

Patron Saint of Purity

St. Maria Goretti

Discover the inspiring life of St. Maria Goretti, patron saint of purity. Learn her story and find meaning in faith, forgiveness, and grace.

*O St. Maria Goretti,
lily of purity, who, rather
than stain your soul by sin,
chose to shed your blood,
look with pity upon me,
a sinner. Obtain for me
the grace to imitate your
angelic virtue and like you,
to prefer death to sin.*

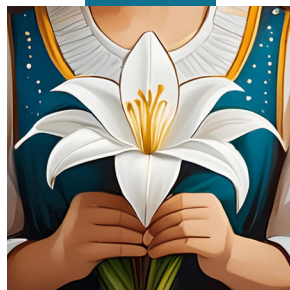
Amen.

*Overflowing with Christ-like love,
she uttered the words,
"I forgive Alessandro... I will meet
him again in heaven."*

THE LILY REPRESENTS PURITY.

While in jail, Alessandro Serenelli had a dream where St. Maria Goretti handed him lilies, symbolizing her forgiveness, one for each stab wound he inflicted upon her.

FEAST DAY
JULY
6



1890

Born on October 16th in Corinaldo, Italy. She was the third of seven children. Her father instilled in her a deep love for God and the Catholic Church.

1900

When her father died, she took on household duties and cared for her younger siblings. Her mother, Assunta, struggled to support the family.

1902

The Goretti family shared a small house with another family. Maria fiercely refused the advances of their teenage son, Alessandro, and he stabbed her multiple times. Maria died a day later.

1934

Pope Pius XII, before a crowd of 250,000, declared Maria Goretti a Saint. Both Maria's mother and Alessandro were present at the canonization.

