

Blessed Benedict Daswa (1946-1990)

South Africa, Feast Day: TBD

A South African convert and martyr, Benedict was born into the Lemba tribe and converted to the Faith in 1963. He served as a teacher and catechist, helped build the first church in the area and was later named principal of the local Catholic school. He was murdered by a mob of villagers when he refused to take part in witchcraft rituals. Daswa was beatified Sept. 13, 2015, at Thohoyandou Stadium, Limpopo, South Africa.

Pray for those who convert to the Catholic Faith

Saint Óscar Romero (1917-1980)

Latin America, Feast Day: March 24th

Archbishop of San Salvador from 1977 until his murder, Romero was a prominent voice for human rights during the bloody period of political strife in El Salvador. He was shot dead while celebrating Mass at the small chapel of the cancer hospital where he lived. Pope Francis declared him a martyr in 2015.

Pray for modern day martyrs

Blessed Pope Paul VI (r. 1963-1978)

Italy, Feast Day: September 26 (His birthday)

Paul brought the Second Vatican Council to a conclusion and then devoted his remaining years to guiding the Church in the difficult years that followed. His writings, especially *Humanae Vitae* that defended the Church's teachings on contraception, and *Populorum Progressio* on Catholic Social Teaching, proved powerfully prophetic in anticipating problems of a contraceptive culture, globalization and ideological colonization.

Pray for the spread of the Culture of Life

Blessed Teresa Demjanovich (1901–1927)

USA, Feast Day: To Be Determined

An American Ruthenian woman religious born in Bayonne, New Jersey. She entered the Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth in February 1925 but died from an infection from appendicitis. She was allowed to profess her permanent vows just before her death on May 8, 1927, and was beatified on Oct. 4, 2014, at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark, New Jersey.

Pray for the dying

Blessed Alvaro del Portillo (1914-1994)

Spanish, Feast Day: May 12th

A Spanish bishop and successor to St. Josemaría Escrivá as the prelate of Opus Dei from 1982-1994.

Pray for Priests and Bishops

María de la Purísima Salvat Romero (1926–1998)

Spain, Feast Day: October 31st

A Spanish member of the Sisters of the Company of the Cross, she grew up in Spain but fled to Portugal in 1936 because of the violence of the Spanish Civil War. She entered the convent in 1944, made her final vows in 1952 and became Superior General in 1977..

Pray for peace in the hearts of people everywhere

Vincenzo Grossi (1845–1917)

Italy, Feast Day: November 7th

An Italian priest and the founder of the Daughters of the Oratory, he was ordained a priest in 1869 was known for his love of the poor. He founded the Daughters in 1885 to care for youth. He was beatified by Pope Paul VI in 1975.

Pray for the youth of the world

Azélie-Marie “Zélie” (1831-1877) and Louis Martin (1823-1894)

France, Feast Day: July 12th

The Martins are a French married couple and the parents of St. Thérèse of Lisieux. Dedicated laypeople, the Martins were married in 1858 and had nine children; five survived infancy (all girls) and all entered the religious life. The canonization of the Martins on Oct. 18 during the synod on the family marked the first time in Church history that a couple was canonized together.

Pray for healthy marriages and holy families

Saint Junípero Serra (1713-1784)

Spain, Feast Day: July 1st

One of the greatest Spanish Franciscan friars and missionaries, Father Serra was responsible founding the first nine of the 21 Spanish missions in California that stretched from San Diego to San Francisco, the el Camino Real. Serra gave his life to the missions and caring for the native peoples of the region. He also is honored as a founding father of California.

Pray for Missionaries in the Americas

Mariam of Jesus Crucified (1846-1878)

Palestine, Feast Day: August 26th

A Palestinian Discalced Carmelite nun of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church, Mariam Baouardy was born in Galilee. She was drawn to the religious life and miraculously survived having her throat cut in 1858 by a Muslim servant in her family's house in Alexandria, after she refused to convert. The family took her to Marseilles, France, and there she entered the Carmelites at Pau, France. In 1870, she was sent as part of a small group to establish the first Carmelite Monastery in India, in Mangalore. Owing to her mystical experiences, she returned to France, but in 1875, she founded a Carmel order in the Holy Land with a small group of nuns. There she worked tirelessly to establish the new community until her death at the age of 32.

Pray for persecuted Christians in the Holy Land

Maria Alfonsina Danil Ghattas (1843-1927)

Palestine, Feast Day: March 25th

A Palestinian Christian nun, Maria was founder of the Dominican Sisters of the Most Holy Rosary of Jerusalem (the Rosary Sisters), the first Palestinian congregation. Born Soultaneh Maria Ghattas to a Palestinian family in Jerusalem, at the age of 14 she joined the Congregation of St. Joseph of the Apparition on Golgotha in Jerusalem and became a beloved figure as a catechist and as a great promoter of the Rosary. While serving in Bethlehem, she received several apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary that impelled her to start the Sisters of the Rosary, and she died on the Feast of the Annunciation.

Pray for the spread of devotion to the Rosary

Maria Cristina dell'Immacolata (1856-1906)

Italy, Feast Day: January 20th

An Italian nun and the founder of the Oblation Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament, she grew up in Naples and, overcoming her father's opposition, entered the Poor Clare monastery at Fiorentine. Owing to illnesses, she was forced to leave the convent but eventually became a member of the Sacramentine Nuns in 1876. Two years later, she founded the Oblation Sisters and received papal approval in 1903. She was famous for her love of the Eucharist.

Pray that the Blessed Sacrament is revered and loved

Saint Jeanne-Émilie de Villeneuve (1811-1854)

France, Feast Day: October 3rd

A French nun and the founder of the Sisters of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception of Castres. She was born in Toulouse, France, and long had a desire to enter the religious life. Ultimately she founded, with two companions, the Congregation whose members became known as the “Blue sisters of Castres” because of the color of their habits, to care for the poor, especially the sick and forgotten, including prostitutes.

Pray for the poor, the sick and forgotten, including prostitutes

Saint Joseph Vaz

India, Feast Day: January 16th

Joseph Vaz was born in Goa, India in 1651. As a priest, he volunteered to work in Sri Lanka amid persecution of Catholics by Dutch colonial rulers, who were Calvinists. Disguised as a laborer, he ministered to Catholics instructing them in the faith, regularizing their marriages, baptizing their children, and celebrating Holy Mass in their homes and villages.”

Pray for persecuted Christians

Saint Amato Ronconi

Italy, Feast Day: May 15th

Hermit, pilgrim and nurse, Saint Amato lived in the 13th century and was of the Third Order of St. Francis. He often left his hermitage to make pilgrimages to Santiago de Compostela in Spain, or to care for the poor and sick. He founded the Hospital of St. Mary of Mount Orciale, near Rimini where he spent the last years of his life as a nurse. “O Death, how bitter is the remembrance of Thee to the man who has peace in his possessions!”

Pray for those who fear death

Saint Eufrosia of the Sacred Heart

India, Memorial: August 29th

Also known as Rosa Eluvathingal or Mother Euphrasia. She was born in 1877 in Kerala, India and became a religious of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Mother of Carmel. The local people called her “Praying Mother”, and her Sisters in community referred to her as the “Mobile Tabernacle”, because the divine presence she kept within her radiated to all she encountered.

Pray to the Crucified Lord for humility and acceptance of suffering, misunderstandings, and rejection for the love of Christ.

Saint Nicola da Longobardi (Giovanni Battista Saggio)

Italy, Feast Day: To be determined

Born in 1650 in Longobardi, Italy, on the Tyrrhenian coast, Nicola Professed oblate of the Order of Minims. He pleaded with the Lord for liberation of Vienna from the Turks.

