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# St. James the Greater



**Born:** 5 BC in Bethsaida, Galilee

**Died:** 44AD in Jerusalem, Judea

***Patron Saint of Spain and  
Pilgrims***

***Feast Day: July 25***

Saint James the Greater was one of the first twelve apostles. He was the cousin of Jesus, son of Zebedee and Salome, and brother of John the disciple. James and John were with their father by the seashore when Jesus called them to follow him. James along with his brother, John and apostle Peter were a close group of friends with Jesus. James was a **Faithful** follower of Jesus and was present at many of Jesus' events where he witnessed many miracles. James showed **Love** by following Jesus' teachings even when he was rebuked by Jesus when he and his brother John asked Jesus to call down fire on a Samaritan town because they would not welcome them. James had a quick temper and Jesus called him and his brother John "the Sons of Thunder". James had a hard time learning **Self-Control** due to his fiery temper, but he found **Joy** being a close follower of Jesus. James spread the gospel across Israel and the Roman Empire. He traveled and preached for forty years in Spain. James was the first of the twelve apostles to die in 44AD.

I chose St. James the Greater because I am energetic like him and a faithful friend. I also like the nickname Jesus gave James, the Son of Thunder. It shows that he had a lot of passion.

By: Evan K.

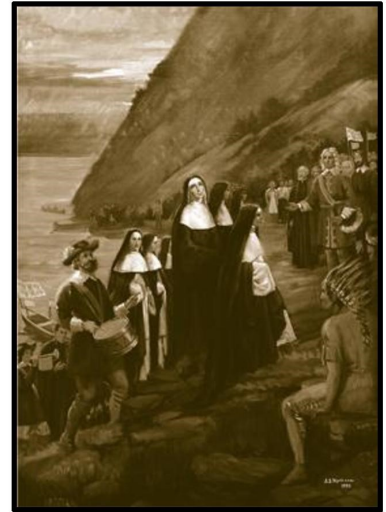
# St. Therese of Lisieux

**Born:** January 2, 1873, Alencon, France

**Died:** September 30, 1897, Lisieux, France

**Feast day:** October 1

**Patron Saint of:** florist, foreign missions, loss of parents, priest and the sick



St. Therese calls us to be generous at all times. She welcomes us to stay in the heart of the Churches witnesses of Christ's charity. She wants us to be charitable and generous. An example of love is, "Therese loved the wide open spaces and the beauty of the countryside about Alencon." An example of generosity is, she loved god intensely, and she often offered god her heart.

I chose St. Therese because it is a name passed down from my mom's mom to my mom and now to me.

By: Lea W.



## Saint Elizabeth of Hungary



Born: July 7, 1207 A.D in Pozsony County, Hungary

Died: November 17, 1231 A.D in Marburg, Germany

Feast Day: November 17

Patron Saint of Hospitals, Nurses, Bakers, Brides, Countesses, Dying Children, Exiled People, Homeless People

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary was born into royalty. She demonstrated **generosity** by giving away supplies and money to people in difficult times. She also exemplified **love** by attending to her sick patients daily, and building a hospital for the sick and poor. Lastly, she exhibited **faithfulness** because when her husband died she became more interested in the Lord, which led her to become a Third Order Franciscan.

I initially chose Saint Elizabeth because it is both my Great Grandmother's name and my Great Great Grandmother's name on my Dad's side. When I started researching, I came to find out she was one of the Patron Saints of nurses and my Grandmother was a nurse for many years. Finally, I admire the fact that she helped others in need, which inspires me to do the same.

By: Kaelyn M.



# St. Catherine of Siena



Born in: March 25, 1347, Siena, Italy  
Died in: April 29, 1380, Rome, Italy  
Feast Day: April 29

Patronage: Nurses, Sickness, Bodily Ills, Firefighters, Miscarriages, People Ridiculed for their Piety, Sexual Temptation, Diocese of Allentown.

Saint Catherine of Siena was born into a big family. Most of her siblings, even her twin sister, died when "black death struck." But Catherine's **faithfulness** helped her get through it. When Catherine was seven she vowed chastity. Later in her life St. Catherine's **love** for Jesus grew. She was told by Christ to leave her withdrawn life and enter the public life of the world. As she did her **kindness** grew and she started to help people. Catherine dedicated much of her life to helping the ill and the poor, both in hospitals and their homes. St. Catherine sadly passed away at the young age of 33. After she passed, Pope Paul VI gave her the title of "Doctor of the Church".

