

Revised Roman Missal Includes Additions to Proper of Saints

The new Missal will include 17 additions to the Proper of Saints, the part of the Missal that includes prayers for the observances of saints' days. The Proper of Saints follows a calendar established by the Vatican and modified by the bishops of each country to include saints of local importance. Any changes to a national or diocesan calendar require the consent of the Vatican.

The saints new to the third edition of the Roman Missal include saints such as St. Augustine Zhao Rong, who were canonized after the second edition of the Roman Missal (promulgated in 1975) was published in 1985.



Some of these saints, including St. Lawrence Ruiz and St. Andrew Dung-Lac, have been on the U.S. calendar for years. However, the new Missal will be the first time their prayer texts have been available in the printed book. Other added saints appeared on the liturgical calendar until 1969, when the calendar was simplified and many saints' observances were removed.

Also restored to the calendar are observances for the Most Holy Name of Jesus and the Most Holy Name of Mary. Still other saints and observances added to the Missal highlight important teachings of the Church such as the teaching on Mary (Our Lady of Fatima) and on the Eucharist as the Sacrament of Christ's love (as promoted by St. Peter Julian Eymard).

By canonizing these holy men and women, the Church presents them as models of Christian living. The added saints come from all eras and areas of the Church's life – from the 4th century (St. Catherine of Alexandria and St. Apollinaris) to the 20th century (St. Josephine Bakhita, St. Christopher Magallanes and St. Pio of Pietrelcina) – and from Europe, Africa, Asia and the Americas. They include priests, religious women, martyrs, a married woman and missionaries.

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January 3 – Most Holy Name of Jesus – This is part of the Church’s celebration of Christmas, recognizing that God “bestowed on [Jesus] the name that is above every name” (Phil 2:9).

February 8 – St. Josephine Bakhita, virgin – Born in Darfur, St. Josephine survived kidnapping and slavery to become a nun.

April 23 – St. Adalbert, bishop and martyr – Martyred near the end of the first millennium, St. Adalbert was a missionary in the countries of central Europe.

April 28 – St. Louis Mary de Montfort, priest – This French priest is best known for his devotion to Mary.

May 13 – Our Lady of Fatima – The Virgin Mary appeared to three children in the Portuguese town of Fatima in 1917.

May 21 – Sts. Christopher Magallanes, priest and martyr, **& Companions, martyrs** – Martyred in 1927, this Mexican priest was noted for his care of the native peoples.

May 22 – St. Rita of Cascia, religious – St. Rita was known for her patience and humility.

July 9 – Sts. Augustine Zhao Rong, priest and martyr, **& Companions, martyrs** – Canonized with 119 other Chinese martyrs, St. Augustine began his career as a soldier, then became a priest.

July 20 – St. Apollinaris, bishop and martyr – Martyred in the second century, St. Apollinaris was the Bishop of Ravenna in Italy.

July 24 – St. Sharbel Makhluf, priest – A Maronite priest in Lebanon, he spent much of his life as a hermit in the desert.

August 2 – St. Peter Julian Eymard, priest – Founder of the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament, he promoted devotion to the Eucharist.

August 9 – St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, virgin and martyr – Born as Edith Stein, she converted to Catholicism, became a Carmelite nun, and died in Auschwitz in 1942.

September 12 – Most Holy Name of Mary – After beginning in Spain in 1513, this celebration became a universal feast in the 17th century.

September 23 – St. Pio of Pietrelcina, priest – Padre Pio was known throughout Italy and the world for his patient hearing of confessions and for his spiritual guidance.

September 28 – Sts. Lawrence Ruiz & Companion martyrs – St. Lawrence spread the Gospel in the Philippines, Taiwan, and Japan.

November 24 – Sts. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, priest and martyr **& Companion martyrs** – St. Andrew and his 107 companions, both priests and laity, were martyred in Vietnam.

November 25 – St. Catherine of Alexandria, virgin and martyr – Martyred in the early part of the fourth century, she was known for her deep faith.