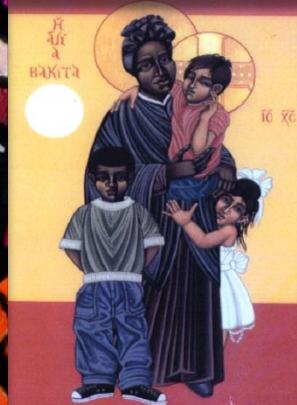
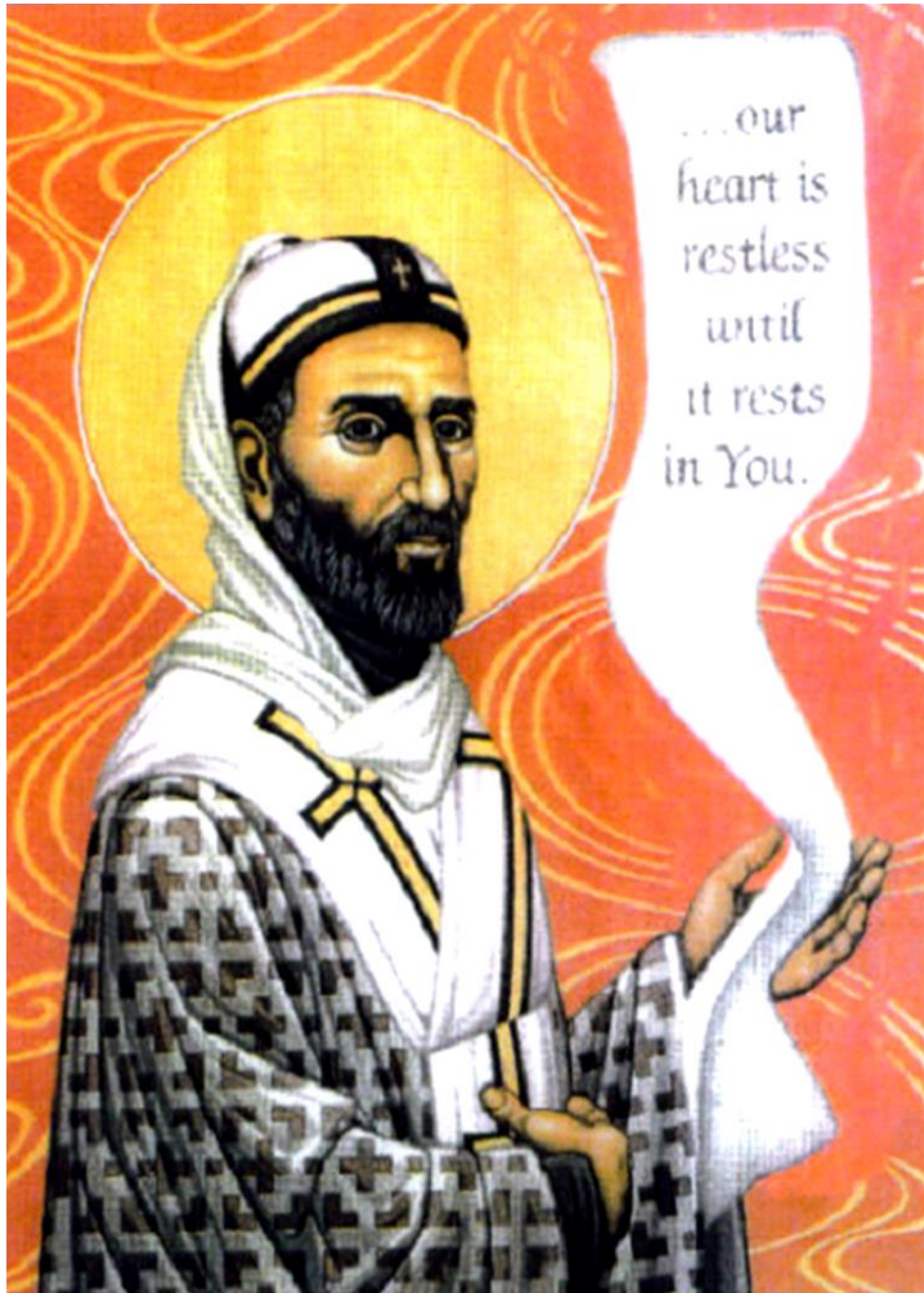


*The Saints
Come
Marching
In. . .
O Magnify
The Lord*



Saints and Holy People
of Color



St. Augustine of Hippo

Born in Timgate, Africa of November 13, 354 - was greatly influenced by the faith and piety of his mother, St. Monica. He wrote thousands of letters, sermons, and tracts and authored 232 books. His two famous are *Confessions* and *City of God*. He founded a community for women for which he wrote the *Rules of Augustine* still used in many religious programs.

