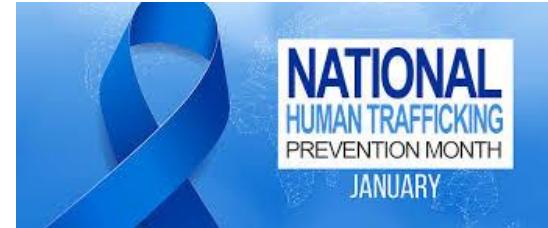


MERCY Peace & Justice CALENDAR

January 2026

International Year of the Woman Farmer (UN)
International Year of Volunteers for Sustainable Development (UN)
National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month (USA)



1 Feast of the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God

World Day of Prayer for Peace (VA)

Theme: Peace be with you all:

Toward an unarmed and disarming peace "Peace begins with each one of us in the way we look at others, listen to others and speak to others"



Pope Leo XIV Global Family Day (UN)
We pray for peace



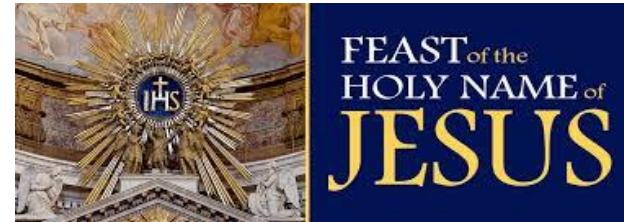
2 We pray for the success of the World's Women Farmers' Harvests

First Friday Pray and Act For the end of the death Penalty (CMN)



3 Feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus

We pray for peace in the Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, Venezuela



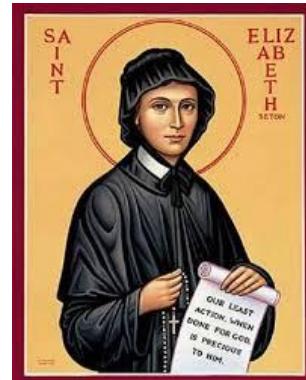
4 Feast of the Epiphany (Día de los Reyes)

We pray with gratitude for the diversity of cultures in our world



Feast of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Patron of Catholic Schools

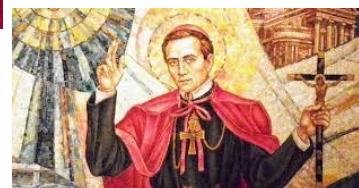
We pray for the teachers, staff, students, benefactors of Catholic schools, and all Sisters of Charity.



World Braille Day (UN)

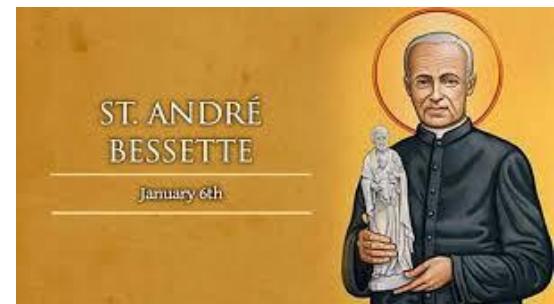
We pray for those who are blind

5 Feasts of St. Syncletica, Desert Mother & St. John Neumann, patron of immigrants



6 Feast of St. Andre Bessette, Holy Cross Religious and Patron of caregivers

We pray for first responders, health care workers, family caregivers.



Violent Mob Sieges Congress (2021)

We pray for the safety and wellbeing of all elected officials.

7 Orthodox Christmas

We pray for tolerance among believers of different religions.



8 We pray for the victims and those affected by the violence in Australia and Brown University in December



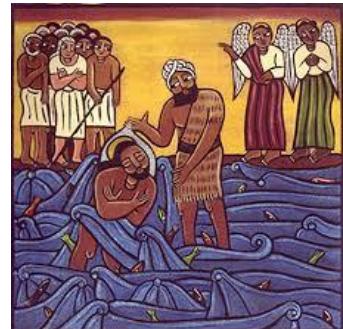
9 Birthday of Rigoberta Menchu Tum (1959)

Guatemalan Indigenous human rights activist
Nobel Prize winner 1992

We pray for the people of Central America especially Guatemala and Honduras



10 We pray for the repose of the souls of Harold Nichols, Mark Geralds, Malik Abdul-Sajjad and Stephen Bryant executed last year in the USA



11 Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

National Human Trafficking Awareness Day (USA)

We pray for the 600,000 to 800,000 persons who are sold across borders each year and the end of human trafficking



12 Earthquake in Haiti in 2010

We pray for the people of Haiti and the end of the violence and political upheaval.



help *for* haiti

We pray for the closure of Guantanamo Bay Prison (opened 2002) and for justice for its 30 prisoners.

