



Spotlight on Saints

2018

December 2018

Saint John of Kanty

He was known and loved for his spirit of generosity. He grew up in Poland and was a priest and professor of theology. He was remembered not only for the material he taught but also for his humility and penitential life. He is the patron saint of Poland and Lithuania.

His Feast Day is December 23.

November 2018

St. Albert the Great

He was a leading scientist of his time. Devoted to God and a seeker of truth he saw the whole created world before him, waiting to be discovered, recorded, and taught. Interested in all forms of science and philosophy, he felt these displayed most beautifully the wonderful plan and providence of God. Albert is the patron of scientists, philosophers, and students.

His Feast Day is November 15.

October 2018

St. Therese of Lisieux

She was a saint that lived in our own times. She entered the Carmelite convent as a child and wished to shine like a little candle before His altar. She prayed for priests and sinners and before she died said "After death, I will drop down from Heaven a shower of roses." She has filled the world with her miracles. She is the patron saint of florists, pilots and missionaries.

Her Feast Day is October 1.

September 2018

St. Matthew (once known as Levi)

He was a tax gatherer, but not a bad man. Jesus chose him and quietly asked him to follow Him. Matthew saw all that Jesus did and heard all that Jesus said and wrote all this down in his beautiful Gospel, so the world would never forget Jesus. He is the Patron Saint of tax consultants, accountants and bankers.

His Feast Day is September 21

August 2018

St. Dominic

He was a brave young Spaniard who with his army of peace fought the enemies of Christ and His Church. He founded the Order of Dominicans and Dominican nuns. To help him win his battle of peace, Mary, our Blessed Mother, gave him a powerful weapon, her Rosary. Dominic is the patron saint of Dominicans, astronomers, the Dominican Republic and falsely accused people.

His Feast Day is August 8.

July 2018

St. Christopher (The Christ Bearer)

He was a giant and very strong and vowed to serve only the strongest men in the world. After many trials he vowed to serve Jesus Christ and worked carrying travelers across a nearby river. One day a little child came to the river and as he was carried across he got heavier and heavier. When Christopher asked who he was he responded that he was Christ and he was carrying the weight of the world on his shoulders. St. Christopher is the patron saint of travelers and of children.

His Feast Day is July 25th.

June 2018

St. Alban

He was the first martyr of England, his own country. During a persecution of Christians, Alban, though a pagan, hid a priest in his house. This priest made such a great impression on him that Alban received instructions and became a Christian himself. A judge ordered Alban to worship false gods several times and when he would not had him whipped and beheaded. On the way to the place of execution, the soldier who was to kill the Saint was converted himself.

He is the Patron Saint of converts, refugees and torture victims

His Feast Day is June 22

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May 2018

St. Matthias

He followed Jesus from the time He was baptized in the Jordan River by St. John the Baptist until after He ascended into Heaven. He lived and died to spread the Good News and was elected to take the place of Judas among the apostles.

He is the patron saint of carpenters, tailors, and prayers for hope & perseverance dealing with addictions.

His Feast Day is May 14.

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April 2018

St. Pedro Calungsod

He is a martyr who was killed while doing missionary work in Guam and the Marianas Islands. He was a companion of Blessed Diego Luis de San Vitores. He is the patron saint of Filipino youth, altar boys and the Philippines.

His Feast Day is April 2.

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March 2018

St John of God

He was a helper of the sick and poor. He opened a house for them and begged on the streets for beds and medicine. One night he rescued patients from a burning hospital and passed through the flames without getting burned. St. John of God is the patron saint of firefighters as well as hospitals and the sick.

His Feast Day is March 8th.

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February 2018

St. Valentine

He was a third-century Roman saint commonly associated with "courtly love". Valentine would secretly marry couples so the husbands would not have to go to war and he tried to convert people to Christianity. He restored a young girl's vision and for this he was killed. The night before, he wrote the little girl a note and signed it "From your Valentine". He is the Patron Saint of engaged couples, happy marriages, love and lovers.

His feast day is February 14.

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January 2018

St. Thomas Aquinas

He was a priest, a scholar, a writer and a teacher. Millions of people still read the books and sing the hymns of this saint. Because of his purity and knowledge in his writings he is called "the angelic doctor".

He is the patron saint of Catholic universities and students

His Feast Day is January 28.

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