**Why I chose Saint Catherine of Siena:** Catherine is my mom's middle name and Great Grandmas' names on both sides. Also, my Grandmother was a nurse and St. Catherine was one of the Patron Saints of nurses. Her kindness to others has inspired me to act in the name of the Lord as well. As you can see this name means a lot to my family and I hope my family passes this name down for years to come.

**By: Gretchen M.**

## St. William of Perth

Born: 12 Century in Scotland

Deceased: 1201 in England

Feast Day: May 23rd



St William was born in Scotland in the 12th Century. He died in England in 1201. He was a baker and a fisherman. He showed **generosity** by saving some of his food and giving it to the poor.

William was extremely **faithful** to God and attended Church regularly. On his way to Church one day, he found an abandoned baby and decided to raise him as his own. He showed **love, kindness, and patience** by raising the child to adulthood. William wanted to take a trip to the Holy Places. On this trip, his son betrayed him. He was robbed and killed. There are some stories of miracles happening because of him after his death. St William is the patron saint of adopted children. His feast day is May 23rd. He was canonized in 1256 by Pope Alexander IV. I chose St. William in honor of my Dad because his name is William.

Brendan M.





# ST. PATRICK

By Hugh M.

I chose St. Patrick because my father's name is Patrick and part of my family comes from Ireland

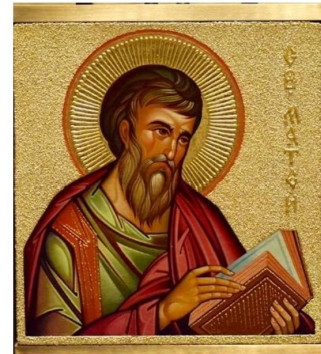
St. Patrick was a 5th century Christian missionary and bishop who is known for bringing Christianity to Ireland. His feast day (March 17) is celebrated in both the Catholic Church and Protestant churches around the world. According to tradition, St Patrick used shamrocks to explain the concept of Holy Trinity Father, Son and Holy Spirit to the Irish, this has led to him being known for clovers ever since then. His life story tells us that he was very **faithful** to God from an early age as he prayed frequently throughout his life for guidance on how best to spread Christianity in Ireland despite facing many challenges along his journey which included imprisonment by pirates at one point! He returned to his former master and paid the full ransom price of a slave as “compensation” for his escape as he felt bad so he was **generous**. One example of St. Patrick showing **kindness** is his missionary work among the people of Ireland. It is said that he traveled throughout Ireland, preaching the message of Christianity and converting many people to the faith. By sharing his teachings.



# St. Matthew the Apostle

Born: September 21<sup>st</sup> (*year unknown*)  
Died: Around 60 AD

Feast Day: September 21st  
Patron Saint of Tax Collectors and Bankers



St. Matthew the Apostle, also known as Matthew the Evangelist, was born into a family of tax collectors. He showed **goodness** because he would import goods from farmers, caravans, and merchants. He demonstrated **generosity** when he healed people who were abducted by demons. Matthew was an Apostle of Christ. He is also known for the Gospel according to Matthew. His readings show Jesus as a teacher and exemplify **kindness**.

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The reason I chose St. Matthew the Apostle was because at first I liked the name, but after I did some research I found out that he was one of the twelve Apostles and the traditional author of the first Gospel. My favorite passage from The Gospel according to Matthew is:

“Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you”

- The Bible  
Jesus Chris, Matthew 5:44

By: Keegan D.

# St. Martha of Bethany

Born in Palestine (sometime in the first century)

Died in France (exact date unknown)



St. Martha lived in Bethlehem with her sister and brother. Jesus visited their house when he was teaching in Bethlehem. When he came to their house for the first time Martha's sister Mary sat at Jesus' feet listening to him talk. Martha, however, did all the hospitality jobs like cooking for her guests, which showed great kindness. When she saw Mary listening and not doing anything, she got upset. She went to Jesus and told him, "While I am doing all the work Mary sits and listens to you. She should help me!" Jesus responded with "You are distracted by the things you need to do not what really matters like listening to me. Even if it is only five minutes it will certainly help." After Jesus left that night Martha started going to his teachings. She started using her cooking for good. She used the love Jesus taught her. She would go out and give away food to the poor. This shows how much generosity she had after listening and learning from Jesus' teachings.

