

# Roman Martyrology, 2004 Complete, in English



## **An English Translation from the Latin**

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*Semen est sanguis Christianorum* (The blood of Christians is the seed of the Church)  
Tertullian, *Apologeticum*, 50

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## 2004 Roman Martyrology by Month

# January

## January 1<sup>st</sup>

## **This Day, the First Day of January**

**Octave of the Nativity of the Lord and the day of His Circumcision, the Solemnity of the Holy Mother of God, Mary**, whom the Fathers at the Council of Ephesus acclaimed as the *Theotokos* (God-bearer), because from her the Word took flesh and dwelt among men as the Son of God, the Prince of Peace, to Whom the Name above every Name has been given.

2. Caesarea in Cappadocia, the laying to rest of **Saint Basil, bishop**, whose memorial is celebrated tomorrow.
  
3. In Campania and Abruzzo, **Saint Justin**, who is honored as a bishop, notable for his zeal and for defending the Christian faithful.
  
4. Rome, **Saint Almachius**, who, opposing the gladiatorial games, was slain by the gladiators at the command of Alypius, Prefect of the City, and was counted among the victorious martyrs.
  
5. Mount Jura, in the region of Lyon in France, **Saint Eugendus**, abbot of Condat, who lived in the monastery from childhood and promoted the monastic common life with all his zeal.
  
6. Ruspe in Byzacena, **Saint Fulgentius, bishop**, who, after serving as procurator of Byzacena, became a monk, was later made bishop, and suffered greatly during the Vandal persecution under the Arians and was

twice exiled to Sardinia by King Thrasamund. Finally restored to his people, he nourished them faithfully with the word of truth and grace for the rest of his life.

7. Vienne in Burgundy, **Saint Clarus, abbot** of the monastery of Saint Marcellus, who provided the monks with an example of religious perfection.

8. Troyes in Neustria, **Saint Frodobert**, founder and first **abbot** of the monastery of Cellæ.

9. In the monastery of Fécamp in Normandy, the passing of **Saint William, abbot** of Saint Benignus of Dijon, who, in the final period of his life, wisely and firmly governed many monks distributed among forty monasteries.

10. Souvigny in Burgundy, the passing of **Saint Odilo, abbot of Cluny**, who, strict with himself but gentle and merciful with others, instituted truces in God's name among those at war, alleviated the afflicted during famine, and was the first to establish, in his monasteries, the commemoration of all the faithful departed on the day after the Feast of All Saints.

11. Gablona in Bohemia, **Saint Zdislava, a mother of a family**, who was a great source of comfort to the afflicted.

**12.** Gualdo Cattaneo in Umbria, **blessed Ugolino**, who lived a hermit's life.

**13.** Rome, **Saint Joseph Mary Tomasi, priest** of the Order of Clerics Regular (Theatines) and cardinal, who, burning with desire to restore divine worship, spent almost his entire life searching for and publishing ancient texts and monuments of the sacred liturgy, and devoted himself to catechizing children.

**14.** Avrillé near Angers in France, **the blessed brothers John and René Lego, priests and martyrs**, who, during the violence of the French Revolution, were beheaded for refusing to take the impious oath imposed on the clergy.

**15.** Rome, **Saint Vincent Mary Strambi, bishop** of Macerata and **Tolentino**, of the Congregation of the Passion, who governed his dioceses in holiness and, for his fidelity to the Roman Pontiff, suffered exile.

**16.** Hasselt near Maastricht on the Meuse in Belgium, **blessed Valentinus Paquay, priest** from the Order of Friars Minor, who gave a wondrous example of Christian charity in prayer, in the ministry of reconciliation, and in devotion to the Marian Rosary, attaining the highest from among the least in a spirit of humility.

**17.** Lviv in Ukraine, **blessed Sigismund Gorazdowski, priest**, a Pole by nationality, outstanding in love for his neighbor and a pioneer in

efforts to protect life. He founded the *Institute of the Sisters of Saint Joseph* and devoted himself entirely to the good of the poor and the abandoned.

**18.** In the Dachau concentration camp near Munich in Bavaria, Germany, **blessed Marian Konopiński, priest and martyr**, a Pole by nationality, who, having endured cruel atrocities inflicted by doctors, died for the Lord Christ.

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**January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**This Day, the Second Day of January**

**Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church.** Basil, bishop of Caesarea in Cappadocia, called great in learning and wisdom, taught monks the meditation of the Scriptures and labor in obedience and brotherly charity. He established their way of life according to rules he himself composed. He instructed the faithful through excellent writings and stood out for his pastoral care of the poor and sick. He died on the first of January. Gregory, his friend, bishop of Sasima, then of Constantinople, and finally of Nazianzus, defended the divinity of the Word with great fervor, for which reason he is also called *The Theologian*. The Church rejoices in the joint commemoration of these great Doctors.

2. Rome, **the burial of Saint Telesphorus, pope**, who, according to Saint Irenaeus, was the seventh bishop after the Apostles and achieved a glorious martyrdom.

3. In the territory of Corano, at the thirtieth milestone from the City, **the holy martyrs Argeus, Narcissus, and Marcellinus**.

4. Marseille in the province of France, **Saint Theodore, bishop**, who, having attempted to establish ecclesiastical discipline, was punished by Kings Childebert and Guntram and was exiled three times.

5. the monastery of Bobbio in Emilia, **Saint Bladulf, priest and monk**, a disciple of Saint Columban.

6. Milan in Lombardy, **Saint John the Good, bishop**, who restored the episcopal see, exiled to Genoa due to the Lombards, to his city. He was pleasing to God and to men by his faith and good morals.

7. In the region of Tulle in Aquitaine, **Saint Vincentianus, hermit**.

8. Limerick in Ireland, **Saint Mainchin**, who is venerated as a **bishop**.

9. the monastery of Corbie in the region of Amiens in France, **Saint Adalhard, abbot**, who arranged all things so that each person had enough—neither having excess nor letting anything be wasted—but that all things might be kindly given to the praise of God.

10. Maurienne in Savoy, **Saint Airauld, bishop**, who, both in the solitude of Portes and in the episcopal see of Maurienne, combined the austerity and customs of the Carthusians with the prudence and counsel of a pastor.

11. Troina in Sicily, **Saint Sylvester, abbot**, under the discipline of the Eastern Fathers.

12. Forlì in Emilia, **blessed Marcolinus Amanni, priest** of the Order of Preachers, who spent his entire life in silence and solitude, as well as in the service of the poor and in the care of children, with most humble simplicity.

13. Soncino in Lombardy, **blessed Stephana Quinzani, virgin**, of the Third Order of Saint Dominic, devoted constantly to contemplation of the Lord's Passion and to the Christian formation of girls.

14. Angers in France, the **blessed William Repin and Laurent Bâtard, priests and martyrs**, who, during the French turmoil, were beheaded for their fidelity to the Church.

15. In the city of Lachine in the Province of Quebec, Canada, **blessed Marie-Anne (Mary Stella) Soureau-Blondin, virgin**, who, though herself ignorant of letters in youth, founded the *Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Anne* to educate the children of farmers, always giving an outstanding example in the ministry of teaching the young.

**January 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**This Day, the Third Day of January**

**Most Holy Name of Jesus**, at which name alone every knee should bend, in heaven, on earth, and under the earth, to the glory of the divine majesty.

2. Rome, in the cemetery of Callistus on the Appian Way, the burial of **Saint Antherus, pope**, who, after Pontian the martyr, held the episcopate for a short time.

3. Nicomedia in Bithynia, the **Saints Theopemptus and Theonas**, who suffered **martyrdom** during the persecution of the Emperor Diocletian.

4. Caesarea in Cappadocia, **Saint Gordius, a centurion and martyr**, whom Saint Basil praised as a true rival of the centurion who stood by the Cross, because he confessed Jesus, the Son of God, during the persecution of the Emperor Diocletian.

5. Padua in the region of Venice, the commemoration of **Saint Daniel, deacon and martyr**.

6. Parion in the Hellespont, **Saint Theogenes, martyr**, who, having been conscripted under the Emperor Licinius, refused to serve in the military because of his Christian faith; he was thrown into prison and subjected to tortures, and finally drowned in the sea.

7. Vienne in France, **Saint Florentius, bishop**, who took part in the Council of Julia Valentia.

8. Paris in France, the burial of **Saint Geneviève, virgin** of Nanterre, who, at the age of fifteen, received the veil of virgins at the urging of Saint Germanus, bishop of Auxerre. She encouraged the frightened citizens during the invasion of the Huns and sustained her fellow citizens during a time of famine.

9\*. Leontini in Sicily, **Saint Lucian, bishop**.

10\*. In the Monastery of Mannanam, in the region of Kerala, India, **blessed Kuriakose Elias Chavara, priest** and founder of the *Congregation of the Carmelites of Mary Immaculate*.

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**January 4<sup>th</sup>**

**This Day, the Fourth Day of January**

1. In Moesia, the **holy martyrs Hermes and Caius**, one of whom was at Retiaria, the other at Bononia.

2. In Auvergne in Aquitaine, **Saint Abrunculus, bishop**, who, having first presided over the Church of Langres, fled by night from the threats

of the Burgundians and crossed into the territory of the Arverni, where he took the seat of Saint Sidonius Apollinaris.

3. Dijon in Burgundy, **Saint Gregory**, who, after serving for many years as count in the region of Autun, was ordained **bishop** of Langres.

4. Uzès in Narbonese France, **Saint Ferreolus, bishop**, who wrote a Rule for monks and, driven into exile by envy, was recognized after three years as a true man of God and was joyfully restored to his people.

5. Meaux in Neustria, **Saint Rigomer, bishop**.

6. Reims, also in Neustria, **Saint Rigobert**, bishop, who, against the canons, was expelled from his see by Charles Martel, Duke of the Franks, and lived a life of humility.

7. Bruay on the Scheldt near Valenciennes in Artois, Neustria, **Saint Pharaildis, widow**, who, though unwillingly married to a violent man, is said to have embraced a life of prayer and austerity into old age.

8. Foligno in Umbria, **blessed Angela**, who, after the death of her husband and sons, followed in the footsteps of Saint Francis, dedicated herself wholly to God, and entrusted to her book of life profound experiences of the mystical life.