13 We pray for the end of nuclear weapon production in the eleven countries of the world

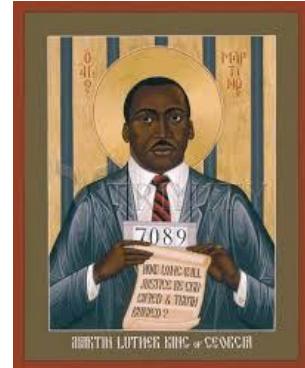


WE CAN DECIDE WHICH END WE CHOOSE

14 We pray for the will to conserve the earth's resources

15 Feast of the Black Christ of Esquipulas

We pray for the people of Central America / Abya Yala

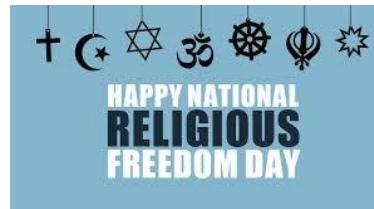


**Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
(born in 1929)**

We pray for the end of Racism

16 National Religious Freedom Day (UN)

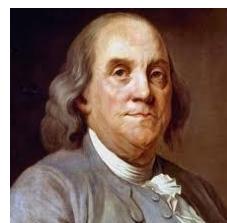
We celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the Passage of the Virginia Statute on Religious Freedom



We pray that all Americans value and respect the right of every citizen to practice their religion in peace and freedom

17 Benjamin Franklin born 1706

We pray for the safety and wellbeing of all government officials



18-25 Christian Unity Octave

Theme: One Body, One Spirit (Ep 4:4)

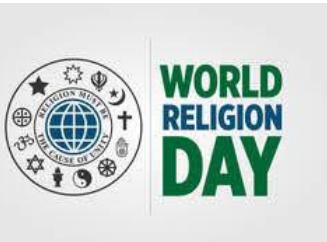
* Intersessions below



18 Feast of the Chair of Peter

World Religions Day started by the Baha'i Religions

We pray for the unity of all Christians in the Faith as called by Jesus

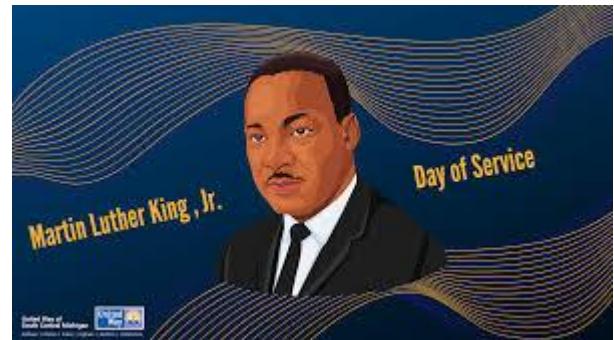


**WORLD
RELIGION
DAY**

19 Martin Luther King Jr Day of Service observed (USA)

We pray for the end of racism

We pray that the Christian Churches can embrace the challenge of our one calling to the same hope while maintaining our unique identity and traditions



Fiesta Señor Santo Niño, feast celebrated by the Filipino people.

We pray for the people of the Philippines.

19-23 No Name Calling Week In Schools (USA) a national effort to end bullying



20 We pray that Christian Churches strengthen the bonds of peace among themselves and their communities

21 Feast of St. Agnes, martyr

We pray for an increase of women in leadership roles in Church and Society



21-29 Nine Day Novena for Life Begins

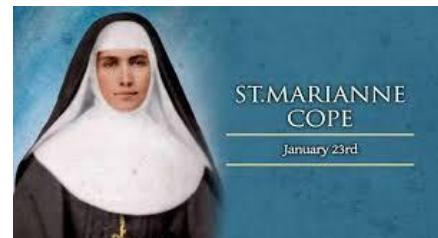
22 Feast of Blessed Laura Vicuna, patron of abuse victims