I choose St. Martha because she is the patron saint of cooking. And my mom and dad taught me how to cook and I really enjoy it.

This is a prayer for Saint Martha.

Saint Martha, pray for us that we might serve Jesus better.  
Help us to overcome our distractions and worries to listen to his words and be present to Him this day.  
Amen.

Emily G

# St. Augustine of Hippo



BORN: 354 AD IN THAGASTE

DIED: 430 AD IN HIPPO

FEAST DAY: AUGUST 28

## PATRON SAINT OF BREWERS AND PRINTERS

St. Augustine demonstrated **faithfulness** by serving as a church priest, bishop, and theologian. St Augustine preached “Faith is to believe what you do not yet see: the reward for this faith is to see what you believe.” He shows **self-control** in his book *Confessions*, when he describes his youth of sinfulness. When he converted to Catholicism, he learned how to encourage others and grow in maturity and control himself. In the New Testament, the Rule of Augustine said the community must live in harmony. This Rule is a message of **love**, love of all people. He said, “Being of one mind and heart on the way to God.”

I chose St. Augustine because he was a normal man who sinned and liked to party. It reminds me that it is ok to sin and try to do better. I can also relate to him because I try to be kind to everyone and give everyone a chance by not judging them. By: Alec R.



# St. Sebastian



**Born:** 255 AD in Narbonne, France

**Died:** 288 AD in Rome, Italy

**Feast Day:** January 20th

**Patron Saint of Athletes and Soldiers**

*Saint Sebastian who **love** for his religion was so strong he joined the Roman army and kept his faith a secret while converting many prisoners and their families. During his time in the army, he also performed miraculous healings. He remained in Rome as the “defender of the Church”. When the emperor found out Sebastian was a Christian, he ordered his execution by arrows. But Sebastian did not die! He recovered and because of his **faithfulness** he went back before the emperor and boldly told him to stop his cruelty towards Christians. The emperor was so shocked he ordered his execution again. After his death he appeared in a vision to Luciana and asked her to remove his remains from the sewer and bury him in the catacombs of Callixtus. A basilica was built in his memory. This place remains an important pilgrimage site today.*

*He became known as the patron saint of athletes because of his perseverance and because of his physical endurance and his energetic way of spreading Christianity.*

*“Saint Sebastian, you received the glorious crown of martyrdom twice. Your courage and fidelity to Christ in the face of persecution was unwavering. Your encouragement of the persecuted was heroic. Please pray for me, that I may have your same unwavering courage and thus equally fulfill God’s will, no matter how high the cost. Saint Sebastian, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.”*

By: Isaiah S.

# *Saint Francis Xavier of Spain*



**Born: 1507- Navarre, Spain**

**Died: 1552- Sancian, China**

**Feast Day: December 3rd**

**Saint Xavier is the Patron Saint of Missionaries**

Saint Francis Xavier was a Spanish Jesuit who lived as a catholic missionary. To show his **faithfulness**, he went on extensive journeys across Southeast Asia and India to share his faith practicing **generosity** and kindness. Along with this, on his journeys he would baptize many people not only spreading faith but also **patience**. Xavier was also one of the first 7 members of the Jesuit Order. He showed **love** by always caring for others and always was able to help people on all his journeys. He is known for saying *"In Thee, O Lord, have I put my hope. Let me never be confounded"*

The reason that I chose Saint Francis Xavier is because through his journeys he always strives to help people even through the challenges he has faced. St. Xavier High School in Cincinnati is where my dad went. In 2<sup>nd</sup> grade I was able to portray St. Xavier for my school's saint project. I have always looked up to St. Xavier.

And for St Francis Xavier we praise you evermore;  
A witness to your Gospel on many far-flung shore.  
We ask his missionary zeal be with all of us today,  
And bring us ever closer to You in heaven we pray.

**"By All Your Saints Still Striving" by Horation Bolton Nelson in honor of St Francis Xavier.**

**Emerson U.**

# Saint Isabella of Portugal

Born: 1271, Aljafería Palace, Zaragoza, Spain

Died: 1336 Estremoz, Portugal

Feast day: July 4<sup>th</sup>



Saint Isabella of Portugal was also known as St. Elizabeth of Portugal. At the age of twelve she became Queen and wife to King Denis of Portugal. As Queen, she showed much **generosity** by helping the poor, starting orphanages, hospitals, shelters for the homeless, and a convent for nuns. She was also known to wear an apron with bread inside to feed the poor. She showed **kindness** by taking care of abandoned babies, as well as her husband's children by other women. St. Isabella was known as the "peacemaker". She had the ability to calm people down by her just being present. She also was the one who brought **peace** between feuding family members.

