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FEASTS & SAINTS

2021 APPOINTMENT CALENDAR

THE OFFICIAL CATHOLIC CALENDAR FOR OVER 100 YEARS

One hundred percent of the proceeds we raise from our calendars strengthens the presence and mission of the Catholic Church in under-resourced Catholic communities across the United States.

St. John Bosco

Patron Saint of Apprentices, Editors and Publishers,
Schoolchildren, Magicians, and Juvenile Delinquents

JANUARY 31

Saint John Bosco was an Italian priest, teacher, and writer in the 19th century who devoted his life to helping the most vulnerable children and youth receive an education. He was the founder of the Salesian community, one of the most important Catholic religious communities in the world today.

Born in 1815 in Italy, his childhood was marked by the death of his father. Because of this loss, he had to work hard from an early age, which prevented him from pursuing formal schooling when he was young, despite how much he desired to study. Likely, his own struggle to receive an education prompted his eagerness to ensure all children had access to a good education.

In 1841, he was ordained and dedicated his life to creating educational institutions for disadvantaged children. We can see the fruits of his labor in the ongoing efforts of today's Salesian community, which actively works in schools and parishes in more than one hundred countries throughout the world.

Saint John Bosco was canonized in 1934.



Saint John Bosco
Altarpiece in the Franciscan Church of the Annunciation, Ljubljana, Slovenia
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JANUARY 2021

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Father Francis Clement Kelley founded
Catholic Extension in 1905 in Lapeer, Michigan,
to awaken the missionary spirit in America.

DECEMBER 2020

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1 SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
The Octave Day of the
Nativity of the Lord
First Friday of the Month
New Year's Day ★
W

2 STS. BASIL THE GREAT AND GREGORY NAZIANZEN, BISHOPS AND DOCTORS OF THE CHURCH
Christmas Weekday
W

3 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
W

4 ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON, RELIGIOUS
Christmas Weekday
W

5 ST. JOHN NEUMANN, BISHOP
Christmas Weekday
W

6 St. André Bessette, Religious
Christmas Weekday
WW

7 St. Raymond of Peñafort
Christmas Weekday
WW

8 Christmas Weekday
W

9 Christmas Weekday
W

10 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
W

11 FIRST WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME
W

12 W

13 St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
GW

14 G

15 G

16 GW

17 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
G

18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day ★
G

19 G

20 St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr
St. Sebastian, Martyr
GRIR

21 ST. AGNES, VIRGIN AND MARTYR
R

22 DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN
W or V

23 St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr
St. Marianne Cope, Virgin
GRWW

24 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
G

25 THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE
W

26 STS. TIMOTHY AND TITUS, BISHOPS
W

27 St. Angela Merici, Virgin
GW

28 ST. THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
W

29 G

30 GW

31 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
G

St. Paul Miki & Companions

The Twenty-Six Martyrs of Japan

FEBRUARY 6

St. Francis Xavier was the first missionary to bring the Christian faith to Japan between 1549 and 1551. In only a few years, about 300,000 converted to Christianity. St. Francis Xavier and his Jesuit missionaries were able to bring the faith to so many because of their respect for Japanese customs and beliefs not directly opposed to Christian teachings. However, in 1587, the emperor changed his benevolent attitude toward Christians and published a decree of expulsion of foreign missionaries.










































St. Paul Miki was a Jesuit and native of Japan. Once the persecution of Christians began in Japan, Paul Miki, along with twenty-five companions from all walks of life—Jesuits, Spanish Franciscans who had arrived in Japan from the Philippines, and seventeen laymen—were arrested, severely mistreated and, finally, sentenced to death. Because they were Christians, they were crucified on a hill in Nagasaki. They died on February 5, 1597, singing the psalm: “Praise, you servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord.” (Ps 135:1)

St. Paul Miki and Companions, the martyrs of Japan, were canonized in 1862.



