

SAINTS IN THE NEW WORSHIP SPACE

SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA was born in Portugal in 1195. He became a Franciscan priest known for his eloquent sermons, settled in Padua, Italy and died there in 1231 at the age of 36. The following year, moved by the many miracles that occurred at his tomb, Pope Gregory IX declared him a saint. He was proclaimed a Doctor of the Church in 1946. Because of the many favors received through his intercession, he is known as the "Wonder Worker". His feast day is June 13.

THE ARCHANGELS: MICHAEL, RAPHAEL, AND GABRIEL are the only three archangels mentioned in the canonical Scriptures. Michael is the defender of the church. Raphael, a healer and a guardian in the Book of Tobit, is the patron of travelers, and Gabriel is God's messenger. The feast day of the Archangels is September 29.

SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON was born in New York City in 1774. After the death of her husband, she converted to Catholicism, opened a boarding school for girls, and later founded a religious order. She was canonized in 1976, becoming the first American-born saint. Her feast day is January 4.

SAINT FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI, a religious born in Italy in 1850, came to New York in 1889 and became a citizen the following year. She founded hospitals and orphanages throughout the United States. She was canonized in 1946; the first American citizen to be so honored. Her feast day is December 22.

In the early 13th century, **SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI** was born into a prosperous Italian family, but he renounced the wealth to live a simple life of poverty. Francis founded the Order of Friars Minor and, with Saint Clare of Assisi, the Poor Clares. There is an ever-growing membership in the numerous branches of the Franciscan Order and after 700 years, his popularity and importance show no sign of lessening. His feast day is October 4.

SAINT GERARD MEJELLA was born in Italy in 1726. He was a Redemptorist lay brother known for his devotion to God, charity, goodness, and wisdom. He became ill with tuberculosis and died in 1755 at the age of 29. He is the patron saint of expectant mothers. His feast day is October 16.

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST, the last of the Old Testament prophets, came to prepare the way for his cousin, Jesus. He preached a baptism of repentance to the people and baptized Jesus in the Jordan River. We celebrate the birth of John the Baptist on June 24.

SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER was the foster father of Jesus. He, along with Mary, taught the child Jesus as he grew. Saint Joseph was declared the Patron of the Universal Church in 1870. In 1955, the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker was established. It is celebrated on May 1.

"The Lily of the Mohawks", **BLESSED KATERI TEKAKWITHA**, was an American Indian born in 1656. Baptized by a Jesuit missionary when she was 20 years old, Kateri dedicated her life to praying and caring for the sick and old. In 1680, she became ill and died at the age of 24. Her feast day is April 17.

In 1579, **SAINT MARTIN DE PORRES**, the illegitimate child of two races, was born in Lima, Peru. He turned his early life of extreme hardship and poverty into one of prayer, love, and great charity as a Dominican lay brother. Many healing miracles took place through his intercession. St. Martin is the patron saint of interracial relations and social justice and his feast day is November 3.

SAINT MARY MAGDALENE, a follower of Jesus during his public ministry, is mentioned in the gospels, but little is known about her. She was the first person to see Christ after the resurrection and has been an example of a repentant sinner from the earliest times in the Church. Her feast day is July 22.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE, a title given to Mary, Mother of God, as she appeared in 1531 to Juan Diego, a poor Aztec Indian, on Tepeyac Hill, a site near the modern Mexico City. She is the Patroness of all the Americas and Protectress of the Unborn. Her feast day is December 12.

SAINT PATRICK was a bishop and missionary to Ireland in the 5th century. By the time of his death in 461, he had completed, almost single-handedly, the conversion of Ireland. His feast day is March 17.

MOTHER TERESA OF CALCUTTA was born Agnes Gonxha Bouaxhiu in 1910 Yugoslavia. As a missionary sister, she felt called to serve the "poorest of the poor" in the slums of Calcutta. She died there on September 5, 1997 after 50 years of humble service.

SAINT THERESE OF LISIEUX lived in the late 1800's. She joined a cloistered religious order at the young age of 15 and developed a deep spiritual life, which she called her "Little Way". She was canonized in 1925 and proclaimed a Doctor of the Church in 1997. Her feast day is October 3.