I chose St. Isabella/St. Elizabeth because like her, I love helping people. Also, Isabella is a family name and Elizabeth is my middle name. My favorite prayer to St. Isabella is ... "Pray for me that I, too, may one day glorify the blessed trinity in heaven. Obtain for me your lively faith, that I may consider all person's things, and events in the light of almighty god."

By: Ava M.





## **SAINT JOHN THE APOSTLE**

**By Ryan M.**

Saint John is known for being one of the original Twelve Apostles of Jesus. He is credited with writing the fourth Gospel and three New Testament epistles. I chose Saint John because Saint John is known as a patron of love, loyalty, and friendship. Those three are important to me because I think they represent me as a person because of how I show love, loyalty, and friendship. Three important things to Saint John are true friendship, devotion, and humility. These are important to me because those are three of the most important aspects to good relationships in our daily lives.

Saint John exemplifies love and Joy from the Fruits of the Holy Spirit. In his first Epistle he famously reminds us, "God Is Love and He who abides in Love in God and God abides in him." Noted in the Gospels, John was the disciple who lived a life of selflessness and service. He showed these two characteristics by the way he treated others and lived his life with love and joy. Saint John is known as the Apostle of Love; the word is used many times throughout the scripture. Saint John is the "beloved" Apostle due to how close he was to Christ. He demonstrated his Love for Christ at the last Supper by leaning his back against Jesus' chest. (John 13:25)

John witnesses Jesus' death on the cross, one of the most significant events that truly showed Jesus' love for John and all his people. John stated, "There is no greater Love than to this: to lay down one's life for one's friend." Saint John experienced love firsthand by watching his friend Jesus dying on the cross for his very sins.

Saint John wrote that Jesus reminded his disciples that his Joy would "remain in you and that your joy will be full." (John 15:11) Jesus told them that they would be sorrow for his departure, but your sorrow would be turned into joy," and that "Your heart will rejoice, and no one will take from you" (John 16:20-22), This demonstrates how unique the Lords' Joy remain in him in a time in great trial and testing. This shows that you can find Joy in everything, and it that his Joy should be our Joy and live within us.

I picked Saint John because of how he shows love, loyalty, and friendship. Saint John truly changed the way some people live, and he sure did change mine.



Bailey.m

Saint Catherine of Alexandria guided many people to becoming Christian. She led over 200 people to their Holy life. She defied the emperor many times while helping others. The emperor beheaded her at the age of 18, and soon she was written into history. Saint Catherine of Alexandria is important to me because she worked hard to help spread the word of God and didn't stop until the very end. Her story helped me believe to work hard for something I that believe in. She also inspired others over time who later were there for her when she needed them. Her faithfulness and generosity helped many people believe in God. She had shown generosity by taught them the wisdom of God, and she had shown faithfulness by not giving into the emperors tortures and deals and continuing to guide Christians. She helped other people and didn't let the actions of others discourage her from what she was doing. I look forward to being a little like her in the future.



# St. CHRISTOPHER



Lived: 3<sup>rd</sup> Century, in the Roman Empire (Canaan)  
Maytr after death (beheaded)

**Feast Day: July 25**  
**Patron Saint of: Travelers**

Saint Christopher was a Canaanite named Reprobos. He was exceptionally tall and had a fearsome face. He took a child, who later turned out to be Christ, across a river. He had a significant physical presence, but, more importantly, he was a spiritual giant and a sure model and inspiration for the Christian faithful.

As he was crossing the river with the child on his shoulder, the river flooded and the child became incredibly heavy. This put Christopher's life in danger. The child later revealed that he was the son of God, who made the world, and who he is serving. Saint Christopher showed **kindness and generosity** when he risked his life to carry the child across the river. Additionally, he showed these traits when helping cross other travelers.

**Faithfulness** is another virtue that can be attributed to Saint Christopher. A local king of Lycia tried to tempt Christopher with pagan gods, but he did not go for it. He continued to convert others to Christianity as he had been doing for some time. He held firm to what he believed. He was killed for his beliefs by beheading.

