

Saint of the Week for March 7, 2021

Have you ever been aware that because of your faith and your desire to want to know Jesus deeper that you are different from others your age? This week's Saint of the Week was painfully aware of that but didn't let it stop him in his pursuit to live a holy life and help St. John Bosco in his work with neglected boys.

Fun fact: They came from a region in Italy that Susie's relatives are from—Turin, Italy—which is also known as the place where the [Shroud of Turin](#) is kept. Look it up if you don't know what it is! There will be a special live prayer broadcast in front of the Shroud in the Turin Cathedral on Holy Saturday (April 3) this year!!! Mark you calendar to check it out! www.shroud.com/



Our saint felt called to be a priest and at the age of 12 founded a group he called the Company of the Immaculate Conception at the Oratory in Turin. All of the members of his group joined the newly formed Salesian Order of Priests that was founded by St. John Bosco. The one exception was our saint—because he died in 1857 at age 14 years due to lung complications because of poor health.

Prayer was very important to our saint and he was known to spend HOURS praying. In his short life, he was known as a peacemaker and an organizer. He was quoted as saying “I can't do big things. But I want all I do, even the smallest thing to be for the greater glory of God.”

He was also known to be musical and is considered to be the patron saint of choirboys and juvenile delinquents.

Who am I? My Feast Day is March 9

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Images from the Shroud of Turin

