

2023 APPOINTMENT CALENDAR

# FEASTS AND SAINTS



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**THE OFFICIAL CATHOLIC  
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# BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 9

After Jesus was baptized, “a voice came from the heavens, saying, ‘This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased’” (Mt 3:17). The Father reveals the presence of His Son in the world. His voice reminds us of the first act of creation and thus reveals that something new is beginning! Jesus’ baptism marks a new kind of relationship between God and man, a covenant based in relationship grown out of love:

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life” (Jn 3:16).



# JANUARY 2023

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

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

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

**3** The Most Holy Name of Jesus  
Christmas Weekday  
WW

**4** ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON, RELIGIOUS  
Christmas Weekday  
W

**5** ST. JOHN NEUMANN, BISHOP  
Christmas Weekday  
W

**6** St. André Bessette, Religious  
Christmas Weekday  
First Friday of the Month  
WW  
  
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**7** St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest  
Christmas Weekday  
WW

**8** THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD  
W

**9** THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD  
W

**10** FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME  
G

**11** G

**12** G

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

**14** GW

**15** SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
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**16** *Martin Luther King Jr. Day* ★  
G

**17** ST. ANTHONY, ABBOT  
W

**18** G

**19** G

**20** St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr  
St. Sebastian, Martyr  
GR

**21** ST. AGNES, VIRGIN AND MARTYR  
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**22** THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
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**23** DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN  
St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr  
St. Marianne Cope, Virgin  
W or V

**24** ST. FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH  
W

**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  
  
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**29** FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
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**30** G

**31** ST. JOHN BOSCO, PRIEST  
W

Father Francis Clement Kelley  
founded Catholic Extension  
in 1905 to “awaken the missionary  
spirit in America.”

DECEMBER 2022

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FEBRUARY

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# PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

February 2

There was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon who was righteous and devout. ... It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not die before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. ... When he met the child with Mary and Joseph, he took the child into his arms and blessed God, saying:

“Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel” (Lk 2:25-32).



# FEBRUARY 2023

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

Since 1905, Catholic Extension has provided more than \$1.3 billion (in today's dollars) to build up vibrant and transformative Catholic faith communities in America's poorest regions.

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2 THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD 




3 St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr  
St. Ansgar, Bishop  
First Friday of the Month   

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5 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 





6 ST. PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS 

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8 St. Jerome Emiliani  
St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin   

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10 ST. SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN 

11 Our Lady of Lourdes    

12 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 

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14 STS. CYRIL, MONK, AND METHIDIUS, BISHOPS  
*St. Valentine's Day* 

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17 The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order  

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19 SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 

20 *Presidents' Day* ★ 

21 St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  

22 ASH WEDNESDAY  

23 THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY  
St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr 

24 FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY  

25 SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY 

26 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 

27 St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church 

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JANUARY

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# THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

March 25

The annunciation of the Lord reveals  
God's participation in our humanity.  
What a joyful reality!

“The Lord himself will give you a sign.  
Behold a virgin shall conceive and  
bear a son, and shall call his name  
Emmanuel” (Is 7:14), which means  
“God is with us” (Mt 1:23).



*The Annunciation*  
Paolo de Matteis, 1712  
Saint Louis Art Museum, Missouri

# MARCH 2023

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Last year, Catholic Extension generated more than \$28 million in support for the poorest Catholic communities.

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2 <sup>V</sup>

3 St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin  
First Friday of the Month  
<sup>V</sup> ∞

4 <sup>V</sup> St. Casimir

5 <sup>V</sup> SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

6 <sup>V</sup>

7 <sup>V</sup> Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

8 <sup>V</sup> St. John of God, Religious

9 <sup>V</sup> St. Frances of Rome, Religious

10 <sup>V</sup> ∞

11 <sup>V</sup>

12 <sup>V</sup> THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT  
*Daylight Saving Time Begins*

13 <sup>V</sup>

14 <sup>V</sup>

15 <sup>V</sup>

16 <sup>V</sup>

17 <sup>V</sup> ∞ St. Patrick, Bishop  
*St. Patrick's Day*

18 <sup>V</sup> St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

19 <sup>V or R<sup>o</sup></sup> FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

20 <sup>V</sup> ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

21 <sup>V</sup>

22 <sup>V</sup>

23 <sup>V</sup> St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

24 <sup>V</sup> ∞

25 <sup>V</sup> THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

26 <sup>V</sup> FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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# THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

*April 9*

This is the night,  
when Christ broke the prison-bars of death  
and rose victorious from the underworld.

