

CATHOLIC SAINTS TIMELINE

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us." (Hebrews 12:1)

The saints were—and are—real human people like us whose lives, like ours, were shaped by the human influences of time and place in which they grew and came to be. Like our time, every age of man has been marked by trials and triumphs, sin and salvation, brokenness and blessedness. The saints embraced the trials, confessed the sin, revealed the brokenness of their times because they knew the only way to lasting and true peace lies in acceptance of the suffering offered us. We honour and study them to learn from their example and live a life in our time as faithfully as the saints have lived in every age since our Saviour came to Earth.

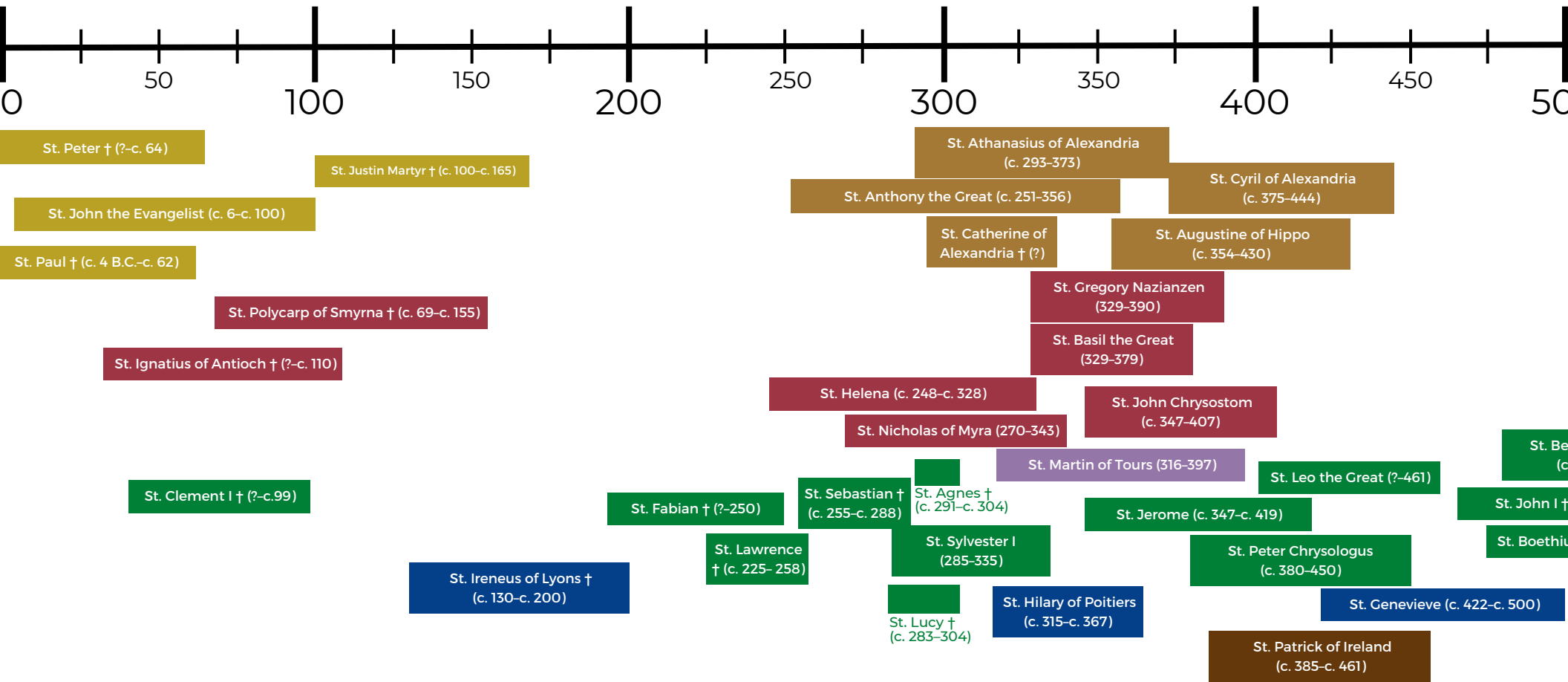
There are more than 10,000 Catholic saints, coming from many different circumstances and called to many different paths of life. The saints on this timeline are a small sampling of the Church's best-known saints.

The beginning and end of each saint's block on the timeline matches up with his birth and death dates on the black line at the top. The saints are colour-coded based on where they were from (see the legend to the left). If a saint has an outline of a second colour, this refers to the country where he did missionary work. There is room enough so that more saints can be written in as desired. Of all the many types of saints, surely each one of us can find one at least who is not too different from himself. Let's strive, then, to be counted among their hosts.

