

Saints of the Martyrs' Chapel

MODERN SAINTS

St. Maximilian Kolbe: Franciscan priest who volunteered to take the place of a man who was both a husband and father of young children, and who had been selected by the Nazis to be executed along with 9 other men as an example. After three weeks of starvation, Fr. Kolbe died by lethal injection and was burned in the ovens at Auschwitz. He was canonized by Pope John Paul II in 1981.

St. Charles Lwanga: Servant of King Mwanga of Uganda. He was one of the Martyrs of Uganda who was burned to death for his faith.

St. John de Brebeuf: Jesuit priest who was a missionary to the American Indians, and wrote a catechism in Huron. Tortured to death by the Iroquois.

St. Augustine Tcho (Zhao Rong): One of the Martyrs of China. He was arrested and died while in prison for his faith.

Blessed Miguel Pro: Young Jesuit priest who was arrested and ultimately killed at the behest of the Mexican government. The government took a picture of him praying before his firing squad, which had the exact opposite effect on the population who saw the picture in the newspaper.

St. Andrew Kim Taegon: Korea's first native priest. He was tortured and beheaded for his beliefs in 1846 at Seoul, Korea.

St. Andrew Dung Lac: Vietnamese priest who was tortured and beheaded for the offense of being a priest along with St. Peter Thi in 1839.

St. Maria Goretti: A pious 12-year-old farm girl who refused to be raped. After being choked and stabbed, she forgave her attacker and asked God's forgiveness before she died from her injuries. She was canonized by Pope Pius XII in 1947.

St. Paul Miki: Japanese Jesuit priest. He was arrested and he and other Christians were marched 600 miles to be abused and ridiculed. He delivered his last sermon while crucified at Nagasaki.

St. Thomas More: Lord Chancellor of England who refused to grant a divorce to King Henry the VIII. Henry imprisoned him in the Tower of London, before he was beheaded. His head was par boiled and placed on a stake outside the Tower ("What does it avail to know that there is a God, which you not only believe by Faith, but also know by reason: What does it avail that you know Him if you think so little of Him?").

Saints of Our Lady Mural

St Martin de Porres: Saint of the broom for his devotion to his work, no matter how menial. (Freed black slave)

St Peter Claver: Missionary in America. Ministered, physically and spiritually to slaves when they arrived in Cartagena.

St Elizabeth Ann Seton: “Mother Seton,” mother of five, converted to Catholicism. Founded the first American religious community for women, the Sisters of Charity. First native born U.S. American saint.

St. Rose Philippine Duchesne: Lady of Mercy. Established the Society of the Sacred Heart in America. She was concerned about the plight of the Native Americans.

St Miguel Febres Cordero Muñoz: In addition to being a religious role model, he is considered a national hero in Ecuador for his success in so many worthwhile areas.

St Francis Xavier Cabrini: Founded the Missionary sisters of the sacred Heart to care for the poor children in schools. She founded 67 institutions in the U.S., Europe, and South America.

St Katharine Drexel: Founded the sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Blacks. Among many things, she established a system of Black Catholic schools including the first U.S. university for blacks.

St John Nepomucene Neumann: First American Bishop to be canonized.

Blessed Damien of Molokai: Apostle to the lepers in Hawaii.

St. Toribio Romo González: Martyr during the Cristero Wars in Mexico. One of the patron saints of migrants and border crossers.

St Rose of Lima – First saint born and canonized in the Americas. Founder of social work in Peru.

Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha: Known for spirituality and austere lifestyle. Miracle worker. Her grave became a pilgrimage site and place of miracles for Christian Native Americans and French colonists. First Native American proposed for canonization.

St. Juan Diego: A poor Indian who the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to and spoke to in his native language. The miracle of Guadalupe.