Our birth would have been no gain,  
had we not been redeemed.

O wonder of your humble care for us!

O love, O charity beyond all telling,  
to ransom a slave you gave away your Son!

...

O happy fault that earned so great,  
so glorious a Redeemer!

O truly blessed night,  
when Christ rose from the underworld!

*The Exsultet: The Proclamation of Easter*



*The Resurrection of Christ*  
Nicolas Bertin, 17th century  
Oberschlesisches Landesmuseum, Ratingen, Germany



# APRIL 2023

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THURSDAY

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In 1910 St. Pius X made Catholic Extension a papal society to serve in the United States.

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**2** PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD <sup>R</sup>

**3** MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK <sup>W</sup>

**4** TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK <sup>W</sup>

**5** WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK <sup>W</sup>

**6** THURSDAY OF HOLY WEEK (HOLY THURSDAY) <sup>W</sup>

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**7** FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (GOOD FRIDAY) <sup>R</sup> ☞

First Friday of the Month

**8** HOLY SATURDAY <sup>W</sup>

**9** EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD <sup>W</sup>

**10** MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER <sup>W</sup>

**11** TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER <sup>W</sup>

**12** WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER <sup>W</sup>

**13** THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER <sup>W</sup>

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**14** FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER <sup>W</sup>

**15** SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER <sup>W</sup>

**16** SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY) <sup>W</sup>

**17** <sup>W</sup>

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**21** St. Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church <sup>W</sup><sup>W</sup>

**22** <sup>W</sup>

**23** THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER <sup>W</sup>

**24** St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr <sup>W</sup><sup>R</sup>

**25** ST. MARK, EVANGELIST <sup>R</sup>

**26** <sup>W</sup>

**27** <sup>W</sup>

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**28** St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr  
St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest <sup>W</sup><sup>R</sup><sup>W</sup>

**29** ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA, VIRGIN AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH <sup>W</sup>

**30** FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER <sup>W</sup>

# PENTECOST

May 28

Come, Holy Spirit, come!  
And from your celestial home  
Shed a ray of light divine!  
Come, Father of the poor!

...

You, the soul's most welcome guest;  
Sweet refreshment here below;  
In our labor, rest most sweet;  
Grateful coolness in the heat;  
Solace in the midst of woe.  
O most blessed Light divine,  
Shine within these hearts of yours.

...

In your sevenfold gift descend;  
Give them virtue's sure reward;  
Give them your salvation, Lord;  
Give them joys that never end.

Amen. Alleluia.

*Veni, Sancte Spiritus,  
sequence for the Mass for Pentecost*



# MAY 2023

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1 St. Joseph the Worker  
W W

2 ST. ATHANASIUS, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH  
W

3 STS. PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES  
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4 W

5 First Friday of the Month  
W

6 W

7 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
W

8 W

9 W

10 St. John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church  
St. Damien de Veuster, Priest  
W W W

11 W

12 Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs  
St. Pancras, Martyr  
W R R

13 Our Lady of Fatima  
W W

14 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
Mother's Day  
W

15 St. Isidore  
W W

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17 W

18 St. John I, Pope and Martyr  
W R

19 W

20 St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest  
W W

21 THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD  
W

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

22 St. Rita of Cascia, Religious  
W W

23 W

24 W

25 St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church  
St. Gregory VII, Pope  
St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin  
W W W W W

26 ST. PHILIP NERI, PRIEST  
W

27 St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop  
W W

28 PENTECOST SUNDAY  
R

29 THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH  
EIGHTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME  
Memorial Day ★  
W

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31 THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
W

Catholic Extension funds about 1,500 projects each year in the United States and its territories.

JUNE						
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# THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

*June 16*

I invite each one of you to look with confidence to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and to repeat often, especially during this month of June: Jesus, meek and humble of heart, transform our hearts and teach us to love God and our neighbor with generosity.

*Pope Francis, Twitter. June 2021*



*Vision of Margaret Mary Alacoque, Nun of the Visitation*  
Armand Cambon, 1863  
Montauban Cathedral, Tarn et Garonne, France (Didier Descouens)

# JUNE 2023

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One in five Catholics live in areas supported by Catholic Extension.

