

Friday, May 21, 2021

Friday of the Seventh Week of Easter

*Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest and Companions, Martyrs*

Day 8 of the novena to Pentecost. Jesus reconciles Peter after his three denials with three loving commissions. In today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Paul is preparing for his meeting before the emperor in Rome. Peter and Paul will give their lives for the Gospel in Rome. Today's saints are from Mexico. Fr. Cristobal (Christopher) Magallanes, twenty-one diocesan priests, and three laymen, between the years 1915 and 1937, were either shot or hanged for their faith in Mexico during this anti-Catholic period, which saw many others killed as well. They were part of the *Cristeros*, a resistance movement against those attacking the Church. The motto of the *Cristeros*: "Long live Christ the King and Our Lady of Guadalupe!"

Saint Christopher Magallanes and Companions, pray for us!

God Love You!

*Fr. Jim Starasovich*



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