Franciscan Martyrs of Japan
Juan Carreno de Miranda, 17th century

FEBRUARY 2021

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JANUARY S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	1 	2 THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD 	3 St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr St. Ansgar, Bishop   	4  	5 ST. AGATHA, VIRGIN AND MARTYR First Friday of the Month 	6 ST. PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS 
7 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 	8 St. Jerome Emiliani St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin   	9 	10 ST. SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN 	11 Our Lady of Lourdes   	12 	13  
14 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME St. Valentine's Day 	15 Presidents Day ★ 	16 	17 ASH WEDNESDAY  	18 THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY 	19 FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY   	20 SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY 
21 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 	22 THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE 	23 St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr 	24 	25 	26 St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church   	27  

28 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT


Since 1905, Catholic Extension has provided more than \$1.3 billion (in today's dollars) to strengthen the presence and mission of the Catholic Church across the United States.

MARCH

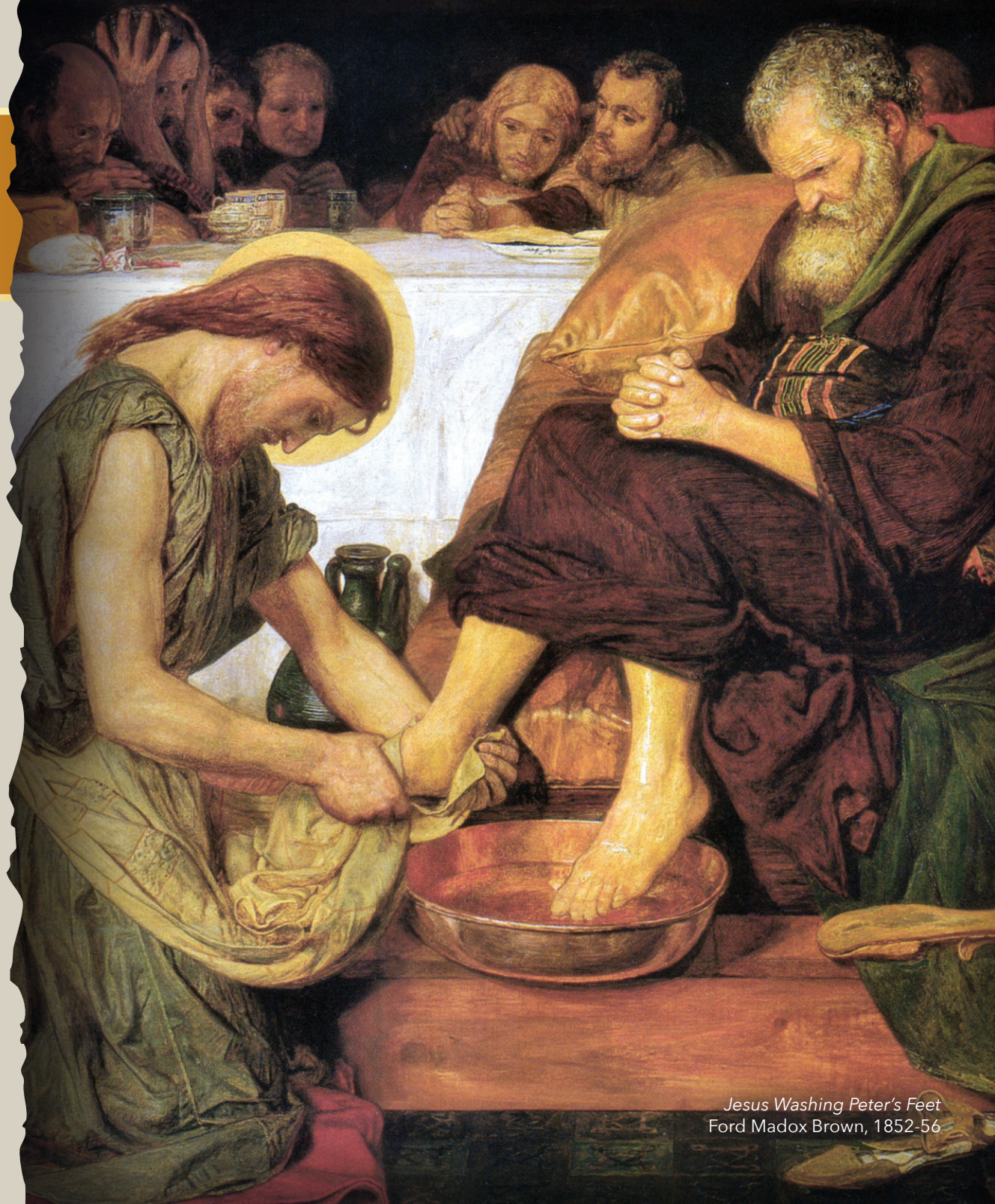
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Lent

Forty Days of Reflection and Preparation for Jesus
FEBRUARY 17 – APRIL 4

Lent is a liturgical season preceding Holy Week and Easter. The Catholic Church designates these forty days as a time of preparation for the greatest of liturgical solemnities, Easter, the celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus, and His victory over evil, sin, and death.

