

A Calendar Of Major Saints

including solemnities, feasts, and memorials

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JANUARY

- 1 **Solemnity: Mary, the Mother of God** Luke 2:16-21
- 2 Basil the Great, 379, & Gregory Nazianzen, 389, bishops & doctors
- 3 Holy Name of Jesus
- 4 Elizabeth Ann Seton, 1821, widow & founder of Sisters of Charity
- 5 John Neumann, 1860, bishop of Philadelphia
- 6 Blessed Andre Bessette of Montreal, 1937, worker & religious
- 13 Hilary, 368, bishop of Poitiers & doctor
- 17 Anthony of Egypt, 356, hermit & abbot
- 20 Sebastian of Rome, 288(?), martyr
- 21 Agnes, beginning of 4th century, at age 12, virgin & martyr
- 22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn (USA)
- 23 Vincent of Valencia in Spain, early 4th C., deacon & martyr
- 24 Frances de Sales, 1622, bishop of Geneva & doctor
- 25 **Feast: Conversion of Paul, Apostle** Mark 16:15-18
- 26 **Timothy & Titus, bishops** Luke 10:1-9
- 28 Thomas Aquinas, OP, 1274, priest & doctor
- 31 John Bosco, 1888, inspired founding of Salesians, priest & teacher

FEBRUARY

- 2 **Feast: Presentation of the Lord** Luke 2:22-40
- 3 Blaise, early 4th century, bishop of Sebaste in Armenia & martyr
- 5 Agatha of Sicily, mid 3rd century, virgin & martyr
- 6 Paul Miki, SJ, and Companions, 1597, all martyrs of Nagasaki
- 10 Scholastica of Nursia, 543, virgin
- 11 Our Lady of Lourdes, apparition to St. Bernadette in 1858
- 14 Cyril, 869, and Methodius, 885, monks & bishops
- 17 Seven Founders of the Order of Servites, mid 13th C in Florence
- 21 Peter Damian, 1072, bishop of Ostia & doctor
- 22 **Feast: Chair of Peter, Apostle** Matthew 16:13-19
- 23 Polycarp, 155, bishop of Smyrna & martyr burned at the stake

MARCH

- 3 Katherine Drexel, 1955, virgin & founder Missionary Sisters
- 7 Perpetua and Felicity of Carthage, 203, martyrs
- 8 John of God, 1550, founder in Spain of Order of Hospitallers
- 17 Patrick of Ireland, 461, bishop of Armagh
- 18 Cyril of Jerusalem, 386, bishop of Jerusalem & doctor
- 19 **Solemnity: Joseph, Husband of Mary** Matthew 1:16-24a
- 25 **Solemnity: The Annunciation of the Lord** Luke 1:26-38

APRIL

- 4 Isidore, bishop of Seville & doctor
 7 John Baptist de La Salle, 1719, founder of the Christian Brothers
 11 Stanislaus, 1079, bishop of Cracow & martyr
 21 Anselm, 1109, bishop of Canterbury & doctor
 25 **Feast: Mark, Evangelist** Mark 16:15-20
 29 Catherine of Siena, O.P. 3rd Order, 1380, virgin & doctor

MAY

- 1 **Joseph the Worker, carpenter** Matthew 13:54-58
 2 Athanasius, 373, bishop of Alexandria & doctor
 3 **Feast: Philip and James, Apostles** John 14:6-14
 10 Damian de Veuster of Moloka'i, Hawaii, 1889, leper & priest
 13 Our Lady of Fatima
 14 **Feast: Matthias, Apostle** John 15:9-17
 15 Isidore of Madrid, 1130, farmer
 21 Christopher Magallanes & 24 Companions, 1915-37, martyrs
 25 Venerable Bede, 735, Benedictine priest & doctor
 26 Philip Neri, 1595, priest & founder of the Oratorians
 31 **Feast: Visitation of Mary and Elizabeth** Luke 1:39-56

