

# Today's Martyrs

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## Events – March 1953

**Saturday March 7, 1953**



### **Kazakhstan: Steplag labor camp, Dzhezkazgan, Karaganda oblast**

Fr Anton Kuyava (aged 45, arrested in [Jazno, Belarus](#) on [February 17, 1949](#), accused of anti-Soviet activities, tortured with sleep deprivation; sentenced in [Dzisna, Belarus](#) to 25 years' imprisonment in a labor camp on [May 21, 1949](#); sent to [Steplag](#) on [July 25 1949](#), arrived seriously ill; began to show signs of active tuberculosis in [March 1952](#);  
**UPDATE:** sentenced to solitary confinement for not wearing camp clothes - most likely to identify himself as a priest)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-1143>

**Saturday March 14, 1953**



### **Czechoslovakia: Jihlava**

Fr Jaroslav Tobola OFM (aged 42, arrested in [April 1950](#), tortured; **UPDATE:** [died of a heart attack while under interrogation](#))

<http://www.ustrcr.cz/cs/ambroz-jaroslav-tobola> - with translation  
[http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new\\_martyrs/Czech2.htm](http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Czech2.htm)

**Wednesday March 25, 1953**



**Romania: Aiud, Alba**

Fr Ioan Krauter (aged 68, **killed**)

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

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