

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter; Earth Day;
World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Monday: St. George; St. Adalbert

Tuesday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

Wednesday: St. Mark; Administrative Professionals Day

Friday: Arbor Day

Saturday: St. Peter Chanel;
St. Louis Grignon de Montfort



Franciscan Capuchin martyr. He was born Mark Rey in Sigmaringen, Germany, in 1577. A practicing lawyer, he traveled across Europe as a tutor to aristocrats but then started defending the poor. In 1612, he became a Franciscan Capuchin monk, taking the name of Fidelis. A missionary to Grisons, Switzerland, Fidelis was so successful that local Protestants claimed that he was a spy for the Austrian Emperor. Fidelis was stabbed to death in a church in Seewis. He was canonized by Pope Benedict XIV. Fidelis served also as the head of the Congregation for the Spreading of the Faith.