Lenten preparation should consist of fasting, almsgiving, and prayer in repentance of sins and for deeper conversion of the soul. Through these practices, we may arrive at Holy Week spiritually prepared to walk with Jesus through his suffering and death. The Church encourages the faithful to fast not only from food and drink but also from pride, injustice, and insensitivity to the miseries of others. Almsgiving should not merely consist of sharing material wealth but should also constitute an attitude of charity toward others. Finally, only through an openness to God in prayer can we experience true conversion as God makes our hearts more understanding and full of charity, as charity is the cornerstone of all Lenten resolutions.



Jesus Washing Peter's Feet
Ford Madox Brown, 1852-56

MARCH 2021

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3 St. Katharine Drexel,
Virgin
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4 St. Casimir
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5 First Friday of the Month
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6 ^V



7 THIRD SUNDAY
OF LENT
^V

8 St. John of God,
Religious
^V

9 St. Frances of Rome,
Religious
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10 ^V

11 ^V

12 ^V ∞

13 ^V



14 FOURTH SUNDAY
OF LENT
*Daylight Saving
Time Begins*
^V o ^{RS}

15 ^V

16 ^V

17 St. Patrick, Bishop
St. Patrick's Day
^V

18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem,
Bishop and Doctor
of the Church
^V

19 ST. JOSEPH,
SPOUSE OF THE
BLESSED VIRGIN
MARY
^V ∞

20 ^V

21 FIFTH SUNDAY
OF LENT
^V

22 ^V

23 St. Turibius of
Mogrovejo, Bishop
^V

24 ^V

25 THE
ANNUNCIATION
OF THE LORD
^V

26 ^V ∞

27 ^V

28 PALM SUNDAY OF
THE PASSION OF
THE LORD
^R

29 MONDAY OF
HOLY WEEK
^V

30 TUESDAY OF
HOLY WEEK
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31 WEDNESDAY OF
HOLY WEEK
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Catholic Extension has recognized
the hidden heroes of mission
dioceses each year with the
Lumen Christi Award since 1977.

APRIL

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The Resurrection of the Lord

On the Third Day, He Rose Again

APRIL 4

Easter Sunday is the most important holiday for Catholics. We celebrate the **Resurrection of Jesus** and the defeat of sin and death. St. Paul tells us: "If Christ had not risen, our faith would be futile." (1 Cor 15:14)

The resurrection is a source of deep joy because if Jesus is alive and is with us, what can we fear? "So that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life." (Rm 6:4)

Easter Sunday is such an important feast that one day is not enough to celebrate it. That is why the Church has the **Easter Octave** (eight days) to contemplate the Resurrection and an **Easter Time** (fifty days) to remember the time when Jesus stayed with the apostles before ascending to heaven, the Feast of the Ascension.



The Incredulity of Thomas
Maerten de Vos, 1574

APRIL 2021

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In 1910, Catholic Extension became a papal society under the guidance of the pope.

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1 THURSDAY OF HOLY WEEK (HOLY THURSDAY)
W

2 FRIDAY OF PASSION OF THE LORD (GOOD FRIDAY)
First Friday of the Month
R

3 HOLY SATURDAY
W

4 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
W

5 MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER
W

6 TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER
W

7 WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER
W

8 THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER
W

9 FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER
W

10 SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER
W

11 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (OR SUNDAY OF THE DIVINE MERCY)
W

12 W

13 St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr
WR

14 W

15 W

16 W

17 W

18 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
W

19 W

20 W

21 St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
WW

22 W

23 St. George, Martyr
St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr
WR

24 St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr
WR

25 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
W

26 W

27 W

28 St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr
St. Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest
WRW