9. Santa Croce sull'Arno in Etruria, **blessed Christiana (Oringa) Menabuoi, virgin**, who founded a monastery under the Rule of Saint Augustine.

10. Durham in England, **blessed Thomas Plumtree, priest and martyr**, who, under Queen Elizabeth I, was condemned to death for his fidelity to the Catholic Church and, choosing the noose over the axe before the gallows, bravely underwent the same punishment.

11. Emmitsburg, in Maryland, United States of America, **Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton**, who, having become a widow, professed the Catholic faith and diligently worked with the *Sisters of Charity of Saint Joseph*, whom she founded, to educate girls and care for poor children.

12. Madrid in Spain, **blessed Emmanuel González García, bishop**, who, as a shepherd after the heart of the Lord, zealously promoted the devotion to the Most Holy Eucharist and founded the *Congregation of the Missionary Sisters of Nazareth*.

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**January 5<sup>th</sup>**

**This Day, the Fifth Day of January**

1. Alexandria in Egypt, **Saint Syncletica**, virgin, who is said to have led a hermit's life.

2. Carthage, **Saint Deogratias**, bishop, who ransomed many captives brought by the Vandals from the city of Rome, and gathered them in two large basilicas, which he had prepared with beds and straw.

3. Rome, **Saint Emiliana**, virgin, aunt of Saint Gregory the Great, who departed to the Lord shortly after her sister Tharsilla.

4. In Brittany, **Saint Convoyon, abbot**, who founded the Monastery of Saint Savior at Redon, where, under his discipline and the Rule of Saint Benedict, monks flourished with remarkable piety; and when the monastery was destroyed by the Normans, he built a new one at Plelan, where he died at the age of eighty.

5. London in England, **Saint Edward**, called the **Confessor**, king of the English, most beloved by his people for his extraordinary charity, who secured peace for his kingdom and firmly promoted communion with the Roman See.

6. Near Valkenburg in the region of Limburg, **Saint Gerlac, hermit**, noted for his care for the poor.

7. Todi in Umbria, **blessed Roger, priest** of the Order of Friars Minor, who was a disciple of Saint Francis and a fervent imitator of his way of life.

**8.** Angers in France, **blessed Francis Peltier, James Ledoyen, and Peter Tessier, priests and martyrs**, who, during the French turmoil, were beheaded because they faithfully preserved the priesthood.

**9.** Philadelphia in Pennsylvania, United States of America, **Saint John Nepomucene Neumann**, bishop, of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, who helped migrants in poverty with support, counsel, and charity, and was greatly devoted to the Christian education of children.

**10.** Genoa in Italy, **blessed Mary Repetto, virgin**, of the Sisters of Our Lady of Refuge on Mount Calvary, who, hidden from the world, stood out in assisting the afflicted and uplifting the doubtful with hope of salvation.

**11.** Dublin in Ireland, **blessed Charles of Saint Andrew (John Andrew Houben), priest** of the Congregation of the Passion, diligent minister of the sacrament of penance.

**12.** In the city of Jazlowice in Ukraine, **blessed Marcelina Darowska**, who, after the deaths of her husband and firstborn, dedicated herself to God and, always concerned for the dignity of family life, founded the *Congregation of the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception of the blessed Virgin Mary* to educate girls.

**13.** Spoleto in Italy, **blessed Peter Bonilli**, priest, founder of the *Institute of the Sisters of the Holy Family*, for helping and educating poor girls and orphans.

**14.** Zaragoza in Spain, **Saint Genoveva Torres Morales, virgin**, who, having experienced hardships from childhood and suffering from poor health, founded the *Institute of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Holy Angels*, to assist women.

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**January 6<sup>th</sup>**

**This Day, the Sixth Day of January**

**Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord**, on which is commemorated the threefold manifestation of the great God and our Lord Jesus Christ: Bethlehem, the infant Jesus was adored by the Magi; in the Jordan, He was baptized by John, anointed by the Holy Spirit, and called the Son by God the Father; at Cana in Galilee, at a wedding, by changing water into new wine, He manifested His glory.

**2.** Antinoë in Thebaid, the **holy martyrs Julian and Basilissa**.

**3.** Nantes in Brittany (Minor), **Saint Felix, bishop**, who, serving his fellow citizens with the witness of his own zeal, rebuilt the cathedral church and continually evangelized the rural peoples.

**4.** Würzburg in Franconia, Germany, **blessed Macarius, abbot**, who was the first to preside over the Monastery of the Scots in this city.

5. Barcelona in Catalonia, Spain, **Saint Raymond of Peñafort**, whose memorial is celebrated on the following day.
  
6. Famagusta on the island of Cyprus, the passing of **Saint Peter Thomas, bishop** of Constantinople, of the Order of Carmelites, who fulfilled the mission of papal legate to the East
  
7. Fiesole in Etruria, **Saint Andrew Corsini, bishop**, of the Order of Carmelites, notable for his austerity and constant meditation on the Holy Scriptures, who restored convents ravaged by plague, wisely governed his church, brought comfort to the poor, and reconciled those in conflict.
  
8. Valencia in Spain, **Saint John of Ribera, bishop** and also viceroy, a devout worshipper of the Most Holy Eucharist and defender of Catholic truth, who educated the people through lengthy instruction.
  
9. Rome, **Saint Charles of Sezze**, religious of the Order of Friars Minor, who, from childhood forced to earn his daily bread, led companions to imitate Christ and the Saints, and finally, as he had long desired, clothed in the Franciscan habit, devoted himself in adoration before the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.
  
10. Also at Rome, **Saint Rafaela Maria of the Sacred Heart (Rafaela María Porrás Ayllón), virgin**, who founded the *Congregation of the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus*, and, judged to be of unsound mind, completed a holy life in trials and penance.

11. Marianopolis in the province of Quebec, Canada, **blessed André (Alfred) Bessette**, religious of the Congregation of Holy Cross, who saw to the construction there of a remarkable sanctuary in honor of Saint Joseph.

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**January 7<sup>th</sup>**

**This Day, the Seventh Day of January**

**Saint Raymond of Peñafort, priest** of the Order of Preachers, a man outstanding in knowledge of canon law, who wrote rightly and fruitfully about the Sacrament of Penance, and, elected Master General of the Order, prepared a new edition of the Constitutions of the Order, and in extreme old age peacefully fell asleep in the Lord at Barcelona in Spain.

2. Melitene in Armenia, **Saint Polyeuctus**, martyr, a soldier who, when compelled by an edict of Emperor Decius to sacrifice to the gods, smashed the idols and, having suffered many tortures, was finally beheaded, and was baptized in his own shed blood.

3. Nicomedia in Bithynia, the **passion of Saint Lucian, priest** of the Church of Antioch and martyr, renowned for his learning and eloquence, who, when brought before the tribunal, courageously confessed himself a Christian under constant questioning and added torments.

4. Passau in Noricum, **Saint Valentine, bishop** of Raetia.
5. Pavia in Liguria, **Saint Crispin**, bishop.
6. Chur in Raetia, among the Swiss, **Saint Valentinian, bishop**, who helped the poor with his wealth, paid ransom for captives, and generously gave clothing to the naked.
7. Solignac near Limoges in Aquitaine, **Saint Tillo**, who was a disciple of Saint Eligius, and both a blacksmith and a monk.
8. Constantinople, **Saint Cyrus, bishop**, who, having been a monk in Paphlagonia, was raised to the See of Constantinople, from which he was later deposed and died in exile.
9. Le Mans in France, **Saint Alderic, bishop**, who devoted himself with all zeal to the worship of God and the Saints.
10. In a forest near Ringsted in Denmark, **Saint Canute**, surnamed **Lavard**, martyr, who, as Duke of Schleswig, ruled justly and wisely, fostered piety, and was killed by enemies jealous of his authority.
11. Palermo in Sicily, the passing of **blessed Matthew Guimerà, bishop** of Agrigento, of the Order of Friars Minor, devoted to and a promoter of the Most Holy Name of Jesus.

**12.** Suzuta in Japan, **blessed Ambrose Fernandez, martyr**, who originally went to the East for profit and trade, but was later admitted as a religious to the Society of Jesus. Afflicted by many hardships, he died in prison for Christ.

**13.** In the village of An Bài in Tonkin, **Saint Joseph Tuan**, martyr, a father and farmer, who, kneeling in prayer before a cross he was ordered to trample, was beheaded under the emperor Tụ Đức.

**14.** Liège in Belgium, **blessed Marie Thérèse (Jeanne) Haze, virgin**, who founded the *Congregation of the Daughters of the Cross* for the service of the weak and the poor.

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## **January 8<sup>th</sup>**

### **This Day, the Eighth Day of January**

**1.** Hierapolis in Phrygia, **Saint Apollinaris, bishop**, who flourished in teaching and holiness under Emperor Marcus Aurelius.

**2.** In Libya, the **holy martyrs Theophilus, deacon**, and **Helladius**, who were first torn apart and pierced with very sharp shards, and finally thrown into the fire, as is told.

**3.** Beauvais in Belgic France, the **holy martyrs Lucian, Maximian, and Julian.**

**4.** Also, at Metz in Belgic France, **Saint Patient, bishop.**

**5.** In Ripuarian Noricum, **Saint Severinus, priest and monk**, who, after the death of Attila, king of the Huns, came to this region and defended unarmed peoples, tamed the fierce, converted unbelievers, founded monasteries, and instructed the uncultivated in religion.

**6.** Pavia in Liguria, **Saint Maximus, bishop.**

**7.** In the Monastery of Choziba in Palestine, **Saint George, monk and hermit**, who remained enclosed the entire week and joined the brothers in prayer on Sundays, offering them spiritual guidance and advice to all.

**8.** In the region of Aberdeen in Scotland, **Saint Nathalan, bishop**, distinguished for his charity toward the poor.

**9.** Regensburg in Bavaria, **Saint Erhard**, who was of Irish origin, and burning with zeal to spread the Gospel, went to this region where he fulfilled the office of bishop.

**10.** Morsel in Brabant, **Saint Gudula, virgin**, who devoted herself in her home to charity and prayer.

**11.** Cashel in Ireland, **Saint Albert, bishop**, English by birth, and a long-time pilgrim for Christ

**12.** Venice, **Saint Lawrence Giustiniani, bishop**, who enlightened this Church with the wisdom of reform and doctrine.