Pray for Christian martyrs in the Middle East

Saint Ludovico da Casoria

Italy, Feast Day: To be determined

Franciscan Religious Priest, and Founder of the Congregations of the Brothers of Charity and the Sisters of St. Elizabeth. Also founder of the first school in Umbria, Italy for the care of deaf-mutes. “The Lord called me to himself with a most tender love, and with an infinite charity he led and directed me along the path of my life.”

Pray for those who are on the peripheries of society because of a handicap

Saint Kuriakose Elias Chavara of the Holy Family

India, Feast Day: To be determined

Priest of the Syro-Malabar Church, and founder of Congregation of Carmelites Mary Immaculate, St. Chavara was known for his strenuous fight, strong stance, and effective leadership in saving the church of Kerala, India from schism. He was also a pioneer of education and tried to end the caste system. “The humble man is the greatest among men.”

Pray for Catholic educators

Saint Giovanni Antonio Farina

Italy, Feast Day: To be determined

Born in 1803, Saint Giovanni was a Bishop of Vicenza, Italy. He Founded the Teaching Sisters of St. Dorothy Daughters of the Sacred Heart, and he was known for his compassionate treatment of the poor and his enlightened views of education. “God, God, always God: they who cannot defend themselves, who have not the strength to do it, must always bring forward this God, as if they have spoken to Him”.

Pray for the poor, the vulnerable, the lonely.

Saint François de Laval

France, Feast Day May 6th

Born in 1623, St. Francois studied in a Jesuit school, then joined a group of youths who formed what would become the Seminary of Foreign Missions. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1647 and eventually appointed Bishop of Quebec, a town of only 500 people at the time. He died in Quebec in 1708.

Pray for your Bishop

Saint Marie of the Incarnation Guyart

France, Feast Day April 30th

Daughter of a baker, Marie Guyart was born on October 28th 1599 at Tours, France. As a child she memorized and recited homilies, desiring to become a nun at a very young age. Against her will she entered an arranged marriage at 17, gave birth to one son, and was widowed within two years of marriage. She joined the Ursulines at Tours, France at the age of 30. In 1639 Marie sailed from France to Quebec, Canada. There she worked as a missionary to the natives and other residents in the area for 33 years. She is known as Mother of the Canadian Church.

Pray for women religious orders that they remain steadfast in their call to love Love Himself

Saint Jose de Anchieta

Canary Islands, Feast Day June 9th

Born March 19th 1534, in the Canary Islands, St. Jose was an intensely religious person. He became a Jesuit novice at the age of 17. Despite many health complications and difficult journeys, he travelled widely across Brazil for 10 years expanding the missionary work of the Jesuits. He was a prisoner among the Tamoyo tribe, and composed poetry in honor of Mary to ease his loneliness. He died in Brazil on June 9, 1597 and was mourned by more than 3,000 native peoples who valued all he had done for them both spiritually and in promotion of their dignity. St. Jose de Anchieta was canonized by Pope Francis on April 3, 2014.

Pray for a renewed understanding of the apostolic and missionary roles of the Church.

Saint Father Jacques Berthieu

France, Feast day June 8th

Born November 27, 1838, at Polminhac, Cantal, France; died June 8, 1896, at Ambiatibe, Madagascar. He was a French Jesuit saint, priest and missionary in Madagascar. He was martyred in Madagascar in 1896. "May the Holy Spirit help us put into practice the choices of Jacques Berthieu: his passion for a challenging mission that led him to another country, another language, and another culture; his personal attachment to the Lord expressed in prayer; his pastoral zeal, which was simultaneously a fraternal love of the faithful entrusted to his care, and a commitment to lead them higher on the Christian way; and finally, a life lived as gift, a choice lived out every day until the death which definitively configured him to Christ."

Pray for martyrs in the Church who combat secularism with their faithful witness to Christ.

Saint Peter (Pedro) Calungsod

Philippines, Feast Day April 2nd

Lay Catholic from Cebu, Philippines. At 17 he and Blessed Jesuit Father Diego Luis de San Vitores were martyred in Guam for their missionary work. He was canonized October 21, 2012. Even though he was only a teenager, Blessed Pedro Calungsod already knew the Christian Faith by heart; he lived the Faith; he shared the Faith to others and he died in witness to the Faith. Francisco Antonio de Castro, a Spanish poet, wrote in 1723 about the immediate reason for the death of Blessed Pedro saying that it was because he was preaching the Faith that the assassins hurled spears at him

Pray for lay catechists in the Church

Saint Giovanni Battista Piamarta

Italy, Feast Day June 8th

Born in 1841 in the Italian city of Brescia, in northern Italy. Orphaned at age 9, he found himself on the street and at risk of falling into the gangs of the city. So he started going to the parish of Saint Faustino. His tireless work to provide opportunities to disadvantaged young people is famous in Chile, Angola and Brazil, where the miracle took place, which paved the way for the canonization by Pope Benedict XVI on October 21, 2012.

Pray for Job Seekers

Saint Carmen Salles and Barangueras

Spain, Feast Day December 6th

Born April 9, 1848 in Barcelona Spain, the second of 10 children, Carmen was a Spanish nun who is noted for founding the order of the Missionary Conceptionists of Hope. Carmen convinced her parents to break her engagement to a young Spaniard and allow her to enter the Adores Sisters. These sisters were dedicated to the recovery of women who were living on the margins after a life of crime or prostitution. She dedicated the next 22 years of her life to educating these women so they could get out of the sex life and achieve a dignified place in society, which involved running day schools for the children of working mothers, and night schools for the mothers. She was canonized a saint on October 21, 2012 by Pope Benedict.

Pray for victims of human trafficking

Saint Anna Schäffer

Germany, Feast Day October 5th

Born on February 18, 1882 in lower Bavaria, in the diocese of Regensburg, Anna was a laywoman working at the forester house in Stammham. She was doing laundry when she fell up to her knees in boiling water. She was paralyzed from the waist down and for the next 20 years, Anna's soul matured in the school of the Cross. From her bed she carried out an apostolate through correspondence. Anna was known for her devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. She died on October 5, 1925 at the age of 43. "Down through the centuries and generations it has been seen that in suffering there is concealed a particular power that draws a person interiorly close to Christ, a special grace. To this grace many saints, such as Saint Francis of Assisi, Saint Ignatius of Loyola and others, owe their profound conversion. A result of such a conversion is not only that the individual discovers the salvific meaning of suffering but above all that he becomes a completely new person," (Salvifici Dolores 3, 4, 26).

Pray for those who are suffering and homebound

Saint Antonio Primaldo & St. Otranto Martyrs

Italy, Feast Day August 14th

Antonio Primaldo was martyred in 1480 by Ottoman invaders after he refused along with approximately 800 others, to convert to Islam. Primaldo was the first victim and was beheaded whilst standing. Legend says his body remained standing, and despite efforts to push it over, remained upright until the last victim was killed. This miracle was said to cause the conversion of an Ottoman officer called Bersabei, who became Christian. For this conversion, he was impaled by his own men. The other 800 martyrs were systematically killed by beheading. The martyrs and Primaldo were canonized on May 13, 2013 by Pope Francis.

Pray for those who convert from Islam to Christianity

Saint Laura Montoya Upegui

Colombia, Feast Day October 21st

Born on 26 May 1874 in Colombia, Laura sought to diffuse Gospel teaching and values to those who had never met Jesus Christ. She also felt called to the religious life and dreamed of one day becoming a cloistered Carmelite nun. She was ready to renounce her own "dream" of Carmel to be open to God's project, if his will was otherwise. She founded Missionaries of Mary Immaculate and St Catherine of Siena an order dedicated to living among the native Indians in South America. She died October 21, 1949 and was canonized by Pope Francis on May 12, 2013.

