

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



**Austria: Mauthausen concentration camp**

Fr Heinrich Maier (aged 37, 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!"; transferred to [Mauthausen concentration camp](#) on [November 22, 1944](#), severely tortured for months; **UPDATE:** returned to Vienna, used to defuse unexploded bombs)

[http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new\\_martyrs/Austria.htm](http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Austria.htm)  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Heinrich\\_Maier](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Heinrich_Maier)

**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](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](https://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ange-Marie_Gouin) - with translation

**Thursday March 22, 1945**



**Austria: Vienna**

Fr Heinrich Maier (aged 37, 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!"; transferred to [Mauthausen concentration camp](#) on [November 22, 1944](#), severely tortured for months; returned to [Vienna](#) on [March 18, 1945](#), used to defuse unexploded bombs; **UPDATE: beheaded**, last words were “Long live Christ, the king! Long live Austria!”)

[http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new\\_martyrs/Austria.htm](http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Austria.htm)  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Heinrich\\_Maier](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Heinrich_Maier)

**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](http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/defense_of_women.htm)

[http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new\\_martyrs/Poland2.htm](http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Poland2.htm)

[http://www.swzygmunt.knc.pl/MARTYROLOGIUM/POLISHRELIGIOUS/vENGLISH/HTMs/  
POLISHRELIGIOUSmartyr0741.htm](http://www.swzygmunt.knc.pl/MARTYROLOGIUM/POLISHRELIGIOUS/vENGLISH/HTMs/POLISHRELIGIOUSmartyr0741.htm)

[http://www.swzygmunt.knc.pl/MARTYROLOGIUM/POLISHRELIGIOUS/vENGLISH/HTMs/  
POLISHRELIGIOUSmartyr3284.htm](http://www.swzygmunt.knc.pl/MARTYROLOGIUM/POLISHRELIGIOUS/vENGLISH/HTMs/POLISHRELIGIOUSmartyr3284.htm)

**Sunday March 25, 1945**



**Bulgaria: Kyustendil**

Fr Dimitar Eftimov Petrov (death sentence issued, **date of execution unknown**)

[http://prosopography1944-  
1989.bg/victims/index/page:257/sort:Victim.profession/direction:desc#/](http://prosopography1944-1989.bg/victims/index/page:257/sort:Victim.profession/direction:desc#/)



**Albania: Shkoder**

Fr Ndre Zadeja OP (aged 53, playwright, arrested by Communists on [February 4, 1945](#);

**UPDATE:** [executed without trial along with seminarians and laity](#))

[https://sq.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ndre\\_Zadeja](https://sq.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ndre_Zadeja) - with translation



**Poland: Glubczyce, Opole**

Sr Anna Maria Klaminger SSPS (aged 26, Austrian, [killed](#) while resisting rape)

**Poland: Nysa**

Sr Lucja Peter SSND (aged 34, [killed](#) while protecting women from rape)

[http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new\\_martyrs/defense\\_of\\_self.htm](http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/defense_of_self.htm)

[http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new\\_martyrs/defense\\_of\\_women.htm](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://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Netherlands.htm)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hilary\\_Pawe%C5%82\\_Januszewski](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hilary_Pawe%C5%82_Januszewski)

**Wednesday March 28, 1945**



**Ukraine: Volodymyr-Volynskyi**

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](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 Palfy, shot while successfully protecting women from rape by Soviet soldiers)

Sandor Palfy (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://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vilmos_Apor)

[http://www.katolikus.hu/hun-saints/apor\\_en.html](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://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/%C3%89lise_Rivet)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Natalia\\_Tu%C5%82asiewicz](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Natalia_Tu%C5%82asiewicz)

[https://openlibrary.org/books/OL8323361M/Pearl\\_of\\_Great\\_Price](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://www.microsofttranslator.com/bv.aspx?from=pl&to=en&a=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.blogoslawionanatalia.eu%2Fhttp://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maria\\_Skobtsova](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/Natalia\\_Tu%C5%82asiewicz](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Natalia_Tu%C5%82asiewicz)  
[https://openlibrary.org/books/OL8323361M/Pearl\\_of\\_Great\\_Price](https://openlibrary.org/books/OL8323361M/Pearl_of_Great_Price) - pages 146-148

**March 1945, date unknown**



**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](http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Netherlands.htm)