29 ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA, VIRGIN AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
W

30 St. Pius V, Pope
WW

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Feast of the Ascension of Jesus

He Is Seated At the Right Hand of the Father

MAY 16

The **Feast of the Ascension** commemorates Jesus's bodily ascent into heaven after His resurrection. Having completed his earthly mission, Jesus returned to heaven and His father with His eternal body. In this way, He opens the gates of heaven for all of us. Thus, the Feast of the Ascension is, for all Christians, a symbol of hope, because it reminds us that Christ sits at His father's right hand, interceding on our behalf. As members of Christ's risen body, we await the day when we will be able to enjoy eternal happiness by his side.

Following New Testament accounts, we celebrate Ascension Day on Thursday of the fortieth day of Easter. While some ecclesiastical provinces in the United States have moved the observance to the following Sunday, a few have kept it on Thursday.

"Then he led them out as far as Bethany, raised his hands, and blessed them. As he blessed them, he parted from them and was taken up to heaven." (Luke 24:50-51)



Ascension Day
Gebhard Fugel, 1893-94

MAY 2021

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Catholic Extension funds about 1,500 projects annually throughout the United States and its territories.

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1 St. Joseph the Worker
WW

2 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
W

3 Sts. Philip and James, Apostles
R

4 W

5 W

6 W

7 First Friday of the Month
W

8 W

9 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Mother's Day
W

10 St. Damien de Veuster, Priest
WW

11 W

12 Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs
St. Pancras, Martyr
WR

13 Our Lady of Fatima
WW

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
Ecclesiastical Provinces of Boston, Hartford, New York, Newark, Omaha and Philadelphia
W

14 St. Matthias, Apostle
R

15 St. Isidore
WW

16 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
W

17 W

18 St. John I, Pope and Martyr
WR

19 W

20 St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest
WW

21 St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest and Companions, Martyrs
WR

22 St. Rita of Cascia, Religious
WW

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Ecclesiastical Provinces of Boston, Hartford, New York, Newark, Omaha and Philadelphia
W

23 PENTECOST SUNDAY
R

24 THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH
Memorial Day ★ W

25 EIGHTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church
St. Gregory VII, Pope
St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin
GW

26 ST. PHILIP NERI, PRIEST
W

27 St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop
GW

28 W

29 St. Paul VI, Pope
WW

30 THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
R

31 THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
W

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Joyful Messages from Jesus to St. Margaret Mary

JUNE 11

The **Sacred Heart of Jesus** is a symbol of the core belief of Christianity: that Jesus, the Son of God made man, loves each of us immeasurably and without exception. Pierced by our sins, the Sacred Heart overflows with compassion and love for mankind, even when that love is not reciprocated.

Therefore, the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is one of the most important among Catholics. It became popular following Jesus' apparitions to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, a Catholic nun from France, between 1673 and 1675. During His visits, Jesus promised "to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Fridays in nine consecutive months the grace of final perseverance; they shall not die in my disgrace, nor without receiving their sacraments. My divine heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment."

The Church dedicates the month of June to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Remembering always that we were loved first, Catholics strive to venerate and imitate Jesus' generous heart.



Apparition of the Heart of Jesus to St. Mary Margaret
Carlo Muccioli, 1919

JUNE 2021

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6 THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST W	7 TENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME G	8 G	9 St. Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of the Church GW	10 G	11 THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS W	12 THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY W
13 ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME G	14 Flag Day G	15 G	16 G	17 G	18 G	19 St. Romuald, Abbot GWW
20 TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Father's Day G	21 St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious W	22 St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop Sts. John Fisher and Thomas More, Martyrs GWR	23 G	24 THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST W	25 G	26 GW
27 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME G	28 St. Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr R	29 STS. PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES R	30 The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church GR	<p>In the past five years, Catholic communities and parishes have raised more than \$1.2 million in support of Catholic Extension's mission through the Parish Partnership Program.</p>		

St. Mary Magdalene

The Apostle to the Apostles

JULY 22

St. Mary Magdalene came from the town of Magdala, a fishing town on the western shore of the Sea of Galilee. After Jesus freed her of seven demons, she became His disciple following Him and remaining very close all through the last events of his life. Mary Magdalene was even present at Mount Calvary, witnessing His crucifixion and burial. She was the first person who saw the risen Lord on Easter morning, though she did not recognize Him until He called her by her name.

