

A religious illustration of Saint Brigid of Ireland. She is depicted as a woman with long brown hair, wearing a white veil and a blue cloak over a white gown. She holds a large, ornate wooden cross in front of her. Behind her is a large flag with vertical stripes of green, white, and orange. In the background, a stone tower is visible against a blue sky.

*Hospitality
in
Charity*

'Hospitality in Charity (St. Brigid) & Courage in Martyrdom (St. Paul Miki)'

Catholic Faith Formation
St. Ignatius Church, Tokyo
Sunday, February 1st, 2026

Saint Brigid of Ireland

A religious illustration of Saint Paul Miki. He is depicted as a man with a beard and long hair, wearing a dark blue robe, crucified on a large wooden cross. He has a halo around his head. In the background, there are many other smaller crosses with figures on them, set against a backdrop of a mountain and a blue sky. The text 'Courage in Martyrdom' is written in the top right corner, with Japanese characters above it.

坂夫
Courage
in Martyrdom

Saint Paul Miki

Feast Day of Saint Brigid

– February 1st



Prayer to Saint Brigid

You were a woman
of peace.
You brought
harmony where
there was conflict.
You brought light to
the darkness.
You brought hope
to the downcast.
May the mantle of
your peace
cover those who are
troubled and
anxious,
and may peace be
firmly rooted in our
hearts and in our
world.
AMEN

Feast of Saint Brigid
Secondary Patron of
Ireland
1 February

THE STORY OF SAINT BRIGID

THE PATRONESS SAINT OF IRELAND





Feast Day of Saint Paul Miki & Companions

- February 6th

- “The sentence of judgment says these men came to Japan from the Philippines, but I did not come from any other country. I am a true Japanese. The only reason for my being killed is that I have taught the doctrine of Christ. I thank God it is for this reason that I die. I believe that I am telling the truth before I die. After Christ’s example, I forgive my persecutors. I do not hate them. I ask God to have pity on all, and I hope my blood will fall on my fellow men as a fruitful rain.”
- Fr. Paul Miki, Last Sermon from the Cross

St. Brigid of Ireland (Short)



SAINT BRIGID
OF IRELAND

Abbess of Kildare
450-525 AD



St. Brigid's Day - Folklore and Traditions



Saint Brigid of Ireland (EWTN)

HOSPITALITY IN CHARITY



Hospitality, Charity, and Building Communities of Faith

- Inspired by St. Brigid of Ireland (traditionally February 1; patroness of Ireland, known for miracles of provision, founding monasteries, and caring for the sick/marginalized). Explore her legends of generosity (e.g., multiplying butter or food) as models for Christian hospitality, family life, and evangelization through acts of kindness—perfect for groups emphasizing community and service.



COURAGEOUS WITNESS

**Who are Saint Paul Miki & Companions?
A story of courageous witness told
by Fr. Elias Mary Mills, FI**

An aerial photograph of a traditional Chinese pagoda with multiple tiers and a green roof, situated on a lush green hill. In the background, a city skyline with several tall buildings is visible under a hazy sky. The pagoda is the central focus, with its red railings and ornate details clearly visible.

February 6: Saint Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs Late Sixteenth Century

**February 6:
St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs**

St. Paul Miki: The Story of the First Japanese Jesuit





**February 6 - Saint Paul Miki and Companions
- The Martyrs of Japan Who Sang on the Cross**



February 6 – Saint Paul Miki: The Samurai of Christ and the 26 Martyrs of Japan



St. Paul Miki ([Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network](#))



**Te Deum
laudamus
(26 Martyrs of
Japan)**

Courage in Persecution: Martyrs as Witnesses to Faith

- Drawing from St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr (optional memorial February 3; patron against throat ailments, with the traditional blessing of throats) and Sts. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs (memorial February 6; Japanese Jesuits crucified for faith).
- Reflect on their steadfastness amid trials, inspiring modern courage in living and defending the faith, even in subtle persecutions today.





**Why do Priests Bless Throats on the Feast Day
of St. Blaise? - Ask A Marian**