

St. Anthony of Padua R.C. Church

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TRADITIONALLY SPEAKING *by S. Casarotto, cs 10/26/08*

"The stonemason and the bricklayer are careful to use a measuring line, a pendulum and a bob, to make sure the walls are straight. Can't we say that the virtuous lives of the saints are like a measuring line stretched over our souls so that our lives take the proper shape and measure up to their good example? Whenever, then, we celebrate the feast of a saint, let's look to them as giving us the pattern our lives should take." *(St. Anthony of Padua)*

SAINTS are honored for their heroic virtues. They are recognized by the Church as being with God and as good examples and companions on our earthy journey. Saints are also our heavenly helpers and many saints are attributed with their own special field of intervention which derives either from some anecdote in their life or some miracle attributed to their intercession after death: St. Anthony for lost items; St. Patrick against snake bites; St. Christopher for travelers, etc. St. Hubert is the Patron Saint of hunters. During this hunting season, let us pray to him for all hunters, their safety, relaxation, patience, and successful outings. As they watch their production ferment in their vats, winemakers should pray to their Patron Saint Vincent (Jan. 22) and remember that Father needs a bottle or two to say mass in the morning, at noon and in the evening! And we know that "*A San Martino si bene il vino*" For the feast of St. Martin of Tours (Nov. 11), the new wine is ready. *Cin-cin! Prosit! Nosdrovia!*

LAUGH WITH THE SAINTS

An appropriate patron saint for
... shoppers would be St. Francis de Sales,
... lawyers would be... Our Lady of Good Counsel,
... firefighters would be... St. Blase,
... anglers would be... St. John Fisher or St. Polycarp,
... bald people would be... St. Hedwig,
... necklace makers would be ... St. Bede,
... weight watchers would be ... St. Josaphat,
... candy makers would be ... Our Lady of Mt. Carmel,
... causeway users would be ... St. Bridget,
... campers would be ... St. Colman,
... police would be ... St. Procop,
... travel agents would be ... St. Martin of Tours,
... knitters would be ... St. Casimir,
... winemakers would be ... St. Anthony Claret,
... horticulturalists would be ... St. Therese, the Little Flower.

(Sr. Cesira Pierotti, F.M.A.)

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. The patron saint for gamblers must be... St. Fortunatus!