**13.** Newcastle-upon-Tyne in England, **blessed Edward Waterson**, priest and martyr, who, under Queen Elizabeth I, was condemned to death for having come to England as a priest and was hanged on the gallows.

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## **January 9<sup>th</sup>**

### **This Day, the Ninth Day of January**

**1.** Ancona in Piceno, Italy, **Saint Marcellinus, bishop**, who, as Pope Saint Gregory the Great writes, delivered that city from fire by divine power.

**2.** Canterbury in England, **Saint Hadrian, abbot**, who, born in Africa, came to England via Naples in Campania, and, being richly instructed in both sacred and secular learning, educated a multitude of disciples with saving knowledge.

3. In Scotland, **Saint Fillan, abbot** of the monastery of Saint Andrew, who, distinguished for his austerity of discipline, lived a life of solitude.

4. On Mount Olympus in Bithynia, **Saint Eustratius**, surnamed Thaumaturgi, **abbot** of the monastery of Abgar.

5. Thénézay in the district of Poitiers in Aquitaine, **Saint Honoratus of Buzançais**, who, being a cattle merchant, gave dowries to the poor with his own money and was killed by thieves whom he had reproved.

6. Certaldo in Etruria (Tuscany), **blessed Julia della Rena**, of the Third Order of Saint Augustine, who lived solely for God, enclosed in a small cell near the church.

7. Ancona in Piceno, Italy, **blessed Antonio Fatati, bishop**, who was prudent and calm in all the missions entrusted to him by the Roman Pontiffs, austere toward himself, and generous toward the poor.

8. Nancy in France, **blessed Marie-Thérèse of Jesus (Alix Le Clerc), virgin**, who, together with Saint Peter Fourier, founded the *Congregation of the Canonesses Regular of Our Lady*, under the Rule of Saint Augustine, to educate girls.

9. Seoul in Korea, the **holy martyrs Agatha Yi, virgin**—whose parents were also crowned with martyrdom—and **Teresa Kim, widow**, who were struck with blows in prison for Christ and finally beheaded.

**10.** Near Munich in Bavaria, Germany, in the Dachau concentration camp, **blessed Joseph Pawłowski and Casimir Grelewski, priests and martyrs**, who, during the war, were deported from Poland, which had been invaded by persecutors of the faith, and completed their martyrdom by the torment of hanging.

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## **January 10<sup>th</sup>**

### **This Day, the Tenth Day of January**

- 1.** Rome, in the cemetery of Callistus on the Appian Way, **Saint Miltiades, Pope**, who, originally from Africa, experienced the restoration of peace to the Church under Emperor Constantine, but was severely harassed by the followers of Donatus, and worked wisely to bring about harmony.
- 2.** In the Thebaid, **Saint Paul, hermit**, an early promoter of the monastic life.
- 3.** Nyssa in Cappadocia, **Saint Gregory, bishop**, brother of Saint Basil the Great, renowned for his life and teaching, who, for confessing the true faith, was driven from his city by the Arian emperor Valens.
- 4.** Jerusalem, **Saint John, bishop**, who during times of doctrinal controversy greatly labored for the Catholic faith and the peace of the Church.

5. Die in the region of Vienne in France, **Saint Petronius, bishop**, who had previously lived a monastic life on the island of Lérins.

6. **Constantinople, Saint Marcian, priest**, noted for his diligent care in adorning churches and aiding the needy.

7. Limoges in Aquitaine, **Saint Valerius**, who chose a solitary life.

8. Melitene in Armenia, **Saint Domitian, bishop**, who labored greatly for the conversion of the Persians.

9. Rome, near Saint Peter's, the burial of **Saint Agatho**, Pope, who preserved the faith intact against the errors of the Monothelites and promoted the unity of the Church through synods.

10. In the region of Vivarais, by the Rhône River in France, **Saint Arcontius, bishop**.

11. In the monastery of Cuxa in the Pyrenees, **Saint Peter Urseolus**, who, having been Doge of Venice, became a monk, lived with notable piety and austerity, and chose to live in solitude near the monastery.

12. In the monastery of Cava in Campania, **blessed Benincasa**, abbot, who sent one hundred monks to Sicily to populate the newly built monastery of Montreale.

**13.** Bourges in Aquitaine, **Saint William, bishop**, who, inflamed with a desire for solitude and contemplation, became a Cistercian monk at Pontigny, later abbot of Chaalis, and finally bishop of Bourges. He never relaxed the austerity of monastic life and shone with love for the clergy, captives, and the afflicted.

**14.** Amarante in Portugal, **blessed Gundisalvus (Gonzalo), priest** of the Archdiocese of Braga, who, after a long pilgrimage to the Holy Land, entered the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), then withdrew into solitude, helped rebuild a bridge, and guided locals through prayer and preaching.

**15.** Arezzo in Etruria, the death of **blessed Pope Gregory X**, who, having been elected from being archdeacon of Liège, strongly fostered communion with the Greeks and summoned the Second Ecumenical Council of Lyon to reconcile Christian divisions and recover the Holy Land.

**16.** Laurenzana in Lucania, **blessed Giles (Bernardine) Di Bello**, a religious of the Order of Friars Minor, who lived reclusively in a cave.

**17.** Arequipa in Peru, **blessed Anna of the Angels Monteagudo, virgin** of the Order of Preachers, who offered herself with wisdom and prophetic insight for the good of the whole city.

**18.** Perugia in Italy, **Saint Francis de Sales (Léonie) Aviat**, virgin, who dedicated herself with motherly love and industry to helping young women, and founded the *Oblates of Saint Francis de Sales*.

**19.** Madrid in Spain, **blessed María de los Dolores Rodríguez Sopena**, virgin, who gave outstanding witness to Christian charity by drawing near to the most marginalized of her time, especially in the suburbs of large cities, and founded the *Institute of the Ladies Catechists* and the *Work of Doctrines* to evangelize and uplift the poor and working class.

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## **January 11<sup>th</sup>**

### **This Day, the Tenth Day of January**

**1.** Rome, **Saint Hyginus, Pope**, who was the eighth to occupy the chair of blessed Peter.

**2.** In Africa, **Saint Salvius, martyr**, on whose feast day Saint Augustine delivered a sermon to the people of Carthage.

**3.** Tigava in Mauretania, **Saint Typasius, a veteran and martyr**, who, being recalled to military service and refusing to sacrifice to the gods, was beheaded.

**4.** Caesarea in Palestine, **Saint Peter, surnamed Apselamus or Balsamus, a martyr**, who, under the emperor Maximinus, although

often urged by the governor and all those present to have mercy on his youth, disregarded their exhortations and with courageous spirit bore witness to his faith in Christ by fire, like the purest gold.

**5.** Brindisi in Apulia, of **Saint Leucius**, who is venerated as the first **bishop** of that city.

**6.** Pavia in Liguria, the translation of **Saint Honorata**, a **virgin** consecrated to God and sister of Saint Epiphanius, bishop.

**7.** In the desert of Judea, of **Saint Theodosius**, the cenobiarch, who, a friend of Saint Sabas, after a long solitary life, gathered many disciples as companions and established communal life in the monasteries he had built. Having suffered much for the Catholic faith, he finally rested in the peace of Christ at the age of one hundred.

**8.** Cividale del Friuli in Venetia, **Saint Paulinus**, **bishop** of Aquileia, who tried to convert the Avars and Slovenes to the faith, and presented to King Charlemagne a remarkable poem on the rule of faith.

**9.** Catania in Sicily, **blessed Bernard Scammacca**, **priest** of the Order of Preachers, who shone especially in mercy toward the poor and the sick.

**10.** London in England, of **blessed William Carter**, **martyr**, a **married man**, who under Queen Elizabeth I, for having printed a tract on schism, was hanged at Tyburn and brutally dismembered.

**11.** In the town of Bellegra in Latium, Italy, **Saint Thomas of Cori (Francis Anthony Placidi)**, **priest** of the Order of Friars Minor, notable

for the austerity of his life and his preaching, and a distinguished founder of retreats.

**12.** Near Gdańsk in Poland, **blessed Francis Rogaczewski, priest and martyr**, who, during the occupation of Poland under a regime hostile to God, was shot to death because of his faith.

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## **January 12<sup>th</sup>**

### **This Day, the Twelfth Day of January**

**1.** In Mauretania, **Saint Arcadius, martyr**, who, hiding during the time of persecution, when a relative of his was arrested in his place, voluntarily surrendered himself to the judge and refused to sacrifice to the gods. Therefore, after suffering the most bitter tortures, he completed his martyrdom.

**2.** Constantinople, **the holy martyrs Tigrius, a priest, and Eutropius, a lector**, who, in the time of Emperor Arcadius, were falsely accused of having incited the fire by which the principal church and the Senate house were burned, supposedly in revenge for the exile of Saint John Chrysostom. Under the prefect Optatus, who was immersed in the superstition of vain gods and an enemy of the Christian religion, they suffered martyrdom.

3. Arles in the province of France, **Saint Caesaria, abbess**, the sister of Saint Caesarius the bishop, who wrote a Rule for her and her sisters, the virgins consecrated to God.

4. Grenoble in Burgundy, **Saint Ferreolus, bishop and martyr**, who, while preaching to the people, was murdered by wicked assassins.

5. Wearmouth in Northumbria, **Saint Benedict Biscop, abbot**, who journeyed to Rome five times, and brought back with him many teachers and books, so that within the walls of the monastery, monks gathered under the Rule of Saint Benedict might gain, through their advancement in knowledge, the true love of Christ for the Church.

6. In the monastery of Rievaulx also in Northumbria, **Saint Aelred, abbot**, who, raised in the court of the king of Scotland, entered the Cistercian Order and, as an outstanding teacher of monastic life, zealously and gently promoted spiritual life and Christian friendship through his works and writings.

7. León in Spain, **Saint Martin of the Holy Cross, priest** and regular canon, a man truly learned in Sacred Scripture.

8. Palermo in Sicily, Saint Bernard of Corleone, of the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin, distinguished for his admirable charity and penance.

