

Saints of the Week

for March 3



Who Am We?

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On the day they were martyred, they faced a rabid cow but the crowd cried out that they had enough. Our saints stood side-by-side until they were beheaded in the public amphitheater in Carthage.

Our saints of the week lived during the persecution of Christians in the Early Church, around 203 A.D. They were arrested along with two other Christian converts and taken to a dark, overcrowded and hot prison in Carthage, North Africa.

Threatened with death if they didn't renounce being Christian, one of our saints, who was a slave, was expecting a child and was afraid that she wouldn't give birth before her companions were executed because there was a law that pregnant women were not to be killed. Two days before she was martyred, she gave birth to a daughter who was adopted by one of the Christian women of Carthage.

The other saint was a 22-year old mother of an infant son who was well-educated and a noblewoman. She kept a diary that documented the persecutions of Christians as well as a dream she experienced about a golden ladder. Her account was so popular that it was included in the liturgies for many years.

Two deacons who ministered to the prisoners were able to arrange to have our saints moved to a better part of the prison. Her Christian mother and brother were able to arrange to bring her infant son to remain with her until she was put to death.

The strength and conviction they demonstrated led to the conversion of many people!!!