

The Saints

of Saint Martin of Tours Church

As we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints this weekend let us become more familiar with the Saints whose images surround us in this church. They are our heroes, our friends, our models of faith; they intercede for us and pray with us at every Mass.

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OUR LADY of FATIMA May 13 In 1917, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to three Portuguese children six times between May and October. Her message to them consists of prediction and promises concerning the Faith and the world. She requested a consecration of Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the practice of receiving communion on the first Saturday of the month for five months.



SAINT PETER June 29 Patron of popes & the Universal Church. One of the 12 apostles. Jesus told him "you are the rock upon which I will build my church." He was the first apostle to perform miracles in the name of the Lord. Peter was the first pope. He was martyred in about 64 AD by being crucified upside down.



SAINT THERESE of the CHILD JESUS October 1 Patron of the missions. Also known as "the Little Flower"; was a cloistered Carmelite nun. She never performed great works but she did many small acts of sacrifice and service with great love. Her journal "Story of a Soul" has inspired many. She became very ill but remained cheerful through her suffering until she died at the age of 24.



SAINT ANNE July 26 Patron of Christian mothers and women in labor. Saint Anne and Saint Joachim are the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and grandparents of Jesus. Anne is honored by the church for her faith which must have laid the foundation of courage and strength that allowed her daughter Mary to say "yes" to God's request that she be the Mother of Jesus.



SAINT JOHN Evangelist December 27 Patron of Asia Minor, Turkey. Beloved apostle of Christ, St John was given the privilege of caring for the Blessed Virgin after Jesus death. Author of 5 New Testament books, he had a long life of spreading the Word of Jesus. He suffered many trials including slavery in the mines and an attempt to boil him in oil, from which he was miraculously unharmed. He is often shown with an Eagle.



SAINT MARTHA July 29 Patron of servers and cooks. Sister of Mary and Lazarus. Martha is known for her hospitality and service. Jesus was a guest in her home many times.



SAINT STEPHEN December 26 Patron of stone masons. Stephen was one of the first seven deacons ordained by the apostles. He was a great servant to the early Christians and a great preacher. He was stoned to death while preaching the Word of God and became the Church's first martyr.



JESUS and the CHILDREN "Let the little children come to me ... for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." Mark 10:14



SAINT JOSEPH March 19 & May 1 Patron of the Universal Church, fathers, carpenters, social justice and those near death. Husband of the Blessed Mother and earthly father to Jesus. Joseph was a worker and a righteous man of great faith. He followed God's directions for his life and was entrusted with the care of Mary and Jesus.



SAINT FRANCIS October 4 Patron of animals, merchants, ecology. Founder of the Franciscans, he was the son of a wealthy merchant and lived a wild life until God called him to conversion in a dream. He gave up everything and lived in poverty. He served the poor and is known for his love of all God's creation which he expressed in his "Canticle of the Sun". He endured much suffering including blindness and depression and died at the age of 45.



SAINT CECILIA November 22 Patron of musicians. Cecilia was given in marriage to a youth named Valerian and through her example, Valerian and his brother were baptized. Cecilia preached to and converted many and because of this was arrested and condemned to death. She continued to preach and pray until the moment of her death.



SAINT JUDE October 28 Patron of desperate cases. One of the twelve apostles and a relative of Jesus. He is author of an Epistle which stresses perseverance in difficult circumstances.



SAINT MARGARET MARY October 16 A religious sister who had a vision in which Christ asked her to promote devotion to the Sacred Heart (Nine First Fridays). She worked tirelessly to establish the Feast of the Sacred Heart. Her efforts were realized 75 years after her death.



Treasurer of York and later **SAINT WILLIAM** June 8 Archbishop, he suffered false accusations. He was cleared of those but retired and lived the austere life of a monk. He was called back to serve again as archbishop but died only one month after his return to office.

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Holy Images in Our Church



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SAINT ROSE of LIMA (Vestibule right)
August 30 Patron of Latin America and the Philippines. Her real name was Isabel but she was called Rose because of her great beauty which she tried to hide. She worked hard to support her poor parents and cheerfully endured many sufferings including much loneliness and sadness

(Vestibule left)
SAINT ELIZABETH of PORTUGAL July 4
 Patron of the Third Order of St. Francis. Elizabeth was a Spanish princess married to King Denis of Portugal at the age of 12. She was very devout, and went to Mass every day. She was a good wife, but her husband believed she was unfaithful until a miraculous event proved her innocence. She is known for her kindness to the poor and for her success as a peacemaker.



(north foyer) **SAINT CHRISTOPHER**
 Patron of travelers. All that is really known is that he was a martyr. Legend has it that he carried an unbelievably heavy child across a river. The Child was said to be Christ carrying the weight of the world. Since most of his story is legend, he is not included in the official Church calendar of Saints. (July 25)



(south foyer) **SAINT PATRICK**
March 17 Patron of Ireland. Born in Scotland in 387 AD of Roman parents, he was captured and taken to a then pagan Ireland as a slave. He escaped but he returned many years later after he had become a Bishop. He preached there for 40 years converting many. He used the shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity and it has been associated with him and Ireland ever since.



(children's chapel) **SAINT LUKE**
October 18 Patron of physicians and surgeons. He wrote one of the Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles. He was a physician and traveled with Saint Paul. He is often pictured with an ox, a symbol of sacrifice.



(Holy Spirit Chapel, north transept)

THE HOLY SPIRIT Pentecost Sunday
 The Third Person of the Holy Trinity who makes all holiness possible; without whom there would be no Saints.



The Statues



Saint Joseph



Our Lady of Fatima



Saint Christopher



Saint Therese



SAINT BARBARA Patron of artillery personnel, military engineers, miners and mathematicians. Confined in a tower by her father she devoted herself to prayer and was baptized in secret. Her father was angered by her conversion and her refusal to marry. She was tortured and beheaded. Her life reminds us to be in touch with God's presence so that anger does not control us.



SAINT ANTHONY of PADUA
June 13 Patron of those searching for lost articles. He was born in 1195 and died at the age of 36. He was a Franciscan and a great defender of the faith. He was canonized only one year after his death and named Doctor of the church for his teaching of the Faith in a way that all could understand it. He is usually pictured holding the Child Jesus and a book.



SAINT MICHAEL the ARCHANGEL
September 29 Patron of police, paratroopers, mariners, grocers, those battling illness. His name means "who is like to God?" Scripture describes him as leader of the forces of heaven in triumph over the powers of evil.



Infant of Prague

SAINT JEROME September 30 Patron of librarians. One of the most learned Fathers of the Western Church. He is most known for his translations of the Bible known as the Vulgate. He struggled with temptation much of his life.

SAINT JOHN the BAPTIST
June 24 & August 29 Patron of monks and high-ways. The son of Elizabeth, a relative of the Blessed Mother, he is considered the last Old Testament prophet. He began preaching and calling people to repentance and baptism around 27AD. He baptized Jesus in the Jordan River and recognized Him as the Messiah. He was imprisoned by Herod Antipas, whose step-daughter, Salome, demanded John's beheading.

