



Holy Heroes



St. Lucy---December 13

Lucy lived in Sicily around the year 300. Most of the people there did not believe in God or worshipped "false" Gods. Lucy was a Christian and at a very young age dedicated her life to God. A rich man wanted to marry Lucy, but she wanted only to serve God. The man became angry and told officials she was a Christian. She had to go to trial and was found guilty of serving God. She never gave up on her Faith. The soldiers tried several ways to move Lucy, but nothing worked. They caused Lucy to go blind. Even when they started a fire around her, it did not burn her. She told them the Holy Spirit was protecting her. She was imprisoned and died. Her sight was miraculously restored before she died, so she is known as the patron of the blind and those suffering from eye diseases.

The feast day of St. Lucy, whose name means "light" in Latin, is December 13th. In Sweden, December 13th is celebrated as the Festival of Light. The youngest daughter dresses in white and wears a crown of lit candles in remembrance of St. Lucy.