

# ANDY'S RESOURCE-OF-THE-MONTH: December 2017

*My Commentary on: "catholicsaints.info : Saint Catherine of Alexandria"*

*Web Link → <http://catholicsaints.info/saint-catherine-of-alexandria/>*

## Saint Catherine of Alexandria

November 1st, was the 1st anniversary of the inception of our website, FreeTruth.ca. Therefore, I would like to comment on one of the patron saints that we originally chose for our site, namely Saint Catherine of Alexandria. I have chosen to highlight Catholicsaints.info as my Resource-of-the-Month. This is a website that provides a wealth of information on the saints and I found it to be helpful in describing her life story. We have listed this resource in the Catholic Saints section of our website. Also, Wikipedia has a good write-up for most, if not all, of the saints of the church, which I also consulted, although it's not cited on FreeTruth.ca, as it is not a Catholic resource.

My daughter and I originally chose Saint Catherine of Alexandria as a patroness after we visited and attended mass at the diocesan parish bearing her name in Saint Catherine's Ontario, in the fall of 2016. While visiting this parish, we were pleasantly surprised when we saw a replica of the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, as we had already chosen her as the other patroness of FreeTruth.ca (see my November 2016 commentary for more that). This replica was located in the parish narthex. We both looked at each other, and after some research, we knew who the other patron saint of our then new website-to-be-launched would be. This is how we came to the decision on Saint Catherine of Alexandria.

Saint Catherine of Alexandria is a very old saint, whose life dates back to the late third and early fourth century. Her feast day is November 25. Saint Catherine was martyred for her Christian faith at a very young age. She is the patron saint of things associated with learning, as she was a scholar known for converting many to the Christian faith with the wisdom of her arguments. Her principle symbol is the spiked wheel, which was to be used to torture her, in hopes that she would renounce her Christian faith. The story goes that, as she was led to the instrument of torture, Catherine touched the spiked wheel and it was destroyed. The emperor was so infuriated by this, that he had her beheaded.

Devotion to Saint Catherine remains strong among Eastern Catholics and Eastern Orthodox Christians. Saint Catherine's Monastery is located on Mount Sinai, Egypt, and has become a frequent pilgrimage destination site in recent years. According to Jewish, Christian and Islamic tradition, Mount Sinai is also the place where Moses received the Ten Commandments mentioned many times in the Old Testament writings of the Bible.

The readings on the lives of the Saints have intrigued me over the years, and I'm sure Saint Catherine of Alexandria's life story will also inspire and edify the readers of this commentary. The church is rich in tradition, and the lives of the saints are a witness to this sacred tradition, which is confirmed in sacred scripture.

Thanks for reading, and if you find FreeTruth.ca and our commentaries helpful in your spiritual journey, then we would like to hear from you. Contact us to let us know your thoughts.

Kindest regards,

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