9. Marianopolis in the province of Quebec, Canada, **Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys, virgin**, who brought great comfort to settlers and soldiers in

every way, and dedicated great care to the Christian education of girls; she therefore founded the *Congregation of the Sisters of Notre-Dame*.

**10.** Avrillé near Angers in France, **blessed Anthony Fournier, martyr**, a craftsman, who, during the French turmoil, was killed by being shot to death for his fidelity to the Church.

**11.** Caen in France, **blessed Peter Francis Jamet, priest**, who, in assisting the religious Daughters of the Good Savior, devoted himself with all diligence both during the time of great upheaval and after the peace of the Church was restored.

**12.** Viareggio in Italy, **Saint Anthony Mary Pucci, priest** of the Order of the Servants of Mary, who, as pastor for nearly fifty years, labored especially for the care of children afflicted by poverty or disease.

**13.** In the village of Tomhom near Bangkok in Thailand, **blessed Nicholas Bunkerd Kitbamrung, priest and martyr**, an outstanding preacher of the Gospel, who, during a persecution against the Church, was imprisoned and, while helping fellow prisoners, died gloriously, afflicted with tuberculosis.

**January 13<sup>th</sup>**

**This Day, the Thirteenth Day of January**

**Saint Hilary, bishop and doctor of the Church**, who, having been raised to the See of Poitiers in Aquitaine, under the Emperor Constantius who was devoted to the Arian heresy, vigorously defended by his writings the Nicene faith concerning the Trinity and the divinity of Christ; wherefore he was exiled for four years to Phrygia. He also composed very famous commentaries on the Psalms and on the Gospel of Matthew.

2. Singidunum in Moesia, of **the holy martyrs Hermylus and Stratonice**, who, after cruel tortures under the Emperor Licinius, were drowned in the river Istrus (the lower Danube).
  
3. Trier in Belgic France, of **Saint Agricius, bishop**, who converted the palace given as a gift by Saint Helena into a church.
  
4. Likewise at Reims in Belgica, the burial of **Saint Remigius, bishop**, who, after having initiated King Clovis to the sacred font of baptism and to the sacraments of the faith, converted the people of the Franks to Christ; and, having passed more than sixty years in the episcopate, died, distinguished for his holiness.
  
5. Glasgow in Scotland, **Saint Kentigern, bishop and abbot**, who established his seat there and is said to have founded a great community of monks according to the pattern of the early Church.

6. Capitolias in Batanea, of **Saint Peter, priest and martyr**, who, having been accused before Walid, prince of the Saracens, because he publicly taught the faith of Christ along the roads, had his tongue, hands, and feet cut off and was affixed to a cross, thus he fulfilled the martyrdom which he had ardently desired.

7. Córdoba in the region of Andalusia in Spain, of **the holy martyrs Gumesindus, priest, and Servideus, monk**, who, having professed themselves Christians before the Moorish rulers and judges, died for the faith of Christ

8. In the monastery of Ilbenstadt in Germany, of **Saint Godfrey**, who, being count of Cappenberg, willed that his castle be transformed into a monastery against the will of his relatives; and, having taken up the canonical habit, devoted strenuous work to the poor and the sick.

9. Near Huy in the region of Liège, of **Saint Lutgardis**, who, a **widow**, dedicated herself to the care of lepers and, having finally enclosed herself near them, chose that way of life.

10. Milan in Lombardy, **blessed Veronica of Binasco Negroni, virgin**, who, having entered the monastery of Saint Martha under the Rule of Saint Augustine, ascended to the highest contemplation.

11. In the city of Nam Dinh in Tonkin, of **the holy martyrs Dominic Phạm Trọng (An) Kham, Luke (Cai) Thin, his son, and Joseph**

**Phạm Trọng (Cai) Ta**, who, under the emperor Tụ Đức, preferred to undergo tortures and death rather than to trample upon the cross.

12. In the internment camp of Dachau near Munich in Bavaria, Germany, **blessed Emil Szramek, priest and martyr**, who, a Pole by nation, during the storm of war was inhumanely deported to this camp for having defended the faith of Christ before his persecutors, and, tortured, died.

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**January 14<sup>th</sup>**

**This Day, the Fourteenth Day of January**

1. Commemoration of **Saint Potitus, martyr**, who, having suffered many things at Sardica in Dacia, is said finally to have attained martyrdom by the sword.
2. Antioch in Syria, **Saint Glycerius, deacon and martyr**.
3. Nola in Campania, **Saint Felix, priest**, who, as Saint Paulinus recounts, during furious persecutions, was thrown into prison, endured the most bitter tortures, and, peace having at last been restored, returned to his people, withdrawing into poverty until old age, an invincible confessor of the faith.

4. Commemoration of **the holy monks**, who **at Raithu** and on Mount Sinai were slain for the faith of Christ.
  
5. Iberia beyond the Black Sea, **Saint Nino**, who, though captured as a Christian, by the holiness of her life gained such reverence and admiration from all that she drew the queen—whose son she had healed through her prayers—the king, and the entire nation to the faith of Christ.
  
6. Gabala in France, **Saint Firminus, bishop**.
  
7. Clermont in Aquitaine, **Saint Euphrasius, bishop**, whose hospitality is praised by Saint Gregory of Tours.
  
8. Milan in Liguria, the death (or burial) of **Saint Datus, bishop**, who, in the controversy over the Three Chapters, defended the position of Pope Vigilius, whom he accompanied to Constantinople, where he died.
  
9. Astigi in B etica, **Saint Fulgentius, bishop**, brother of Saints Leander, Isidore, and Florentina, to whom Isidore dedicated the treatise “On the Ecclesiastical Offices.”
  
10. Tagliacozzo in Abruzzo, **blessed Odo** of Novara, **priest** of the Carthusian Order.

**11.** Udine in Venetia, **blessed Odoric** of Portu Naónis Mattiuzzi, **priest** of the Order of Friars Minor, who journeyed through the regions of the Tartars, Indians, and Chinese as far as the imperial city of the Chinese, Khanbaliq, widely proclaiming the Gospel and bringing many to the faith of Christ.

**12.** Batavia in Suriname **blessed Peter Donders**, **priest** of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, who with tireless charity cared for lepers, both in body and soul.

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**January 15<sup>th</sup>**

**This Day, the Fifteenth Day of January**

**1.** Anagni in Latium, **Saint Secundina**, **virgin and martyr**.

**2.** Constantinople, **Saint John Calybites**, who, it is said, lived for some time hidden in a part of his father's house and later in a “kalyba,” wholly devoted to contemplation and hidden even from the sight of his own parents, who recognized him only after his death by the golden codex of the Gospels which they had given to their son.

**3.** the monastery of *Cluain Credal* in Ireland, **Saint Ita**, **virgin**, foundress of the same monastery.

4. Rieti in the Sabine region, commemoration of **Saint Probus, bishop**, of whom Saint Gregory the Great composed a eulogy.
  
5. Glanfeuil on the Loire in the territory of Anjou in France, **Saint Maurus, abbot**.
  
6. In the region of Rouergue, also in France, **Saint Tarsicia, virgin and martyr**.
  
7. Ham in Brabant, **Saint Ablebert**, also called **Emebert, bishop** of Cambrai.
  
8. Chartres in Neustria, **Saint Malard, bishop**.
  
9. In the valley of Anaunia in the territory of Trent, **Saint Romedius, hermit**, who, having given his goods to the Church, led a life of penance in the wilderness which is still called by his name.
  
10. Lyon in France, the passing of **Saint Bonitus, bishop** of the Arverni (Clermont), who, having been prefect of Marseille, was elevated to the episcopate in place of his brother Saint Avitus. Ten years later, having resigned his office, he lived at the monastery of Manliole and, returning from a pilgrimage to Rome, died at Lyon.
  
11. Armo near Reggio Calabria, **Saint Arsenius, hermit**, distinguished for prayer and austerity.

**12.** the town of Saint-Gilles in Provence, **blessed Peter of Castelnau, priest and martyr**, who, having entered the Cistercian monastery of Fontfroide, was appointed by Pope Innocent III to preach peace and instruct in the faith in Provence, but was pierced by a lance by heretics and died.

**13.** Pievi in Umbria, **blessed James**, called “the Almsgiver,” who, being skilled in law, served as advocate for the poor and oppressed.

**14.** In the region of Gualdo, also in Umbria, **blessed Angelus, hermit.**

**15.** In the city of Fuan in the province of Fujian in China, **Saint Francis Fernandez de Capillas, priest of the Order of Preachers and martyr**, who, having brought the name of Christ to the Philippine Islands and to Fujian, was imprisoned during the Tartar persecution and finally beheaded.

**16.** In the village of Steyl in the Netherlands, **Saint Arnold Janssen, priest**, who founded *the Society of the Divine Word* for the propagation of the faith in missions.

**16.** Berlin in Germany, **blessed Nikolaus Gross, father of a family and martyr**, who, deeply engaged in social concerns, resolutely opposed the godless regime hostile to human dignity and religion, so that he might not act against the commandments of God. For this he was imprisoned and, through the agony of hanging, became a partaker in the victory of Christ.

## **January 16<sup>th</sup>**

### **This Day, the Sixteenth Day of January**

1. Rome, in the cemetery of Priscilla on the Via Salaria Nova, the burial of **Saint Marcellus I, Pope**, who, as Saint Damasus recounts, was a true shepherd, grievously harassed by the lapsed for refusing to relax the penance he had imposed. Denounced to the tyrant by these same individuals, he was driven from his homeland and died in exile.

2. Aulon in Illyricum, **Saint Danactes, martyr**.

3. Rhinocorura in Egypt, **Saint Melas, bishop**, who, under the Arian emperor Valens, suffered exile for the orthodox faith and rested in peace.

4. Arles in the Province of France, **Saint Honoratus, bishop**, who established the famous monastery on the island of Lérins and assumed the governance of the Church of Arles.

5. Tarantaise in Viennese France, **Saint James, bishop**, disciple of Saint Honoratus of Lérins.

6. Oderzo in Venetia, **Saint Titian, bishop**.

7. In the countryside of Tours, in Lyon France, the commemoration of **Saint Leobatus, abbot**, who, placed as superior by his master Saint

Ursus in the recently founded monastery of Senaparia, persevered in great holiness and old age.