Pray for religious who are dedicated to an active apostolate and contemplative life

Saint María Guadalupe García Zavala (Mother Lupita)

Mexico, Feast Day June 24th

Born on 27 April 1878 in Jalisco, Mexico, Maria was known for her piety, frequent visits to the Basilica of Our Lady of Zapopan, and love for the poor. Although as a young woman she planned to marry Gustavo Arreola, she suddenly broke off her engagement when she was 23 years old. María "understood" that Jesus was calling her to love him with an undivided heart. With the help of her spiritual director, she founded a religious order called "The Handmaids of St Margaret Mary (Alacoque) and the Poor". From 1911 until 1936, the political-religious situation in Mexico became uneasy and the Catholic Church underwent persecution. Mother María put her own life at risk to help the priests and the Archbishop of Guadalajara to "go into hiding" in the hospital. She died on June 24, 1963 and was canonized by Pope Francis on May 12, 2013.

Pray for the grace to live a genuine and joyful exterior and interior poverty.

Saint Angela of Foligno

Italy, January 4th

Born into a well-off family in about 1248, Angela was brought up in a somewhat superficial manner by her mother. She was introduced into the worldly circles of the town of Foligno, where she met a man whom she married at the age of 20, and to whom she bore children. In

1285 she called upon St Francis, who appeared to her in a vision and asked his advice on making a good general Confession. She then went to Confession. Three years later, in the space of a few months, her mother's death was followed by the death of her husband and those of all her children. She died in Foligno on 4 January 1309 and was canonized by Pope Francis on October 9, 2013. "True and pure love, that comes from God, is in the soul and ensures that one recognizes one's own shortcomings and the divine goodness.... Such love brings the soul to Christ and it understands with certainty that in him no deception can be found or can exist.

No particle of worldly love can be mingled with this love" (*The Book of Visions and Instructions* p. 124-125).

Pray for those in need of conversion, that they take the necessary means: penance, humility, and tribulation.

Saint Pierre Faber

France, Canonized December 2013; Feast day August 2nd

Born on April 13, 1506, Pierre was a French, Jesuit priest and theologian who was the co-founder of the Society of Jesus. He died August 2, 1546. His canonization is scheduled for this December, 2013. As a boy, Pierre was a shepherd in the high pastures of the French Alps. He had little education, but a remarkable memory; he could hear a sermon in the morning and then repeat it verbatim in the afternoon to his friends. He desired to bring each person he met to a closer relationship through spiritual friendship and conversation, he would invoke the intercession of the person's guardian angel. "endowed with charming grace in dealing with people, which up to now I must confess I have not seen in anyone else. Somehow he entered into friendship in such a way, bit by bit coming to influence others in such a manner, that his very way of living and gracious conversation powerfully drew to the love of God all those with whom he dealt."

Pray for evangelists and religious that they may bring others to Christ through genuine, loving friendship

Saint Gianna Beretta Molla

Italy, feast day April 28th

"Love is the most beautiful sentiment the Lord has put into the soul of men and women"
Pray for women who want to abort their babies and for the couples who desire to have children

Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati

Italy, feast day July 4th

“To live without faith, without a patrimony to defend, without a steady struggle for truth, that is not living, but existing.”

Pray for the young apostles and apostles

Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati

Italy, feast day July 4th

"The end for which we are created invites us to walk a road that is surely sown with a lot of thorns, but it is not sad; through even the sorrow, it is illuminated by joy."

Pray for the youth who want to commit suicide

Saint Catherine of Sienna

Italy, feast day April 29th

If you are what you should be, you will set the whole world on fire.
Let the truth be your delight...proclaim it...but with a certain congeniality”

Pray for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the Church

Blessed Cardinal Newman

England, feast day October 9th

“Fear not that thy life shall come to an end, but rather that it shall never have a beginning.”

Pray for the unity between the Churches

Saint Mother Teresa

Feast day September 5th

"Keep the joy of loving God in your heart and share this joy with all you meet especially your family. Be holy – let us pray."

Pray for the broken families

Saint Pope John Paul II

Canonized April 27, 2014 Feast day October 22nd

“Do not be afraid”

Pray for the missionaries throughout the world

Saint Maria Goretti

Feast day July 6th

“Blessed are the pure of heart, they shall see God”

Pray for the purity of the youth

Saint Jeanne Jugan

Feast day August 30th

In our troubles, we must always say, "Blessed be God, thank you my God, or glory to God!"

Pray for those who don't accept their sickness

Blessed Chiara Luce Badano

Italy Feast day October 7th

“If this is what you want, so do I.

Pray for those who are dying with cancer

Saint Francis of Assisi

Italy Feast day October 4th

“Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary use words.”

Pray for the priests

Blessed Edit Stein

Italy Feast day August 9th

“My longing for truth was a single prayer.”

Pray for those who haven't experienced the love of God

Saint Philip Neri

Italy Feast day May 26th

“Give me ten truly detached men, and I will convert the world with them”.

Pray for a new Pentecost in the world

Saint Padre Pio

Italy Feast day September 23th

"Prayer is the best weapon we have; it is the key to God's heart. You must speak to Jesus not only with your lips, but with your heart. In fact, on certain occasions you should only speak to Him with your heart."

Pray for an increasing of contemplative prayer in your parish

Saint Angela Merici, mystic, religious founder

January 27th

"Mothers of children, even if they have a thousand, carry each and every one fixed in their hearts, and because of the strength of their love they do not forget any of them. In fact, it seems that the more children they have the more their love and care for each one is increased."

Pray for mothers

Saint Anne, mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary

July 26th

"In the moment when the light of the angel had enveloped Anna in grace, I saw a radiance under her heart and recognized in her the chosen Mother, the illuminated vessel of the grace that was at hand. What I saw in her I can only describe by saying that I recognized in her the cradle and tabernacle of the holy child she was to conceive and preserve; a mother blessed indeed. I saw that by God's grace Anna was able to bear fruit."

Pray for the holiness of all mothers

Saint Anthony of Egypt, 4th century desert monk

January 17th

"Now therefore, beloved, let this word be manifest among you, that the bounty of the Father spared not his Only-begotten for our sakes, but delivered him up for the salvation of us all."

Pray for the purification of the world from evil

Saint Anthony of Padua

June 13th

"We spread the love of God by loving as he loves."

Pray for non-believers

Archangel Gabriel

September 29th

"The one who looked like a man touched me again and strengthened me, saying, 'Fear not, beloved, you are safe; take courage and be strong.' When he spoke to me, I grew strong and said, 'Speak, my lord, for you have strengthened me.'" (Daniel's vision of the Archangel Gabriel) Daniel 10:18-19.

Pray that Divine love will conquer the world.

Saint Michael the Archangel

September 29th

"Satan is strong and that is why I am seeking your prayers for those who are under his influence, so that they may be saved." (Mary in Medjugorje)

Pray that those who are under the influence of Satan may be saved

Archangel Raphael

September 29th

"I was sent to put you to the test. At the same time, however, God commissioned me to heal you and your daughter-in-law, Sarah. I am Raphael, one of the seven angels who enter and serve before the Glory of the Lord...No need to fear; you are safe. Thank God now and forever. As for me, when I came to you it was not out of any favor on my part, but because it was God's will. So continue to thank him every day; praise him with song." (Tobit 12:14-18).

Pray for the healing of families

Saint Augustine of Hippo, bishop, Doctor of the Church

August 28th

You have forgiven me my past sins and drawn a veil over them, and in this way You have given me happiness in yourself, changing my life by faith and Your sacrament. When others read of those past sins of mine their hearts are stirred so that they no longer lie listless. Instead their hearts are roused by the love of Your mercy and the joy of Your grace.