We pray for children and women in abusive relationships



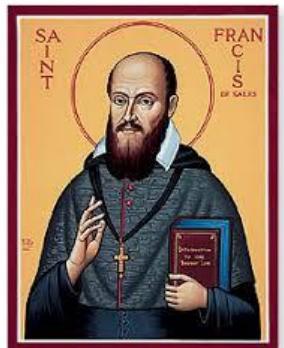
23 53rd March for Life In Washington

We pray for the safety and wellbeing of the participants



Feast of St. Francis De Sales and Feast of St. Marianne Cope Syracuse Franciscan who cared for lepers at Molokai

We pray with gratitude for those who care for those who are most vulnerable



24 International Day of Education (UN)

We pray that all children have access to education.



25-31 Catholic Schools Week Theme: *United in Faith and Community*

We pray for Teachers, Staff, Students Parents of Catholic Schools



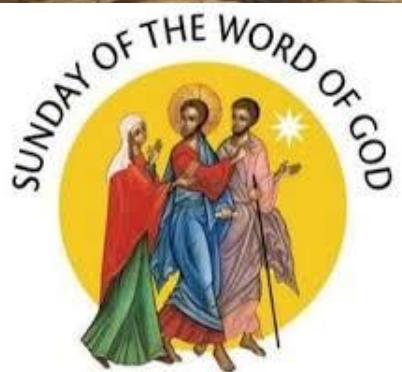
25 Conversion of St. Paul

We pray for the safety of the participants of the Walk for Life on the West Coast.



Word of God Sunday

We pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities helping us become a more fraternal and missionary church Pope Leo XIV monthly intention



26 International Clean Energy Day (UN)

We pray for an increased use of wind and solar energy over fossil fuels.



27 Feast of St. Angela Merici

We pray for the Ursulines and all those who work for equality for women and girls in society.



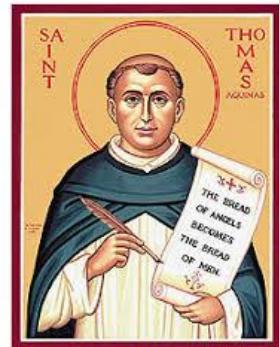
International Holocaust Remembrance Day (UN)

We pray for the end of anti-Jewish bigotry.



28 Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, patron of Catholic schools

We pray for teachers, students, and staff of Catholic schools.



We pray for healing in the Church and for those who suffer abuse and conversions of those who perpetuate abuse.

We pray for Charles Victor Thompson scheduled for execution in Texas, the victims and their families



International Day of Peaceful Coexistence (UN)

We pray for the end of violence

Vietnam War ceasefire in 1973

We pray for those suffering the effects of war.



29 We pray in gratitude for all of creation and pray for the will to conserve earth's resources

30 Birth of Saul Alinsky (1909-1972), founder of modern community organizers

We pray for community organizers and leaders and for the end of violence in our communities.



Slavery abolished in 1865

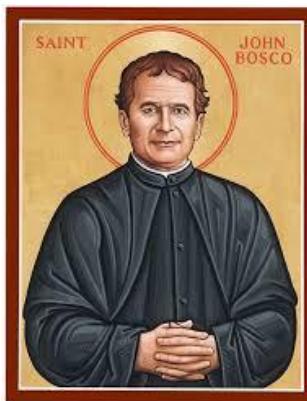
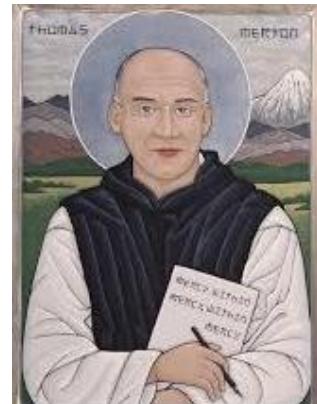
We pray for the victims of Human Trafficking

Gandhi Martyred in 1948

We pray in gratitude for justice seekers and peacemakers

**31 Feast of St. John Bosco
“Apostle of Youth”**

We pray for those who are responsible for nurturing the youth of the world: parents, teachers, coaches, relatives and mentors.



Thomas Merton OCSO born in 1915

We pray for peace
