

ST. CASIMIR CONFESSOR

BIOGRAPHY

Casimir, son of the King of Poland, was brought up from his childhood in the love of God and in learning. He tamed his youthful body by wearing a hair-shirt, and weakened it with continual fasting.

Indefatigable in contemplation the Passion of Christ, he never slackened in the spirit of prayer. He was most zealous in promoting the catholic Faith and in doing away with the schism of the Ruthenians. So helpful and kind was he to the poor and to all those afflicted by any calamity that he earned the name of "Father and Defender of the needy".

He preserved his virginity intact all his life. Made perfect in a short time, filled with grace and merits, he gave up his spirit to God on the day which he had foretold, in the twenty-fifth year of his age. He was famous for many miracles and Leo X numbered him among the Saints.

FEAST DAY:
4 MARCH

COLLECT

○ God, Who strengthened St. Casimir with the virtue of steadfastness amid the luxuries of a royal court and the allurements of the world, we beseech Thee that, through his intercession, Thy faithful may treat earthly things as naught and ever aspire to those of Heaven.
Through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who Liveth and Reigneth with Thee, in the Unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen

PRAYER TO ST. CASIMIR

O holy Casimir, noble Prince of Poland, who did debase thy self for the Lord's sake, and didst humble thy body in thy youth that no unholy thing may blemish it, look upon the youth of this age, twisted by the evils of the world. Grant to Catholic youth thy intercession, that God may bestow upon them the grace to resist the empty pleasures of the world, especially sexual temptations that now reign over the hearts and bodies of so many youth. Pray for us all, O holy Prince, that we all may be holy and pure. Amen