

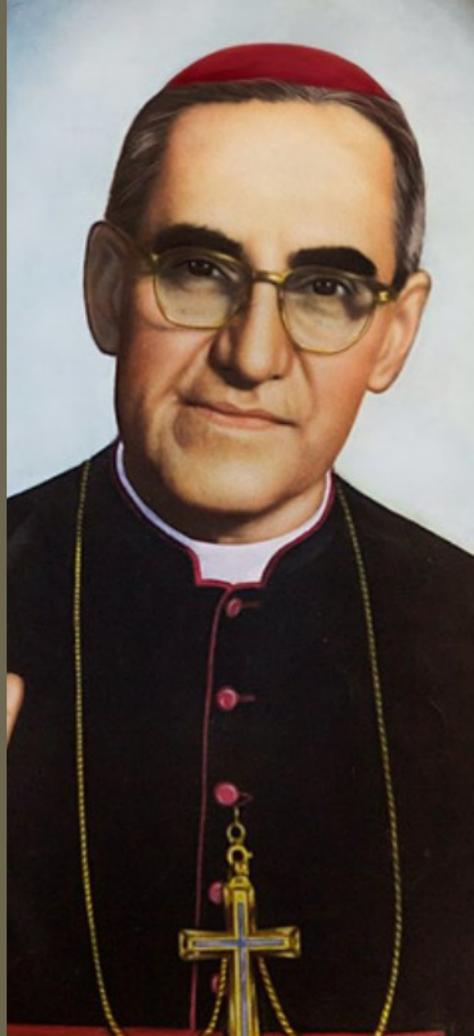
MASS IN REMEMBRANCE OF

# Blessed Óscar Romero

A Mass in remembrance of  
Blessed Óscar Romero will be held at 7 p.m.  
on Tuesday, August 15, the Feast of the  
Assumption, at the  
Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe in  
downtown Dallas. Bishop Edward J. Burns will  
preside as the main celebrant.

The Mass will be celebrated on what would  
have been Blessed Romero's 100th birthday.  
A Salvadorian themed reception to follow.

2215 Ross Ave, Dallas, TX 75201



# BLESSED ÓSCAR ROMERO:

## *a martyr for the faith*

BLESSED ÓSCAR ROMERO served as Archbishop of the Archdiocese of San Salvador, El Salvador, from 1977 until he was martyred for his faith in 1980. During that time, political violence, disappearances and human rights violations were widespread.

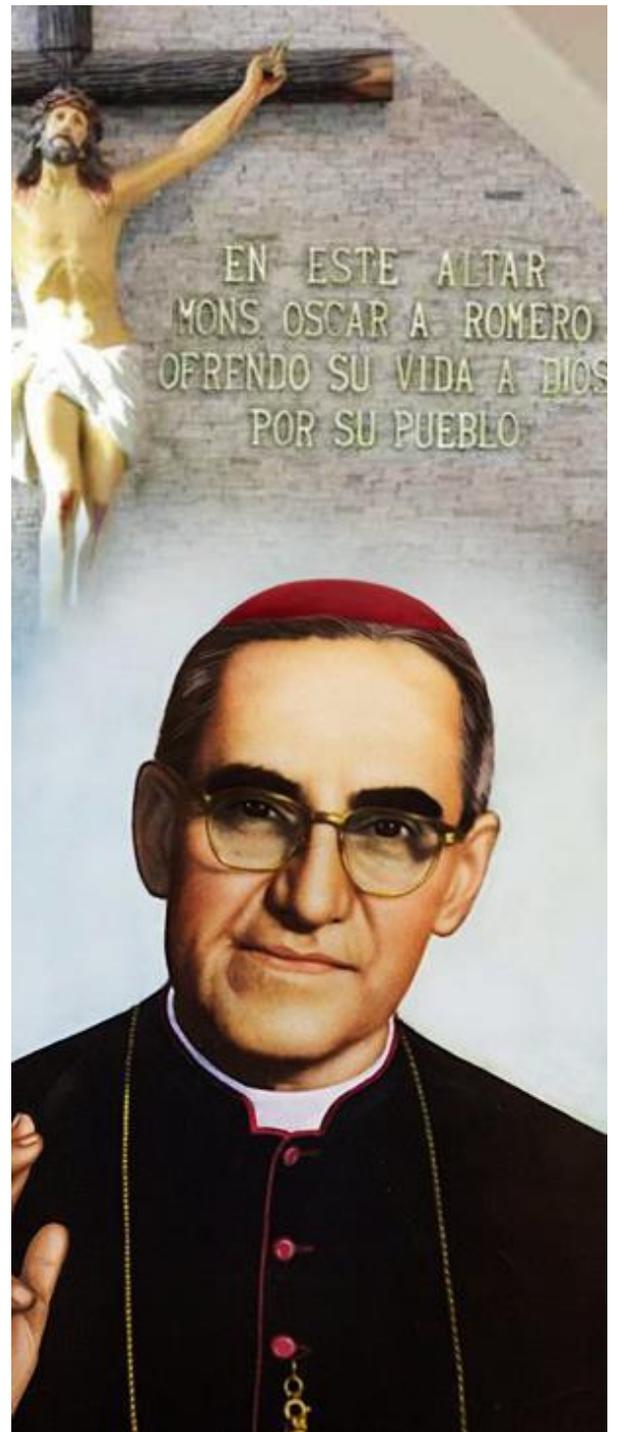
Many priests and nuns spoke out on behalf of the victims, and many were murdered because of this. Blessed Óscar Romero's friend and fellow priest, Father Rutilio Grande, was killed in 1977 just as Blessed Óscar Romero began serving as archbishop. After Father Grande's murder, Blessed Óscar Romero spoke out even more strongly on behalf of the suffering and marginalized.