**8.** In the region of Dombes in the territory of Lyon in France, **Saint Trivier, priest, monk,** and finally **hermit.**

**9.** Mézeray on the River Authie in France, **Saint Fursey, abbot,** who first lived in Ireland, then in England, and finally in France, where he founded the monastery of Lagny.

**10.** Bagno in Flaminia, **Saint Joanna, virgin,** who, having been received into the Order of Camaldolese, shone especially by her obedience and humility.

**11.** the city of Marrakesh in Mauretania, the passion of **the holy martyrs Berard, Otto, Peter, priests,** and **Accursius and Adjutus, religious,** of the Order of Friars Minor, who were sent by Saint Francis to preach the Gospel of Christ to the Muslims. They were captured at Seville, taken to Marrakesh, and by order of the prince of the Moors, were slain by the sword.

**12.** Kandy on the island of Sri Lanka in the Indian Ocean, **blessed Joseph Vaz, priest** of the Congregation of the Oratory, who, with admirable zeal, tirelessly confirmed Catholics scattered in the countryside in the faith and diligently preached the Gospel of salvation.

**13.** Brescia in Italy, **blessed Joseph Anthony Tovini**, who, as a teacher, founded many Christian schools and promoted the restoration of public works, always offering in his endeavors examples of prayer and virtue.

**14.** Valencia in Spain, **blessed Joanna Mary Condesa Lluch, virgin**, who, with prudent charity and the love of sacrifice, gave herself with humble labor to the aid of the poor, children, and working girls, and for their care and education founded the *Congregation of the Handmaids of the Immaculate Conception, Protectresses of Working Women*.

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**January 17<sup>th</sup>**

**This Day, the Seventeenth Day of January**

**Memorial of Saint Anthony, abbot**, who, having been orphaned of his parents, received the evangelical precepts, distributed all his goods to the poor, and withdrew into the solitude of the Thebaid in Egypt, where he began to lead an ascetic life. He labored to strengthen the Church, supported the confessors of the faith during the persecution under the emperor Diocletian, and assisted Saint Athanasius against the Arians. So many disciples did he have that he was called the father of monks.

**2.** In Cappadocia, the holy martyrs **Speusippus, Eleusippus, and Melasippus, brothers, and their grandmother Leonilla**.

3. In Osrhoene, the commemoration of **Saint Julian**, ascetic, surnamed by the locals Sabas, that is, the old man, who, although he detested the noise of the city, left his beloved solitude for a time in order diligently to refute the followers of the Arian heresy at Antioch.

4. Die in the region of the Vocontii in Lyon France, **Saint Marcellus, bishop**, who, as defender of his city and for preserving the Catholic faith, was driven into exile by the Arian king Euric.

5. Bourges in Aquitaine, **Saint Sulpicius**, surnamed the Pious, **bishop**, who, having been promoted from the royal court to the episcopate, held nothing dearer than the care of the poor.

6. In Bavaria, **blessed Gamelbert, priest**, who gave his goods to Utho, whom he had received from the sacred font so that the monastery of Metten might be founded.

7. Forcalquier in the Province of France, **Saint Roseline, prioress** of the Charterhouse of Celle-Robaud, who shone with self-denial, fasting from food and sleep, and great austerity.

8. In the city of Tocolatlán in Mexico, **Saint Januarius Sánchez Delgadillo, priest and martyr** in the Mexican persecution.

**January 18<sup>th</sup>**

**This Day, the Eighteenth Day of January**

1. Carthage, **the holy martyrs Successus, Paul, and Lucius, bishops**, who took part in a council held in that city and suffered martyrdom under the emperor Decius.
  
2. Nicaea in Bithynia, **the holy martyrs Cosconius, Zeno, and Melanippus**.
  
3. Foix in Narbonese France, **the passing of Saint Volusian, bishop** of Tours, who, taken captive by the Goths, gave back his spirit to God in exile.
  
4. Rome, the commemoration of **Saint Prisca**, in whose name a basilica was dedicated to God on the Aventine Hill.
  
5. In the monastery of Lure in Burgundy, **Saint Deicolus, abbot**, who, an Irishman by birth and disciple of Saint Columban, is said to have founded that monastery.
  
6. Ferrara in Emilia, **blessed Beatrice of Este, nun**, who, after the death of her husband and renouncing the principality of the world, devoted herself to God in a monastery she had founded under the Rule of Saint Benedict.

7. Buda in Hungary, **Saint Margaret, virgin**, daughter of King Béla IV, who, being vowed to God by her parents for the liberation of their homeland from the Tartars and entrusted as a child to the nuns of the Order of Preachers, made religious profession at the age of twelve and gave herself entirely to the Lord, striving diligently to become like Christ crucified.

8. Cremona in Lombardy, **blessed Facius**, a goldsmith, who migrated there from his native Verona and was greatly devoted to penance, pilgrimages, and the consolation of the sick.

9. Morbegno in the Alps, **blessed Andrew Grego** of Peschiera, **priest** of the Order of Preachers, who traveled on foot throughout the entire region, living simply among the poor and winning the hearts of all with brotherly charity.

10. L'Aquila in the Abruzzo, **blessed Christina (Mattea) Ciccarelli, virgin** of the Order of Saint Augustine.

11. Braunsberg in Prussia, **blessed Regina Protmann, virgin**, who, moved by love for the poor, devoted herself intensely to their service and founded the *Congregation of the Sisters of Saint Catherine*.

12. Avrillé near Angers in France, the **blessed Martyrs Felicité Pricet, Monique Pichery, Charlotte Lucas, and Victoire Gusteau**, who, during the turmoil of the French Revolution, were shot out of hatred for the Christian religion.

**13.** Cascia in Italy, **blessed Maria Teresa (Maria Giovanna) Fasce**, **abbess** of a monastery of the Order of Saint Augustine, who joined asceticism and contemplation with devoted care for pilgrims and the local poor.

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**January 19<sup>th</sup>**

**This Day, the Nineteenth Day of January**

- 1.** Smyrna in Asia, the passion of **Saint Germanicus, martyr** of Philadelphia, who, in the time of the emperors Marcus Antoninus and Lucius Aurelius, was a disciple of Saint Polycarp, and preceded him in martyrdom. Although in the beauty of early youth, he was condemned by the judge, and by the power of God cast out fear of bodily weakness, and willingly provoked the beast prepared for him.
- 2.** Spoleto in Umbria, **Saint Pontian, martyr**, who, in the time of the emperor Antoninus, is said to have been severely scourged for Christ, and was finally pierced by the sword.
- 3.** On the Via Cornelia, thirteen miles from the city of Rome, in the cemetery ad Nymphas, **the holy martyrs Marius, Martha, Audifax, and Abachum.**

4. Commemoration of **Saint Macarius the Great, priest and abbot** of the monastery of Scetis in Egypt, who, dead to the world and to himself, lived for God alone, which he also taught his disciples.

5. Commemoration of **Saint Macarius**, surnamed the Alexandrian, **priest and abbot** near Mount Scetis in Egypt.

6. Laus Pompeia in Liguria, the commemoration of **Saint Bassian, bishop**, who, to defend his flock from the still-flourishing heresy of the Arians, strove vigorously together with Ambrose of Milan.

7. Como in Lombardy, **SS. Liberata and Faustina, sisters, and virgins**, who founded the monastery of Margaret.

8. In the district of Dunois near Chartres in Neustria, **Saint Launomarus, abbot** of the monastery of Corbie, which he founded in the wilderness of Pertica.

9. Ravenna in Flaminia, **Saint John, bishop**, who, while all Italy was shaken by the Lombard war, provided excellently for the needs of the Church, as attested by Pope Saint Gregory the Great, who sent him the Book of Pastoral Rule.

10. Rouen in Neustria, **Saint Remigius, bishop**, brother of King Pepin, who with diligent care ensured that the singing of the Psalms would be modulated in the Roman manner.

11. Corfu in Greece, **Saint Arsenius, bishop**, who was a vigilant shepherd of his flock and constant in prayer by night.

12. Seville in Spain, **blessed Marcelo Spínola y Maestre, bishop**, who, to promote human society, founded workers' circles, defended truth and justice, and opened his home to the poor.

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## **January 20<sup>th</sup>**

### **This Day, the Twentieth Day of January**

**Saint Fabian, pope and martyr**, who, though a layman, was divinely called to the pontificate, and, offering a glorious example of faith and virtue, suffered martyrdom in the persecution of the emperor Decius. Concerning his combat, Saint Cyprian rejoices, for he had borne unimpeachable and outstanding witness in governing the Church. His body was laid to rest at Rome on the Appian Way in the Cemetery of Callistus on this day.

**Saint Sebastian, martyr**, who, born at Milan, as Saint Ambrose recounts, went to Rome when the persecutions were raging fiercely, and there suffered martyrdom. Thus, in the city to which he had come as a guest, he obtained a home of everlasting immortality. His burial also took place at Rome, in the Catacombs, on this same day.

3. Antinoë in the Thebaid, **Saint Ascla, martyr**, who did not fear the threats of the governor, since he had a greater fear of denying Christ. After enduring various tortures, he was cast into the river.

4. Nicaea in Bithynia, **Saint Neophytus, martyr**.

5. In Palestine, **Saint Euthymius, abbot**, who, of Armenian birth and consecrated to God from infancy, went to Jerusalem and, after spending many years in solitude, died in humility and charity, outstanding in the observance of discipline, vigorous and joyful to the end of his life.

6. Worcester in England, **Saint Wulfstan, bishop**, who, raised from the cloister to this episcopal see, united monastic customs with pastoral zeal, showing great care for visiting parishes, promoting the building of churches, encouraging learning, and denouncing abuses such as the slave trade.

7. Coltevalenza in Etruria, **blessed Benedict Ricasoli, hermit** of the Congregation of Vallumbrosa.

8. In Finland, **Saint Henry, bishop and martyr**, who, born in England, took up the governance of the Church of Uppsala and diligently labored to evangelize the Finns; finally, he was cruelly murdered by a man whom he had attempted to correct according to ecclesiastical discipline.

