



**Roman martyrology:** In the city of Burgos, in Old Castile region of Spain, St. Adelelmus, abbot, who became monastery chapel of San Juan and the adjacent poor hospital.

### SHORT BIOGRAPHY

Born on the 11<sup>th</sup> century at Laudun, Poitou, France. Manservant. Soldier for France, with a promising career. While on pilgrimage to Rome, Italy, he met Saint Robert at Chaise-Dieu monastery, Issoire. Soon after, Adelelmus retired from military life to become a Benedictine monk at Issoire under the spiritual direction of Saint Robert. Known as a miracle worker.

Adelelmus's reputation for holiness spread. Constance of Burgundy, Queen of Castile, Spain was so impressed by him that 1079 she and King Alphonsus VI of Castile built a monastery in Burgos, Spain on condition that he serve as its first abbot. He soon after added a church and hospital to the house. Joined in the war to drive the Moors from Spain.

One night, while out on some holy business, abbot Adelemus and his aide was caught in a storm. Adelelmus ordered his assistant to light a candle so they could see to finish their journey. Not only was he able to light the exposed candle in the rain, but it stayed lit throughout their whole wet, windy, stormy trip.

He died on c.1100 of natural causes. He is patron of Burgos, Spain and domestic servants.