



St. Anthony

June 13

Who was St. Anthony?

Saint Anthony was born in Lisbon Portugal as Fernando Martins. At the age of fifteen, he sought spiritual fulfillment and requested admission to the Abbey of Santa Cruz in Coimbra. Under the abbey's tutelage, he delved into theology and Latin, preparing for a life of service to God.

Upon his ordination as a priest, Fernando assumed the role of guestmaster, overseeing hospitality at the abbey. However, his encounter with Franciscan friars establishing a hermitage dedicated to Saint Anthony of Egypt stirred a deep longing within him. Eventually granted permission to join the fledgling Franciscan Order, Fernando embraced his new calling and adopted the name Anthony.

His journey led him to Morocco, where he aimed to spread the Gospel but fell ill. Returning to Portugal for recovery, his path was redirected to Sicily and then to Tuscany, where he was assigned to the hermitage of San Paolo.

During his recovery, Anthony devoted himself to prayer and study. His articulacy came to light during a chance encounter with Dominican friars, when he delivered a captivating impromptu sermon that impressed both the Franciscans and Dominicans. This event marked the beginning of his reputation as a powerful preacher.

Saint Francis of Assisi recognized Anthony's unique gift and entrusted him with the education of the friars. Anthony's cherished psalter (a volume containing the book of psalms) containing annotations for teaching and became a treasured resource. When the book was stolen and later returned by the regretful thief, it became a symbol of divine providence.

St. Anthony also began to lecture at universities in southern France. His ability to convey complex theological concepts in simple terms earned him the title of Doctor of the Church in 1946.

Legend has it that when faced with stubborn heretics who refused to heed his words, Anthony preached to the fish, who miraculously gathered to listen. This act, though symbolic, underscored his unwavering commitment to spreading the Catholic faith.

Saint Anthony died at the age of 35, but his legacy endured. Canonized less than a year after his death, his incorrupt tongue symbolized the purity of his teachings. Today, he is revered as the patron saint of lost articles, credited with countless miracles of retrieval and guidance. His feast day is celebrated annually on June 13th.

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Quotes

"The wisdom of God is reflected in the face of the soul: she will see God as he is, and she will know as she is known."

- St. Anthony

"The breadth of charity widens the narrow heart of the sinner."

- St. Anthony

"Nothing so humbles the proud sinner as the humility of Jesus Christ's humanity."

- St. Anthony

Prayer

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit;

Heavenly Father,

On this special feast day of St. Anthony of Padua, we gather to honor and seek the intercession of this beloved saint, known for his wisdom, humility, and compassion. We thank You for the example of St. Anthony, who dedicated his life to preaching the Gospel and serving others with great love and humility.

Lord, we ask for Your blessings upon our students and staff. Help us to emulate St. Anthony's virtues in our daily lives. May we strive to live with humility, recognizing our dependence on You and our need to serve others selflessly. Grant us the wisdom to seek and value true riches—faith, hope, and love—over material possessions.

St. Anthony, patron saint of lost things, intercede for us in our times of need. Help us find what is lost in our lives, whether it be our faith, our peace, or our sense of purpose. Guide us to rediscover the joy and fulfillment that comes from living in harmony with God's will.

Bless our school community with a spirit of charity and compassion. May our actions speak louder than our words, and may we always be ready to help those in need, just as St. Anthony did. Inspire us to grow in our faith and to become instruments of God's love and mercy in the world.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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