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Servant of God Sr. Thea Bowman

Teacher of faith and culture, noted for her outstanding defense and support for inculturation. She worked as an educator and liturgist to evangelize the Church in promoting cultural diversity. She could preach!!!



St. Josephine Bakhita

Born in 1869 in Oggosa, a village in the Sudan- was kidnapped, sold as a slave more than once. In 1893, she entered the Canossian order of religious women. She was known for her service to the poor. She was canonized a saint on October 1, 2000.

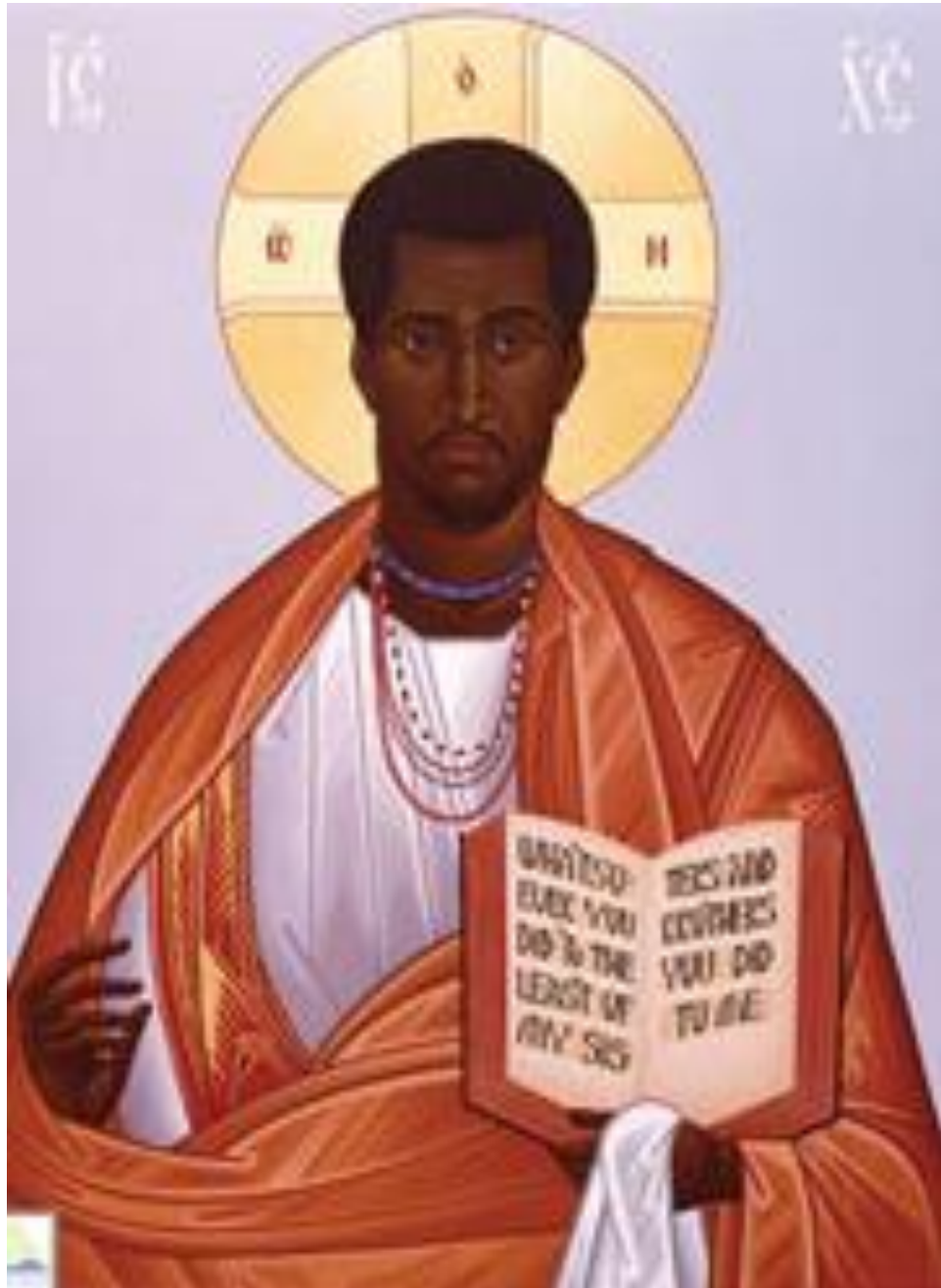
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Servant of God Mother Mary Lange, O.S.P.

