

# MERCY Peace & Justice CALENDAR

December 2025

World Aids Awareness Month

Universal Human Rights Month

National Impaired Driving Prevention Month

Season Affective Disorder (SAD) Awareness Month

11/25-12/10

## 16 Days of Action Against Gender Violence

We pray for the end of gender-based violence.



## 1 World AIDS Day (UN)

*Theme: Rethink, Rebuild, Rise*

We pray for victims of AIDS and their loved ones

**Rosa Parks kept her seat on the bus in 1955**

We pray for an end of racism.



## 2 Global Giving Tuesday



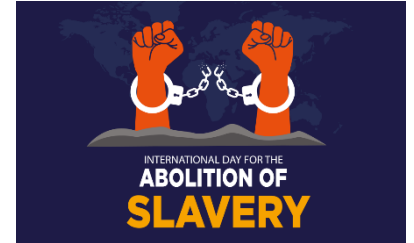
**Jean Donovan; Ita Ford, MM; Maura Clark, MM; and Dorothy Kazel, OSU martyred in El Salvador in 1980**

We pray for the people of Abya Yala / Central America.



**International Day for the Abolition of Slavery (UN)**

We pray for the 40.3 million + victims of modern-day slavery and the victims of human trafficking



**E.P.A. created by Congress in 1970**

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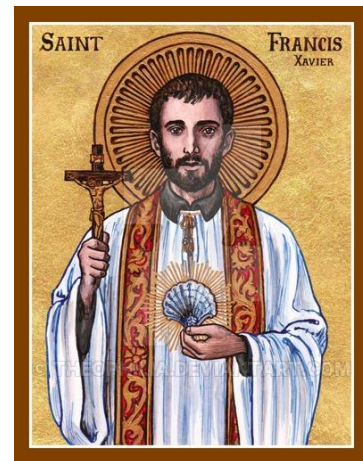
### 3 **Feast of St. Francis Xavier**

We pray for the peoples of India and Japan

**International Day of Persons with Disabilities (UN)**

*Theme: Fostering disability-inclusive societies for advancing social progress*

We pray for the one billion persons worldwide living with disabilities. May their communities accommodate their needs to reveal their full potential.



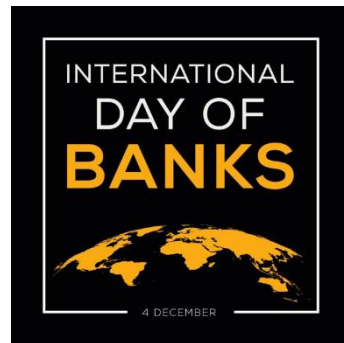
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4 **International Day of Banks (UN)**

We pray for an increase of micro spending banks.

**International Day Against Coercive Measures (UN)**

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5 **International Volunteer Day (UN)**

We pray with gratitude for those who volunteer to aid those in need, from firefighters to food banks.



**World Soil Day (UN)**

We pray that governments work to enact policies which protect and enhance the soil.

**First Friday Act and Pray for the end of the Death Penalty (CMN)**

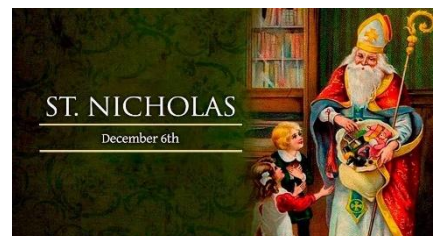
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6 **Feast of St. Nicholas**

We pray that every child has a St. Nicholas  
in their life

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7 **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day (1941)**

We pray for the end of all forms of terrorism.



**International Aviation Day (UN)**

We pray for the safety of those who travel by plane.