Pray for the conversion of sinners

Newborn Baby Jesus

December 25th

"Today when Jesus is born and by His birth brings immeasurable joy, love and peace, I call you, in a special way to say your 'yes' to Jesus. Open your hearts so that Jesus enters into them, comes to dwell in them and starts to work through you. Only in this way will you be able to comprehend the true beauty of God's love, joy and peace." (Message to Jacov, 2000).

Let the baby Jesus be your guide

Saint Benedict, abbot and patriarch of western monks

July 11th

"See how the Lord in His love shows us the way of life. Clothed then with faith and the performance of good works, let us set out on this way, with the Gospel for our guide, that we may deserve to see him who has called us to his kingdom" (1 Thes 2:23) from the Rule of Saint Benedict.

Pray for the coming of the Kingdom of God

Saint Benedict Joseph Labre, pilgrim recluse

April 16th

“These things offend God and they are not good for you either. Try to work if you can. If you can’t work, be good to the people who care for you.”

Pray for the homeless

Saint Bernadette of Lourdes

April 16th

“My weapons are prayer and sacrifice, to my dying breath. At death the weapon of sacrifice will fall away, but that of prayer will follow me to heaven.”

Offer sacrifices to Mary for her intentions

Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, abbot, Doctor of the Church

August 20th

"When God forgives a sinner who humbly confesses his sin, the devil loses his dominion over the heart he had taken."

Pray for those who are called and have not yet said "yes"

Saint Catherine of Genoa, mystic, wife, hospital director

September 15th

“Dear children, I ask you to pray every day for the souls in Purgatory. In this way you too will acquire intercessors who will be able to help you in life” (message of Mary in Medjugorje).

Pray for the souls in purgatory.

Saint Catherine Labouré

November 28th

“My child, the Cross will be despised, thrown on the ground, and the Lord’s side will be opened again” (Mary to St. Catherine).

Pray for the enemies of the Church

Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

April 29th

"Eternal Trinity, Godhead, mystery deep as the sea, you could give me no greater gift than the gift of yourself."

Pray for holy women in all states of life

Saint Charbel, hermit in Lebanon

December 24th

" Through Mary we are born, not to this world, but to God."

Pray for the Lebanon.

Blessed Charles de Foucauld (France)

December 1st

"My Father, I abandon myself to you. Do with me what you will."

Pray for peace in the Holy land

Child Jesus, King of Love

December 25th

"Whoever receives one such child in my Name, receives me." (Matthew 18:5) Our Lady in Medjugorje has told us to let the Little Child, Jesus, lead us in our lives and he will show us the way to holiness."

Pray for the reign of the Child Jesus in all hearts.

St Clare of Assisi

August 11th

"Look daily into that spotless mirror, dear queen and spouse of Christ, and see your face in it. See how you are to adorn yourself, within and without, in all the blossoms of virtue, as befits a chaste daughter and spouse of that greatest of kings. In that mirror poverty, humility, and love beyond all telling shine radiantly."

Pray for consecrated virgins to grow ardently in love with Jesus

Saint Jean-Marie-Baptiste Vianney, Cure of Ars

August 4th

"My children, we cannot comprehend the power of a soul over the Good Lord: it can obtain whatever it wants."

Pray for priests

Saint Dominic

August 8th

"My God, what will become of sinners? My God, have mercy on sinners!"

Intercede for hardened hearts

Saint Dominic Savio

March 9th

"Pray without ceasing and ask the Holy Spirit to inspire you always. In all that you ask, in all that you do, seek only the will of God."

(Mary in Medjugorje - 13 October 1984)

Pray for the young

Edith Stein, Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

August 9th

"I joyfully accept the death God has appointed for me, in perfect submission to his most holy will. May the Lord accept my life and death for the honor and glory of his name, for the needs of his holy Church...for the Jewish people, that the Lord may be received by his own and his kingdom come in glory..."

Pray for philosophers and theologians

Saint Elizabeth (mother of John the Baptist)

November 5th

"When your greeting sounded in my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy!"

Pray for all mothers, that they will welcome new life, and receive the Holy Spirit as Elizabeth did

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

January 4th

""I offer myself to your Father by you, to yourself by your Father and you to the Holy Spirit who is the mutual love of both."

Pray for an increase in women religious

Georgette Faniel, mystic from Quebec

July 2nd

"The Eternal Father's love for us exceeds the love He has for His Son, because We need purification while His Son gave His life to purify us. In the inmost part of His heart as a Father, He loves us more in spite of our weaknesses and our sins."

Pray for the Church's formal recognition of Medjugorje

Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska

October 5th

“I know God is in my heart. With Him I go to work, with Him I go to recreation, with Him I suffer, with Him I rejoice; I live in Him and He in me. I am never alone, because He is my constant companion. He is present to me at every moment. Our intimacy is very close, through a union of blood and flesh.”

Pray for deeper intimacy with God

Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini

December 22nd

"We can do nothing of ourselves, for we are poor and miserable, but if we have faith and trust in him who comforts us, then we can do all things."

Pray for an increase in women religious

Saint Francis de Sales

January 24th

“In all your affairs rely wholly on Divine Providence, through which alone you must look for success. Labor quietly on your part to co-operate with its designs. Amidst those ordinary affairs and occupations that require most so earnest an attention, you should look more on God than on them.

Pray for writers, journalists and editors of all kinds

Saint Francis of Assisi

October 4th

“All Highest, Glorious God, cast Your light into the darkness of my heart. Grant me right faith, firm hope, perfect charity, and profound humility; with wisdom and perception, O Lord, that I may do what it truly Your holy will.”

Pray for the gift of faith

Saint Francis Xavier

December 3rd

" We must be wary of our own strength and trust God immensely. Let us never show discouragement and never doubt victory!"

Pray for missionaries

Blessed Francisco of Fatima

July 26th

"I'm thinking of God who is so sad because of so many sins! It hurts me so much that He's sad. I offer Him all the sacrifices I can. If only I could console Him."

Pray for children

Saint Helen, empress, mother

August 18th

"O innocent Jesus, your Cross is my Cross"

Pray for children who are mistreated

The Holy Family of Nazareth

Sunday after Christmas

"Don't be afraid to take Mary, your wife, home, for that which is conceived in her comes from the Holy Spirit."

Pray for blessed, holy, and happy families

The Holy Guardian Angels

October 2nd

"Whoever prays does not fear the future and whoever fasts does not fear evil." (Mary in Medjugorje - 25 Jan. 2001)

Help someone to meet and get to know their guardian angel

The Holy Innocents

December 28th

They were a wordless profession of faith in Jesus. They died because they bore the likeness of the Christ Child, and are crowned with life eternal.

Pray for an end to abortion

Holy Souls in Purgatory

November 2nd

"For if he had not expected the fallen to rise again it would have been superfluous and foolish to pray for the dead, whereas if he had in view the splendid recompense reserved for those who make a pious end, the thought was holy and devout. This was why he had this atonement sacrifice offered for the dead, so that they might be released from their sin." (2 Maccabees 12: 44-45.)

Pray for the Souls in Purgatory and allow them to help you pray for a deeper communion between the saints in heaven, in purgatory and on earth

Blessed Jacinta of Fatima

July 26th

"Tell everyone that God gives us grace through the Immaculate Heart of Mary. She is the one we should ask."

Pray for the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart

St Jerome

September 30th

“Read the divine scriptures constantly; never, indeed, let the sacred volume be out of your hand. Learn what you have to teach. Hold fast the faithful word you have been taught so that you may be able by sound doctrine to give instruction and confute those who contradict it.”