9. Messina in Sicily, **Saint Eustochia Calafato, virgin and abbess** of the Order of Saint Clare, who devoted herself zealously to restoring the

original discipline of religious life and to fostering the following of Christ in the spirit of Saint Francis.

**10.** Seoul in Korea, **Saint Stephen Min Kuk-ka, martyr, catechist,** who was beheaded in prison for the Christian faith.

**11.** Cesaura near Naples in Campania, Italy, **blessed Mary Christina of the Immaculate Conception (Adelaide) Brando, virgin,** who devoted her life to the Christian education of children and founded the *Congregation of the Expiatory Victims of Jesus in the blessed Sacrament*, greatly promoting Eucharistic adoration.

**12.** In the monastery of Mount Saint Bernard near Leicester in England, **blessed Cyprian (Michael) Iwene Tansi, priest** of the Cistercian Order, who, born in the territory of Onitsha in Nigeria, embraced the Christian faith in his youth despite family opposition. Ordained a priest, he devoted himself zealously to pastoral care, and later, becoming a monk, he was deemed worthy to complete his holy life with a holy death.

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**January 21<sup>st</sup>**

**This Day, the Twenty-first Day of January**

**Memorial of Saint Agnes, virgin and martyr,** who, still a young girl, bore the supreme testimony of faith in Rome and consecrated the title of virginity by martyrdom; for she overcame both age and tyrant, gained

the greatest admiration among the nations, and acquired even greater glory before God. On this day, the burial of her body is celebrated.

2. Commemoration of **Saint Publius, bishop** of Athens, who bore witness to Christ through martyrdom.

3. Tarragona in Hispania Citerior, the passion of **the holy martyrs Fructuosus, bishop, and Augurius and Eulogius, his deacons**, who, under the emperors Valerian and Gallienus, after confessing the faith before the procurator Aemilian, were brought into the amphitheater, where, after the bishop had offered a prayer in a clear voice for the peace of the Church in the presence of the faithful, they were thrown into the flames, and kneeling, completed their martyrdom in prayer.

4. Troyes in Lyon France **Saint Patroclus, martyr**.

5. Pavia in Liguria, **Saint Epiphanius, bishop**, who, during the time of barbarian invasions, labored intensely for the reconciliation of peoples, the redemption of captives, and the restoration of the city itself, which had been destroyed.

6. In the mountains around Lake Zurich in Switzerland, **Saint Meinrad, priest**, who, first living a cenobitic life and later as a hermit, was killed by robbers.

7. On Mount Mercury in Lucania, **Saint Zacharias**, called “the Angelic,” a master of cenobitic monastic life.

**8.** In London, England, **blessed Edward Stransham and Nicholas Wheeler, priests and martyrs**, who, under Queen Elizabeth I, were condemned to death for being priests and suffered martyrdom at Tyburn.

**9.** In London, England, **Saint Alban Roe**, of the Order of Saint Benedict, and **blessed Thomas Green, priests and martyrs**, who, under King Charles I, the one after seventeen years in prison, the other after fourteen, both worn out by old age, were hanged together at Tyburn for Christ.

**10.** In the monastery of Benigánim in the region of Valencia, Spain, **blessed Josefa María of Saint Agnes, virgin**, of the Discalced Augustinian Order.

**11.** In Valle Guidonis in France, **blessed priests Jean-Baptiste Turpin du Cormier and thirteen companions, <sup>1</sup> martyrs**, who, for their steadfast loyalty to the Catholic Church during the French upheaval, were beheaded.

**12.** In the region of Daegu in Korea, **Saint John Yi Yun-il, martyr**, who, a **father of a family, farmer, and catechist**, remained steadfast in the Christian faith, enduring beatings and dislocations of his limbs, and attained martyrdom with a peaceful spirit by beheading. He was one of the last victims of the great persecution carried out in that nation.

**January 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**This Day, the Twenty-second Day of January**

**Saint Vincent, deacon of Caesaraugusta and martyr**, who, in the persecution of Emperor Diocletian, having endured prisons, hunger, the rack, and red-hot plates, flew unconquered to the reward of martyrdom in heaven at Valentia in Carthaginian Spain.

2. Likewise, the commemoration of **Saint Valerius, bishop** of Caesaraugusta in Tarraconensian Spain, who took part in the First Council of Elvira and, together with Saint Vincent, was brought to Valencia and sent into exile.
3. Novara in Liguria, **Saint Gaudentius**, who is considered the first **bishop** of that see.
4. Sergiopolis in Persia, the passion of **Saint Anastasius, monk and martyr**, who, after many torments which he suffered in Caesarea of Palestine, was afflicted with many punishments by Chosroes, king of the Persians, and, after seventy companions, was suffocated near a river and beheaded.
5. In the monastery of Romans along the Isère River in the Alps, the burial of **Saint Bernard, bishop** of Vienne, who, having left the army of Emperor Charlemagne for the army of Christ, gave to the poor the wealth received from his father and built two monasteries, Ambronay and Romans, where he spent the course of his life.

6. Sora in Latium, **Saint Dominic, abbot**, who founded monasteries in various regions of Italy and brought others back to regular life through the spirit of his reform.

7. Pisa in Etruria, **blessed Maria Mancini**, who, twice widowed and having lost all her children, at the encouragement of Saint Catherine of Siena, began a communal life in the monastery of Saint Dominic, over which she presided for ten years.

8. Como in Lombardy, **blessed Anthony della Chiesa, priest** of the Order of Preachers, who restored regular life in several houses of the Order, treating human weakness with gentleness and correcting it with firmness.

9. London in England, **blessed William Patenson, priest and martyr**, who, under Queen Elizabeth I, was condemned to death for the priesthood; even in prison, he reconciled six fellow inmates to the Church and at last completed his martyrdom, being cut in pieces at Tyburn.

10. In Tonkin, **SS Francis Gil de Federich and Matthew Alonso de Leziniana, priests** of the Order of Preachers and **martyrs**, who, under the rule of Trĩnh Doanh, after steadfast preaching of the Gospel even in chains, were struck with the sword and underwent a glorious death for Christ

**11.** Rome, **Saint Vincent Pallotti, priest**, founder of the *Society of the Catholic Apostolate*, who, through his writings and works, encouraged all the baptized in Christ to diligently fulfill their vocation in service to the Church.

**12.** Bordeaux in France, **blessed William Joseph Chaminade, priest**, who, exercising pastoral zeal boldly and in secret for a long time, worked to gather the faithful laity to promote devotion to the blessed Virgin Mary and foreign missions, for which he also founded the *Institute of the Daughters of Mary Immaculate* and the *Society of Mary*.

**13.** In the region of *Junín* in the Andes in Argentina, **blessed Laura Vicuña, virgin**, who, born in the city of Santiago in Chile and a student in the Institute of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians, offered her life to God at the age of thirteen for the conversion of her mother.

**14.** Castel Gardo in Italy, **blessed Joseph Nascimbeni, priest**, founder of the *Institute of the Little Sisters of the Holy Family*.

**15.** Vienna in Austria, **blessed Ladislaus Batthyány-Strattmann**, who, as a father of a family, bore witness to the Gospel in both family and civil life by the holiness of his life and works, honored the name and dignity of physician in truly Christian manner, and served the sick with great charity, founding hospitals for them, where, having cast aside all vanity, he welcomed only the poor and needy.

**January 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**This Day, the Twenty-third Day of January**

- 1. Caesarea in Mauretania, the holy martyrs Severian and Aquila, husband and wife, who were burned with fire.**
  
- 2. Rome, on the Via Nomentana in the Major Cemetery, Saint Emerentiana, martyr.**
  
- 3. Ancyra in Galatia, the holy martyrs Clement, bishop, and Agathangelus.**
  
- 4. Teano in Campania, the commemoration of Saint Amasius, bishop.**
  
- 5. Toledo in Spain, Saint Ildephonsus, bishop, who, being a monk and head of a monastery, was elected bishop and wrote many books with brilliant eloquence, composed notable liturgical prayers, and with wondrous zeal of devotion honored the blessed Mary, Mother of God and ever Virgin.**
  
- 6. Dompierre in the region of Besançon in Burgundy, Saint Maimbodus, who, born in Ireland, became a pilgrim and hermit, and is said to have been killed by robbers.**
  
- 7. Seoul in Korea, Saint Andrew Chong (Tyong) Hwa-gyong, catechist and martyr, who, by helping Saint Bishop Lawrence Imbert,**

made his home a refuge for Christians; for this reason, he was severely beaten and finally strangled in prison.

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**January 24<sup>th</sup>**

**This Day, the Twenty-fourth Day of January**

**Memorial of Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop of Geneva and Doctor of the Church**, a true shepherd of souls, who brought many of our separated brethren back into full communion with the Catholic Church. Through his inspired writings, he taught Christians the beauty of devotion and the love of God. Together with Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, he founded the Order of the Visitation. Living humbly in Lyon, he peacefully surrendered his soul to God on December 28th, and on this day was laid to rest in Annecy.

**2.** Foligno in Umbria, the commemoration of **Saint Felician**, honored as the first **bishop** of that region, a faithful guardian of the flock entrusted to him.

**3.** In the countryside of Troyes in France, the memory of **Saint Sabinian, martyr**, who bore witness to Christ through the shedding of his blood.

4. Antioch in Syria, the passion of **Saint Babylas, bishop**, who, during the persecution of Emperor Decius, after frequently glorifying God by his sufferings and torments, received a glorious end to his life while in iron chains, with which he ordered his body to be buried. Together with him are also said to have suffered three boys, Urban, Prilidian, and Epolonus, whom he had instructed in the faith of Christ.

5. Cingoli in Picenum, Italy, **Saint Exuperantius, bishop**, who faithfully shepherded his people and is venerated for his holiness and pastoral zeal.

6. Binago near Milan in Lombardy, **blessed Paula Gambarà Costa, widow**, a member of the Third Order of Saint Francis, who bore patiently the trials of a difficult marriage, led her husband to conversion, and shone with remarkable charity toward the poor.

7. In London, England, the blessed memory of **the martyrs William Ireland**, a Jesuit **priest**, and **John Grove**, his devoted servant, who, falsely accused of treason under King Charles II, gave their lives for Christ at Tyburn, steadfast in faith and courage.