Founder of the Oblate Sisters of Providence in Baltimore in 1829.

The Oblate Sisters of Providence were formed and founded before the Emancipation Proclamation. Mother Mary Lange's cause for canonization was introduced by William Cardinal Keeler, former Archbishop of Baltimore in 1991.



Jesus Christ The Liberator

He is our Liberator because he broke the chains of sin and allowed salvation to be ours. He is the Liberator because He takes shackles off folks feet so that they could stand, applies spiritual laser surgery so that folks could see and He sets the oppressed free from their anxieties, fears and pain. He is the Liberator!



Mother of the Streets

Mary, the Mother of Jesus was homeless when she gave birth to the Liberator. She continues to roam streets, looking for those who are outcast, homeless, deprived, depressed or lonely. Ask her to sojourn with you as you pray. She can take you to Jesus.

On The Road To Sainthood



Venerable Henriette Delille

Founder of the Sisters of the Holy Family in New Orleans in 1842. These religious congregations were formed and founded because white orders of religious women would not admit African American women into their orders as Professed Sisters. The Sisters of the Holy Family were formed and founded before the Emancipation Proclamation.



St. Felicity and St. Perpetua

Women persecuted for Christianity at Carthage together with three companions. Felicity was with child during the time of her incarceration. Their names are mentioned in the Eucharistic Prayer. Saints Perpetua and Felicity, watch over all mothers and children who are separated from each other because of war or persecution.



Wilton Cardinal Gregory

Seventh Archbishop of Washington

Ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of Chicago on May 9, 1973

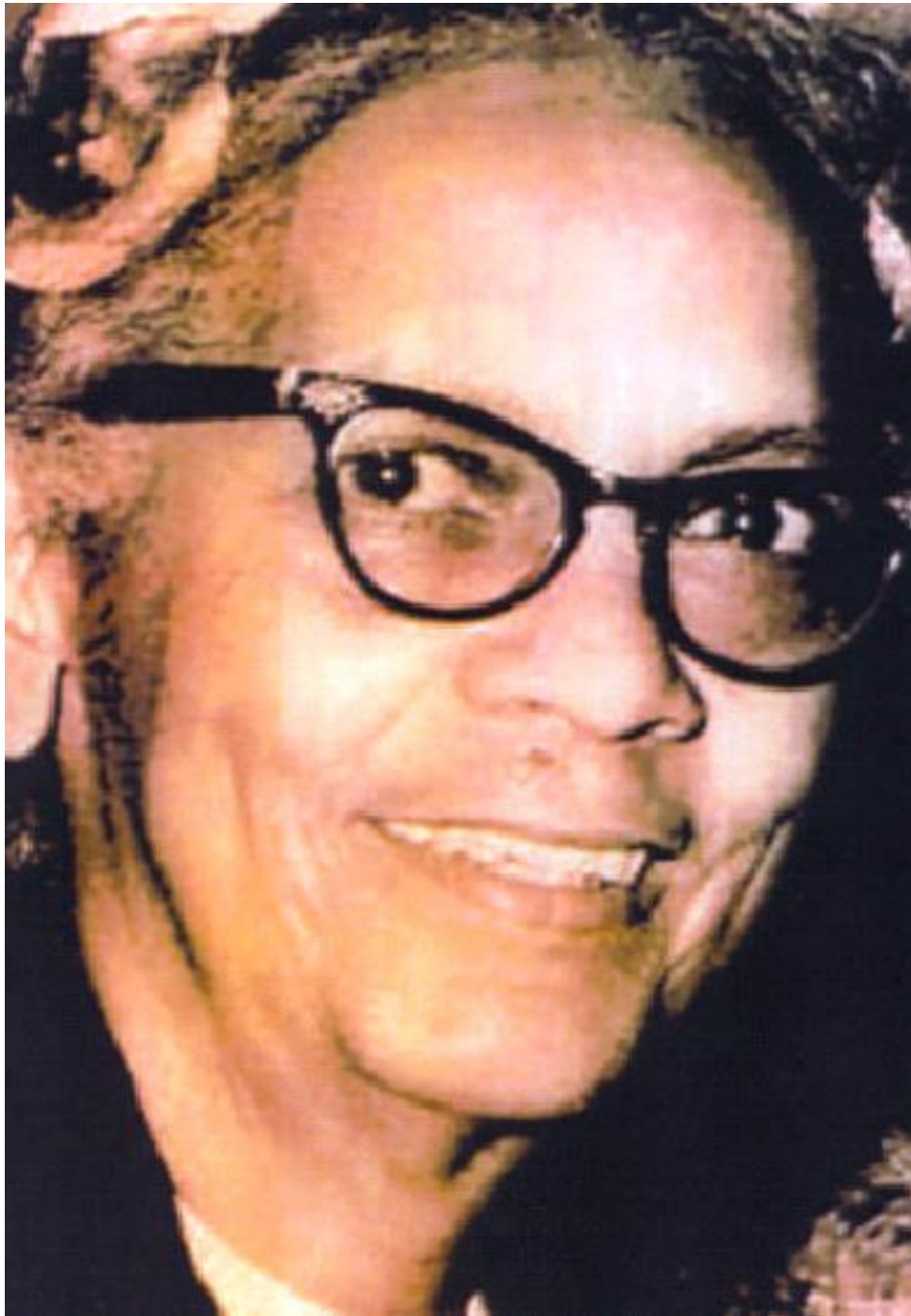
Former Archbishop of Atlanta and past president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (2001-2004)