Pray for a deep love of God’s Word and pray for bible scholars

Saints Joachim and Ann

July 26th

“It is important that the ‘communion of persons’ in the family should become a preparation for the ‘communion of saints.’ This is why the Church both believes and proclaims the love which ‘endures all things’ (1 Cor. 13:7). Everyone is called to love, including spouses and families. In the Church everyone is called equally to perfect holiness.” –JPII, Letter to Families.

Pray for healing within families

Saint Joan of Arc

May 30th

" You know that I love you, that I burn with love for you. That is why, dear children, decide to love God; burn with love!"

(Mary in Medjugorje - 25 June 1988)

Pray for France and for the conversion of freemasons

Saint Jeanne de Chantal

August 12th

"May this Sweet Savior live and reign in our hearts for ever amid the desolation and darkness. He is our light, he leads us; let us fear nothing, he will never let us down."

Pray for mothers

Saint Pope John XXIII

Canonized April 27, 2014 Celebrated October 11th

“May this sacrifice of praise, which I offer to Your divine majesty for the success of the 2nd Ecumenical Vatican Council, be acceptable to You, Lord God, and grant that what we, together with our Pope John, implore of You we may effectively obtain. Amen.”
Pray that the true spirit of Vatican II continues to bear fruit in the Church

Saint John the Baptist

June 24th and August 29th

“He must increase and I must decrease” (John 3:30)
Pray for the prophets of our day

Saint John Bosco

January 31st

"From now on, I no longer want to place any limit on my trust in God."
(after an apparition of Saint Dominic Savio).
Pray for teachers

Saint John of the Cross

December 14th

"Would that men might come at last to see that is quite impossible to reach the thicket of the riches and wisdom of God except by first entering the thicket of much suffering, in such a way that the soul finds there its consolation and desire."
Pray for those who suffer, that they unite with Jesus and find joy

Saint John the Evangelist

December 27th

“O open heart of Jesus, devoured with such a pure love, into your wound I place my wounds and my lack of love” (Ephraim).
Pray for those wounded by life that they might be healed

Saint Joseph, foster father of Jesus

March 19th and May 1st

"The angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph and said: Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; she will give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus."
Pray for the gift of blessed fatherhood for the world's families

Saint Juan Diego

December 9th

“I am only a poor man. I am not worthy of being there where you send me. Pardon me, my Queen, I do not want to make your noble heart sad, I do not want to fall into your displeasure.” After much persuasion he agreed to go to the Bishop. He left her, calling her “my Dear One, my Lady.”

Pray for unity among the nations

Saint Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort

April 28th

"The more the Holy Spirit finds Mary in a soul, the more active and powerful He becomes to bring forth Jesus Christ in that soul, and that soul in Jesus Christ."

Pray for Our Lady's intentions

St Luke the Evangelist

October 18th

‘After carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, I have decided to write an ordered account for you, so that you may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.’ Luke 1:3-4

Pray for those who are questioning their faith in the Church

Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque

October 16th

"Make your home in the adorable Heart of Jesus Christ, take your little worries and disappointments, and all will find peace there. You will find the remedy for your ills, the strength for your weaknesses and shelter in all your needs."

Pray for those crushed by trials

Saint Martin de Porres

November 3rd

“He excused the faults of others and pardoned even the most bitter injuries done to him. He sought to bring sinners back to a good life, was most kind to the sick, provided the poor with food, clothing, and medicine, and did all he could for those who were regarded in his day almost as slaves” Bl. John XXIII.

Pray for greater humility, charity and generosity in God's service

Saint Mary of Magdala

July 22nd

“And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee’s house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment” (Luke 7:37ff.)

Pray that those lost in sin will come to know the great love of Jesus

St. Maria Goretti, virgin and martyr

July 6th

“Rejoice in the measure that you share Christ’s sufferings. When His glory is revealed, you will rejoice exultantly. Happy are you when you are insulted for the sake of Christ, for then God’s Spirit in its glory has come to rest on you.”

Pray for purity of heart

Saint Martha of Bethany

July 29th

“Martha said to Jesus, ‘Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Your brother will rise.’ Martha said to him, ‘I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day.’ Jesus told her, ‘I am the resurrection and life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and anyone who lives and believes in me will never die.’” (Jn. 11:32)

Pray for the despairing

Marthe Robin, Mystic (France)

February 6th

"Jesus, I give you thanks, because you take us as we are and you offer us to the Father as You are."

Pray for priestly vocations

Saint Matthew, Apostle

September 21st

“The Pharisees and the scribes of their party said to Jesus’ disciples, ‘Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and non-observers of the law?’ Jesus said to them, ‘The healthy do not need a doctor; sick people do. I have not come to invite the self-righteous to a change of heart, but sinners.’”

Pray for those who do not know the love of Jesus

Saint Maximilian Kolbe (Poland)

August 14th

“What is essential is not to accomplish a great deal according to our own lights, but to be in the hands of the Immaculate Virgin.”

Pray that Mary Immaculate may reign in our hearts

St. Monica (mother of St. Augustine)

August 27th

“If I am your child, O my God, it is because you gave me such a mother!” St. Augustine. Monica did not give up but prayed for Augustine for many years. Her prayers won for the church one of its greatest Doctors.

Pray for the return of all those who have left their Catholic Faith

Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta

September 5th

"The more we are united with God, the more eager we will be to love and serve the poor with our whole heart."

Pray to serve the poor with joy

Saint Dismas, the good thief

March 25th

“Lord, Remember me when you come into Your Kingdom”

Pray for the conversion of criminals

Saint Nicodemus

August 3rd

“I have come for the sake of the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”

Pray for the enlightenment of Israel

Our Lady of Fatima

May 13th

“O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell. Lead all souls to heaven, especially those in most need of thy mercy.”

Pray for greater devotion to the Rosary among Christians

Our Lady of Lourdes

February 11th

“It is only through prayer that you will become my apostles of peace in this restless world.”
(Our Lady in Medjugorje, Nov 25, 1999).

Pray for the apostles of Our Lady

Our Lady of Guadalupe

December 12th

"Am I not here who am your Mother? Is there anything else that you need?"

Pray for greater dependence on the maternal love of Mary

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

July 16th

"Those who wish to live truly devoted to Our Lady of Mount Carmel must follow Mary into the depths of the interior life...Mary's soul is a real 'garden' of virtues, an oasis of silence and peace, where justice and equity reign; an oasis of security completely enveloped in the shadow of God, and filled with God. Every interior soul, even if living amid the tumult of the world, must strive to reach this peace, this interior silence, which alone makes continual contact with God possible."

Pray for peace and interior silence in the hearts of bishops and priests

Our Lady, Queen of Peace

June 25th

"I need you. You are important to me." (Message from Medjugorje).

Pray for the plan of Our Lady in Medjugorje

Saint Patrick of Ireland

March 17th

"If I am worthy, I am ready also to give up my life, without hesitation and most willingly, for his name. I want to spend myself in that country (Ireland), even in death, if the Lord should grant me this favor." Patrick's Confessions

Pray for the laity to respond to the call to be missionaries and evangelists today

Saint Peter the Apostle

29 June

"Lord, you know everything, you know that I love you."

Pray for the Pope and his intentions for the world.

Saint Peter Chanel

April 28th

"To love Mary and make her loved."

Pray for missionary vocations

Saint Peter Julian Eymard

August 3rd

“To abide in His love is to make the Eucharist the center of our desires. To abide in His love is to delight in surprising Him with some gift, or some little sacrifice. To abide in His love is to live by the Eucharist; to guide ourselves in our actions by His thought, and to make it a point always to prefer the good service of the Eucharist to everything else.”

Pray that souls make Jesus in the Eucharist their first joy in life

Saint Philip Neri

May 26th

“Let joy in the Lord be continuous until joy in the world is extinguished. The former is always growing, the latter ever decreasing and finally dying. Rejoice in the Lord then, and not in the world. Rejoice, for wherever you are and as long as you are on earth, the Lord is near, do not be anxious.”