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1 ST. JUSTIN, MARTYR  
**R**

2 Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs  
First Friday of the Month  
**G R**

3 ST. CHARLES LWANGA AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS  
**R**

4 THE MOST HOLY TRINITY  
**W**

5 ST. BONIFACE, BISHOP AND MARTYR  
NINTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME  
**R**

6 St. Norbert, Bishop  
**G W**

7 **G**

8 **G**

9 St. Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of the Church  
**G W**

10 **G W**

11 THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)  
**W**

12 TENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME  
**G**

13 ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH  
**W**

14 *Flag Day*  
**G**

15 **G**

16 THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS  
**W**

17 THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
**W**

18 ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
*Father's Day*  
**G**

19 St. Romuald, Abbot  
*Juneteenth* ★  
**G W**

20 **G**

21 ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA, RELIGIOUS  
**W**

22 St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop  
Sts. John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs  
**G W R**

23 **G**

24 THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST  
**W**

25 TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
**G**

26 **G**

27 St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
**G W**

28 ST. IRENAEUS, BISHOP AND MARTYR  
**R**

29 STS. PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES  
**R**

30 The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church  
**G R**

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# ST. MARY MAGDALENE

July 22

All four Gospels identify Mary Magdalene as one of the women who followed Jesus up Mount Calvary and stood at the foot of the cross. She was also one of those who, early Sunday morning, went to the tomb expecting to anoint His body.

Instead, she found an empty tomb, protected by an angel who revealed Jesus had risen from death. As she wept, she saw Jesus, who called her by name: “Mary.” And she recognized Him, saying, “Rabboni!” which means “teacher” (Jn 20:16).

For centuries, her words to the disciples have been a source of reassurance to those who follow Jesus, the Christ: “I have seen the Lord” (Jn 20:18).



*Mary Magdalene Under the Cross*  
Matthijs Wulfraet, c. 1690  
National Museum in Warsaw, Poland

# JULY 2023

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In its history, Catholic Extension has supported projects in every state.  
Last year, Catholic Extension supported projects in 34 states.

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1 St. Junípero Serra, Priest  
G W W

2 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
G

3 ST. THOMAS, APOSTLE  
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4 Independence Day ★  
G W

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

6 St. Maria Goretti,  
Virgin and Martyr  
G R

7 First Friday of the Month  
G

8 G W

9 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
G

10 G

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11 ST. BENEDICT,  
ABBOT  
W

12 G

13 St. Henry  
G W

14 ST. KATERI  
TEKAKWITHA,  
VIRGIN  
W

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

16 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
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17 G

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18 St. Camillus de Lellis,  
Priest  
G W

19 G

20 St. Apollinaris, Bishop  
and Martyr  
G R

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

22 ST. MARY  
MAGDALENE  
W

23 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
G

24 St. Sharbel Makhlūf,  
Priest  
G W

25 ST. JAMES, APOSTLE  
R

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

27 G

28 G

29 STS. MARTHA,  
MARY, AND  
LAZARUS  
W

30 SEVENTEENTH  
SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
G

31 St. Ignatius of Loyola,  
Priest  
W

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# THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

August 6

Before Jesus entered Jerusalem for the Passover, He ascended Mount Tabor with Peter, James and John, his disciples. There, Jesus' appearance changed: "His face shone like the sun and His garments became white as light" (Mt 17:2). Moses and Elijah appeared, conversing with Jesus.

While the disciples watched, a bright cloud overshadowed them and from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him" (Mt 17:5).





# AUGUST 2023

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

Each year Catholic Extension subsidizes the amazing work of hundreds of priests and women religious serving the poor living on the margins.

**6** THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD  
W

**7** EIGHTEENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME  
St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs  
St. Cajetan, Priest  
GRW

**8** ST. DOMINIC, PRIEST  
W

**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** NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
G

**14** ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE, PRIEST AND MARTYR  
R

**15** THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
W

**16** St. Stephen of Hungary  
GW

**17** G

**18** G

**19** St. John Eudes, Priest  
GW

**20** TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
G

**21** ST. PIUS X, POPE  
W

**22** THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
W

**23** St. Rose of Lima, Virgin  
GW

**24** ST. BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE  
R

**25** St. Louis St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest  
GW

**26** GW

**27** TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
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**28** St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
W

**29** THE PASSION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST  
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**30** G

**31** G

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# THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

September 8

Let us celebrate with Joy the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, for from her arose the sun of justice, Christ our God.

*Entrance Antiphon, Nativity of the Virgin Mary Mass*

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn, then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Amen.

