



St. Cecilia

November 22

Who was St. Cecilia?

St. Cecilia was a remarkable woman who lived during the Roman times in the 2nd or 3rd century AD. She is known as the patron saint of music, musicians and poets. St. Cecilia came from a noble Roman family but chose to devote her life to God and live as a Christian, even though it was a dangerous time for Christians in the Roman Empire.

St. Cecilia vowed to remain chaste and consecrate herself to God in marriage, even though her parents had already arranged for her to marry a man named Valerian. On their wedding day, Cecilia revealed her Christian faith to Valerian and told him that an angel watched over her, protecting her purity. Inspired by her devotion to God, Valerian also converted to Christianity.

Both St. Cecilia and Valerian used their wealth and resources to help the poor and support other Christians who faced persecution. Unfortunately, they were arrested and sentenced to death for their beliefs. Despite facing trials and even attempts to kill her by suffocation in her own bath, St. Cecilia miraculously survived, which only strengthened the faith of those who witnessed it.

St. Cecilia's feast day is celebrated on November 22nd. We honour her memory on this day because of her unwavering faith and courageous witness to Christ, even in the face of persecution and death.

St. Cecilia's path to sainthood lies in her extraordinary holiness and her dedication to God. The Church recognized her heroic virtue and her profound impact on the lives of others. Throughout history, she has been venerated as a model of faith, purity and selflessness.

As a saint, St. Cecilia serves as an inspiration to musicians, artists and all believers, reminding us of the power of faith and the strength we can find in our devotion to God. Through her intercession, we seek her prayers and guidance to deepen our relationship with God and follow Christ's teachings with love and courage. St. Cecilia's life continues to inspire and touch the hearts of people, making her a beloved and revered figure in the Christian tradition.

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Quotes

"Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe."

- St. Cecilia

"In art, the hand can never execute anything higher than the heart can inspire."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

"While the profane music of her wedding was heard, Cecilia was singing in her heart a hymn for love of Jesus, her true spouse. "

-The Acts of St. Cecilia

Prayer

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit;

O glorious St. Cecilia,
You lived your life in faith and purity,
And your heart was always devoted to God.

You embraced the gift of music,
Filling the heavens with heavenly melodies,
And your voice lifted in praise and worship,
Drawing souls closer to the Divine.

We come before you today, dear St. Cecilia,
With grateful hearts and humble spirits,
Seeking your intercession and guidance.

Pray for us, O holy saint,
That we may use our talents and gifts
To glorify God and serve others with love.

In times of difficulty and doubt,
Help us to find strength in our faith,
And may our hearts be ever attuned
To the song of God's love and mercy.

St. Cecilia, patroness of musicians and singers,
Intercede for us before the throne of God,
And may the music of our lives
Be a symphony of grace and compassion.

Amen.

Patron Saint

Musicians

Singers

Composers

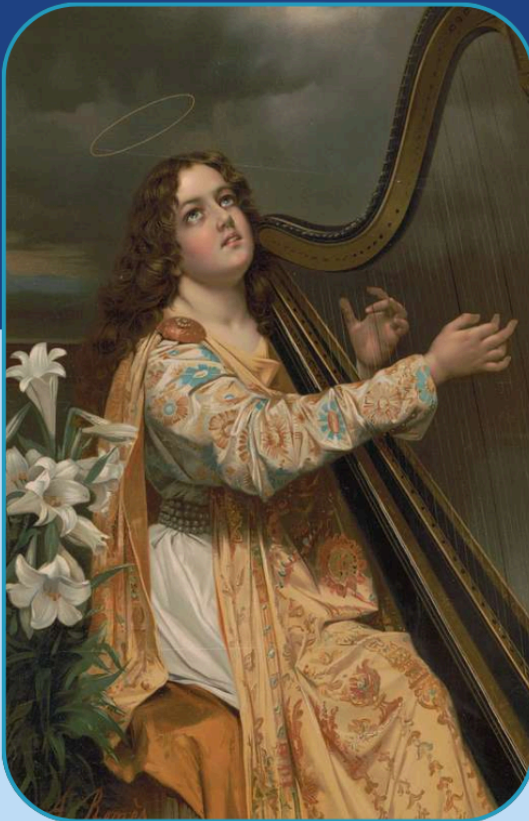
Music Teachers

Poets





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FEAST DAY:
November 22

SCHOOL LOCATION:
Maple, ON

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