

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Events – March 1945

Thursday March 1, 1945



Poland: Gross-Rosen concentration camp

Fr Georges Dellwall (aged 60, French citizen, **died**)

http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/France.htm



Albania

Bishop Louis Bumci (aged 72, **died** while under investigation)

https://sq.wikipedia.org/wiki/Luigj_Bumçi - with translation

Friday March 2, 1945



Germany: Dachau concentration camp

Fr Engelmar Unzeitig CMM (aged 34, arrested by the Gestapo in [Glokelburg, Austria](#) on [April 21, 1941](#) for homilies that supported Jews and encouraged parishioners to resist Nazi propaganda; sent to [Dachau](#) without trial on [June 8, 1941](#); **UPDATE: died of typhus** after volunteering to care for others with the disease, had written to his sister "Whatever we do, whatever we want, is surely simply the grace that carries us and guides us. God's almighty grace helps us overcome obstacles...love doubles our strength, makes us inventive, makes us feel content and inwardly free. If people would only realize what God has in store for those who love Him!")

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Engelmar_Unzeitig

Monday March 5, 1945



Albania: Tirana

Fr Lazer Shantoja (aged 52, arrested and tortured by Communist partisans on [January 27, 1945](#); sentenced to death in [Shkodra](#) on [January 31, 1945](#); **UPDATE: shot dead**, had been forced to crawl on his elbows and knees to his execution due to the effects of torture)

https://sq.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lazër_Shantoja - with translation

Wednesday March 7, 1945



Germany: Flossenburg Concentration Camp

Gedeone Corra (aged 24, brother of Flavio Corra, arrested by fascists near [Salizzole, Italy](#) on [November 22, 1944](#); transferred to German SS control on [December 1, 1944](#); sent to [Flossenburg](#) on [January 18, 1945](#); **UPDATE: died**)

<https://cacina.wordpress.com/2014/04/07/carry-the-gospel-with-you-1899/>
<http://newsaints.faithweb.com/year/1945.htm>

Saturday March 10, 1945



Czech Republic: Pankrac prison, Prague

Fr Frantisek Vlk SJ (aged 40, **died**)

http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Czech1.htm



Germany: Neuengamme concentration camp

Gerhardus Hendrikus Anthonius Jagt (aged 40, Dutch citizen, **died**)

http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Netherlands.htm

Tuesday March 13, 1945



Czech Republic: Pankrac prison, Prague

Antonin Malimanek SJ (aged 28, seminarian, **died**)

http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Czech1.htm

Friday March 16, 1945



Slovenia

Fr Danijel Halas (aged 37, novelist, tortured, **killed**)

https://sl.wikipedia.org/wiki/Danijel_Halas - with translation



Austria: Mauthausen concentration camp

Jean Tinturier (France citizen, former seminarian, had been arrested for ministering to conscripted laborers, **died**)

<https://catholicsaintsguy.wordpress.com/tag/mauthausen/>

Sunday March 18, 1945



Croatia: Dubrovnik

Fr Nedjelko Barac OP (aged 32, arrested on [March 18, 1945](#) for publishing an anti-communist dissertation; **UPDATE:** sentenced to death)

https://hr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dominik_Bara%C4%8D - with translation

Monday March 19, 1945



Austria: Mauthausen concentration camp

Marcel Callo (aged 23, printer, fiancé of Marguerite Derniaux, conscripted into forced labor in [Rennes, France](#) on [March 19, 1943](#), told by Marguerite that he would die a martyr, replied “I could never deserve such an honor”; arrested by the Gestapo in [Zella-Mehlis, Thuringia, Germany](#) on [April 19, 1944](#) for being "too much of a Catholic"; arrived at a concentration camp in [Gotha](#), on [October 7, 1944](#), later sent to [Flossenburg](#); sent to [Mauthausen](#) on [October 20, 2016](#), beaten and overworked; **UPDATE: died from dysentery and tuberculosis**, earlier had fallen into a latrine pit, the French Resistance colonel who pulled him out later said “Then I saw that he was not a normal boy...he had only one look. His eyes were seeing something else...His eyes expressed the deep conviction that he was going to happiness...[the look] was an act of Faith and Hope in a better life. Never have I seen on another dying man - and I have seen thousands - a look like his. He had the look of a saint. It was a revelation for me”)

<https://catholicsaintsguy.wordpress.com/tag/mauthausen/>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marcel_Callo

Wednesday March 21, 1945



Laos: Nakhay

Bishop Ange-Marie Joseph Gouin (aged 57, **shot dead** by Japanese soldiers)

