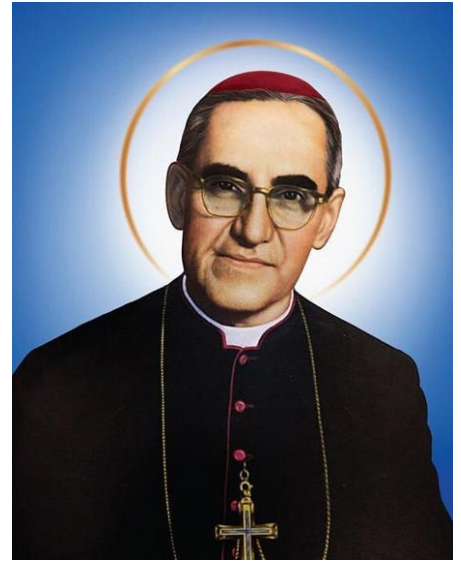


Saint Oscar Romero

- **Born/Died:** 1917–1980
- **Country:** El Salvador
- **Feast Day:** 24 March
- **Patron of:** El Salvador, human rights, and Christian communicators



Life

Oscar Romero was born in El Salvador in 1917. He grew up in a poor family and trained to become a priest, later becoming Archbishop of San Salvador in 1977. At first he was seen as quiet and cautious, but his country was in turmoil, with violence, injustice, and poverty affecting the lives of ordinary people.

When he saw the suffering of his people, Romero changed. He began to speak out boldly against corruption, violence, and the mistreatment of the poor. Every week he used his radio broadcasts to tell the truth about what was happening and to encourage people not to lose hope. Many were inspired by his courage, but those in power felt threatened.

On 24 March 1980, while celebrating Mass, Romero was assassinated because of his outspoken defence of human rights and justice. His death shocked the world, but his voice for the poor has never been silenced. He was canonised as a saint in 2018 and is remembered as a martyr who gave his life for his people.

Famous Quote

“If they kill me, I will rise again in the Salvadoran people.”