I chose Saint Christopher because that is my name and I was curious to learn more. Saint Christopher was physically strong, but more importantly he was spiritually strong. He taught us all a good lesson by holding firm to his beliefs throughout his life, even though it resulted in his death. He was kind and generous as well. These are all great traits to inspire us.

By: Chris R.



# Saint Lawrence

**Born: December 31, 225 AD**

**Died: August 10, 258 AD**

**Saint Lawrence Day: August 10th**



Saint Lawrence was born in Huesca, Spain. He was smart when he grew up. He studied humanities and theology. He exemplified generosity by selling expensive church vessels so he would have more money to give away. Saint Lawrence also exemplified love by showing the poor that they are loved by him.

I chose Saint Lawrence because he is the patron saint of cooks and cooking. I really like to cook like my mom, dad and grandma. I feel the name Lawrence is a perfect fit for me.

**By: Charlie H**

# Saint Gianna Beretta Molla



Born: October 4, 1922

Died: April 8, 1962

Patron saint of mothers, physicians and unborn children

Feast Day April 28

Saint Gianna lived in Italy and was always a very devout Catholic. She went to medical school and became a pediatrician. In 1955 she married Pietro Molla and had three children. They taught their kids that their Catholic faith was the most important thing. When she was pregnant with her fourth child doctors found a cancerous tumor that needed to be removed. If they removed it, her baby would die. She didn't want that to happen so she decided to sacrifice her life so her baby could live.

Saint Gianna was the first female physician to become a saint. She was the last saint to be canonized by St. John Paul II before he died.

There have been many miracles attributed to St. Gianna since she died, especially with babies being born.

I chose St. Gianna because I was one of those babies. My parents had a hard time for many years wanting another baby. One day, a glove of St. Gianna's was brought to Nativity. My mom was prayed over with the glove on her stomach. She found out she was having me the next week!

St. Gianna showed **generosity** and **love** for sacrificing her life for her daughter. She had **faithfulness** because she trusted God and had **peace** with her brave decision.

By: Evangeline G.

# ST. Rose Of Lima

Born: April 20, 1586 in Lima Peru

Died: August 24, 1617

Feast Day: August 23rd

Patron Saint of Embroiderers and Gardners.



Sophia R

For my 3 fruits I chose **Faithfulness**, **Self-control** , and **Kindness**. I chose these fruits because she is dedicated to prayer. When she was a young girl she began to fast three times a week and performed severe penances in secret, she helped the sick and hungry around her community, bringing them to her room and taking care of them. Rose sold her fine needle work and took flowers that she grew to market, to help her family. She made and sold lace and embroidery to care for the poor.

I chose Saint Rose of Lima because I was very interested in learning about her and when I read her description she sounded very holy. Anytime my mom asks me to Garden I always reply with a smile on my face with a yes.



## Saint Julia of Corsica

Brielle M

Saint Julia was born in Carthage. She was then taken to Africa as a slave for her master. Even while Julia was a slave she was filled with **Joy**, Saint Julia become the masters favorite because of that. She thought that her suffering was a gift from God. Which shows that she was **Faithful**. In her free time she would pray to God and read books about faith. She traveled to Corsica with her master. She refused to go to a false god party, which made the governor mad. He stole Julia from the master and forced her to give up faith. She would not, so he crucified her. Her feast day is celebrated on May 23.



Born: 25 July Carthage  
Died: 5th Century Corsica

I chose Saint Julia because, even though she had bad experiences she was always faithful and happy.

Michael Daniel Patrick O.

St. Patrick Born: 387 Died 17 March 461 Feast Day March 17th



I chose St. Patrick because Patrick is my father's middle name, my Grandpop Rush confirmed name and my Great Grandpop Rush first name.

St. Patrick is the patron saint and national apostle of Ireland. He is credited with bringing Christianity to Ireland.

With utter confidence in the Lord, he journeyed far and wide, baptizing and confirming with untiring zeal. In diplomatic fashion he brought gifts to a kinglet here and a lawgiver there but accepted none from any. St. Patrick demonstrated **kindness** and **generosity** to all that he came in contact with.





# Saint Michael the Archangel

Feast day: September 29 Michaelmas

By Joey A.

