**SAINT LUCY-YEAR 4**

**FEAST DAY 13TH DECEMBER**

Saint Lucy was born in 283 into a rich family. Her father died while she was young. Her mother was ill for four years. Lucy persuaded her mother to go to the tomb of St Agatha where they prayed all night and fell asleep exhausted. Saint Agatha appeared in a vision to Lucy and at that point her mother was cured.

A rich young man wanted to marry Lucy but because she had offered herself to God she refused. He was so angry at her refusal that he told the governor she was a Christian and she was led to the city for trial. She told the governor "I will never sin, so that the Holy Spirit will give me a greater reward. You see now that I am the temple of the Holy Spirit, and that He protects me."

The governor ordered a fire to be lit around her, but Lucy was not harmed. At last, a sword was thrust into her heart. She did not die until a priest came to her with Holy Communion. St Lucy is the patron saint for people who have trouble with their eyes.

Saint Lucy, pray for us.