

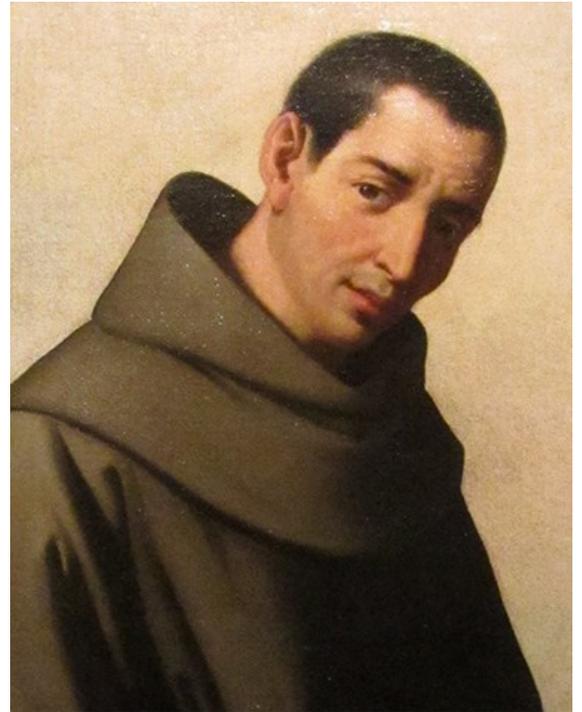
## *Saint of the Week for November 5, 2017:*

Memorial: November 7

Interesting Fact: *San Diego, California is named after this saint!*

### Profile:

- This saint came from a poor family in Spain who demonstrated great reverence for the faith (they were pious).
- As a child, he was drawn to being a hermit (look it up if you don't know what a hermit is).
- He answered God's call and became a Franciscan brother who was known for his great acts of charity to the poor, as well as having deep insight into God's ways.
- He volunteered to do missionary work in the Canary Islands and became the superior of a friary there. He also enjoyed preaching to the townspeople near Cordoba & Seville. There is still a strong devotion to him there today.
- Like last week's saint, he was known for healing powers. Before he was named a saint, one of the miracles attributed to him involved Henry IV of Castile. It was said that when Henry was on a hunting trip, he fell from his horse and injured his arm. In intense pain and with his doctors unable to relieve his agony, he went to Alcalá and prayed to this saint for a cure. The saint's body was removed from his casket and placed beside the king. Henry then kissed the body and placed the saint's hand on his injured arm. The king felt the pain disappear and his arm immediately regained its former strength.



Born: approximately 1400

Died: November 12, 1463 in Alcalá due to an abscess. It was said that it amazed everyone that instead of a foul odor, fragrance emitted from his infection. His body was also rumored to have remained incorrupt, did not undergo rigor mortis and continued to emit a pleasant odor.

Canonized: 1588

## **Who am I?**

Resources: <https://en.wikipedia.org> and <https://www.franciscanmedia.org>