

## Today's Martyrs – January 1944

**Monday January 3, 1944**



### **Lithuania: Tvirtoves, Kaunas**

Elena Spirgevičiūtė (aged 19, **killed** while resisting rape)

<http://newsaints.faithweb.com/year/1944.htm>

**Tuesday January 4, 1944**



### **Denmark**

Pastor Kaj Munk (arrested by the Gestapo, **murdered**)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kaj\\_Munk](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kaj_Munk)

**Monday January 10, 1944**



### **Russia: Vorkutlag labor camp**

Fr Wiktor Cebrowski (arrested by the Soviets in [Lviv, Poland](#) on [September 28, 1940](#); sentenced on [May 28, 1941](#) to 8 years' imprisonment in a labor camp; **UPDATE: died**)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1502>

**Wednesday January 12, 1944**



### **Thailand: Bangkok**

Fr Nicholas Bunkerd Kitbamrung (aged 49, arrested on [January 12, 1941](#) on espionage and 'rebellion against the kingdom' charges, sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment; **UPDATE:** [died in prison of tuberculosis](#), had baptized at least 66 people in prison)

<http://www.asianews.it/news-en/Catholics-remember-the-Blessed-Fr-Kitbamrung,-priest-and-martyr-of-the-Thai-Church-34273.html>



### **Germany: Berlin**

Elisabeth Adelheid Hildegard von Thadden (aged 53, school headmistress, arrested for anti-Nazi activities)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elisabeth\\_von\\_Thadden](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elisabeth_von_Thadden)

**Friday January 14, 1944**



### **Germany – now Poland: Stettin**

Fr Carl Lampert (aged 50, arrested in [Innsbruck, Austria](#) on [August 25, 1940](#) and sent to [Dachau](#) for publishing an obituary on the death of Fr Otto Neuruer; sent to [Sachsenhausen](#) on [September 1, 1940](#); sent to [Dachau](#) on [December 15, 1940](#); freed on [August 1, 1941](#); arrested in [Stettin](#) on [February 4, 1943](#), tortured; **UPDATE:** sent to [Torgau](#))

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carl\\_Lampert](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Carl_Lampert)

**Saturday January 15, 1944**



### **France: Avon, Seine-et-Marne**

Fr Lucien Louis Bunel OCD (aged 43, arrested along with three Jewish students he had been harboring at his boarding school, sent to Mauthausen-Gusen Concentration Camp, later managed to stay at Mauthausen despite the harsher conditions there and minister to his fellow prisoners when all other priest inmates were sent to Dachau)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/P%C3%A8re\\_Jacques](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/P%C3%A8re_Jacques)

**Wednesday January 19, 1944**



**Germany: Berlin**

Helmut James Graf von Moltke (aged 36, husband of Freya von Moltke, international jurist, wrote in 1942 "Today, not a numerous, but an active part of the German people are beginning to realize, not that they have been led astray, not that bad times await them, not that the war may end in defeat, but that what is happening is sin and that they are personally responsible for each terrible deed that has been committed - naturally, not in the earthly sense, but as Christians"; **UPDATE**: arrested by the Gestapo for warning a friend he was about to be arrested)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Helmuth\\_James\\_Graf\\_von\\_Moltke](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Helmuth_James_Graf_von_Moltke)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Freya\\_von\\_Moltke](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Freya_von_Moltke)

**Saturday January 29, 1944**



**Italy: Rome**

Fr Pietro Pappagallo (aged 55, arrested by the German SS, had aided Jews and others wanted by the Germans, was seen giving his food to prisoners who had none)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pietro\\_Pappagallo](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pietro_Pappagallo)

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