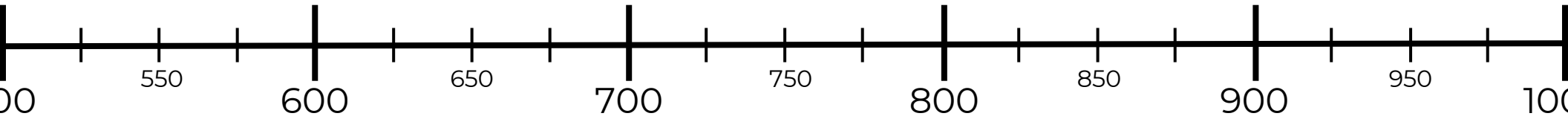
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Asia Minor/Turkey
Italy
France
Africa
Hungary
Britain
Bohemia/Czech Republic
Germany
Spain
Portugal
Mexico
India
South America
Philippines
Canada
United States of America
Poland

The cross symbol (†)
indicates a martyr

ANCIENT



EARLY MIDDLE AGES



St. John Damascene (c. 675-749)

St. Wenceslaus †
(c. 907-929)

St. Stephen
(970-1037)

St. Henry
(973-1024)

St. Augustine of
Canterbury (?-c. 604)

St. Benedict of Nursia
(c. 480-c. 547)

St. Martin I (?-655)

St. Basil
(? - 375)

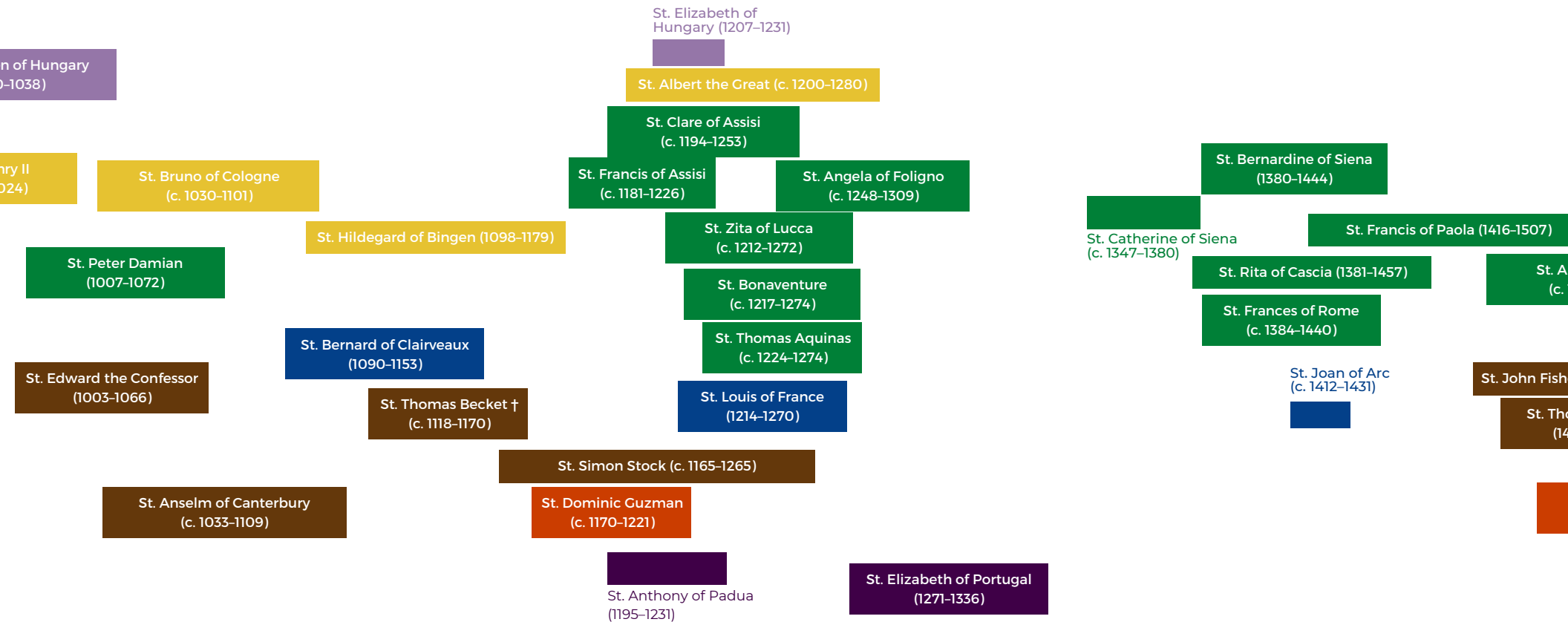
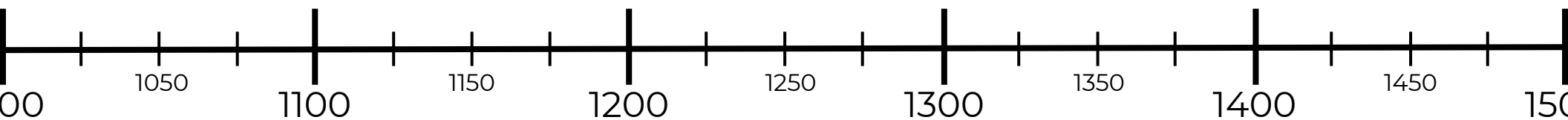
St. Gregory the Great
(c. 540-604)

St. Ambrose
† (?-374)

St. Bede the Venerable
(c. 672-735)

St. Dunstan of Canterbury
(924-988)

HIGH MIDDLE AGES



MODERN