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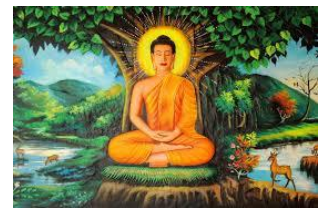
8 **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

We pray for expectant mothers, especially those for whom this pregnancy is problematic, may they have the support and resources they need



**Buddhist Feast of Bodhi (celebrates the enlightenment of Buddha)**

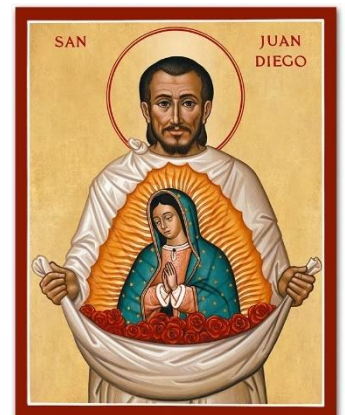
We pray for expectant mothers and for tolerance among peoples of different beliefs.



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9 **Feast of St. Juan Diego (First indigenous Saint of the Americas)**

We pray for expectant mothers, particularly those who find this pregnancy problematic, and for all the Indigenous peoples of the Americas / Turtle Island / Abya Yala.



**International Anti-Corruption Day (UN)**



## International Day of Commemoration of Genocide Victims and Efforts to Prevent Genocide (UN)

We pray for the end of genocide, especially in Sudan, Myanmar, D. Republic of Congo, and Gaza.

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### 10 Feast of Our Lady of Loretto

#### Universal Human Rights Day (UN)



#### Nobel Peace Prize 2025 awarded in Oslo to Maria Corine Machado, Venezuelan Rights Activist

We pray for the people in Venezuela and the end of U.S. interventions.



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#### Thomas Merton died in 1968

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### 11 International Day of the Mountains (UN) *Theme: Glaciers matter for water, food and livelihoods in mountains and beyond.*

We pray with gratitude for the mountains and all of creation.



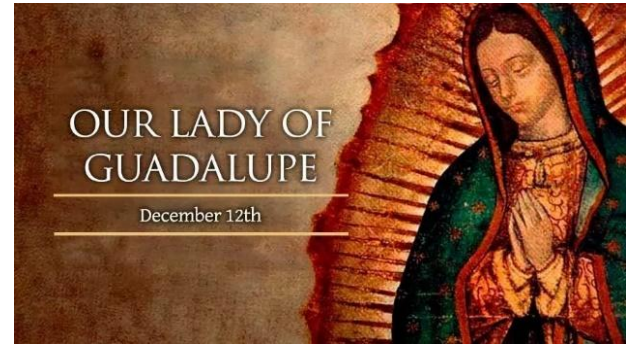
We pray for those on death row, especially Harold Nicols, scheduled for execution in Tennessee, for the victim, and for their families.

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## 12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

### Founding of Sisters of Mercy in 1831

We pray for all those who carry on Catherine McAuley's charism and the peoples of Turtle Island and Abya Yala / the Americas.



### International Day of Neutrality (UN)

### Universal Health Coverage Day (UN)

We pray that the U.S. Congress resolves the Affordable Health Care Act conflict to the benefit of those most in need.



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## 13 Feast of St Lucy

We pray for those who have lost their eyesight due to malnutrition and neglect.

We pray for the repose of the souls of Stephen Bryant and Bryan Jennings, executed last month in the United States.



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## 14 First Day of Hanukkah

### Feast of St. John of the Cross



## **Sandy Hook Elementary School Shooting in 2012**

We pray for victims of gun violence and their loved ones.



## **3rd Sunday of Advent**

Gaudete! Rejoice!!



## **Jubilee 25 Celebration in Rome of Prisoners**

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### **15 USA Bill of Rights Day (1791)**

We pray for the safety and wellbeing of government officials, and that they would have the wisdom to preserve the rights of those who live in this nation.



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### **16-24 Las Posadas, celebrated in Mexico, Philippines, Spain, Puerto Rico, symbolizing the journey of the Holy Family to find lodging**

Let us pray for those without lodging, especially unhoused people, immigrants, refugees and migrants, and persons recovering from disasters which destroyed their homes.