8. In the village of Sainville, in the region of Chartres, France, **blessed Marie Poussepin, virgin**, who, desiring to assist pastors in their sacred ministry, to educate young girls, and to care for the poor and the sick, founded *the Dominican Sisters of Charity of the Presentation of the blessed Virgin Mary*.

9. In the village of Pratulin, in the Siedlce region of Poland, the blessed memory of **Vincent Lewoniuk and twelve companions,<sup>2</sup> martyrs**, who, unmoved by threats or promises, refused to abandon the Catholic Church. When they would not hand over the keys to their parish, they were slain without arms or mortally wounded, offering their lives in fidelity to the faith.

10. Rome, **blessed Timothy (Joseph) Giaccardo, priest**, who, as a member of the Society of Saint Paul, formed many disciples to proclaim the Gospel to the modern world, wisely using the means of social communication to bring Christ to all.

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**January 25<sup>th</sup>**

**This Day, the Twenty-fifth Day of January**

**Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle**, who, while journeying to Damascus, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, was gloriously revealed to by Jesus Himself on the road. Christ chose him, filled him with the Holy Spirit, and sent him to proclaim the Gospel of salvation to the nations, suffering much for the name of Christ.

2. Commemoration of **Saint Ananias**, who, as a disciple of the Lord in Damascus, baptized the newly converted Paul.

3. Pozzuoli in Campania, **Saint Artemas, martyr**.
4. Carthage, **Saint Agileus, martyr**, on whose heavenly birthday Saint Augustine preached a sermon in his basilica in honor of him.
5. Nazianzus in Cappadocia, the heavenly birth of **Saint Gregory, bishop**, whose feast is observed on January 2<sup>nd</sup>.
6. Commemoration of **Saint Bretannio, bishop** of Tomis in Scythia, who flourished in holiness and zeal for the Catholic faith, and stood firm against the Arian Emperor Valens.
7. Tabennisi in the Thebaid of Egypt, **Saint Palaemon, hermit**, who, devoted to prayer and severe austerities, became the spiritual master of Saint Pachomius.
8. In the region of Auvergne in Aquitaine, **the holy martyrs Praejectus, bishop, and Amarinus**, man of God, who were both slain by powerful men of the same city.
9. Marchiennes in Flanders, **Saint Poppo, abbot** of Stavelot and Malmedy, who spread Cluniac observance through many monasteries of Lotharingia.
10. Ulm in Swabia, Germany, **blessed Henry Suso, priest** of the Order of Preachers, who patiently bore countless sufferings and illnesses,

composed a treatise on Eternal Wisdom, and fervently preached the sweet name of Jesus.

**11.** Amando in Piceno, Italy, **blessed Anthony Migliorati, priest** of the Order of Hermits of Saint Augustine.

**12.** Mantua in Lombardy, **blessed Archangela (Eleanora) Giralani, virgin** of the Carmelite Order, prioress of the Parma convent and foundress of the Mantuan monastery.

**13.** Tortosa in Spain, **blessed Emmanuel Domingo y Sol, priest**, who founded *the Society of Priestly Workers* to promote vocations to the priesthood.

**14.** Alessandria in Italy, **blessed Mary Antonia (Teresa) Grillo, religious sister**, who, after being widowed, compassionately cared for the poor in their needs, sold everything she had, and founded *the Congregation of the Little Sisters of Divine Providence*.

**15.** In the Dachau concentration camp near Munich in Bavaria, Germany, **blessed Anthony Świadek, priest and martyr**, who, during wartime, bore steadfast witness to the faith and received the imperishable crown before those who denied every form of human and Christian dignity.

**January 26<sup>th</sup>**

**This Day, the Twenty-sixth Day of January**

**Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus, bishops**, who were disciples and close collaborators of the Apostle Saint Paul in his apostolic labors. Timothy was entrusted with the Church of Ephesus, and Titus with the Church of Crete. To them are addressed epistles that offer wise admonitions for the instruction of both pastors and the faithful.

2. Hippo Regius in Numidia, **Saint Theogenes, martyr**, about whom Saint Augustine preached a sermon.

3. Near Bethlehem in Judea, the passing of **Saint Paula, widow**, who, of the most noble senatorial lineage, renounced the world, distributed her wealth to the poor, and with her daughter, the blessed virgin Eustochium, withdrew to the cave of the Lord's Nativity.

4. In Jerusalem, **SS Xenophon and Mary, and their sons John and Arcadius**, who, having given up senatorial rank and great possessions, are said to have embraced monastic life in the Holy City with equal fervor of spirit.

5. Cîteaux in Burgundy, **Saint Alberic, abbot**, who was among the first monks from Molesme to come to the New Monastery, and who, when elected abbot, governed it with great diligence and care, striving to uphold the monastic way of life as a true lover of the Rule and of his brethren.

6. Nidaros in Norway, **Saint Augustine (Eystein) Erlandsson, bishop**, who zealously defended and greatly strengthened the Church entrusted to him, especially against the opposition of secular rulers.

7. Angers in France, **blessed Mary de la Dive, martyr**, who, after being widowed, was beheaded during the upheaval of the French Revolution for her steadfast fidelity to the Church.

8. Near Munich in Bavaria, Germany, **blessed Michael Kozal, auxiliary bishop** of Włocławek and **martyr**, who, for defending the faith and the liberty of the Church, was imprisoned for three years with unwavering patience under the nefarious regime of the Nazis in the extermination camp at Dachau, where he ultimately consummated his martyrdom.

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**January 27<sup>th</sup>**

**This Day, the Twenty-seventh Day of January**

**Saint Angela Merici, virgin**, who first took the habit of the Third Order of Saint Francis and gathered young girls whom she instructed in works of charity. Later, under the name of Saint Ursula, she founded a religious institute of women, entrusting to them the mission of cultivating a life of Christian perfection in the world and of guiding

young girls in the ways of the Lord. Last, she gave her soul to God in Brescia, in Lombardy.

2. Sora in Latium, the commemoration of **Saint Julian, martyr**, who is said to have suffered during the reign of Emperor Antoninus.

3. Le Mans in France, **Saint Julian**, who is held to be the first **bishop** of that city.

4. Mariana on the island of Corsica, the commemoration of **Saint Devota, virgin and martyr**.

5. In the monastery of Bodac in the region of Sisteron in France, **Saint Marius, abbot**.

6. Rome, near Saint Peter's, the repose of **Saint Vitalian, pope**, who showed particular zeal for the salvation of the English people.

7. Ternand in Burgundy, the passing of **Saint Theoderic, bishop** of Orléans, who died on pilgrimage to the tombs of the Apostles.

8. Chartres in France, the passing of **Saint Gildwin, deacon** of Dol in Brittany, who, though elected bishop while still a youth, humbly refused so great an honor in the presence of Pope Saint Gregory VII as unworthy, and, returning from Rome, fell ill with fever in this region and completed his earthly pilgrimage.

9. Thérouanne in France, **blessed John, bishop**, a regular canon who took up the see of the Morini, where he opposed simoniacs for over thirty years and founded eight monasteries for both canons and monks.

10. Riva San Vitale, near Como in Lombardy, **blessed Manfred Settala, priest and hermit**.

11. Angers in France, **blessed Rosalie du Verdier de la Sorinière, virgin and martyr** of the Monastery of Calvary in that same city, who, during the turmoil of the French Revolution, was condemned to death out of hatred for the Christian religion.

12. Near Mengo in Uganda, **the passion of Saint John Mary**, called Muzei or “the Elder” because of his maturity of soul, a servant of the king who, having become Christian, refused to flee from persecution. Of his own accord he declared his faith in Christ before the chief minister of King Mwanga, and for that, was beheaded, becoming the final victim of that persecution.

13. In the town of Gilet, in the province of Valencia, Spain, **Saint Henry de Osso y Cervelló, priest**, who, to promote the education of girls, founded *the Society of Saint Teresa*. After being separated from the congregation, he spent the rest of his life in a Friars Minor convent.

14. Kaunas in Lithuania, **blessed George Matulaitis, bishop** of Vilnius and later apostolic delegate to Lithuania, who founded *the Congregation*

*of Marian Clerics and the Congregation of the Poor Sisters of the Immaculate Conception of the blessed Virgin Mary.*

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**January 28<sup>th</sup>**

**This Day, the Twenty-eighth Day of January**

**Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas, priest of the Order of Preachers and Doctor of the Church**, who, endowed with the highest gifts of intellect, imparted his extraordinary wisdom to others through prayer and writings. While on his way to the Second Ecumenical Council of Lyons, to which he had been summoned by blessed Pope Gregory X himself, he passed away on the 7th of March in the monastery of Fossanova in Latium, and many years later, on this very day, his body was transferred to Toulouse.

2. the monastery of Réome near Langres in Neustria, **Saint John, priest** and man devoted to God, who gathered monks under the Rule of Saint Macarius.

3. Commemoration of **Saint James, hermit** in Palestine, who, in a spirit of penance, spent a long time hidden within a tomb.

4. Cuenca in New Castile, Spain, **Saint Julian, bishop**, who, being the second bishop after the city was recovered from the Moors, greatly

illuminated the Church. He gave the Church's goods to the poor and sustained his daily needs by the work of his hands.

5. Near San Frediano close to Pisa in Etruria, **blessed Bartholomew Aiutamicristo**, religious of the Camaldolese Order.

6. In the village of *Plévin*, in Brittany, France, **blessed Julian Maunoir**, priest of the Society of Jesus, who dedicated himself completely for forty-two years to missionary work both in countryside and cities throughout the province.

7. In the city of *Maokou*, in *Guizhou* Province, China, **SS Agatha Lin Zhao, virgin, Jerome Lu Tingmei, and Laurence Wang Bing**, martyrs, catechists who, having been denounced as Christians during the reign of Emperor Wenzongxian, were at last beheaded.

8. In the city of *Daijiazhuang*, in southern *Shandong* Province, China, **Saint Joseph Freinademetz**, priest of the Society of the Divine Word, who labored untiringly in the work of evangelization in that region.

9. In the city of *Picassent*, in the Valencia region of Spain, **blessed María Aloysia Montesinos Orduña**, virgin and martyr, who, during a time of fierce persecution against the faith, became a partaker in Christ's victory through martyrdom.