Noted scholar in Liturgical practices, led efforts to combat racism and continues to address issues pertaining to sexual abuse of clergy



St. Moses The Ethiopian

A desert monk, born around 300 AD as an Egyptian slave. Once a member of a gang before his conversion. Became a priest and was known for great kindness and spoke of visions that assisted him of foretelling the future.



Dr. Lena Edwards

Worked as a physician for almost 30 years in Jersey City. Graduate of Howard University Medical School. A devout Catholic and an active member of the Franciscan Third Order and the Catholic Interracial Council in Washington.



Daniel A. Rudd

Daniel Rudd, picture taken in 1889, when Rudd was thirty-five years old. Daniel Rudd is the Father & Founder of the National Black Catholic Congress. The first Congress was held in 1889, at St. Augustine Church in Washington, D.C. The group of men who gathered was invited to the White House to discuss matters of race relation with President Grover Cleveland. The Fifth Congress held in 1894, was held at St. Peter Claver Church in Baltimore with meals held at Historic St. Francis Xavier Church in east Baltimore.



Fr. John Henry Dorsey, SSJ, Fr. Charles Randolph Uncles, SSJ and Fr. Joseph John, S.A.M. (Pictured from left to right- standing in front of St. Augustine Church in Washington, D.C.)

Fr. John Henry Dorsey, SSJ became the second Black priest in the order of the Josephites in 1902. He became the first Black Pastor in the United States at St. Peter Claver in Pine Bluff, Arkansas and is one of the founders of the Knights of Peter Claver, which commenced in 1909. He was the Pastor at St. Monica in Baltimore until his death on June 20, 1926. Fr. Dorsey was noted for his impressive and spiritual homilies and for his dedication in bringing converts into the Catholic faith. **Fr. Charles Randolph Uncles, SSJ** born in 1859, was a Josephite priest who became the very first African American ordained as a Catholic priest in the United States in 1891. Along with four other priests, Fr. Uncles was instrumental in forming the Society of St. Joseph of the Sacred Heart, known as the Josephites, in 1893. Fr. Uncles could also speak three languages. He dedicated himself to acquiring an education and following the tenets of the Catholic Church. A senior citizen building is named after Fr. Uncles at 607 Pennsylvania Avenue at the site of St. Joseph Seminary.



Saint Benedict the Moor

Patron Saint of Blacks in the United States. He was born a slave near Messina, Italy in 1526, made Superior of Franciscan order when he was 38 years old. He was often called the “Holy Moor” and noted for his holiness and reputation for miracles.