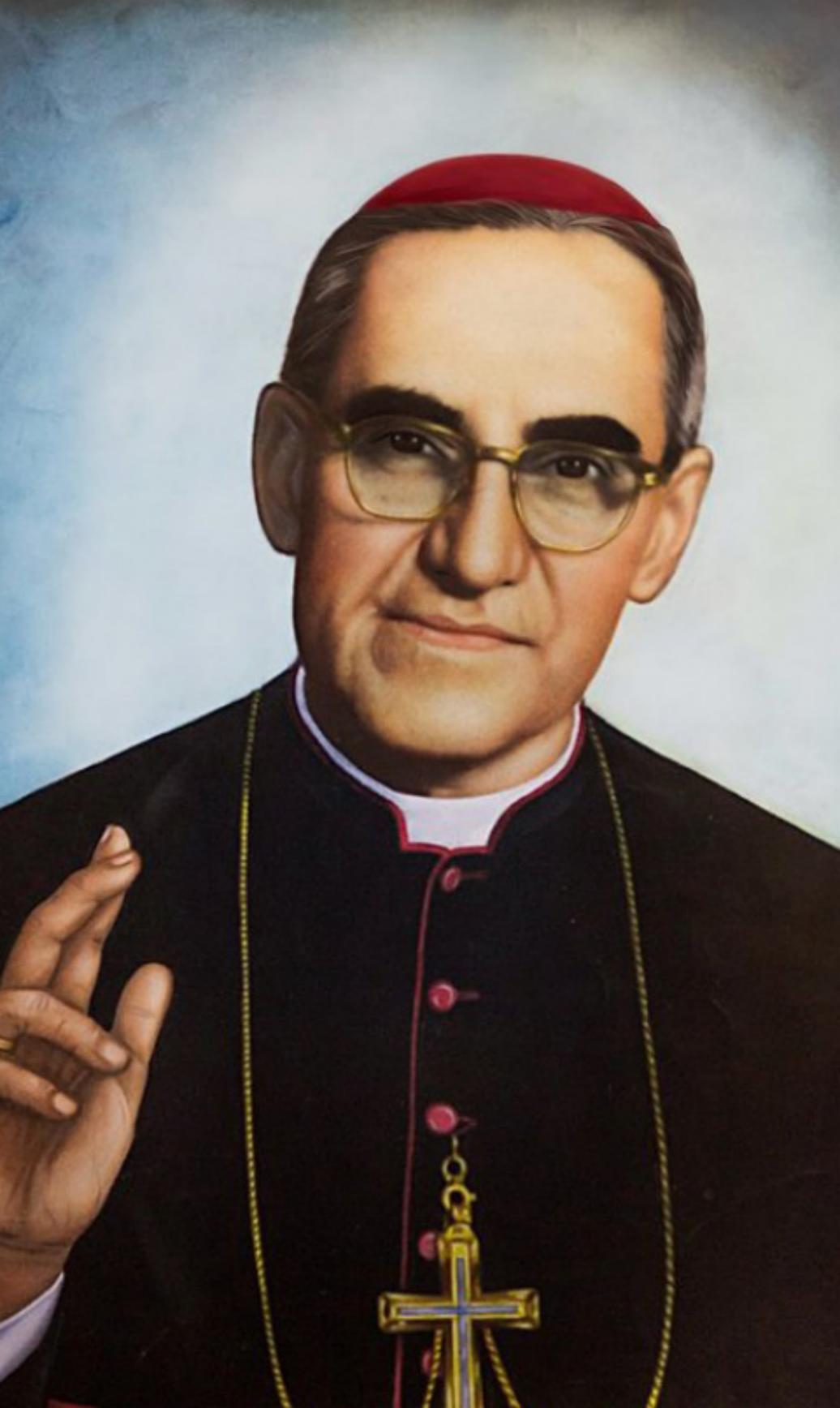
Blessed Óscar Romero heard the stories of the poor, and his voice against the violence grew louder and louder. People in villages across the nation tuned in to Blessed Óscar Romero's radio homilies, finding strength and comfort in his words. Each week he would denounce the violence and urge people to live out Christ's Gospel message of peace and love. He used his position of prominence to become what many called the voice of the voiceless.

Blessed Óscar Romero was shot and killed while celebrating Mass on March 24, 1980. He was formally declared a martyr by Pope Francis in February 2015 and beatified in May 2015.

“[Those] who are oppressed by poverty are the object of a preferential love on the part of the Church which, since her origin and in spite of the failings of many of her members, has not ceased to work for their relief, defense and liberation through numerous works of charity which remain indispensable always and everywhere.”

—*Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 2448*





# Blessed Oscar Romero

1917-1980 | Beatified 2015

Christ Jesus,

We ask that like Blessed Oscar Romero  
we will not be afraid to risk all that we have  
to follow you,

to stand with the poor and oppressed.

May you grant us the same courage you gave  
Blessed Oscar Romero:

That we will feel what we are afraid to feel

That we will not be overwhelmed

by all that needs to be done

but that we will follow you,

And trust that you will walk with us

on our journey of discipleship,

wherever it may lead.

May our walk be one of true solidarity

As Archbishop Romero's was.

And in life and death

May we bear much fruit.

**Amen.**