

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Events – March 1980

Friday March 7, 1980



India: Sasaram, Bihar

Fr Mathew Mannapamabil SJ (aged 41, **killed**)

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

Wednesday March 19, 1980



Russia: Tver

Alexander Ogorodnikov (aged 29, Christian Seminar member, husband of Yelena Levashova, father of Dima; arrested in [Redkino](#) for parasitism on [November 20, 1978](#); trial in [Konakovo](#) ended on [January 11, 1979](#), sentenced to 1 year's imprisonment; released from prison in [Leningrad](#) on [November 20, 1979](#), re-arrested as he left the prison gate on anti-Soviet agitation charges; moved to the prison in [Tver](#) on [February 16, 1980](#); **UPDATE:** began a hunger strike to obtain a Bible and other religious literature for himself and other prisoners, eventually won his demands)

https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26180614M/Dissident_For_Life - page 121

Friday March 21, 1980



Bolivia: Achachicala, La Paz

Fr Luis Espinal Camps SJ (aged 48, Spanish national, abducted by paramilitaries, tortured for five hours, **shot dead**)

<http://ignatiansolidarity.net/blog/portfolio-item/luis-espinal-camps-s-j-1980-bolivia/>

Monday March 24, 1980



El Salvador: San Salvador

Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero y Galdamez (**shot dead** by an assassin during Mass)

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/%C3%93scar_Romero

Monday March 30, 1980



El Salvador: San Salvador

Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero y Galdamez (shot dead by an assassin during Mass on **March 24, 1980**; **UPDATE**: funeral Mass interrupted by an attack on the 250,000 mourners in the street in front of the cathedral by snipers and thrown smoke bombs, **30-50 mourners killed**)

Cardinal Ernesto Corripio y Ahumada (Mexican citizen, concelebrated the funeral Mass of Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero y Galdamez as the official representative of Pope John Paul II)

Sr Dorothy Kazel OSU (aged 40, U.S. citizen, missionary, took refuge in the cathedral)

Jean Donovan (aged 26, U.S. citizen, missionary, took refuge in the cathedral)

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/%C3%93scar_Romero

https://openlibrary.org/books/OL8698941M/Salvador_Witness

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