Pray for the anxious and those who have yet to find true joy in Jesus

Saint Rose of Lima

August 23rd

“Listen, all you people! At Christ’s bidding and in his very words, I warn you: We cannot win grace if we do not suffer affliction; toil upon toil must be ours if we are to attain an intimate share in the divine nature, the glory of God, s children, and perfect happiness. If only men knew how beautiful, noble, and priceless a thing God’s grace is!”

Pray that souls find the true beauty of the Cross

Saint Seraphim of Sarov

January 2nd

"Acquire inner peace and thousands around you will find salvation."

Pray for the unity of the Church

Fr. Slavko Barbaric

(he died on November 24th)

“O Holy Spirit, through Mary I choose you today the Master of my whole being. With trust and hope in Your endless love, which manifested itself so marvelously in Mary I decide for your gifts. I renounce every evil spirit and his action, and accept You, Spirit of light, love, peace and order. I devote to You all my abilities and want to act in Your light. I surrender to You all rights over my life. Watch over me and lead me to the Father! I pray to You with Mary through Jesus Christ. Amen.” (from “Pray with the Heart” by Fr. Slavko).

Pray for the Holy Spirit!

Saint Stephen, first martyr

December 26th

“And Stephen, full of grace and power, did great wonders and signs among the people. Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen...disputed with him. But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he spoke... And gazing at him, all who sat in the council saw that his face was like the face of an angel.”

Pray for the gift of profound holiness

Saint Teresa of Avila

October 15th

"Since the spiritual world is based entirely on humility, the closer one gets to God, the more this virtue should grow."

Pray for consecrated souls, they are the soul of the Church

Saint Therese of Lisieux, Doctor of the Church

October 1st

"I understand so well that it is only love that can make us pleasing to the Good Lord, and my ambition is for this love alone."

Pray for an outpouring of love in families

St. Thomas Aquinas, Dominican, Doctor of the Church

January 28th

“Eternal life consists in the complete satisfaction of desire, for there the blessed will be given more than they wanted or hoped for. The reason is that in this life no one can fulfil his longing, nor can any creature satisfy man’s desire. Only God satisfies; he infinitely exceeds all other pleasures. That is why the Lord says: Enter into the joy of your Lord.”

Pray for the conversion of lukewarm souls

Saint Thomas the Apostle

July 3rd

"Jesus said to him, "Put your hands in my side and do not doubt, but believe." Thomas replied, "My Lord and my God." (Jn. 20: 27-28)

Pray for unbelievers

Saint Thomas More

June 22nd

“I never stop trusting in His mercy. His grace has thus far strengthened me to renounce everything—possessions, income, life itself—rather than take an oath against my conscience.

God will either sway the king to do no more to me, or He will give me strength to bear courageously and willingly whatever further evils are in store for me.”

Pray that lawyers and judges will decide for Gospel values, making it their sole aim to bring about a culture of life

Saint Timothy, Disciple of St Paul

January 26th

“We decided to send our brother Timothy, who is God’s helper in spreading the Good News of Christ, to keep you firm and strong in the faith, and prevent any of you from being unsettled by the present troubles.” 1 Thess. 3:2-3.

Pray that Christians proclaim the Gospel with great zeal

Saint Veronica (who wiped the face of Jesus on the way of the cross)

February 4th

“It is your Face, Lord, that I seek!”

Comfort Jesus through adoration

Saint Vincent de Paul

September 27th

“You have as much need to be compassionate as the poor person has need of your compassion.”

Pray for compassion

Blessed Elizabeth of the Trinity

November 9th

“If you feel ice fall on your heart, go warm up near He who is the Source of Love and who makes emptiness only in order to fill up all that is empty.”

Pray for vocations to the contemplative life

Saint Cecilia

November 22th

And then she said to her husband, "I have an angel that loves me who watches over my body whether I sleep or am wake and if he finds that you touch my body by foul and polluted love, he will kill you, but if you love me in Holy love and cleanness, he will love you as he loves me and will give you his grace."

Pray for married couples to have a holy and pure love

Saint Mary, Mother of God

January 1st

“Do everything he tells you.”

Pray for those rebelling against the Church

Blessed Anne Catherine Emmerick (1774-1824)

February 9th

“I have always considered service to neighbors as the highest virtue”.

Pray for those who share the Passion of Christ in our time

Blessed Luigi and Maria Quattrocchi

November 25th

Maria was advised to abort her unborn child to save her own life. The couple graciously relied on their trust in divine providence and were blessed with a healthy baby girl "Enrichetta". They also raised their family to be just as virtuous; three of their four children joined religious orders.

Pray for strong, virtuous, holy families

Saint. Leopold Mandic 1866-1942

October 16th

Cappuchin Priest in Yugoslavia: “I expect everything from the charity of our Lord Jesus Christ and His Divine Heart”

Pray for souls to make a Holy Confession

Saint Elizabeth of the Holy Trinity

November 9th

“It’s not looking at our own miseries that we should be cleansed but by looking upon Him who is all purity and all Sanctity”

Strive to offer a loving, dwelling place in your heart for the Holy Trinity

Mary, Queen of Peace

June 25th

“Love one another, my children, you are brothers and sisters, do not fight!”(Message of Dec. 25th 1981.)

Bring to Mary every single conflict you come across

Saint. Lawrence, deacon

August 10th

After three days, Lawrence gathered all of the lepers, cripples, orphans, widows, the poor and the lame and presented them to the prefect as the "true treasures of the Church."

Carry the poor in your heart and encourage them

Saint Martha of Bethany

"I know He will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her: "I am the resurrection and the life: whoever believes in me, though he should die, will come to life;..Do you believe this?" "Yes Lord", she replied, "I have

come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God; he who is to come into the world."

Pray for the homeless, poor, HIV sufferers among us

Marcel Van, Martyr of Vietnam

July 10th

"Today, I am a corpse who can still breathe. . . . I am the victim of Love. Love is my joy, an indestructible joy." (Written on a note smuggled out of the prison before his death.)

Pray for children who are victims of hatred

Marthe Robin, Mystic of France 1901-1981

February 6th

"I would like to be everywhere at once to tell the world again and again how good God is, how much he loves men and women, and shows himself compassionate and tender for all. To what extent he is Father, and Father full of goodness and mercy. That nothing is easier than to delight and satisfy him. That nothing is more pleasant than to love him, and that nothing is easier either, because even our smallest actions done through love are enough to charm his heart."

Pray for the coming of the New Pentecost of Love

Fr. Alexander Men, Communist Russia

September 9th

"How are you to know if you are living according to the will of God? Here is a sign: if you are distressed over anything it means that you have not fully surrendered to God's will, although it may seem to you that you live according to His will."

Pray for the conversion of Russia

Saint. Margaret Mary Alacoque

October 16th

“A just soul has so much power over my heart that it can obtain forgiveness for thousands of criminals.” (Jesus to St. Marguerite Mary Alacoque.)

Spread devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Yvonne-Aime de Malestroit

February 3rd

“O Jesus, I trust in your merciful bounty.”

Pray for strong, bold missionaries in our world

Saint Gianna Beretta Molla

April 28th

"Love is the most beautiful sentiment the Lord has put into the souls of men and women."

Pray for pregnant mothers to choose life

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

October 21st

“I am no longer my own. I have given myself entirely to Jesus Christ.”

Pray for converts to the Faith to remain strong and fervent

Saint Pedro Calungsod of Cebu, Martyr of Guam

October 21st

“... but God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise, God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong, God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no flesh might boast in the presence of God.” (1 Cor. 1:27-29).