Saint Michael the archangel is very brave, faithful and loving, he showed bravery because he led the angels into battle and fought Lucifer to keep peace in the world. Saint Michael also exemplifies faithfulness because he has been able to turn on god and join his brother Lucifer but he didn't. Saint Michael loves and protects us too. An example of this is when saved a man who had been thrown into the sea with a rope tied around his neck and had a rock on the other end. He

also gives us courage when we need it. For example, a first responder who has to risk their lives to save others, Saint Michael does this because he loves us and would not want us to get hurt.

I chose Saint Michael because I feel that he has always been with me. When I was little I would have a lot of trouble sleeping but one week my dad went on a trip and brought back a little figurine of Saint Michael and it came with his prayer. So when I would have trouble sleeping I would say his prayer to make me feel protected. "Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O'Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls, amen."





# Saint Elizabeth of Hungary

Born: July 7, 1207, Pozsony County

Died: November 17, 1231, Marburg, Germany

Feast Day: November 17

Patron Saint of Hospitals and Nurses



St. Elizabeth was a princess in a kingdom in Hungary. When Elizabeth was six-years-old her mother was murdered in 1213. Because of that, Elizabeth's perspective on life and death changed and she found **peace** with prayer. In 1223 Franciscan Friars taught 16-year-old Elizabeth all about Francis of Assisi's ideals. In 1226 disease and flood came into Thuringia (where she lived). Elizabeth took care of the sick people, risking her life for others. She gave away the royals clothes and goods to the sick and poor people. To show even more **kindness** to those people, she also built a hospital that had about 1000 patients daily. Elizabeth passed away at the age of 24, on November 17, in Marburg, Hesse.

I chose St. Elizabeth because my aunt's middle name is Elizabeth and I really liked the name Elizabeth. I also like how she helped sick and poor people risking her life because she could have gotten sick and died from helping them.

Lily D.



Born: Possibly 256 AD and in Gaul  
Died: in 288 in Rome

Feast Day: January 20<sup>th</sup>

Patron Saint of archers and athletes and of those who desire a  
saintly death

Saint Sebastian exemplified faithfulness because he was a Christian who had converted many soldiers. This led to Sebastian being ordered to be killed by arrows. He also showed self-control because when he didn't die after the first attempt, he refused to flee and instead stayed, and then he was killed.

I chose Saint Sebastian because he is the patron saint of athletes. Sports are very important to me and it is comforting to know that there is a saint looking over me.

**By: Trevor S.**



## Saint Anthony Of Padua

Born in 1195 in Lisbon Portugal

Died in 1231 in Padua Italy

Feast Day: June 13th

St. Anthony was born Fernando Martis in Lisbon Portugal. He came from a wealth family, but at the age of 15, he asked to be sent to the Abbey of Santa Cruz in Cainbra. After he became a priest. Fernando was named guest master at the of 19 and placed in charge of the Abby. He is also known to be the patron saint of lost articles. St Anthony's life is what every christian's life is meant to be, a steady courage to face the ups and downs of life, and the call to lone and forgive. To be concerned for others, to deal with crisis great and small, and to have our feet solidly on the ground of trust, love and dependence on God.

I choose St. Anthony because I think he is a very interesting and helpful Saint. He helps me and my family a lot whenever we lose or need to find something.

Joey T



# St. Sebastian



Born:	255 AD in France
Died:	288 AD in Rome, Italy
Feast Day:	January 20th
Patron Saint of:	Athletes and Soldiers

St Sebastian was a soldier in the Roman army, and he served Diocletian. While serving, he helped Christians and also converted people to Christianity. Diocletian found out about this and ordered him to be tied up to a tree and shot to death by archers. He was later rescued and healed by St. Irene of Rome and proceeded to warn Diocletian about his sins. Diocletian had him arrested and ordered him to be beat to death by clubbing. St. Sebastian died a Martyr.

St. Sebastian had generosity because he helped the Christians and converted people to Christianity. St. Sebastian had faithfulness because he helped the Christians and strongly believed in Christianity, he also cared for Diocletian and tried to warn him about his sins.

I chose St. Sebastian because he is athletic, and courageous like me. St. Sebastian also isn't afraid to stand up for what he believes.

I found this prayer while researching St. Sebastian.