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Venerable Fr. Augustus Tolton (As a young seminarian)

Born a slave in Ralls County, Missouri in 1854. Became the first Black American priest whom all knew and recognized as Black. He was ordained in Rome in 1886. In 2015, the Cause for Canonization of Fr. Augustus Tolton, begun in 2010, received affirmation of the juridical validity of the Archdiocesan inquiry into his life and virtues by the Congregation for Causes of Saints, and Fr. Tolton received the distinction of Servant of God.



St. Martin de Porres

A Dominican Brother, born on December 9, 1579 in Lima, Peru- to a Spanish nobleman and a freed black slave, he established an orphanage and a children's hospital for poor children of the slums. He had the gift of bi-location. He is known for his tender care for the sick and for his spectacular cures.

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Servant of God Julia Greeley, O.F.S.

Julia Greeley, O.F.S., was an African-American philanthropist and Catholic convert. An enslaved woman later freed by the US government in 1865, she is known as Denver's "Angel of Charity" because of her aid to countless families in poverty. Her cause for canonization was opened in 2014.

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Venerable Pierre Toussaint (1766-1853) was born a slave in Haiti and died a freeman in New York City. He is credited by many with being the father of Catholic Charities in New York. Pierre was instrumental in raising funds for the first Catholic orphanage and began the city's first school for black children. He also helped to provide funds for the Oblate Sisters of Providence, a religious community of black nuns founded in Baltimore and played a vital role in providing resources to erect Old Saint Patrick's Cathedral in Lower Manhattan. He also cared for the sick and dying during a yellow fever epidemic in Manhattan, New York. His cause for canonization was introduced by Cardinal Cooke at the Vatican in 1968.

List of African Saints

Name	Year of Death	Description	Feast Day
St. Fulgentius	533	Bishop of Ruspe, Tunisia	January 1
St. Paul	342	Egyptian Hermit and founder of Monastic life in Thebes	January 15
St. Anthony	356	Founder of monastic life in the desert of Egypt	January 17
St. John the Alms Giver	619	Patriarch of Alexandria	January 23
St. Gelasius	496	Bishop of Rome and third African Pope (492-496)	
SS. Perpetua and Felicity	202	Martyred in Carthage along with 6 other companions	March 7
St. Maximilian (Marmilian)	295	Martyred at Theveste, Numidia after refusing to serve in the Roman army	March 12
St. Benedict the Black	1585	Sicilian, son of African parents; the first African to be canonized through the regular canonical process	April 12
St. Zeno	380	Born at Cherchell, Algeria; missionary in Verona, Italy, where he become Bishop of Verona (c.362)	April 12
St. Marcellinus	4th Cent.	He was an African missionary to France	April 20
St. Athanasius	373	Bishop of Alexandria	May 2
SS. Timothy and Maura	298	Husband and wife martyred in Southern Egypt	May 3
St. Isidore of Chios	251	Alexandrian army officer beheaded for his faith	May 15

Blessed Josephine Bakhita	1947	Sudanese slave girl who joined the Canossian Sisters, Italy, lived a holy life, and beatified May 17, 1992. Canonization of Josephine Bakhita by Pope John Paul II is scheduled on October 1, 2000	
St. Julia of Tunisia	?	Slave girl crucified for her faith	May 22
St. Charles Lwanga and Companions	1886	Martyrs, canonized by Pope Paul VI in 1964. The 22 young court servant were martyred for their faith by the Buganda King Mwanga in 1886. Along with them were 80 young Anglicans	June 3
St. Onuphrius	4th Cent.	Egyptian hermit	June 12
St. Orsiesius	c.380	Abbot of Tabennisi Monastery, Egypt	June 15
St. Cyril of Alexandria	444	Patriarch of Alexandria (412-444)	June 27
St. Shenute	c.450	Founder of monastic life in Egypt	July 1
St. Anatolius	c.282	Philosopher and scientist of Alexandria	July 3