JUNE

- 1 Justin of Samaria & Rome, 165, martyr
 3 Charles Lwanga of Uganda and 21 Companions, 1885-87, martyrs
 5 Boniface of Germany, 754, Benedictine abbot, bishop & martyr
 11 **Barnabas, apostle** Matthew 10:7-13
 13 Anthony of Padua, OFM, 1231, priest & doctor
 21 Aloysius Gonzaga, 1591, age 23, Jesuit scholastic
 22 John Fisher and Thomas More of England, 1535, martyrs
 24 **Solemnity: Birth of John the Baptist** Vigil: Luke 1:5-17
 Day: Luke 1:57-66,80
 28 Irenaeus of Lyons, 202, bishop & martyr
 29 **Solemnity: Peter and Paul, Apostles** Vigil: John 21:15-19
 Day: Matthew 16:13-19
 30 First Martyrs of Rome, 64

*Knowledge of ourselves is the necessary and only step
 by which we can ascend to the knowledge and love of God.*
 St. Anthony, January 17

In your nature, O eternal Godhead, I shall know my own nature.
 St. Catherine of Siena, April 29

JULY

- 1 Blessed Junipero Serra of California, 1784, Franciscan priest
 3 **Feast: Thomas, Apostle** John 20:24-29
 4 Independence Day (USA)
 5 Elizabeth of Portugal, 1336, 3rd Order Franciscan, queen & widow
 6 Maria Goretti of Corinaldi, 1902, age 12, virgin & martyr
 11 Benedict of Nursia, 547, abbot & founder of the Benedictines
 13 Henry II, 1024, emperor & husband to St. Cunegund
 14 Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha of the Mohawks, 1680, virgin
 15 Bonaventure, OFM, 1274, bishop of Albano & doctor
 16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel, 12th century hermits
 18 Camillus de Lellis, 1614, priest & founder of Clerks Regular (MI)
 22 **Mary Magdalene** John 20:1-2,11-18
 25 **Feast: James, Apostle** Matthew 20:20-28
 26 Joachim and Ann, parents of Mary, grandparents of Jesus
 29 **Martha** John 11:19-27
 30 Peter Chrysologus, mid 5th century, bishop of Ravenna & doctor
 31 Ignatius of Loyola, 1556, priest & founder of the Society of Jesus

AUGUST

- 1 Alphonsus Liguori, 1787, founder: Redemptorists, bishop & doctor
 4 John Mary Vianney of Ars, 1859, patron of parish priests
 6 **Feast: Transfiguration**
 A Matthew 17:1-9 B Mark 9:2-10 C Luke 9:28b-36
 8 Dominic, 1221, priest & founder: Order of Preachers (Dominicans)
 9 Teresa Benedicta (Edith Stein), 1942 at Auschwitz, Carmelite,
 virgin & martyr
 10 **Feast: Lawrence, 258, Deacon & Martyr** John 12:24-26
 11 Clare of Assisi, 1253, virgin & founder of the Poor Clares
 14 Maximilian Kolbe, OFM Conv, 1941 at Auschwitz, priest & martyr
 15 **Solemnity: Assumption of Mary** Vigil: Luke 11:27-28
 Day: Luke 1:39-56
 20 Bernard, 1153, Cistercian abbot of Clairvaux & doctor
 21 Pius X, 1914, pope
 22 Queenship of Mary
 23 Rose of Lima, Peru, 1617, age 31, 3rd Order Dominican & virgin
 24 **Feast: Bartholomew, Apostle** John 1:45-51
 27 Monica of Tagaste in Africa, 387 in Ostia, mother of Augustine
 28 Augustine, 430, bishop of Hippo in Africa & doctor
 29 **Passion of John the Baptist** Mark 6:17-29

SEPTEMBER

- 3 Gregory the Great, 604, monk, pope & doctor
 8 **Feast: Birth of Mary** Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23
 9 Peter Claver, SJ, 1654, priest & missionary to Columbia
 13 John Chrysostom, 407, bishop of Constantinople & doctor
 14 **Feast: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross** John 3:13-17
 15 Our Lady of Sorrows Luke 2:33-35
 16 Cornelius, 253, pope & martyr,
 & Cyprian, 258, bishop of Carthage & martyr
 20 Andrew Kim Taegon, 1847, priest,
 & the 102 Companions, martyrs in Korea
 21 **Feast: Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist** Matthew 9:9-13
 23 Pius (Padre Pio) of Pietrelcina, 1968, Capuchin priest
 26 Cosmas and Damian, 303, physicians & martyrs
 27 Vincent de Paul, 1660, priest & founder: Vincentians & Daughters of Charity
 29 **Feast: Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael, archangels** John 1:47-51
 30 Jerome of Bethlehem, 420, priest & doctor