Fr Jean Thibaud (aged 55, **shot dead** by Japanese soldiers)

https://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ange-Marie_Gouin - with translation

Thursday March 22, 1945



Austria: Vienna

Fr Heinrich Maier (aged 37, **died**)

http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Austria.htm

Friday March 23, 1945



Hungary: Liter, Veszprem

Bodi Maria Magdolna (aged 23, **killed** while resisting rape)

<http://newsaints.faithweb.com/year/1945.htm>

Saturday March 24, 1945



Poland: Nysa

Sr Anna Gonschior SSND (aged 34, **shot dead** while protecting women from rape and resisting rape)

Sr Jadwiga Pohl SMI (aged 77, **killed** by Soviet soldiers while resisting rape)

http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/defense_of_women.htm

Germany: Bergen-Belsen concentration camp

Fr Adrianus Leonardus Onderwater (aged 51, Dutch citizen, **died**)

Germany: Dachau concentration camp

Fr Pawel Januszewski O.Carm (aged 37, Polish citizen, **died of typhus** after volunteering to care for others with the disease)

http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Netherlands.htm
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hilary_Pawe%C5%82_Januszewski

Wednesday March 28, 1945



Ukraine: Volodymyr-Volynskiy

Fr Andrzej Gladysiewicz (aged 31, arrested on **January 4, 1945**; **UPDATE**: sentenced to 7 years' imprisonment in a labor camp, sent to Yagrinlag)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0840>



Poland: Stutthof Concentration Camp

Fr Alphonse Lipniunas (aged 39, arrested in **Vilnius, Lithuania** on **March 17, 1943** by the Gestapo; **UPDATE**: **died of pneumonia and spotted fever**)

<http://www.lipniunas.com/biografija> - with translation

Thursday March 29, 1945



Austria: Mauthausen concentration camp

Fr Armand Vallee (aged 35, French citizen, **died**)

http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/France.htm

Friday March 30, 1945
Good Friday – Western Calendar



Hungary: Gyor

Bishop Vilmos Apor (aged 53, uncle of Fr Hans Urs von Balthasar and Sandor Palffy, shot while successfully protecting women from rape by Soviet soldiers)

Sandor Palffy (aged 17, nephew of Bishop Vilmos Apor, shot by Soviet soldiers when he tried to protect his uncle the bishop from their gunfire)

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vilmos_Apor

http://www.katolikus.hu/hun-saints/apor_en.html



Germany: Ravensbruck concentration camp

Sr Elise Rivet (aged 55, arrested by the Gestapo in [Paris](#) for aiding refugees and resistance fighters; **UPDATE**: gassed after volunteering to switch places with a woman with children)

Sr Maria Skobtsova (aged 54, mother of Yuri Skobtsov, arrested by the Gestapo on [February 8, 1943](#) in [Paris](#) for aiding Jews; **UPDATE**: was seen by two witnesses to have decided to accompany and console women who were distraught after they were selected for death, held overnight near the gas chamber)

Natalia Tulasiewicz (aged 39, teacher, arrested and tortured after discovered to have volunteered to join Polish slave laborers to support their spiritual needs; **UPDATE**: gave a Good Friday speech on the passion and resurrection of Jesus)

http://www.microsofttranslator.com/bv.aspx?from=pl&to=en&a=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.blogoslawionanatalia.eu%2Fhttp://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maria_Skobtsova

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/%C3%89lise_Rivet

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Natalia_Tu%C5%82asiewicz

https://openlibrary.org/books/OL8323361M/Pearl_of_Great_Price - pages 146-148

Saturday March 31, 1945



Austria: Horitschon, Oberpullendorf

Fr Josef Bauer (aged 69, **killed** while protecting women from rape)

Germany: Ravensbruck concentration camp

Sr Maria Skobtsova (aged 54, mother of Yuri Skobtsov, arrested by the Gestapo on **February 8, 1943** in **Paris** for aiding Jews; was seen by two witnesses on **March 30, 1945** to have decided to accompany and console women who were distraught after they were selected for death, held overnight near the gas chamber; **UPDATE: gassed**)

Natalia Tulasiewicz (aged 39, teacher, arrested and tortured after discovered to have volunteered to join Polish slave laborers to support their spiritual needs; on **March 30, 1945** gave a Good Friday speech on the passion and resurrection of Jesus; **UPDATE: gassed**)

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http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Natalia_Tu%C5%82asiewicz

https://openlibrary.org/books/OL8323361M/Pearl_of_Great_Price - pages 146-148

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Germany: Bergen-Belsen concentration camp

Fr Zacharias de Korte (aged 54, Dutch citizen, **died** in mid-March)

http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Netherlands.htm