She was a privileged witness of the resurrection of Jesus, and was the first to announce the risen Christ to the other disciples. For this, she is known as the “apostle to the Apostles.” She is one of the most faithful believers and a committed follower of Jesus, even in the most difficult moments; that is why she is given the name of *apostle*.



Christ's Appearance to Mary Magdalene after the Resurrection
Alexander Andreyevich Ivanov, 1835

JULY 2021

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Since its founding, Catholic Extension has supported the Catholic Church in every state in the United States and currently supports nearly 90 dioceses.

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1 St. Junípero Serra, Priest
G W

2 First Friday of the Month
G

3 ST. THOMAS, APOSTLE
R



8 G

9 St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
G R

10 G W



15 ST. BONAVENTURE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
W

16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel
G W

17 G W



22 ST. MARY MAGDALENE
W

23 St. Bridget, Religious
G W

24 St. Sharbel Makhlûf, Priest
G W W



29 ST. MARTHA
W

30 St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
G W

31 ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, PRIEST
W

4 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Independence Day ★
G

5 St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest
St. Elizabeth of Portugal
G W W

6 St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr
G R

7 G

11 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
G

12 G

13 St. Henry
G W

14 ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA, VIRGIN
W

18 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
G

19 G

20 St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr
G R

21 St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church
G W

25 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
G

26 STS. JOACHIM AND ANNE, PARENTS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
W

27 G

28 G

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy

AUGUST 15

On the **Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin**, we commemorate the moment Mary's body and soul were assumed into heaven at the end of her earthly life. She did not rise by her own power but through her beloved Son, who would not allow His mother's incorruptible body to see the grave. The Church teaches that Mary, having been conceived without original sin, never sinned. Rather, her body remained holy and immaculate, the temple in which the living God was conceived by the Holy Spirit.

The Catholic Church proclaims the Assumption—the physical elevation of her sinless soul and incorrupt body into heaven—as dogma, stating that the Virgin Mary “having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.” Pope Pius XII defined this doctrine on November 1, 1950 in the apostolic constitution *Munificentissimus Deus*. To date, it is the last dogmatic declaration made by a pope.



Coronation of the Virgin
Diego Velázquez, 1641-44

AUGUST 2021

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1 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME G	2 St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest GWW	3 G	4 ST. JOHN VIANNEY, PRIEST W	5 The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major GW	6 THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD First Friday of the Month W	7 St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs St. Cajetan, Priest GRWW
8 NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME G	9 St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr GR	10 ST. LAWRENCE, DEACON AND MARTYR R	11 ST. CLARE, VIRGIN W	12 St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious GW	13 Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs GR	14 ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE, PRIEST AND MARTYR R
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15 THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY W	16 TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME St. Stephen of Hungary GW	17 G	18 G	19 St. John Eudes, Priest GW	20 ST. BERNARD, ABBOT AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH W	21 ST. PIUS X, POPE W
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22 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME G	23 St. Rose of Lima, Virgin GW	24 ST. BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE R	25 St. Louis St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest GWWW	26 G	27 ST. MONICA W	28 ST. AUGUSTINE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH W
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29 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME G	30 G ☾	31 G	Hundreds of priests and women religious are able to work in remote areas of mission dioceses because of salary subsidies from Catholic Extension.			
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St. Vincent de Paul

To Serve the Poor Is to Go to God

SEPTEMBER 27

St. Vincent de Paul was a French Catholic priest who devoted himself to serving the poor. Born into a peasant family in 1581, he studied to become a priest. During his life, he succeeded in making a case for the poor to wealthy citizens who generously donated to help those in dire need.

Famous for his generosity, kindness, and humility, St. Vincent de Paul identified an immense need for material assistance among the people. He founded the Congregation of the Mission, a Roman Catholic society of apostolic life of priests and brothers known as the Vincentians. Along with Saint Louise de Marillac, he co-founded the Congregation of Daughters of Charity, who have dedicated their lives for centuries to helping millions of abandoned children, orphans, sick, injured, refugees, inmates. A wealth of organizations devoted to the service of the poor, known as the Vincentian Family, spread throughout the world. Among them, the widely known Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is present in many Catholic parishes.

