

# Celebrating our Catholic Heritage



**Mexican Martyrs  
(Mexico, May 21)**

The Mexican Martyrs, several of whom were members of the Knights of Columbus, were killed during the Cristero War in Mexico (1926-1929) because they chose to serve Christ and His Church.



**Bl. Carlos Rodríguez  
(Puerto Rico, Nov. 22)**

Bl. Carlos Rodríguez, Puerto Rico's first Blessed, had deep devotion to the liturgy and advocated for its renewal among bishops, clergy, and lay people. He was also an evangelist who started faith-based groups, such as Bible studies, at universities and parishes.



**St. Oscar Romero  
(El Salvador, Mar. 24)**

St. Oscar Romero was an El Salvadoran archbishop with a great love for the poor. He spoke out against the violence committed by forces involved in El Salvador's civil conflict. He was killed while offering Mass.



**Our Lady of Guadalupe (Mexico, Dec. 12)**

Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to St. Juan Diego in 1531. This apparition, in which the Blessed Virgin Mary presented herself with both Indigenous and European features, marked the beginning of the conversion of Mexico and Latin America.



**Bl. Stanley Rother  
(Guatemala, Jul. 28)**

Bl. Stanley Rother was a priest from Oklahoma and a devoted missionary to Guatemala. He was a pillar of the community, learning their native language and ministering to their every need. He was martyred in his rectory by armed men during the Guatemalan civil war.



**Bl. Michael McGivney  
(United States, Aug. 13)**

Fr. McGivney was a parish priest from Connecticut who founded the Knights of Columbus to unite men in the Catholic Faith and protect the families of deceased members, including immigrants.



**St. Rose of Lima  
(Perú and Latin America, Aug. 23)**

St. Rose of Lima was a Third Order Dominican known for living an austere life of prayer and penance and for serving the sick and poor. She is the First canonized Saint from the Americas and the patroness of Perú.