OCTOBER

- 1 Therese of the Child Jesus, 1897, Carmelite of Lisieux, virgin & doctor
 2 Guardian Angels Matthew 18:1-5, 10
 4 Francis of Assisi, 1221, founder of the Order of the Franciscans
 6 Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher, 1849, virgin & founder:
 Sisters of the Holy Name
 7 Our Lady of the Rosary
 15 Teresa of Avila, 1582, Carmelite, virgin & doctor
 16 Margaret Mary Alacoque, 1690, Sister of the Visitation & virgin
 17 Ignatius of Antioch, 107, bishop & martyr in Rome
 18 **Feast: Luke, Evangelist** Luke 10:1-9
 19 Isaac Jogues, SJ, John de Brebeuf, SJ, & Companions, 1640's, martyrs
 20 Paul of the Cross, 1775, priest & founder of the Passionists
 28 **Feast: Simon and Jude, Apostles** Luke 6:12-16

The glory of God is the human person fully alive.
 St. Irenaeus, June 28

Live good lives, and you yourself will be God's praise.
 St. Augustine, August 28

A tree gives glory to God by being a tree.
 Thomas Merton, December 10

NOVEMBER

- 1 **Solemnity: All Saints** Matthew 5:1-12a
- 2 **All Souls** Matthew 5:1-12a Matthew 11:25-30
 Matthew 25:31-46 Luke 7:11-17 Luke 23:44-24:6a
 Luke 24:13-16,28-35 John 5:24-29 John 6:37-40
 John 6:51-58 John 11:17-27 Jn 11:32-45 or Jn 14:1-6
- 3 Martin de Porres of Lima in Peru, OP, 1639, religious
- 4 Charles Borromeo, 1584, bishop of Milan
- 9 **Feast: Dedication of John Lateran Basilica** John 2:13-22
- 10 Leo the Great, 461, pope & doctor
- 11 Martin of Tours, 397, bishop & founder of first monastery in the West
- 12 Josaphat, 1623, monk, bishop of Polotsk & martyr
- 13 Frances Xavier Cabrini, 1917, virgin & founder: Sisters of the Sacred Heart
- 15 Albert the Great, OP, 1280, bishop of Ratisbon & doctor
- 17 Elizabeth of Hungary, 1231, queen & 3rd Order Franciscan
- 18 Rose Philippine Duchesne, 1852 in St. Louis, Missouri, virgin
- 21 Presentation of Mary
- 22 Cecilia, 3rd century (?), virgin & martyr
- 23 Miguel Agustin Pro, SJ, 1927, priest & martyr in Mexico
- 24 Andrew Dung-Lac, 1839, priest & 116 Companions, martyrs in Vietnam
- 25 Catherine of Alexandria, 305 (?), virgin & martyr
- 4th Thursday, Thanksgiving Day (USA) Luke 10:21-24 Luke 17:11-19
- 30 **Feast: Andrew, Apostle** Matthew 4:18-22

DECEMBER

- 3 Francis Xavier, SJ, 1552, priest & missionary
- 4 John of Damascus, 749, priest & doctor
- 6 Nicholas, 350, bishop of Myra (now in Turkey)
- 7 Ambrose, 397, bishop of Milan & doctor
- 8 **Solemnity: Immaculate Conception of Mary** Luke 1:26-47
- 9 Juan Diego of Tepayac, Mexico, 1531 apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- 12 **Feast: Our Lady of Guadalupe** Luke 1:26-38 or 39-47
- 13 Lucy of Syracuse, 304, virgin & martyr
- 14 John of the Cross, 1591, founder: Discalced Carmelites, priest & doctor
- 21 Peter Canisius, SJ, 1597, missionary, priest & doctor
- 25 **Solemnity: Nativity of the Lord**
 Vigil: Matthew 1:1-25 Midnight: Luke 2:1-14
 Dawn: Luke 2:15-20 Christmas Day: John 1:1-18
- 26 **Feast: Stephen, Deacon & First Martyr** Matthew 10:17-22
- 27 **Feast: John, Apostle & Evangelist** John 20:1a,2-8
- 28 **Feast: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs** Matthew 2:13-18
- 29 Thomas Becket, 1170, bishop of Canterbury & martyr