

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Events – November 1944

Wednesday November 1, 1944



Ukraine: Lviv

Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky OSBM (aged 79, brother of Archimandrite Klymentiy Sheptytsky; sent a letter to Heinrich Himmler in [February 1942](#) condemning the murder of Jews, threatened with death in response, with his brother began the organized sheltering of hundreds of Jews including 15 in his own residence; in [late August 1942](#) sent a report to Pope Pius XII stating that the German regime was “almost diabolical”; published in [November 1942](#) a pastoral letter entitled *Thou Shalt Not Kill*, which condemned the genocide of the Jews and the fratricidal conflict between Ukrainians; **UPDATE:** [died of natural causes](#), had been wheelchair bound throughout much of the war)

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

<http://www.infoukes.com/religion/sheptytsky/>



Germany: Ravensbruck concentration camp

Sr Marcelle Baverez (aged 45, French citizen, [died](#))

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

Tuesday November 7, 1944



Indonesia: Muntok concentration camp

Fr Theodorus Kappers SCJ (aged 41, Dutch citizen, **died**)

<https://oorlogsgravenstichting.nl/persoon/74822/theodorus-henricus-kappers> - with translation

Friday November 10, 1944



Poland: Siedlce

Fr Aleksander Korniliak (aged 47, arrested by the Soviets, sentenced to 5 years' imprisonment in a labor camp)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1107>

Saturday November 11, 1944



Belarus: Baruny

Fr Feliks Karpinski (aged 33, arrested by the Soviets)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1008>

Monday November 13, 1944



Germany: Halle an der Saale

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; sent to [Torgau](#) on [January 14, 1944](#); sentenced to death on [September 8, 1944](#); **UPDATE: guillotined** with another priest)

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

Tuesday November 14, 1944



Poland: Lipiny, Pilzno

Otto Schimek (aged 19, Austrian, German army private, **executed** for refusing to execute prisoners)

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

Wednesday November 15, 1944



Italy: Torrazzo, Biella

Fr Francesco Cabrio (aged 31, **shot in the back** by a fascist lieutenant after absolving four parishioners who were about to be executed)

http://www.microsofttranslator.com/bv.aspx?ref=SERP&br=ro&mkt=en-US&dl=en&lp=IT_EN&a=http%3a%2f%2fwww.santiebeati.it%2fdettaglio%2f96122

Tuesday November 21, 1944



Austria: Vienna

Camilla Estermann OFS (aged 63, assisted POWs, **executed** for undermining the military)

Franz Heger OFS (aged 74, **died**)

http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Austria.htm
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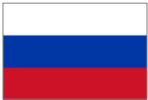
Wednesday November 22, 1944



Indonesia: Muntok concentration camp

Fr Heinrich Jacobus van Oort Dagobert SCJ (aged 55, Dutch citizen, **died**)

<https://oorlogsgravenstichting.nl/persoon/112435/henricus-jacobus-dagobert-van-oort> - with translation



Slovakia: Pavlovce nad Uhom, Kosicky kraj

Anna Kolesarova (aged 16, **killed** while resisting rape)

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

<http://www.catholicherald.co.uk/news/2018/08/22/slovak-teen-to-be-beatified-as-a-martyr-to-purity/>



Italy: near Salizzole

Gedeone Corra (aged 24, brother of Flavio Corra, arrested by fascists)

Flavio Corra (aged 27, brother of Gedeone Corra; arrested by fascists)

<https://cacina.wordpress.com/2014/04/07/carry-the-gospel-with-you-1899/>

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



Austria: Vienna

Fr Heinrich Maier (aged 36, underground resistance leader, arrested in [Vienna-Wahring](#) on [March 28, 1944](#), tortured; sentenced to death for treason on [October 28, 1944](#), attempted to excuse his co-defendants and put the full sentence on himself, when asked "What do you get if you take the blame of others?" replied "I will probably not need anything

anymore!"; **UPDATE:** transferred to Mauthausen concentration camp, severely tortured for months)

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

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

Friday November 24, 1944



Germany: Gaggenau detention camp

Fr Joseph Roth (French citizen, **died**)

Fr Justin Pennerath OMI (aged 42, French citizen, **died**)

Fr Louis Jacquat (French citizen, **died**)

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

Monday November 27, 1944



Hungary: Veszprem

Bishop Jozsef Mindszenty (aged 52, arrested on [July 31, 1919](#), later released; **UPDATE:** arrested for opposition to government seizure of church property to quarter troops)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/J%C3%B3zsef_Mindszenty

Thursday November 30, 1944



Germany: Pforzheim, Karlsruhe

Fr Francois Marty (aged 43, French citizen, **died**)

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

November 1944, date unknown

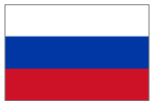


Mariana Islands: Rota

Br Miguel Timoner Guadera SJ (aged 52, Spanish citizen, tortured and **beheaded** by Japanese soldiers)

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

<http://micsem.org/pubs/articles/religion/frames/jesmartfr.htm>



Slovakia: Liptovsky Svaty Mikulas

Pastor Vladimir Kuna (arrested for 'assisting Jews and partisans')

https://openlibrary.org/books/OL7932547M/The_Righteous



Italy: Trieste

Fr Placido aka Nicolo Cortese OFM Conv (aged 37, arrested by the German Gestapo in **Padua** on **October 13, 1944** for having led a network that rescued hundreds of Jewish families, taken to Trieste and tortured; **UPDATE: buried alive** sometime between **November 3** and **November 15, 1944**, had been blinded and his tongue had been cut out during torture)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nicol%C3%B2_Cortese



Germany: Berlin

Josef Muller (aged 46, husband of Maria, father of Christa, attorney, arrested in **Munich** on **April 5, 1943** by the army for his involvement as a courier between the German anti-Nazi resistance and the Vatican; found innocent at trial in **Berlin** on **March 3, 1944**, rearrested

by the army because the SS threatened to arrest him and the military did not want him in SS custody; transferred to SS custody on [September 26, 1944](#); **UPDATE**: interrogated by the SS, told that he was a dead man, replied that death was just a passage to eternal life, when asked if he prayed he replied yes, including for the SS and all his enemies)

Germany: Stutthof concentration camp

Stephan Hubertus Pfurtner (aged 21, medical student, soldier, sentenced to six month's imprisonment in [Lubeck](#) on [June 24, 1943](#) for his involvement with Fr Johannes Prassek, released with time served; **UPDATE**: assisted the escape of three Jewish women from the camp, hid one in his parent's home)

https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Stephan_Pfurtner - with translation

https://openlibrary.org/works/OL17318218W/Church_of_Spies - page 208