



IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA: Feast Day: July 31
Born: Loyola (October 23, 1491–July 31, 1556)
Patron: Society of Jesus, soldiers, educators

Francis was a scholar and an athlete and **Ignatius**, a retired military officer who converted after an injury, was his college roommate. Ignatius guided his friend through spiritual exercises to bring him closer to Christ. Together, with a few other friends, they founded a religious order known as the Society of Jesus. They became missionaries telling others about the love of Christ.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER



FRANCIS XAVIER: Feast Day: December 3
Born: Spain (April 7, 1506–December 3, 1552)
Patron: African missions, plague epidemics

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Sts. Ignatius of Loyola and Francis Xavier

ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA



TERESA OF ÁVILA: Feast Day: October 15
Born: Ávila (March 28, 1515–October 4, 1582)
Patron: Bodily illnesses, sickness, headaches, loss of parents, Spain

Teresa and **John** established the Discalced Carmelite Order and together strived to encourage others to live a life of holiness. Both are mystics and wrote of the union of the human soul with God.

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS



JOHN OF THE CROSS: Feast Day: December 14
Born: Ávila (1542–December 14, 1591)
Patron: Contemplative life, mystical theology, Spanish poets

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Sts. Teresa of Ávila and John of the Cross

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES



FRANCIS DE SALES: Feast Day: January 24
Born: Lyons (August 21, 1567–December 28, 1622)
Patron: Confessors, deaf people, journalists, writers

Francis was **Jane's** spiritual director and together they founded the Visitation Order. They both believed that a relationship with God and the friendships given to us in our lives are an important part of our spiritual lives.

ST. JANE DE CHANTAL



JANE DE CHANTAL: Feast Day: August 12
Born: Dijon (January 28, 1572–December 13, 1641)
Patron: Forgotten people, in-law problems, widows

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Sts. Francis de Sales and Jane de Chantal

ST. ROSE OF LIMA



ROSE OF LIMA: Feast Day: August 23
Born: Lima (April 20, 1586–August 24, 1617)
Patron: Gardeners, florists, India, Latin America, Peru, for the resolution of family quarrels

Martin and **Rose** shared a great love for the poor. **Martin** was known for his compassion and understanding and **Rose** for her prayer and fasting. During her difficulties **Martin** reminded **Rose** of her friendship with God.

ST. MARTIN DE PORRES



MARTIN DE PORRES: Feast Day: November 3
Born: Lima (December 9, 1579–November 3, 1639)
Patron: Hair stylists, innkeepers, mixed-race people, the poor, public education, social justice, Peru

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Sts. Rose of Lima and Martin de Porres

ST. MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE



MARGARET MARY: Feast Day: October 16
Born: France (July 22, 1647–October 17, 1690)
Patron: Sacred Heart, those suffering with polio

Claude was the spiritual director of **Margaret Mary** and together they spread devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. **Claude** helped **Margaret Mary** to receive God's gifts with faith and humility. Jesus appeared to **Margaret Mary** and revealed his Sacred Heart which is full of love for humanity.

ST. CLAUDE DE LA COLOMBIÈRE



CLAUDE DE LA COLOMBIÈRE: Feast Day: February 15
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Patron: Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

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Sts. Margaret Mary Alacoque and Claude de la Colombière

ST. ZÉLIE MARTIN



ZÉLIE: Feast Day: July 12
Born: France (December 23, 1831–August 28, 1877)

Louis and **Zélie** were married on July 12, 1858. They were the parents of nine children including St. Therese of Lisieux. Although they both desired to entire religious life, Louis became a watchmaker and Zélie a lacemaker. They prayed daily in their home and cared for the poor and needy.

ST. LOUIS MARTIN



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Born: France (August 22, 1823–July 29, 1894)

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Sts. Zélie and Louis Martin