

- 1878 August 26th - Death at the Carmel of Bethlehem
- 1983 Nov. 13th - Beatification – Pope St. John Paul II
- 2015 May 17th - Declared Saint – Pope Francis

Prayer of St. Mary of Jesus Crucified

Holy Spirit, inspire me.
Love of God, consume me.
On the true path lead me.
Mary, my Mother, look down upon me
With Jesus bless me.
From all evil, from all illusion,
From all danger, preserve me.

- Oratory of St. Mary of Jesus Crucified,
A.C. Provincial House, St. Ann's Convent,
Mangaluru - 575 001
- Shrine of St. Mary of Jesus Crucified – Great
Carmel, Kankanady, Mangaluru – 575 002

Saint Mary of Jesus Crucified (1846 – 1878)



(Lily of Palestine)

SAINT MARY OF JESUS CRUCIFIED (1846 – 1878)

Mariam, “The Little Arab” was born at Abellin near Nazareth, to Mariam and George (Giries) Baouardy on January 5, 1846, in answer to a fervent prayer at the Grotto of the Nativity, in Bethlehem. A little brother, Paul was born two years later. Both parents died within a few days of each other, leaving the orphaned children to the care of an uncle and aunt.

After many hardships and a martyrdom while in Egypt (near Alexandria), God led Mariam first to the Convent of the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Apparition at Marseilles in 1865. While still a postulant there, she was graced with the stigmata. It gradually became clear that Mariam was destined for the contemplative life.

God ordained that together with Mother Veronica, her Novice Mistress (later the foundress of the Apostolic Carmel, India) she should be received into the Carmel of Pau in June 1867.

God chose her to be one of the first batch of Carmelite Cloistered nuns for the missions. She thus landed at this very spot (now St. Ann's Convent) with the first batch of 6 Cloistered Carmelites and the first batch of 3 Apostolic Carmelites who lived together for 12 years on these grounds.

This place was thus blessed with Mary's presence from August 1870 to November 1872. She made her first Profession in the old Chapel – now the Oratory of St. Mary of Jesus Crucified – on November 21st, 1871.

Later Providence took her back to France and together with Mother Veronica, she was chosen to be one of the pioneer group for the Carmel of Bethlehem. It was there that God took her to her eternal reward on August 26th, 1878.

“Carmel has remained the mountain of supreme decisions. Chosen by God and preferred before all. The transcendence to the only God. The nothingness of all the rest...”

Milestones in the life of St. Mary of Jesus Crucified

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| 1846 Jan. 5 th | - Born at Abellin near Nazareth. |
| 1865(May) – 1867 (June) | - Novice of the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Apparition, Marseilles. |
| 1867 (June) – 1870 (Aug.) | - Carmel of Pau. |
| 1870 (Nov.) – 1872 | - St. Ann's Convent Mangaluru |
| 1871 Nov. 21 st | - First Profession (in the present Oratory) |
| 1872 (Aug.) – 1875 (Sept.) | - Carmel of Pau |
| 1875 (Sept.) – 1878 (Aug.) | - Carmel of Bethlehem |