Pray for persecuted Christians everywhere

Saint Hildegard of Bingen, Doctor of the Church

October 7th

“But now the Catholic faith wavers among the nations and the Gospel limps among the people; and the mighty books in which the excelling doctors had summed up knowledge with great care go unread from shameful apathy, and the food of life, which is the divine Scriptures, cools to tepidity.” (from *Scivias*, Bk. 3: Vision 11, p.499)

Pray for an increase of love for the Word of God

Saint Marianne Cope

January 23rd

“No, Mother Marianne was the gentlest, the cheeriest and the most dignified person you could imagine, and a disciplinarian, too. She revolutionized life on Molokai, brought cleanliness, pride and fun to the colony. People on Molokai laugh now—like other people in the world, laugh at the same things, the same dilemmas and jokes” (said of the saint by her nurse).

Pray for our modern-day lepers, the outcasts of society, to know the love of God

Saint Isaac Jogues, Martyr

October 19th or September 26th

“When Isaac Jogues returned to Paris after his first capture and torture, he said to his superior: “Yes, Father, I want whatever our Lord wants.”

Pray for the grace of desiring and doing the will of God in all circumstances

Saint Rene Goupil, Martyr

October 19th or September 26th

When the Iroquois captured St. Issac Jogues and St. Rene Goupil, they placed them in their canoe, during which René showed great humility and obedience to the enemy. When they asked our saint to paddle the canoe he did so without the slightest objection.

Pray for the enemies of the Church and for the virtue of humility

Saint Jean de Lalande, Martyr

September 26th

“When Jesus had received the vinegar, he said, “It is finished”; and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit” (Jn. 19:30).

Pray for the dying

Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini

November 13th

Archbishop Corrigan begged Mother Cabrini to take on hospital work. However, it wasn't until Cabrini had a dream where she saw the Blessed Virgin Mary tending to a hospital patient, that she considered working in the healthcare field. In the dream, Cabrini asked the Virgin Mary what she was doing; the Blessed Virgin Mary responded, “I am doing the work you refuse to do.”

Pray for the sick and for all health care workers

Saint Elisabeth Ann Seton

January 4th

From her deathbed in Emmitsburg she admonished those gathered about her: "Be children of the Church, be children of the Church."

Pray for the Church, her ministers and all the faithful

Saint John Neumann

January 5th

"True education aims to give people a formation which is directed towards their final end and the good of that society to which they belong and in which, as adults, they will have their share of duties to perform."

Pray for teachers, catechists, and all entrusted with the instruction of children

Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne

November 18th

"We cultivate a very small field for Christ, but we love it, knowing that God does not require great achievements but a heart that holds back nothing for self.... The truest crosses are those we do not choose ourselves.... He who has Jesus has everything." She was named the "Woman-Who-Prays-Always".

Pray for the gift of prayer and the grace of bearing your daily cross

Saint Katharine Drexel

March 3rd

"The patient and humble endurance of the cross—whatever nature it may be—is the highest work we have to do. Oh, how far I am at 84 years of age from being an image of Jesus in his sacred life on earth!"

Pray for immigrants and refugees

Saint Mother Theodore Guerin

French-American, Feast Day: October 3rd

During his homily at the beatification Mass, Pope John Paul II said that Blessed Mother Theodore "continues to teach Christians to abandon themselves to the providence of our heavenly Father and to be totally committed to doing what pleases him. The life of Blessed Theodore Guérin is a testimony that everything is possible with God and for God."

Pray for the holiness of American religious sisters and brothers

Saint Father Damian of Molokai

Belgium, Feast Day: May 10th

During the beatification homily, Pope John Paul II said: "Holiness is not perfection according to human criteria; it is not reserved for a small number of exceptional persons. It is for everyone; it is the Lord who brings us to holiness, when we are willing to collaborate in the salvation of the world for the glory of God, despite our sin and our sometimes rebellious temperament."

Pray for the holiness and perseverance of priests and religious in the missions

Maria Cristina of the Immaculate Conception Brando (1856 – 1906)

Italy, Feast Day: January 20th

Born Adelaide Brando in Naples, Italy, in 1856, Maria Cristina felt a call towards religious life from the time she was a child. An Italian nun and the foundress of the Sisters, Expiatory Victims of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, an international teaching institute, Maria Cristina was confirmed for canonization in 2014 after Pope Francis approved a miracle that had been found to have been attributed to her intercession and was canonized by him on 17 May 2015.

Pray for increased adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saint Marie-Alphonsine Danil Ghattas (1843-1927)

Palestine, Feast Day: March 25th

Saint Marie-Alphonsine Danil Ghattas was a Palestinian Christian nun who founded the Dominican Sisters of the Most Holy Rosary of Jerusalem, the first Palestinian congregation. In Bethlehem. She claimed several apparitions of Mary directing her to found a Palestine congregation known as the "Sisters of the Rosary".

Pray for an increase in devotion to the rosary

Saint Junipero Serra (1713-1784)

Spain, Feast Day: July 1st

Junipero Serra was a Roman Catholic Spanish priest and friar of the Franciscan Order who founded a mission in Baja California and the first nine of 21 Spanish missions in California from San Diego to San Francisco

Pray for missionaries in the United States

St. Louis Martin (1823-1894)

France, Feast Day: July 12th

Louis Joseph Aloys Stanislaus Martin was the third of five children of Pierre-François Martin and Marie-Anne-Fanny Boureau. All of his siblings died before reaching age 30.

Although Louis intended to become a monk, wishing to enter the Augustinian Great St. Bernard Monastery, he was rejected because he did not succeed at learning Latin. Later he decided to become a watchmaker and studied his craft in Rennes and in Strasbourg.

Pray for an increase in holiness in families

Saint Vincenzo Grossi (1845-1917)

Italy, Feast Day: November 7th

Saint Vincenzo Grossi was an Italian Roman Catholic priest and the founder of the Daughters of the Oratory and ensured that the order was guided by the rules of Saint Philip Neri.

Pray for an increase in virtue in young people

Maria de la Purisima Salvat Romero (1926-1998)

Spain, Feast Day: September 18th

Maria de la Purisima Salvat Romero was a Spanish Roman Catholic nun and a member of the Sisters of the Company of the Cross. She assumed the name of "María de la Purísima of the Cross" after she entered that order.

Pray for those who choose to be servants of God and His people

Saint Stanislaus Papczyński, M.I.C. (1631-1701)

Poland, Feast Day: September 17th

"O how admirable are those who mutually work with Christ, and, solely out of love for Him, sincerely and zealously announce all that is essential for salvation, for leading a Christian life, for rooting out vices, and increasing virtues. This is the greatest and most fruitful work of mercy".

Pray for the spread of the Gospel throughout the world

Saint Elizabeth Hesselblad (1870-1957)

Sweden, Feast Day: June 4th

St. Elizabeth Hesselblad was a Swedish nurse who converted to the Roman Catholic Church and founded a new form of life of the Bridgettines known as the Bridgettine Sisters. She was a professed member of the Bridgettine order.

Pray for Christian unity

Saint Mother Teresa (1910-1997)

Albania, Feast Day: September 5th

"Our Lord wants me to be a free nun covered with the poverty of the cross. Today, I learned a good lesson. The poverty of the poor must be so hard for them. While looking for a home I walked and walked till my arms and legs ached. I thought how much they must ache in body and soul, looking for a home, food and health. Then, the comfort of Loreto [her former congregation] came to tempt me. 'You have only to say the word and all that will be yours again,' the Tempter kept on saying ... Of free choice, my God, and out of love for you, I desire to remain and do whatever be your Holy will in my regard. I did not let a single tear come."