*Salve Regina (Hail Holy Queen) Prayer*

Detail from *The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
Philippe de Champaigne, 1638  
Musée des Beaux-arts d'Arras, France



# SEPTEMBER 2023

SUNDAY

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Catholic Extension supports vibrant campus ministry programs serving about 125,000 university students each year.

**AUGUST**

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8 THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 

9 ST. PETER CLAVER, PRIEST 

10 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 

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12 The Most Holy Name of Mary  

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

14 THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS 


15 OUR LADY OF SORROWS 

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

17 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 

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19 St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr  

20 STS. ANDREW KIM TAE-GÖN, PRIEST, AND PAUL CHÖNG HA-SANG, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS 

21 ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST 

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24 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 


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26 Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs  

27 ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, PRIEST 

28 St. Wenceslaus, Martyr  
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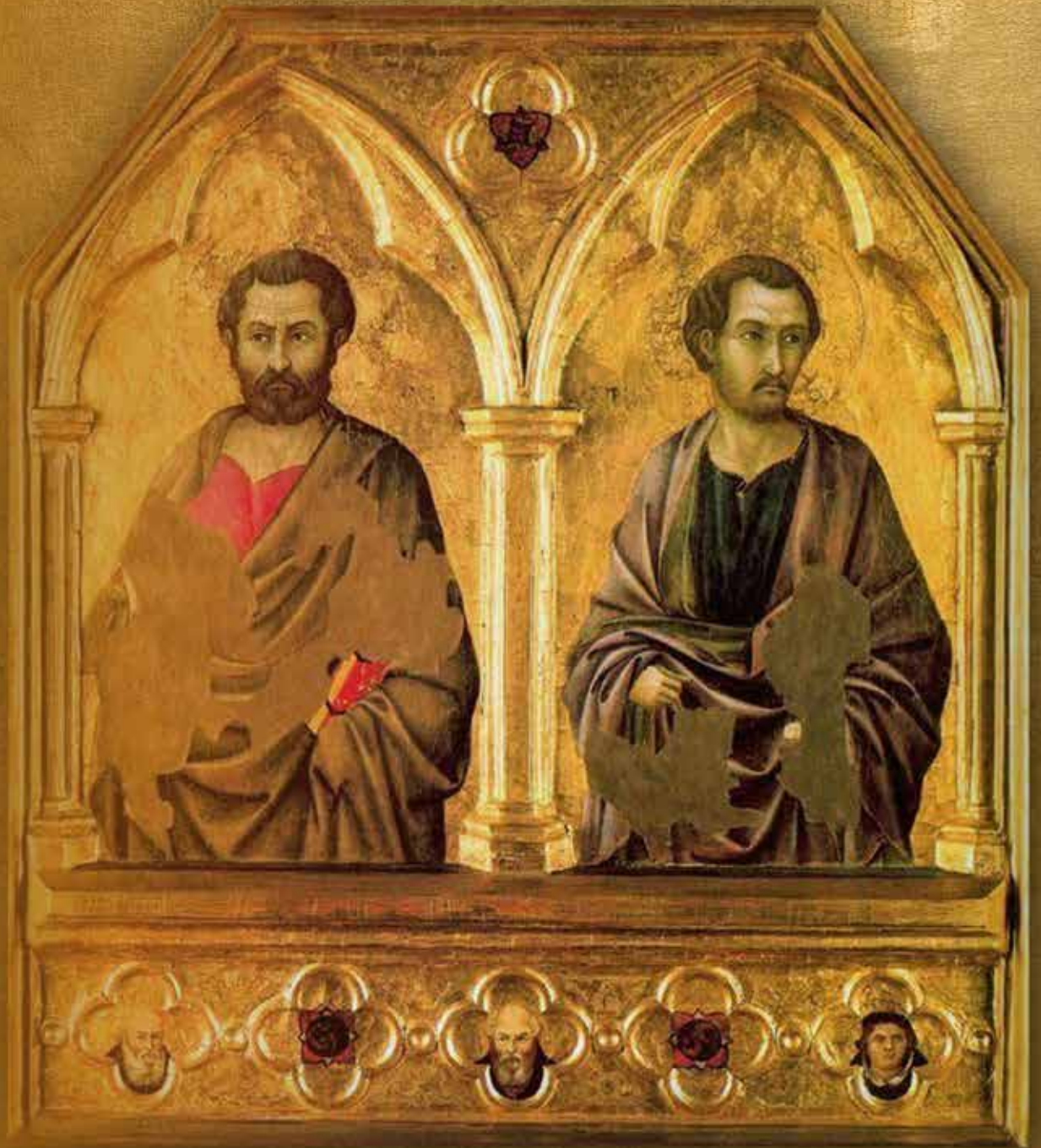
# ST. SIMON AND ST. JUDE

October 28

St. Jude and St. Simon were first-century martyrs, identified in the Gospel as two of the Twelve Apostles. They share a feast day because, according to an ancient tradition, the two of them always traveled together, preaching the word of God.