**Commander at the Roman Emperor's court, You chose to be also a soldier of Christ and dared to spread faith in the King of Kings, for which you were condemned to die. Your body, however, proved athletically strong and the executing arrows extremely weak. So another means to kill you was chosen and you gave your life to the Lord. May athletes be always as strong in their faith as their Patron Saint so clearly has been.**

**Intercess for us we pray, that our faith may imitate yours and that God may protect us as we seek to use the gifts He has given us to glorify Him this day.**

**Amen.**

By: Jack B

# Saint Michael the Archangel

**Feast Day: September 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**The Patron Saint of soldiers, police and doctors.**



I chose Saint Michael for my confirmation name because he is strong and faithful, and he battled Satan. Michael is also my Dad's name and my Uncle's name so it is a name that is already part of my family.

Saint Michael exemplified many of the fruits of the Holy Spirit in his life. He showed faithfulness by helping to fight evil. He shows love by escorting people to heaven at the hour of their death. He shows generosity because he is a healer of the sick and the guardian of the church.

## **St. Michael the Archangel Prayer**

**St. Michael the Archangel,  
defend us in battle.  
Be our defense against the  
wickedness and snares of the  
Devil.**

**May God rebuke him, we  
humbly pray,  
and do thou, O Prince of the  
heavenly hosts,  
by the power of God,  
thrust into hell Satan, and all  
the evil spirits,  
who prowl about the world  
seeking the ruin of souls.**

**Amen.**

Saint Michael is the leader of all the angels and of the army of God. Saint Michael is often depicted with a sword and shield and is sometimes shown defeating Satan in the form of a dragon.



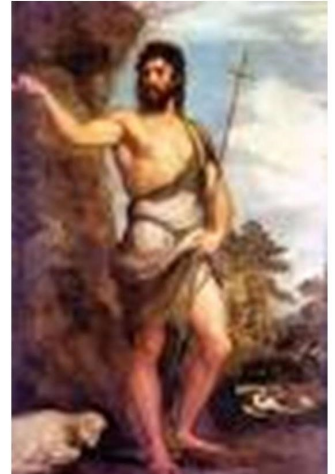
By Lucas D.  
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# John the Baptist

## By: Tymon K.

**Born** in: 1st Century BC Herodian Tetrarchy, Roman Empire

**Died** in: 30 AD Machaerus, Herodian Tetrarchy, Roman Empire



John the Baptist was one of the first people who recognized Jesus as the Son of God. He was Jesus's cousin. John was also a Judaeen Preacher. John Baptized people in the Jordan river. John lived on locusts and wild honey.

I chose John the Baptist because he was one of the most prominent wilderness prophet and I like to play around in the wilderness with other people. I also chose John the Baptist because **he was one of Jesus's most notable follower**.

The two fruits of the Holy Spirit that John the Baptist shows the most are **Faithfulness** and **Peace**. John the Baptist showed **Peace** the most because he preferred the calm Peaceful wilderness as his ministry instead of a building in a bustling town. John the Baptist also showed **Faithfulness** because he was one of Jesus's most well known followers.



# St. Peter of Bethsaida

Born AD 1 in Bethsaida, Roman Empire  
Died Between A 64 and 68 In Rome, Roman empire



Feast day: June 29

St Peter is the patron saint of popes and of Rome and of many cities that bear his name.

St. Peter was one of the twelve apostles of Jesus Christ and the first leader. He appears repeatedly in the fourth new testament gospel as well as the acts of the apostles. St Peter was born in a family of four. This included his brother, Andrew the apostle, his father, Jonah and his mother, Joanna.

St Peter showed **Love** by representing his love for Jesus and was commanded to feed lambs to take care of the church. The Acts of the Apostles show Peter taking the lead in addressing the crowds gathered in Jerusalem for the feast of Pentecost.

St Peter showed **generosity** Because, he was the first apostle to recognize that Jesus was a messiah. Which is the one promised to save people. He gave up his life as a fisherman to lead others to Jesus.

St Peter showed **faithfulness** because of how much he believed in Jesus. I know this because in an article it says, "Saint Peter's great love for Jesus made it possible for him to do everything that Jesus asked. The Lord asks the same of each of us. Like Peter, we can use our strengths to continue his work of bringing love and peace to others." This also shows how St Peter shows peace, Because it says he brings peace to others.

I chose St Peter I'm honor of my Pop Pop. His name was Peter.