St. Vincent de Paul was canonized in 1737 and is the patron saint of works of charity.



Saint Vincent de Paul Preaching to the Court of Louis XIII on Behalf of the Abandoned Children
Paul Delaroche, 1823

SEPTEMBER 2021

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SATURDAY

Catholic Extension serves about 125,000 university students each year through campus ministry programs.

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3 ST. GREGORY THE GREAT, POPE AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
First Friday of the Month
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4 ^G^W

5 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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6 Labor Day ★
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7 ^G

8 THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
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9 ST. PETER CLAVER, PRIEST
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10 ^G

11 ^G^W

12 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
^G

13 ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
^G

14 THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
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15 OUR LADY OF SORROWS
^W

16 STS. CORNELIUS, POPE, AND CYPRIAN, BISHOP, MARTYRS
^R

17 St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
^G^W

18 ^G^W

19 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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20 STS. ANDREW KIM TAE-GÖN, PRIEST, AND PAUL CHÖNG HA-SANG, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS
^R

21 ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST
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22 ^G

23 ST. PIUS OF PIETRELICINA, PRIEST
^W

24 ^G

25 ^G^W

26 TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
^G

27 ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, PRIEST
^W

28 St. Wenceslaus, Martyr
St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs
^G^R^R

29 Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
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30 ST. JEROME, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
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St. Teresa of Jesus

Be Gentle to All and Stern with Yourself

OCTOBER 15

St. Therese of Jesus was a Religious, spiritual teacher, and co-founder of the Order of the Discalced Carmelites. The Discalced Carmelites, established in 1562, were a reform to the already existent Order of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. St. Therese introduced a new rule focused on returning to the way of life practiced by the first hermits of Mount Carmel, followers of the prophet Elijah. This way of life focused on God, humility, and poverty.

Born into a noble family of Jewish converts in Spain in 1515, she showed a disposition for writing and spirituality from an early age. Her autobiographical work has inspired many generations of Catholics to deepen their own spirituality. Because of her many writings, she was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1970. The Catholic Church bestows the title of “Doctor” on saints who have made an important contribution to the knowledge of God through their writing on theology and spirituality, or through their defense of the faith.

Saint Therese of Jesus was canonized in 1622.



Teresa of Avila
Peter Paul Rubens, 1615

OCTOBER 2021

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Catholic Extension has extended more than 12,000 grants to build or repair churches and church facilities throughout America.

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1 ST. THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS, VIRGIN AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
First Friday of the Month
W

2 THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS
W

3 TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
G

4 ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
W

5 Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest
GW

6 St. Bruno, Priest
Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin
GW

7 OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY
W

8 G

9 St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs
St. John Leonardi, Priest
GR

10 TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
G

11 St. John XXIII, Pope
Columbus Day ★
GW

12 G

13 G

14 St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr
GR

15 ST. TERESA OF JESUS, VIRGIN AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
W

16 St. Hedwig, Religious
St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin
GW

17 TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
G

18 ST. LUKE, EVANGELIST
R

19 STS. JOHN DE BRÉBEUF AND ISAAC JOGUES, PRIESTS, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS
R

20 St. Paul of the Cross, Priest
GW

21 G

22 St. John Paul II, Pope
GW

23 St. John of Capistrano, Priest
GW

24 THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
G

25 G

26 G

27 G

28 STS. SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES
R

29 G

30 GW

31 THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
G

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Reign Supremely In My Heart and In My Life

DECEMBER 21

The liturgical year concludes with the **Feast of Christ the King**. Its purpose is to celebrate Christ as king of the entire universe, a truth that the Church has always professed. The kingdom of Christ has already begun, for it became present on earth from Jesus coming into the world almost two thousand years ago during his earthly life, when men marveled, saying: “What kind of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?” (Mt. 8:27)

Jesus himself declared to be King before Pilate, when he confessed: “You say so, I am king. But my kingdom is not of this world.” (Jn. 18:36)

Indeed the kingdom of Jesus, God’s kingdom, has nothing to do with the kingdoms of this world, even if it manifests itself in this world. He does not intend to impose his authority by force as he did not come to dominate over persons or territories, but instead, he intends to free men from the slavery of sin and to reconcile them with God.