St. Jude, also known as St. Jude Thaddeus, is invoked in desperate situations.















































In the entrance antiphon of their feast day Mass we hear: "These are holy men whom the Lord chose in his own perfect love; to them he gave eternal glory." As His chosen followers, we know they must have been the kind of people Jesus needed to build His Church.



*Saints Simon and Thaddeus (Jude), Santa Croce Altarpiece*  
Ugolino di Nerio, 14th century  
National Gallery, London, England

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# THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

*November 21*

According to tradition, Mary's parents, St. Joachim and St. Anne, were barren into their old age. But then they received a divine message promising they would bear a child. In thanksgiving for the gift of their daughter, they brought her to the Temple in Jerusalem to consecrate her to God. Mary remained in the Temple until adolescence, when Joseph was appointed as her spouse and guardian.



*The Presentation of the Virgin in the Temple*  
Philippe de Champaigne, 1638  
Musée des Beaux-arts d'Arras, France  
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# NOVEMBER 2023

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

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THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

Catholic Extension helps subsidize the costs for over 500 seminarians each year in poor dioceses.

**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  
First Friday of the Month  
G W

**4** ST. CHARLES BORROMEO, BISHOP  
W

**5** THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
Daylight Saving Time Ends  
G

**6** G

**7** G

**8** G

**9** THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA  
W

**10** ST. LEO THE GREAT, POPE AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH  
W

**11** ST. MARTIN OF TOURS, BISHOP  
Veterans Day ★  
W

**12** THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
G

**13** ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI, VIRGIN  
W

**14** G

**15** St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
G W

**16** St. Margaret of Scotland  
St. Gertrude, Virgin  
G W W

**17** ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY, RELIGIOUS  
W

**18** The Dedication of the Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles  
St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin  
G W W W

**19** THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
G

**20** G

**21** THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
W

**22** ST. CECILIA, VIRGIN AND MARTYR  
R

**23** St. Clement I, Pope  
St. Columban, Abbot  
Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro, Priest and Martyr  
Thanksgiving Day ★  
G R W R W

**24** ST. ANDREW DÚNG-LAC, PRIEST, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS  
R

**25** St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr  
G R W

**26** OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE  
W

**27** THIRTY-FOURTH OR LAST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME  
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**30** ST. ANDREW, APOSTLE  
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# THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

*December 25*

May the joy of Christmas, which sings of the birth of the Savior, instill in all trust in the power of truth and of patient perseverance in doing good.

For each of us the divine message of Bethlehem resounds:

“Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy, to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord” (Lk 2:10-11).

*St. Pope John Paul II, Urbi et Orbi Message, Christmas 1998*

*The Nativity*  
Lorenzo Lotto, 1523  
National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.





# DECEMBER 2023

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY


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1 First Friday of the Month 


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3 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 



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

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6 St. Nicholas, Bishop  

7 ST. AMBROSE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH 

8 THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 


9 St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin  

10 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 

11 St. Damasus I, Pope  

12 OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE 

13 ST. LUCY, VIRGIN AND MARTYR 

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

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17 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  or 

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

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23 St. John of Kanty, Priest 


24 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 


25 THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS) 


26 ST. STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR 

27 ST. JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST 

28 THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS 

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

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

31 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH  
St. Sylvester I, Pope 



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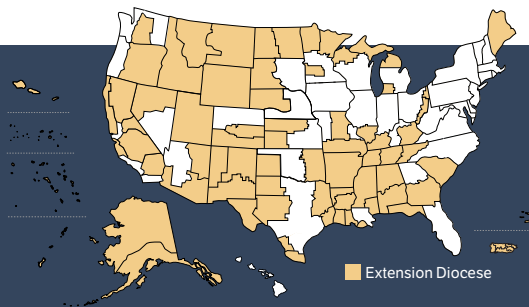
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## CALENDAR KEY

**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   **Rg** = ROSE   **W** = WHITE

Lunar phases are observed in Coordinated Universal Time (UTC).

## 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.