

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 Tchao (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?").

St. Lorenzo de Manilla: Young Filipino who served with the Dominicans and traveled on their mission to Japan where they all were captured, imprisoned and tortured unless they renounced their faith. St. Lorenzo was tortured for more than a year before he and 15 others were hung upside down in a pit until they died.

ANCIENT MARTYRS

Cyprian of Carthage: Bishop of Carthage martyred in 258 A.D.

Polycarp of Smyrna: Associated with and converted by St. John the Apostle. He became the Bishop of Smyrna. He was to be burned alive but the flames did not reach his body. He was then stabbed in 155 A.D.

Ignatius of Antioch: Succeeded Peter as Bishop of Antioch. He was taken to Rome where he was thrown to the wild animals in 107 A.D.

Stephan: Deacon, martyred with Pope Sixtus II. Beheaded on August 6, 258 A.D.

Cecelia of Rome: 2nd or 3rd Century. Prosecuted for her faith and died after efforts first to suffocate then behead her. (Depicted with musical instrument.)

Philomena: Little is known of her life. It is believed she was martyred at 14.

Agnes of Rome: Even though she was to be sacrificed to the pagan gods, she refused to turn against God. She was killed on January 21, 254 or 304 A.D. in Rome. (Depicted with lamb.)

Margaret of Antioch: Apocryphal virgin and martyr. She refused the advances of a Roman prefect and ultimately was beheaded. (Depicted with pearls, defeating dragon.)

St. Dorothy of Cappadocia: (Depicted with basket of roses or roses and apples.)

St. Saturninus: (with his small son Hilarion) and the Abiten Martyrs (known as the "Martyrs of Sunday"). African martyr of the early 4th Century.