Salvator Mundi
Andrea Previtali, 1519

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1 ALL SAINTS' DAY
W

2 THE COMMEMORATION
OF ALL THE
FAITHFUL DEPARTED
(ALL SOULS' DAY)
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3 St. Martin de Porres,
Religious
GW

4 ST. CHARLES
BORROMEO, BISHOP
W

5 First Friday of the Month
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The Nativity of Our Lord

For A Child Is Born to Us

DECEMBER 25

The Nativity commemorates the birth of the Savior, the absolutely decisive event in the history of salvation. Jesus, the Son of God, was born in Bethlehem of Judea to Mary, who was betrothed to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David.

Jesus' Nativity came as the completion of the Old Testament, the fulfillment of the prophets' messages, and the union of humanity with the divinity. We rejoice and celebrate the fact that God's only Son was born to a virgin on our small planet in this vast universe to reconcile humanity with its Creator.

"He is the image of the invisible God." (Col 1:15)

Our Savior, dearly-beloved, was born today; let us be glad.

"For a child is born to us, a son is given to us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder Counselor, God Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace." (Is 9:5)



The Nativity with Shepherds
Francesco Vecellio, 1519-1526

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3 ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, PRIEST
First Friday of the Month
^W

4 St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church
^V^W

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5 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
^V

6 St. Nicholas, Bishop
^V^W

7 ST. AMBROSE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
^W

8 THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
^W

9 St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin
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10 ^V

11 St. Damasus I, Pope
^V^W

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12 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
^V or ^{Ro}

13 ST. LUCY, VIRGIN AND MARTYR
^R

14 ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
^W

15 ^V

16 ^V

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18 ^V

19 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
^V

20 ^V

21 St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church
^V

22 ^V

23 St. John of Kanty, Priest
^V

24 ^V

25 THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)
^W

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26 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
^W

27 ST. JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST
^W

28 THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS
^R

29 FIFTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
St. Thomas Becket Bishop and Martyr
^W

30 SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
^W

31 SEVENTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
St. Sylvester I, Pope
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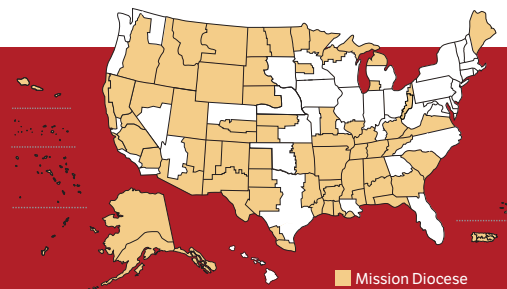
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Colors of the Liturgical Year are displayed in the date number:

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| 1 Advent & Lent | 4 The Triduum |
| 2 Easter & Christmas Seasons | 5 Holy Days of Obligation |
| 3 Ordinary Time | 6 Penitential Day |

Holy Days of Obligation are red and uppercase:

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Solemnities, feasts and obligatory memorials are uppercase:

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

Optional memorials are capitalized:

St. Hilary

National holidays appear in italic:

Mother's Day

Federal holidays appear in italic with a star:

Thanksgiving Day ★

Vestment colors are noted last, with abbreviations:

B = BLACK **R** = RED **V** = VIOLET
G = GREEN **P** = ROSE **W** = WHITE

Lunar phases are observed in Universal Time as dated by the U.S. Naval Observatory Astronomical Applications Department.

ABSTINENCE

Abstinence is a penitential practice consisting of refraining from the consumption of meat and is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14 years of age and older. Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and the Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence. Pastors and parents are encouraged to see that children who are not bound by the obligation to fast and abstain are led to appreciate an authentic sense of penance.

FAST & ABSTINENCE

In addition to abstinence, fasting is to be observed by all Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 years (inclusive). On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, one full meal is allowed. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed. Note: Those who are unable to observe the above regulations due to ill health or other serious reasons are urged to practice other forms of self-denial that are suitable to their condition.