



Spotlight on Saints

2020

April 2020

St. Julie Billart

St. Julie Billart as a child preached the gospel to farm workers to help support her family. Julie and a companion founded the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur. She also nursed the wounded and hungry from the Battle of Waterloo. She is the patron saint of poverty, bodily ills and disease.

Her Feast Day is April 8.

March 2020

Katherine Drexel

She was the daughter of a wealthy banker. She used her inheritance to help the poor. She founded the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament to work with African American and Native American people throughout the American West and Midwest. In her lifetime she established 50 missions for Native Americans and 40 mission centers for African Americans. She founded the Xavier University in New Orleans, the first university for African Americans in the US. She also made the Church and the country more aware of the needs of the poor by speaking out against racial and social injustices.

Her Feast Day is March 3.

February 2020

St. Jacinta Marto and St. Francisco Marto

While watching over their families' sheep in Portugal, Jacinta, Lucia and Francisco experienced a vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary who asked them to return on the 13th day of each month to meet with her. They prayed the Rosary and offered sacrifices for sinners and for the conversion of the world. They are the patron saints of bodily ills, captives, prisoners and against sickness.

Their feast day is February 20.

January 2020

St. John Bosco

He had dreams about what God wanted him to do with his life. Being very poor, his town's people provided him with clothes so he could enter the seminary. He trained

boys in many crafts and in religion and along with other priests they became the Society of St. Francis de Sales. They opened many other technical schools and helped boys learn to make a living. He is the patron saint of schoolchildren, apprentices, and editors and publishers.

His Feast Day is January 31st.