

Read about the parish guides on selected saints

Most Episcopal Churches are named after **red letter** or major saints or feasts on the Episcopal calendar in the *Book of Common Prayer*, or are named after theological concepts, such as the Holy Trinity, the Incarnation, Grace, or biblical phrases such as Precious Blood (1 Peter 1:19), etc. Now that we have expanded our calendar with many optional (**black letter**) commemorations in recent decades, new congregations are more likely to choose their names from among these. Some of the saints' names have only one or two or a few Churches using these names.

Partly because our calendar has been overbalanced with men saints, this collection will have a remedial overemphasis on holy women and women saints, and possibly on angels. To increase the knowledge of people about some of the less well known saints, especially women saints, these parish guides will mostly be written on selected women saints. They are written especially for people in parish or mission congregations named after each saint. But anybody can read them, and use them in their parish, as long as they are not altered or sold, except that they can be printed in a larger font for those who need that.

If you would like to write one of these guides, check with Kathryn Piccard to be sure that nobody else is working on one for that saint, and to learn the editorial guidelines and process. Her email is: kpiccard @ Comcast.net . You can see from the Table of Contents in each guide that they have a similar format, although there are some differences from one guide to another. If you would like to suggest corrections or additions to any of the posted guides, please inform Kathryn. The following guides are already underway or posted:

1. Parish Study Guide for Episcopalians on Saints Junia & Andronicus, Apostles
2. Parish Study Guide for Episcopalians on St. Mary Magdalene, (Apostle?)
3. Parish Study Guide for Episcopalians on Saint Teresa of Avila
4. Parish Study Guide for Episcopalians on Saint Catherine of Siena
5. Parish Study Guide for Episcopalians on Anna Alexander, Deacon in Georgia
6. Parish Study Guide for Episcopalians on St. Hildegard of Bingen
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