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St. Pantaenus	190	Head of Alexandrian Catechetical School and missionary to Persia (Iran)	July 9
St. Eugenius	5th Cent.	Archbishop of Carthage, Tunisia	July 20
St. Speratus and Companions	180	The 12 martyrs of Scillum, Carthage, Tunisia	July 17
St. Aurelius	5th Cent.	Archbishop of Carthage, Tunisia	July 20
St. Victor I	199	Bishop of Rome and first African Pope (189-199)	July 23
St. Rutilius	4th Cent.	North African martyr	August 2
Blessed Isidore Bakanja	1909	A Congolese laborer and catechist martyred for his faith	August 17
Blessed Victoire Rasoamanarivo	1894	Foundress of the Catholic Action in Madagascar, beatified in 1989	August 21
153 martyrs of Utica	c.260	Thrown into a pit of quicklime in Utica, Tunisia	August 24
St. Monica	387	Mother of St. Augustine of Hippo, widowed at age 40	August 27
St. Poemen	c.400	A desert monk known for his holiness, and who encouraged frequent Communion	August 27
St. Augustine of Hippo	354-430	Bishop of Hippo Regius (modern Annaba) on coast of Algeria, Doctor of the Church	August 28
St. Moses the Black	395	A slave, gang leader, who after conversion died a martyr of non-violence on August 28, his feast day. The date providentially coincides with the march to Washington by 200,000 African Americans in 1963	August 28
Blessed Ghebre Mikha'el	1855	Ethiopian priest and martyr	September 2
St. Donatian and Companions	257	9 Bishops, several deacons and lay persons who died in a marble quarry in North Africa	September 10
St. Maurice and his Theban Legion (from Egypt)	287	Martyrs, who were killed at Agauno, Switzerland for refusing to sacrifice to pagan divinities	September 22
St. Matthew	1st Cent.	Apostle and Evangelist. According to one ancient tradition, he was the first evangelizer of Nubia (modern Sudan)	September 21
St. Raissa	c.300	Virgin and martyr from Alexandria	September 22
SS. Aizan and Sazan	360	Twin Brothers; Aizan was the first Christian Emperor of the Kingdom of Axum, Ethiopia	October 1
St. Thais	c.350	Egyptian penitent, converted after many years as a prostitute	October 8
St. Cerbonius	573	African missionary Bishop in Italy	October 10
St. Michael Aragave	4th Cent.	One of the first Ethiopian Monks	October 11
St. Sarmata	357	A disciple of St. Anthony of Egypt, martyred by Saracens in the Egyptian desert	October 11
5000 African martyrs and confessors of the faith	483	African martyrs deported and killed for their faith by the Vandal King Huneric	October 12
Commemoration of the Saints of the Ethiopian Church: St.	380	Syriac monks and founders of the Church in Ethiopia	October 27

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Frumentius (Abba Salama) and Aedesius			
St. Elesbaan	555	An Ethiopian King who died as a monk in Jerusalem	October 27
St. Lalibala (Ghebre Mesgel)	1255	An Ethiopian Emperor revered for his faith	October 27
St. Tekla Hymanot	1313	A great Ethiopian reformer of monasticism	October 27
St. Martin de Porres	1639	Born in Peru, son of a Spanish father and an African slave mother, who became a pharmacist at an early age and later joined the Dominican Order, where he continued to dispense medicine to the poor, while living a humble and austere life, with great devotion to the Eucharist	November 3
St. Pierius	4th Cent.	Head of the Catechetical School in Alexandria	November 4
St. Achilias	312	Head of religious instruction in Alexandria	November 7
St. Nennas	c.300	An Egyptian soldier in Phygia, who fled from persecution and became a hermit	November 11
St. Arcadius and Companions	437	Martyrs, victims of the Arian Kind of the Vandals, Genseric	November 13

St. Gelasius	496	Bishop of Rome and third African Pope (492-496), liturgical reformer, who ordered the reception of Communion under both species	November 21
St. Catherine of Alexandria	4th Cent.	Virgin and martyr who suffered martyrdom in Alexandria. Her relics are said to be kept in the monastery of St. Catherine on Sinai	November 25
St. Peter Martyr of Alexandria	311	Patriarch of Alexandria during the Roman persecution	November 25
Blessed Anuarite Nengapeta	1964	Virgin and martyr, a member of the Holy Family Sister in Congo Kinshasa, martyred by the Simba rebels	December 1
St. Cassian of Tangiers	298	A lawyer who resigned and became Christian and died as a martyr	December 3
St. Melchiades	314	Bishop of Rome and second African Pope (311-314)	December 10

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