10. In the detention camp of *Kharsk*, near Tomsk in Siberia, Russia, **blessed Olympia (Olha) Bida**, virgin of the Congregation of the Sisters

of Saint Joseph and martyr, who, under a regime of persecution against the faith, endured all adversities for the love of Christ

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## **January 29<sup>th</sup>**

### **This Day, the Twenty-ninth Day of January**

- 1. Edessa in Osrhoene, the holy martyrs Sarbelus, a priest, and Bebaia, his sister,** who were brought to baptism by Saint Barsimeus, bishop, and are said to have suffered for Christ.
- 2. Rome, on the Nomentan Way, in the cemetery of Maius, the holy martyrs Papias and Maurus, soldiers.**
- 3. Perugia in Umbria, Saint Constantius, bishop.**
- 4. Antioch in Syria, the holy martyrs Juventinus and Maximinus,** who were crowned with martyrdom under Julian the Apostate, emperor.
- 5. Trier in Belgic France, Saint Valerius, bishop,** who was the second to occupy that see.
- 6. Near Antioch in Syria, Saint Aphraates, hermit,** who, born and educated among the Persians and following the path of the Magi,

converted to the Lord at Bethlehem. Seeking Edessa, he withdrew to a small dwelling outside the walls, and finally at Antioch he defended the Catholic faith against the Arians through preaching and writings.

7. In Britain Minor, **Saint Gildas**, surnamed “the Wise”, **abbot**, who wrote about the downfall of Britain, mourning the calamities of his people and reproving the depravity of the rulers and clergy. He is said to have founded the monastery of Rhuys facing the sea and to have died on the island of Houat.

8. Bourges in Aquitaine, **Saint Sulpicius Severus**, **bishop**, formerly a senator of France, whose wisdom, pastoral care, and zeal for restoring discipline Saint Gregory of Tours praised.

9. Florence in Etruria, **blessed Villana de’ Botti**, a **housewife**, who, renouncing worldly life, obtained the habit of the Sisters of the Penitents of Saint Dominic and stood out for her meditation on the crucified Christ and her austere way of life, even begging alms for the poor along the roads.

10. In the city of Białystok in Poland, **blessed Bolesława Maria Lament**, **virgin**, who, amid political upheavals, founded *the Congregation of the Missionary Sisters of the Holy Family* to promote the unity of Christians, aid the abandoned, and provide Christian instruction to girls.

## **January 30<sup>th</sup>**

### **This Day, the Thirtieth Day of January**

- 1.** Jerusalem, **Saint Matthias, bishop**, who, after suffering much for Christ, finally rested in peace.
- 2.** Edessa in Osrhoene, **Saint Barsimeus, bishop**, who, for the faith of Christ, is said to have been scourged under Emperor Decius, but, after the persecution ended, was released from prison and devoted the remainder of his life with great diligence to governing the Church entrusted to him.
- 3.** Rome, the commemoration of **Saint Martina**, under whose name Pope Donus dedicated a basilica in the Roman Forum.
- 4.** Chelles on the Marne in the region of Paris in France, **Saint Bathildis, queen**, who founded monasteries following the Rule of Saint Benedict in the tradition of Luxeuil; after the death of her husband, Clovis II, she assumed the governance of the kingdom of the Franks, and during her son's reign, spent her last years in religious observance under a strict rule.
- 5.** Maubeuge in Neustria, **Saint Aldegundis, abbess**, during the time of King Dagobert.

6. Pavia in Lombardy, **Saint Armentarius, bishop**, who solemnly placed the body of Saint Augustine, translated by King Liutprand, in the Basilica of Saint Peter in the Golden Heaven (*in Coelo Aureo*).

7. The **martyrdom of Saint Theophilus**, surnamed “the Youth”, who was a commander of a Christian fleet. Captured by enemies in Cyprus and brought before Harun, the supreme prince of the Saracens, he could not be swayed to deny Christ either by gifts or threats, and was beheaded by the sword.

8. Burgos in Old Castile, Spain, **Saint Adelelm, abbot**, who converted the chapel of Saint John together with a guesthouse into a monastery.

9. Dublin in Ireland, the death of **blessed Francis Taylor, martyr, a family man**, who suffered seven years in prison for the Catholic faith, and, afflicted by tribulations and old age, completed his martyrdom under King James I.

10. Viterbo in Tuscany, **Saint Hyacintha Mariscotti, virgin** of the Third Order Regular of Saint Francis, who, after fifteen years spent in vain pleasures, embraced a most austere conversion and inspired confraternities to console the elderly and to adore the Holy Eucharist.

11. Turin in Piedmont, **blessed Sebastian Valfrè, priest** of the Congregation of the Oratory, who dedicated himself entirely to helping the poor, the sick, and those imprisoned, and by his friendship and fervent charity brought many to Christ.

**12.** Seoul in Korea, **Saint Paul Ho Hyob, martyr, and soldier**, who was arrested for professing the faith and subjected to torture. Though he seemed to falter from weakness, he repented and immediately reaffirmed the faith of Christ before the judge. After a long imprisonment, beaten by blows, he died.

**13.** In Tonkin, **Saint Thomas Khuông, priest and martyr**, who, in the persecution under Emperor Tự Đức, bravely professed himself a Christian, was imprisoned, and, kneeling before the cross, was beheaded.

**14.** Guadalajara in Mexico, **Saint David Galván, priest and martyr**, who, during the Mexican persecution, for defending the sanctity of marriage, was shot without trial by a soldier and thus obtained a glorious crown.

**15.** Malonne in Belgium, **Saint Mucian Mary (Aloysius) Wiaux**, a Brother of the Christian Schools, who dedicated nearly his entire life with great constancy and tireless joy to the education of youth.

**16.** In the Abbey of Saint Benedict at Maredsous, also in Belgium, **blessed Columba (Joseph) Marmion**, who, born in Ireland, became a **priest and later abbot** in the Order of Saint Benedict, and shone as the spiritual father of the monastery and guide of souls through the holiness of his life, spiritual teaching, and eloquence.

**17.** In the village of Torrent in Spain, **blessed Carmela García Moyón, martyr**, a fervent teacher of Christian doctrine, who, during the religious persecution, was burned alive for faith in Christ

**18.** In the city of Gdeszyn in Poland, **blessed Sigismund Pisarski, priest and martyr**, who, during the war, was shot and killed in his parish for not renouncing the faith in the face of his persecutors.

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**January 31<sup>st</sup>**

**This Day, the Thirty-first Day of January**

**Memorial of Saint John Bosco, priest**, who endured a difficult childhood and, once ordained a priest, dedicated all his strength to the education of youth. He founded *the Salesian Society* and, with the help of Saint Maria Domenica Mazzarello, the *Institute of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians*, to teach young people both useful skills and Christian living. Turin in Italy, on this day, after accomplishing many works, he peacefully departed to the eternal banquet.

**2.** Corinth in Achaia, **the holy martyrs Victorinus, Victor, Nicephorus, Claudius, Diodorus, Serapion, and Papias**, who are said to have completed their martyrdom under the emperor Decius, suffering various tortures.

**3.** Commemoration of **Saint Metranus, martyr** of Alexandria in Egypt, who, under Emperor Decius, when he refused, despite the command of pagans, to utter impious words, was savagely beaten by bystanders and killed outside the city, crushed with stones.

**4.** Also at Alexandria, **the holy martyrs Cyrus and John**, who, for confessing Christ, after many tortures, were beheaded.

**5.** Modena in Emilia, **Saint Geminianus, bishop**, who led his church away from the error of the Arians to the orthodox faith.

**6.** In Persia, **the passion of Saint Abraham, bishop** of Arbela, who, under King Shapur of the Persians, was beheaded because he refused to worship the sun.

**7.** Novara in Liguria, **Saint Julius, priest**.

**8.** Rome, commemoration of **Saint Marcellina, widow**, who, as Saint Jerome records, by despising wealth and nobility, became more noble through poverty and humility.

**9.** Ferns in Ireland, **Saint M'eadoc (or Aidan), bishop**, who founded monasteries there and was renowned for his great austerity.

**10.** In the region of Constance in Neustria, **Saint Waldus, bishop** of Évreux.

**11.** On Mount Saint Victor near Regensburg in southern Bavaria, **Saint Eusebius**, who was born in Ireland, journeyed for Christ, became a monk at the monastery of Saint Gall, and finally lived as a **hermit**.

**12.** Rome, **blessed Ludovica Albertoni**, who, after devoutly raising her children in Christian morals and the death of her husband, joined the Third Order of Saint Francis and, from being wealthy, became exceedingly poor, assisting the poor.

**13.** Naples in Campania, **Saint Francis Xavier Mary Bianchi**, priest of the Order of Clerics Regular of Saint Paul, endowed with mystical gifts, who led many to live under the grace of the Gospel.

**14.** In Korea, **the holy martyrs Augustine Pak Chong-won, catechist, and five companions**<sup>3</sup>, who, after enduring many sufferings, professed the Christian faith with fearless courage and glorified God by being beheaded.

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1. Their names: Blessed Jean-Baptiste Triquerie, of the Order of Friars Minor Conventual; Jean-Marie Gallot, Joseph Pelle, René-Louis Ambroise, Julien-François Morvin de la Gérardière, François Duchesne, Jacques André, André Duliou, Louis Gastineau, François Migoret Lambardière, Julien Moule, Augustin-Emmanuel Philippet, Pierre Thomas.

2. Their names: Blessed Daniel Karmasz, Luke Bojko, Bartholomew Osypiuk, Onuphrius Wasiluk, Philip Kiryluk, Constantine Bojko, Michael Nicephorus

Hryciuk, Ignatius Franczuk, John Andrzejuk, Constantine Lubaszuk, Maximus Hawryluk, Michael Wawrzyszuk.

3. Their names: Saints Peter Hong Pyong-ju, catechist; Mary Yi In-dog, virgin; Magdalene Son So-byog, Agatha Yi Kyong-i, Agatha Kwon Chin-i.

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*Omnes sancti Mártyres, oráte pro nobis.*  
("All ye Holy Martyrs, pray for us,")  
from the *Litaniae Sanctorum*, the Litany of the Saints

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