Pray for those enduring spiritual darkness

Saint Jose Gabriel del Rosario Brochero (1840-1914)

Argentina, Feast Day: March 16th

Saint Jose Gabriel del Rosario Brochero was a Roman Catholic Argentinian priest who suffered leprosy throughout his life. He is known for his extensive work with the poor and the sick. He became affectionately known as "the Gaucho priest" and the "cowboy priest".

Pray to Our Lady for priests

José Sánchez del Río (1913-1928)

Mexico, Feast Day: February 10th

Saint José Luis Sánchez del Río was a Mexican Cristero who was put to death by government officials because he refused to renounce his Catholic faith. His death was seen as a largely political venture on the part of government officials in their attempt to stamp out dissent and crush religious freedom in the area. He was dubbed as "Joselito".

Pray for religious freedom

Manuel González García (1877-1940)

Spain, Feast Day: January 4th

Saint Manuel González García was a Spanish bishop of the Roman Catholic Church who served as the Bishop of Palencia from 1935 until his death. He was also the founder of the Eucharistic Missionaries of Nazareth and also established both the Disciples of Saint John and the Children of Reparation. He was known for his strong devotion to the Eucharist and became known as the "Bishop of the Tabernacle" due to this devotion; he made it an objective of his to spread devotion to the Eucharist and encouraged frequent reception of it.

Pray for an increase in devotion to the Eucharist

Saint Elizabeth of the Trinity (1880-1906)

France, Feast Day: November 8th

"I think that in Heaven my mission will be to draw souls by helping them to go out of themselves in order to cling to God by a wholly simple and loving movement, and to keep them in this great silence within which will allow God to communicate Himself to them and to transform them into Himself."

Pray for lay people dedicated to the contemplative life

Saint Alfonso Maria Fusco (1839-1910)

Italy, Feast Day: February 6th

Saint Alfonso Maria Fusco was a Roman Catholic priest and the founder of the Sisters of Saint John the Baptist – also known as the Baptistine Sisters. Their mission was to evangelize and educate as well as to promote the faith amongst adolescents with a particular emphasis on those who were poor or abandoned.

Pray for the spread of the hope of the Gospel to young people throughout the world

Saint Lodovico Pavoni (1784-1849)

Italy, Feast Day: April 1st

Saint Lodovico Pavoni was an Italian Roman Catholic priest who ministered in Brescia where he lived. He was concerned with the education of young men and their needs. In 1825 he established his own religious congregation to assist in his mission: the Sons of Mary Immaculate which came to be known also as the "Pavoniani".

Pray for Christian unity

Salomone Leclercq (1745-1792)

France, Feast Day: September 2nd

Saint Salomone Leclercq, born Guillaume-Nicolas-Louis Leclercq, was a French Roman Catholic professed religious who was killed during the French Revolution for his refusal to swear an oath of allegiance to the new government. Leclercq assumed the religious name of "Salomone" after he was admitted as a professed member of the De La Salle Brothers.^[1]

Pray for those unjustly imprisoned

Saint Francisco Marto (1908-1919)

Fatima, Portugal, Feast Day: February 20th

Patron of bodily ills; captives; people ridiculed for their piety; prisoners; sick people; Fancisco, Jacinta and Lucia of Fatima said they witnessed three apparitions of an angel in 1916 and several apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary in 1917. Their reported visions of Our Lady of Fátima proved politically controversial, and gave rise to a major center of world Christian pilgrimage.

Pray for those who have a difficult time praying the rosary

Saint Jacinta Marto (1910-1920)

Fatima, Portugal, Feast Day: February 20th

Patron of bodily ills; captives; people ridiculed for their piety; prisoners; sick people; Jacinta was affectionate if a bit spoiled, and emotionally labile. She had a sweet singing voice and a gift for dancing. All three children gave up music and dancing after the visions began. Jacinta was deeply affected by a terrifying vision of hell reportedly shown to the children at the third apparition. She became deeply convinced of the need to save sinners through penance and sacrifice as the Virgin had reportedly instructed the children to do.

Pray for sinners

Manuel Míguez González (1831-1925)

Spain, Feast Day: TBD

He gained a rather strong reputation for being a formidable pastor and a man dedicated to both education and science while using his scientific knowledge to concoct natural medicines to aid the ill who came to him for his help. He saw illiterate women and those who were marginalized and established a religious congregation to educate women.

Pray for women religious

Luca Antonio Falcone (1669-1739)

Italy, Feast Day: October 30th

Falcone had a rough call to religious life after several entries and exits into the order. He became titled as both the "Angel of Peace" and the "Apostle of the South". Falcone became known for ecstasies during the celebration of Mass and was known for converting the hearts of thousands when he went about preaching.

Pray for the New Evangelization

André de Soveral & 29 Companions (1572-1645)

Brazil, Feast Day: October 3rd

André de Soveral, who entered the Society of Jesus in 1593, was one of the 30 "Martyrs of Natal" who were also canonized; they were killed in 1645 in a wave of anti-Catholic persecution carried out by Dutch Calvinists in Natal, Brazil.

Pray for modern day martyrs

Cristobal & 2 Companions (1514-1529)

Mexico, Feast Day: September 23rd

The **Martyrs of Tlaxcala** were three Mexican Roman Catholic children from the state of Tlaxcala: Cristobal and the two companions Antonio and Juan. The three children were converts from the pagan traditions of their families to the Roman Catholic faith and received their educations from the Order of Friars Minor who baptized them and evangelized in the area. Their activism and evangelical zeal led to their brutal deaths at the hands of those who detested their newfound faith and perceived them as dangers to their tribal values and rituals.

Pray for the renewal of child-like innocence in the world

Francesco Spinelli (1853-1913)

Italy, Feast Day: February 6th

While visiting Rome, Spinelli frequented the Basilica di Santa Maria Maggiore where he spent brief moments in reflection at the crib of the Infant Jesus. This provided him with the inspiration he needed to found a religious congregation of his own, after a vision in which he saw women worshiping Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration. In 1892 he founded the Sisters Adorers of the Blessed Sacrament that later received the diocesan approval of the Bishop. He was close friends with close contemporaries of Saint Geltrude Comensoli and Blessed Luigi Maria

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Vincent Romano (1751-1831)

Italy, Feast Day: December 20th

Romano was a parish priest of the village of Herulano who was noted for his simplistic and frugal manner of living and for his great care of orphans. The people of Torre del Greco granted him the nickname "The Worker Priest" due to Romano's tireless work with the poor and for his commitment to the social needs of all people in the Neapolitan region. He was often distinguished with the Crucifix he had in his hand.

Pray for a life of simplicity and frugality

Maria Katharina Kasper (1820-1898)

German, Feast Day: February 2nd

A German Roman Catholic professed religious and the founder of the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ. Her dedication to the poor and the ill was noted during the course of her life and she dedicated herself to this work with great zeal. The Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ were established and Kasper (and the other women) were professed as religious.

Pray for hospital chaplains and those who work with the poor

Nazaria Ignacia March Mesa (1889-1943)

Spain, Feast Day: July 6th

Spanish Roman Catholic professed religious and the founder of the Missionaries of the Crusade. In 1898 she heard the voice of Jesus Christ call out to her in which He said to her – "You: Nazaria – follow Me". Mesa founded the Missionaries of the Crusade on 12 December 1926.

Pray for lay missionaries and leaders in the church

Nunzio Sulprizio (1817-1836)

Italy, Feast Day: May 5th

In 1835 the doctors decided to amputate his leg as their sole option but his pain continued. The miracle that led to his canonization concerned a man who was injured in a motorbike accident who fell into a coma. One relic of Sulprizio was - at the request of his relations - placed in his hospital room. Almost a week later his parents were told he had made remarkable progress, and had awakened from his coma and not in a vegetative state as was believed.

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