

Today's Martyrs – January 1982

Thursday January 21, 1982



Nicaragua

Benigno Valle (abducted by Sandinistas on [December 27, 1981](#); saw the torture and murder of Ernesto Smith, **UPDATE**: escaped)

Emilia Smith (abducted by Sandinistas on [December 27, 1981](#); saw the torture and murder of his brother Ernesto, **UPDATE**: escaped)

<http://www.cmpage.org/betrayal/chapt7.html>



Guatemala

Fr Carlos Ramiro Morales Lopez OP (**assassinated**)

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

January 1982, date unknown



Russia: Moscow

Rev Gavin Ashenden (aged 27, British citizen, husband, father, arrested while entering the country at an airport while smuggling Bibles, psychologically and physically tortured by the KGB, threatened with prosecution for precious metal smuggling because he wore a gold ring he did not declare, released, followed but managed to lose his followers, secretly visited Russian Christians)

<https://ashenden.org/2017/02/11/the-case-for-god-the-kgb-a-cat/>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mNeBJRYipSk>



Nicaragua

Ernesto Smith (abducted by Sandinistas on [December 27, 1981](#); **UPDATE:** **tortured and murdered** prior to [January 21, 1982](#), said to his murderers that he was innocent but that they should know that God exists and that one day He would make justice for all)

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