

Saint of the Week for

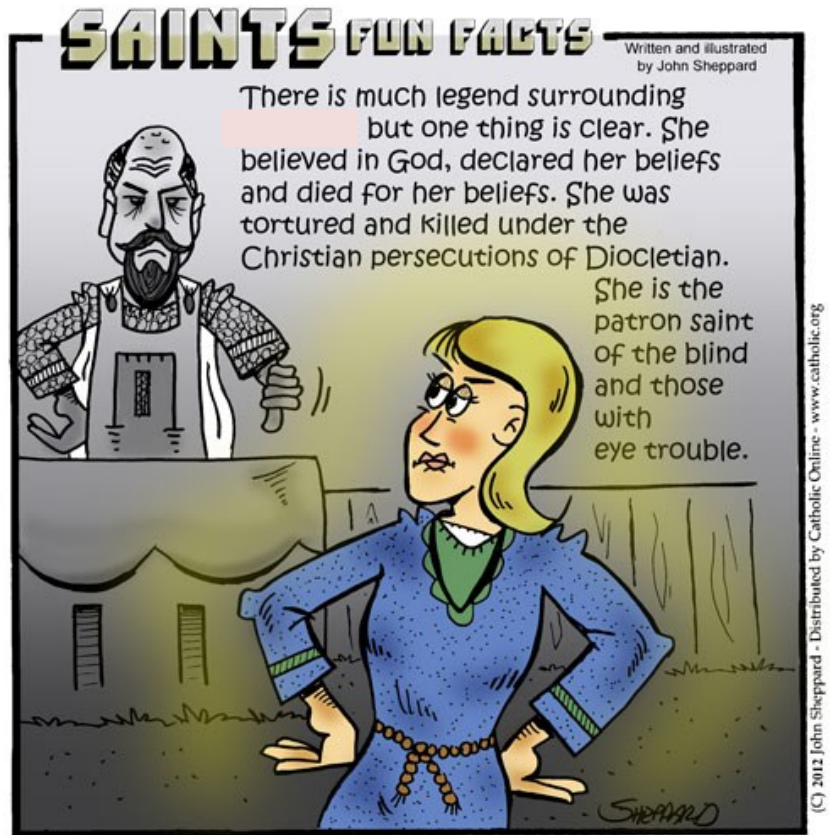
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Feast Day: December 13

Interesting Fact: This saint is usually pictured holding a cup or plate with a pair of eyes and a palm branch.

Profile:

- The history of this saint has been lost and all we really know for sure is that she lived in Syracuse, Sicily and lost her life during the persecution of Christians in the early fourth century.
- At a very young age, she vowed to live her life in service to Jesus. Her mother wasn't happy and tried to arrange a marriage with a pagan (someone who doesn't believe in Christ).
- Her mother got very sick and so this saint prayed at the tomb of Saint Agatha who she saw in a dream. St. Agatha told our saint of the week that her mom's illness would be cured through faith and that when cured, her mom would have to agree to give her dowry money to the poor and allow her to commit her life to God.
- That's exactly what happened but the man who was supposed to marry her got very angry and demanded that she be put to death. Guards heaped bundles of wood around her to burn her at the stake but the wood wouldn't burn so they used their swords and cut her eyes out.
- When they were preparing her for burial, they noticed that her eyes came back! That's why she is known as the patron saint of the blind and eye disorders



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