**16 Boston Tea Party, 1773**

We pray that those protesting acts of injustice practice nonviolence and show respect and care for one another

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**17 O Wisdom of God!**

We pray for the wisdom of leaders; may they work for peace, especially in Argentina, Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, Russia, Sudan, Nigeria, and Venezuela.

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**18 O God of Strength!**

Give your strength to the migrants of the world.

**International Migrants Day (UN)**

We pray for the safety for migrants and refugees, especially those from Palestine, Ukraine, Syria, Afghanistan, Venezuela, Democratic Republic of the Congo.

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**19 We pray O Flower of Jesse's Root!**

Bring peace to the children of war-torn countries.

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**20 We pray O Key of David!**

**International Human Solidarity Day (UN).**



**21 We pray O Radiant Dawn!**

Shine your light on those who died on the streets of the world.

**Winter Solstice, the northern hemisphere's longest night of the year**

We pray for those without shelter.

**National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day (USA)**

**First Sisters of Mercy minister in USA in 1843**

We pray with gratitude for those who care for unhouse people.

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**



**22 O God of the Earth!**

We pray for peace on Earth



**23 O Emmanuel!**

Be with us! Be the hope for those who live in despair of isolation, violence, drugs, or poverty.



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**24 Christmas Eve (Misa de Gallo in the Philippines)**

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**25 Blessed Christmas!!**

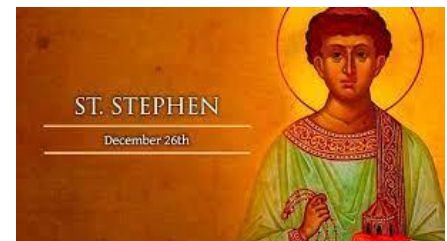
May the Christ Child Bless us with His Peace!



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**26 Feast of St. Stephen, first martyr**

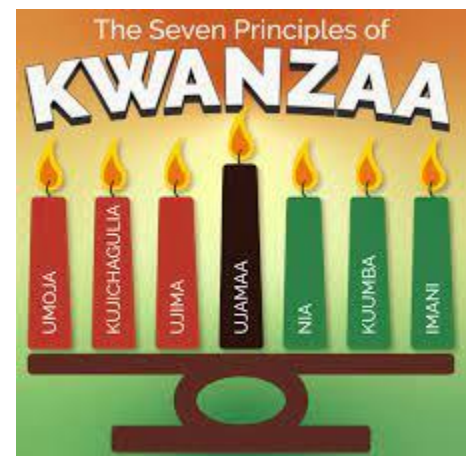
We pray for all those who are unjustly imprisoned for their belief



**Kwanzaa begins!**

Seven days of principles for a strong African-American family, which include unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity, and faith.

We pray for the realization that all people are children of God.



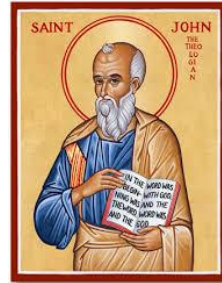
**Pope St. John Paul II died in 2007**

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**27 Feast of St. John Evangelist**

**International Day of Epidemic Preparedness (UN)**

We pray for first responders



**28 Feast of the Holy Family**

We pray for families, especially those separated by war, immigration, or poverty.

**The Endangered Species Act of 1973**

We pray for the protection of the endangered species



**29 Servant of God Thea Bowman, FSPA, born in 1937**

We pray with gratitude for peacemakers and justice seekers.



**30 Pope Francis's Last Monthly Intention**

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

We pray for those recovering from natural and human-made disasters, especially in the southeastern USA.

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**31 New Year's Eve**

We pray in gratitude for the blessings in the year 2025. We pray for the grace to be advocates for peace and justice, to amplify the voices of those unheard in 2026.

