

December 13: St. Lucia Day

Lucia was born to a wealthy couple on the island of Sicily. To thank God for healing her seriously ill mother, Lucia used all her dowry money to buy food for the Christians who were hiding from the Roman soldiers in the dark catacombs. She wore a wreath on her head to hold candles for light, thus having both hands free to carry bread. Lucia's suitor became jealous and angry and turned her in for being a Christian. Roman soldiers arrested her, cut out her eyes, and killed her with a sword. She was 20 years old. Today, Nordic countries celebrate Lucia for bringing light into a darkened world. Gifts given in her name are used to help the blind.