*God loves us beyond comprehension, and we cannot diminish God's love for us. Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful.*

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## St. Jude Thaddeus

**Born:** 1AD in Paneas, a town in Galilee

**Died:** C. AD 65

**Feast Day:** October 28

Patron Saint of Hopeless and Desperate cases

St. Jude Thaddeus was born into a Jewish family in Paneas. St. Jude was thought to be a cousin of Jesus. Jude was called to be one of the Apostles with his brother James. St. Jude demonstrated kindness by healing Abgar, king of Edessa, from leprosy with a cloth with Jesus' face pressed into it. St. Jude was known for his faithfulness by preaching the Gospel to increase the number of faithful. St. Jude and St. Simon turned the people of Persia from savage to gentle Christian disciples. He showed love for Jesus and others by traveling and preaching the Gospel with his brother James until he was executed and became a martyr.



St. Jude is often shown in pictures with a flame around his head. This shows his presence at Pentecost.

I chose St. Jude Thaddeus because of his healing prayer. I pray to St. Jude for certain family and friends of mine.

### A Healing Prayer to St. Jude

Most holy Apostle, St. Jude, I place myself  
in your care. Pray for me; help me remember I am  
not alone in my struggles. Please join me in asking  
God to send me hope in my sorrow, courage in my  
Fear, and healing in the midst of my challenges.  
Please ask our loving God to fill me with the  
grace to accept whatever my life holds and to  
strengthen my faith in His healing power.  
Thank you, St. Jude for the promise of hope you hope  
You hold to all who believe; inspire me  
to give this gift of hope to others. Amen

# Saint Michael the Archangel



**Feast day:** September 29th

**Feast of the Apparition of St. Michael:** May 8th

**Patron Saint** of grocers, soldiers, doctors, mariners, paratroopers, police, and sickness

## Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel

Defend us in the hour of conflict.  
Be our safeguard against the wickedness  
and snares of the devil  
(may God restrain him, we humbly pray):  
and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly  
host,  
by the power of God thrust Satan down to  
hell  
and with him those other wicked spirits  
who wander through the world for the  
ruin of souls.  
Amen.

Saint Michael the Archangel exemplifies **love** because he is a fierce warrior and defender of the children of God. Saint Michael led God's army against Satan's forces during the war in heaven and defeated Satan. Saint Michael exemplifies **peace** and symbolizes the victory of good over evil.

I chose Saint Michael the Archangel because of his bravery and faithfulness to God.

Gareth K.

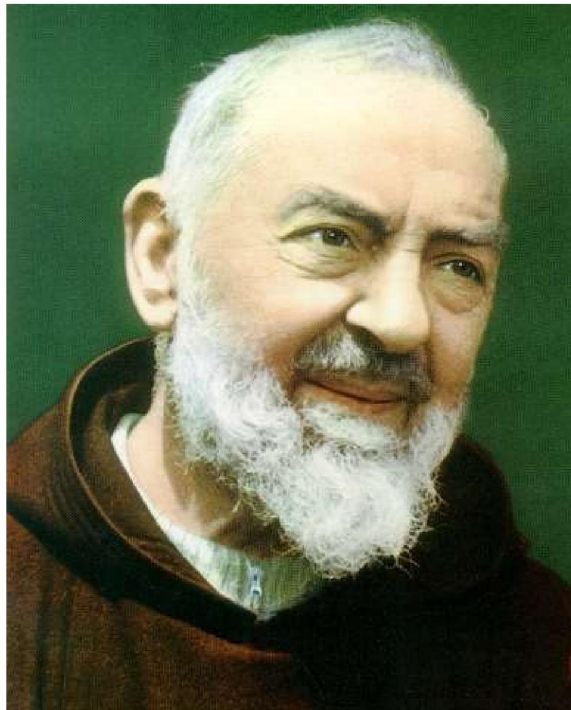


# Padre Pio

Born: May 25, 1887 in Italy  
Died: September 23, 1968 in Italy

Feast Day: September 23  
Patron Saint of Healing

Padre Pio was born in Pietrelcina in Italy. He was tutored to be a priest at 15 years old. With low health but strong will, he became a priest at 23 years old. At 31 years old, he received a stigmatization, becoming the first stigmatized priest. Pio was known for his **kindness** when in 1940, he announced his plans to open a home for the relief of suffering. The home opened in 1956, built only on the small donations of his followers. He also showed **patience** because he spent his entire life just to praise God and make people happier. I chose Padre Pio because he performed miracles but also lived in the present time.



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