

PATRON SAINTS TRIVIA GAME

Can you identify the patron saints in the following questions? Choose from the word cloud below, or for an extra challenge, try to answer them all by yourself!

Group instructions: Separate participants into teams, and provide a buzzer, bell, or other method of answering for each team. The referee will read out each question, awarding a point to the team with the fastest correct answer. Highest number of points wins! (The word cloud can be provided if necessary.)

1) St. Joseph Cupertino became so enraptured while praying in front of the Blessed Sacrament that he would begin to float above the ground in a state of ecstasy, and was named the patron of:

2) St. Hubert was out in the woods while others attended Sunday mass. Suddenly, the deer he was stalking turned around and there was a glowing crucifix between its antlers. Hubert was converted and became the patron saint of:

3) St. Lawrence was a deacon who was martyred by being grilled alive. As he was being tortured, he quipped "Turn me over- I'm done on this side!" It's only fair that he was named patron of:

4) St. Scholastica knew she was dying. She begged her brother, St. Benedict, to stay with her overnight, but he said he had to return to his monastery. She prayed to God, who sent a massive tempest, ensuring that her brother stayed by her side until she died. She is the patron saint of:

5) St. Dismas was a wicked thief. Finally captured and sentenced to death he found himself being crucified beside the Savior of the world. He begged the Lord for mercy, and now in in Paradise as the patron of:

6) St. Francis Assisi preached to the birds and befriended a rampaging wolf, who then followed him around like a guard dog! Francis is the patron saint of:

7) St. Francis Xavier traveled across the world to spread the Faith in India and Japan. He is the patron of:

8) St. Genesius was a Roman pagan starring in a play making fun of Christians. He experienced a conversion during the performance, and declared his belief in Jesus before the Emperor, who ordered him killed. He was therefore named patron of:

9) St. Jerome spent decades researching many texts in different languages, working with the Church to compile the official text of the Sacred Scriptures, which is why he is the patron of:

10) According to an old legend, St. Luke traveled to visit the Blessed Mother and get her first-hand account of Jesus' birth for his gospel. While there, he painted a picture of her, resulting in him being named patron of:

11) St. Martin de Porres's father was a Spanish nobleman, but his mother was of mixed black and native Peruvian descent. He suffered from discrimination because of this, and was named the patron of:

12) St. Matthew was a tax collector who gave money to the Roman occupiers, but Jesus called him to collect souls. Today, he is the patron of:

13) This saint had a Roman father, a French mother, was born in England, and became the patron saint of Ireland:

14) St. Peregrine has a malignant tumor on his leg. The night before the limb was to be amputated, he dreamed that Jesus came down from the crucifix on the wall and touched his leg. When Peregrine awoke, the tumor was healed, and he became the patron of:

15) St. Rita's husband was violent and abusive. He encouraged her sons in the same sort of behavior. Rita prayed for the conversion of her husband, and he repented before he died. She is the patron saint of:

16) This "just man" was a hard worker, a descendant of King David, a carpenter, and the head of the Holy Family:

17) St. Tarcicius was a 12 year old Roman boy who died protecting the Eucharist while on his way to bring Communion to Christian prisoners. He is the patron of:

18) St. Lucy was not afraid to endure torture for the sake of Jesus. Her executioners plucked out her beautiful eyes, but they immediately healed back, and lovelier than ever! She is the patron saint of:

19) St. Zita lived a quiet life as a servant of a wealthy Italian family. Returning from morning mass one day, she realized she'd forgotten to remove the bread from the oven! Luckily, an angel took the loaf out before it was burned. She is the patron of:

20) While studying at a university, St. Thomas Aquinas was called "dumb ox" by his classmates, who mistook his quiet nature and measured speech for stupidity. Little did they know they were speaking to one of the most brilliant minds ever given to the Church, and the patron saint of:

21) St. Thomas More was put on trial for treason after he refused to abandon the Faith for King Henry VIII's new church. His defense during the trial is so famous that books and movies have been made depicting it! He is the patron of:

22) St. Blaise has been arrested and sentenced to death. On his way to prison, he healed a young boy choking on a fish bone, resulting in him being named the patron saint of:

23) Poor Bl. Margaret of Castello was born blind, lame, and hunchbacked. Her rich parents locked her up then abandoned her, and so she was named the patron of:

24) St. Nicholas was a busy saint! He gave three sisters bags of gold for their dowries (so that they could be married instead of sold into slavery) and resurrected three murdered boys from a pickling tub! He is the patron of:

25) This saint was an apostle, was given the keys of the kingdom of God, and was crucified upside down in Rome:

26) He was a playboy, drunk, gambler, thief... and ultimately a saint thanks to the prayers of his saintly mother:

27) St. Isadore's fellow workers complained that he was always late to work because he attended daily mass. Isadore's master investigated the matter, finding Isadore at prayer... and an angel plowing the fields in his place! He is known as the patron of:

28) This saint was a Benedictine monk, living and working in the Alps where he founded a monastery focused on hospitality and rescue of mountain travelers. He has a breed of dog named after him:

29) St. Thomas the Apostle traveled to India to spread the Faith. The local ruler gave him gold and jewels and ordered Thomas to build him a giant mansion. Thomas gave all the money to the poor, and told the ruler that because of his generosity, Thomas had built the ruler a giant mansion in heaven. He is the patron saint of:

30) According to legend, the first European to discover North America was not Columbus or the Vikings, but rather an Irish monk named St. Brendan traveling in a leather-covered boat! He is the patron saint of:

31) St. Gabriel appeared to a virgin named Mary, and delivered the most eagerly-awaited message in Jewish history! He is therefore the patron saint of: