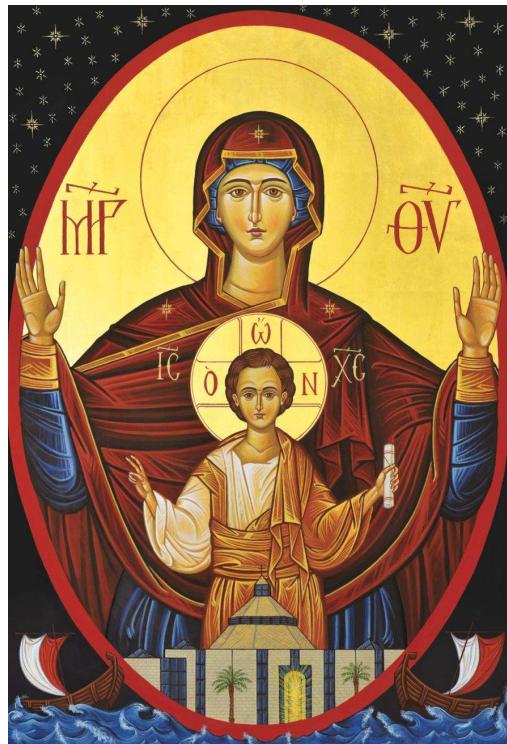


# LITURGICAL CALENDAR

## 2025-2026



Virgin Mary: Broader than the heavens (the Platytera)

مريم العذراء: الأوسع من السموات

For the Celebration of Mass  
*in the*  
Apostolic Vicariate  
of Northern Arabia

Committee on Divine Worship AVONA

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR  
FOR THE APOSTOLIC VICARIATE  
OF NORTHERN ARABIA

2025-2026

## INTRODUCTION

Each year the Committee of Divine Worship of the Apostolic Vicariate of Northern Arabia (AVONA) publishes the Liturgical Calendar for AVONA. This calendar is used by authors of ordines and other liturgical aids published to foster the celebration of the liturgy in the four countries of the Vicariate.

The calendar is based upon the General Roman Calendar, promulgated by Pope Saint Paul VI on February 14, 1969, subsequently amended by the Holy See, and the Proper Calendar for the AVONA, approved by the Apostolic Vicar of Northern Arabia, His Excellency Bishop Aldo Berardi O.SS.T. Also, based on the new Particular Calendar for the Apostolic Vicariate of Northern Arabia (AVONA) Prot. N. 576/24 dated 29 June 2025. This calendar has been updated to reflect the names and titles of the various liturgical days in conformity with the Roman Missal, Third Edition and the relevant liturgical festivities of the vicariate.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal reminds us that in the cycles of readings and prayers proclaimed throughout the year in the sacred liturgy “the mysteries of redemption are celebrated so as to be in some way made present.” Thus, may each celebration of the Holy Eucharist which is served by this calendar be for the Church in the Vicariate “the high point both of the action by which God sanctifies the world in Christ and of the worship that the human race offers to the Father, adoring him through Christ, the Son of God, in the Holy Spirit.”

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Fr. Nicolson Supreme Bien-Aime  
Executive Director  
Divine Worship of AVONA

# Liturgical Calendar 2025 - 2026

Sunday: Year B  
Weekday: Year I

## PRINCIPAL CELEBRATIONS OF THE LITURGICAL YEAR 2026

|  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| First Sunday of Advent                 | November 30, 2025 |
| Ash Wednesday                          | February 18, 2026 |
| Easter Sunday                          | April 5, 2026     |
| The Ascension of the Lord [Thursday]   | May 14, 2026      |
| Pentecost Sunday                       | May 24, 2026      |
| The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ | June 7, 2026      |
| First Sunday of Advent                 | November 29, 2026 |

## CYCLES — LECTORY FOR MASS

|               |         |  |
|---------------|---------|--|
| Sunday Cycle  | YEAR A  | November 30, 2025 to November 22, 2026                         |
| Weekday Cycle | CYCLE 2 | January 12 to February 17, 2026<br>May 25 to November 28, 2026 |
| Sunday Cycle  | YEAR B  | November 29, 2026 to November 21, 2027                         |

The cycles given above have been used in the preparation of this calendar. The readings from the Proper of Time and Proper of Saints have been used for all Solemnities and Feasts since they must take the place of the weekday readings for those respective days. The readings from the weekday cycle generally are to be used even on days on which a Memorial or Optional Memorial of a Saint occurs. The exceptions to this rule are the Memorials or Optional Memorials which have “proper readings” (usually only the Gospel) assigned to them in the Lectionary for Mass and which must be used on those days. Substitutions from the Commons or Proper of Saints may be made for the other readings suggested for those Memorials or Optional Memorials. The Priest Celebrant, however, should not omit “too often or without sufficient cause the readings assigned for each day in the weekday Lectionary” (Introduction to the Lectionary for Mass, no. 83). In this calendar, Optional Memorials are designated by the use of italics within brackets.

The Scripture citations and Lectionary numbers for all readings are from the Lectionary for Mass for Use in the Vicariate of AVONA, and the Lectionary for Mass Supplement (2017), which are based on the Ordo Lectionum Missæ, edition typica altera (1981), as emended. The spellings of the names of Saints and Blesseds are from the Roman Missal, Third Edition (2011), based on the Missale Romanum, editio typica tertia emendate (2008).

# Liturgical Calendar 2025 - 2026

Sunday: Year B  
Weekday: Year I

## LITURGY OF THE HOURS

|                               |  |          |
|-------------------------------|--|----------|
| Nov. 30, 2025 – Jan. 11, 2026 | Advent, Christmas  | Vol. I   |
| Jan. 12 – Feb. 17, 2026       | Weeks 1 to 6,<br>Ordinary Time                                       | Vol. III |
| Feb. 18 – April 5, 2026       | Lent, Paschal Triduum,<br>Easter (until the 2nd Sunday<br>of Easter) | Vol. II  |
| April 6 – May 24, 2026        | Easter Season (3rd to 7th<br>weeks)                                  | Vol. II  |
| May 25 – Aug. 1, 2026         | Weeks 8 to 17,<br>Ordinary Time                                      | Vol. III |
| Aug. 2 – Nov. 28, 2026        | Weeks 18 to 34,<br>Ordinary Time                                     | Vol. IV  |
| Nov. 29, 2025 – Jan. 10, 2027 | Advent, Christmas  | Vol. I   |

## MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

1. Scripture citations are based on the New American Bible with the revised New Testament and may differ slightly from the citations given in the *Ordo Lectionum Missæ* (1981) due to difference in versification.
2. In the preparation of diocesan and provincial calendars and ordines, the dedication of diocesan cathedrals, the dedication of parish churches, and special days of prayer (cf. General Instruction of the Roman Missal [GIRM], no. 373) should be added, along with other commemorations of Saints and Blesseds which are included in those particular calendars. More information is available in the Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the Calendar, particularly Chapter II.
3. “On Saturdays in Ordinary Time when no Obligatory Memorial occurs, an Optional Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary may be celebrated” (Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the Calendar, no. 15). This is indicated in the calendar by “BVM.” The readings and prayers may be selected from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary or Votive Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Roman Missal, or in the Collection of Masses of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
4. The 2025 liturgical year begins on the First Sunday of Advent, November 30, 2025.
  - a. Thursday, May 29, the Easter Weekday or the Optional Memorial of Saint Paul VI, Pope is observed.
  - b. In a notification dated December 8, 1998, of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments (Prot. n. 2671/98/L), the Obligatory Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary becomes an Optional Memorial in years when it conflicts with another Obligatory Memorial. Therefore, Saturday, June 28 is a weekday in Ordinary Time, as well as the Optional Memorials of the Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr, and Doctor of the Church.
  - c. Sunday, November 1, is the Solemnity of All Saints. In accord with the complimentary norm to canon 1246 §2.

## ABBREVIATIONS OF THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

### OLD TESTAMENT

|              |       |               |       |
|--------------|-------|---------------|-------|
| Amos         | Am    | 1 Kings       | 1 Kgs |
| Baruch       | Bar   | 2 Kings       | 2 Kgs |
| 1 Chronicles | 1 Chr | Lamentations  | Lam   |
| 2 Chronicles | 2 Chr | Leviticus     | Lv    |
| Daniel       | Dn    | 1 Maccabees   | 1 Mc  |
| Deuteronomy  | Dt    | 2 Maccabees   | 2 Mc  |
| Ecclesiastes | Eccl  | Malachi       | Mal   |
| Esther       | Est   | Micah         | Mi    |
| Exodus       | Ex    | Nahum         | Na    |
| Ezra         | Ezr   | Nehemiah      | Nch   |
| Ezekiel      | Ez    | Numbers       | Nm    |
| Genesis      | Gn    | Obadiah       | Ob    |
| Habakkuk     | Hb    | Proverbs      | Prv   |
| Haggai       | Hg    | Psalm(s)      | Ps(s) |
| Hosea        | Hos   | Ruth          | Ru    |
| Isaiah       | Is    | 1 Samuel      | 1 Sm  |
| Jeremiah     | Jer   | 2 Samuel      | 2 Sm  |
| Job          | Jb    | Sirach        | Sir   |
| Joel         | Jl    | Song of Songs | Sg    |
| Jonah        | Jon   | Tobit         | Tb    |
| Joshua       | Jos   | Wisdom        | Wis   |
| Judges       | Jgs   | Zechariah     | Zec   |
| Judith       | Jdt   | Zephaniah     | Zcp   |

### NEW TESTAMENT

|                      |       |                 |        |
|----------------------|-------|-----------------|--------|
| Acts of the Apostles | Acts  | Mark            | Mk     |
| Colossians           | Col   | Matthew         | Mt     |
| 1 Corinthians        | 1 Cor | 1 Peter         | 1 Pt   |
| 2 Corinthians        | 2 Cor | 2 Peter         | 2 Pt   |
| Ephesians            | Eph   | Philemon        | Phlm   |
| Galatians            | Gal   | Philippians     | Phil   |
| Hebrews              | Heb   | Revelation      | Rv     |
| James                | Jas   | Romans          | Rom    |
| John (Gospel)        | Jn    | 1 Thessalonians | 1 Thes |
| 1 John               | 1 Jn  | 2 Thessalonians | 2 Thes |
| 2 John               | 2 Jn  | 1 Timothy       | 1 Tm   |
| 3 John               | 3 Jn  | 2 Timothy       | 2 Tm   |
| Jude                 | Jude  | Titus           | Ti     |
| Luke                 | Lk    |                 |        |

**Papal Intention:** *For Christians in areas of conflict.*

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.

**Advent Season Notes:**

**Glory to God** is used only on Solemnities, Feasts and Ritual Masses (e.g. Nuptial Mass)

**Alleluia** is used at all Masses. **Violet vestments** in Masses of the season.

Floral decoration and use of musical instruments should be reduced (cf. IGMR 305, 313), except on Feasts, Solemnities, and 3rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday).

**Nuptial Mass is allowed** except Sundays of Advent and Solemnities but couples should be advised to consider the nature of Advent with regard to festivity (OCM 32).

**Marian dimension of Advent** reflected in prayers and sung texts (DPP 101).

|     |           | FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT   | Creed   |
|-----|-----------|--|---|
| SUN | <b>30</b> | Is 2: 1-5/Ps 122: 1-2. 3-4. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9/Rom 13: 11-14/Mt 24: 37-44 Pss I<br><i>Blessing of Advent Wreath</i>   |   |
| Mon | <b>1</b>  | <b>Advent Weekday</b><br>Is 4: 2-6/ Ps 122: 1-2. 3-4b. 4cd-5. 6-7. 8-9/ Mt 8: 5-11   |   |
| Tue | <b>2</b>  | <b>Advent Weekday</b><br><i>Bl. Mary Angela Astorch [Cap]</i><br>Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24  |  |
| Wed | <b>3</b>  | <b>Saint Francis Xavier, Priest</b><br><i>Memorial</i><br>Is 25: 6-10a/ Ps 23: 1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6 / Mt 15: 29-37   |  |
| Thu | <b>4</b>  | <b>Advent Weekday</b><br><i>Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church</i><br>Is 26: 1-6/ Ps 118: 1 and 8-9. 19-21. 25-27a/ Mt 7: 21. 24-27 |  |
| Fri | <b>5</b>  | <b>Advent Weekday</b><br>Is 29: 17-24/ Ps 27: 1. 4. 13-14/ Mt 9: 27-31<br><b>AVONA:</b> [For obligatory Mass, all as on Sunday]                        |  |

# DECEMBER 2025

Sunday: **Year A**  
Weekday: **Year II**

## Sat      **6** Advent Weekday

Saint Nicholas, Bishop

Is 30: 19-21. 23-26 / Ps 147: 1-2. 3-4. 5-6 / Mt 9: 35 10: 1. 5a. 6-8

**AVONA:** [For obligatory Mass, all as on Sunday]

**SUN 7**

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Creed

Is 11: 1-10 / Ps 72: 1-2. 7-8. 12-13. 17 / Rom 15: 4-9 / Mt 3: 1-12

**Mon**

## **8** THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Gloria

Creed

*Solemnity*

Gn 3: 9-15. 20 / Ps 98: 1. 2-3ab. 3cd-4 / Eph 1: 3-6. 11-12 / Lk 1: 26-38

Pss Prop

## Tue      **9** Advent Weekday

*Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin*

Is 40: 1-11 / Ps 96: 1-2. 3 and 10ac. 11-12. 13 / Mt 18: 12-14

Dedicace of Our Lady of Arabia, Ahmadi (1948)

• Solemnity in Ahmadi, Kuwait

## Wed      **10** Advent Weekday

*Our Lady of Loreto*

*Bl. Arsenius of Trigolo [Cap]*

Is 40: 25-31 / Ps 103: 1-2. 3-4. 8 and 10 / Mt 11: 28-30

## DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL OF OUR LADY OF ARABIA, (2021)

•Feast in AVONA

•Solemnity in Awali, Bahrain

## Thu      **11** Advent Weekday

Saint Damasus I, Pope

Is 41: 13-20 / Ps 145: 1 and 9. 10-11. 12-13ab / Mt 11: 11-15

# DECEMBER 2025

Sunday: **Year A**  
Weekday: **Year II**

## Fri 12 Advent Weekday

*Our Lady of Guadalupe*

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/

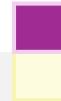
Jdt 13: 18bcde, 19

Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

*or any readings from the Common of the Blessed*

*Virgin Mary Pss Prop*

**AVONA:** [For obligatory Mass, all as on Sunday]



## Sat 13 Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

*Memorial*

Sir 48: 1-4. 9-11 / Ps 80: 2ac and 3b. 15-16. 18-19 / Mt 17: 9a. 10-13

**AVONA:** [For obligatory Mass, all as on Sunday]



## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (*Gaudete*)

SUN 14 Is 35: 1-6a. 10 / Ps 146: 6-7. 8-9. 9-10 / Jas 5: 7-10 / Mt 11: 2-11

*St. John of the Cross [OCD; IVE: mem]*

Creed



## Mon 15 Advent Weekday

Nm 24: 2-7. 15-17a / Ps 25: 4-5ab. 6 and 7bc. 8-9 / Mt 21: 23-27



## Tue 16 Advent Weekday

Zep 3: 1-2. 9-13 / Ps 34: 2-3. 6-7. 17-18. 19 and 23 / Mt 21: 28-32



## Wed 17 Advent Weekday

*St. John of Matha [OSST]*

Gn 49: 2. 8-10 / Ps 72: 1-2. 3-4ab. 7-8. 17 / Mt 1: 1-17



## Thu 18 Advent Weekday

Jer 23: 5-8 / Ps 72: 1-2. 12-13. 18-19 / Mt 1: 18-25



## Fri 19 Advent Weekday

Jgs 13: 2-7. 24-25a / Ps 71: 3-4a. 5-6ab. 16-17 / Lk 1: 5-25

**AVONA:** [For obligatory Mass, all as on Sunday]



Sat **20** Advent Weekday

Is 7: 10-14/ Ps 24: 1-2. 3-4ab. 5-6/ Lk 1: 26-38

**AVONA:** [For obligatory Mass, all as on Sunday]**SUN 21****FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Is 7: 10-14/ Ps 24: 1-2. 3-4. 5-6 (7c. 10b)/ Rom 1: 1-7/ Mt 1: 18-24

Pss IV

Creed

Mon **22** Advent Weekday

1 Sm 1: 24-28/ 1 Sm 2: 1. 4-5. 6-7. 8abcd/ Lk 1: 46-56

Tue **23** Advent Weekday*Saint John of Kanty, Priest*

Mal 3: 1-4. 23-24/ Ps 25: 4-5ab. 8-9. 10 and 14/ Lk 1: 57-66

Wed **24** Advent Weekday**Morning:** 2 Sm 7: 1-5. 8b-12. 14a. 16/ Ps 89: 2-3. 4-5. 27 and 29/ Lk 1: 67-79**CHRISTMAS SEASON NOTES:****Christmas Octave (Dec 25-Jan 1):** proper In communion in Eucharistic Prayer I.**Christmas blessings of homes, a manger/nativity scene**(BB 1541-1569), a **Christmas tree** (BB 1570-1596), etc.**Dec 15-23/16-24:** *Misa De Aguinaldo (Fil)***Wed 24****Vigil of the Nativity****Vigil:** Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25• **From 4:00 pm**

Gloria

Creed

**Thu 25****THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (Christmas)****Solemnity. [Holyday of Obligation]****Night:** Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14**Dawn:** Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20**Day:** Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14 Pss Prop

Gloria

Creed

**Mass texts** according to the time of day (Night, Dawn or Day). But any set of Christmas readings may be used at any Christmas Mass.

**General Absolution** according to guidelines.

Priests may (con)celebrate **3 Masses** today.

**Genuflection** during the Creed.

**Image of the Holy Infant** may be placed in crib, and incensed before/after Mass (not during *Gloria*).

**Announcement of the Birth of Christ** (Missal, appendix 1) may precede Midnight Mass.

**Saint Stephen, The First Martyr**

Gloria

**Fri 26**

*Feast*

Acts 6: 8-10; 7: 54-59/ Ps 31: 3cd-4. 6 and 8ab. 16bc and 17/ Mt 10: 17-22 Pss Prop

**AVONA:** [For obligatory Mass, all as on Sunday]

**Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist**

Gloria

**Sat 27**

*Feast*

1 Jn 1: 1-4/ Ps 97: 1-2. 5-6. 11-12/ Jn 20: 1a and 2-8 Pss Prop

**AVONA:** [For obligatory Mass, all as on Sunday]

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

Gloria  
Creed

**SUN 28**

*Feast*

Sir 3: 2-6. 12-14/ Ps 128: 1-2. 3. 4-5/ Col 3: 12-21/

Mt 2:13-15, 19-23 Pss Prop

**AVONA:** Feast of Holy Family Cathedral (Kuwait)

*Blessing of families, children and expectant mothers.*

**Mon 29 Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**

Gloria

Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

1 Jn 2: 3-11/ Ps 96: 1-2a. 2b-3. 5b-6/ Lk 2: 22-35 Pss Prop

**Tue 30 Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**

Gloria

1 Jn 2: 12-17/ Ps 96: 7-8a. 8b-9. 10/ Lk 2: 36-40Pss Prop

# DECEMBER 2025

Sunday: **Year A**  
Weekday: **Year II**

**Wed 31** Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

Saint Sylvester I, Pope

1 Jn 2: 18-21 / Ps 96: 1-2. 11-12. 13 / Jn 1: 1-18 Pss Prop

Gloria

**\*Evening Mass:** Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God – New Year's Eve Mass

**Papal Intention:** *For prayer with the Word of God.*

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

| <b>SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD</b> |  |  | Gloria<br>Creed |
|--|--|--|-----------------|
| <b>Thu 1</b>                                     | <i>Solemnity [The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord]</i><br>Holyday of Obligation<br>Nm 6: 22-27/ Ps 67: 2-3. 5. 6. 8 (2a)/ Gal 4: 4-7/ Lk 2: 16-21 Pss Prop  |  |                 |
| <b>Fri 2</b>                                     | <b>Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church</b><br><i>Memorial</i><br>1 Jn 2: 22-28/ Ps 98: 1. 2-3ab. 3cd-4/ Jn 1: 19-28 Pss I<br><b>AVONA:</b> [For obligatory Mass, all as on Sunday]   |  |                 |
| <b>Sat 3</b>                                     | <b>Christmas Weekday</b><br><i>The Most Holy Name of Jesus</i><br>1 Jn 2: 29 – 3: 6/ Ps 98: 1. 3cd-4. 5-6/ Jn 1: 29-34<br><b>AVONA:</b> [For obligatory Mass, all as on Sunday]  |  |                 |
| <b>SUN 4</b>                                     | <b>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b><br><i>Solemnity</i><br><i>St. Kurikose Charvara [OCD]</i><br>Is 60: 1-6/ Ps 72: 1-2. 7-8. 10-11. 12-13/ Eph 3: 2-3a. 5-6/ Mt 2: 1-12<br>Pss Prop<br>Optional Proclamation of Easter after Gospel.<br>Blessing of chalk, incense, gold, water, homes. |  |                 |
| <b>Mon 5</b>                                     | <b>Christmas Weekday</b><br><i>Bl. Didacus Joseph of Cádiz [Cap]</i><br>1 Jn 3: 22 – 4: 6/ Ps 2: 7bc-8. 10-12a/ Mt 4: 12-17. 23-25 Pss II  |  |                 |
| <b>Tue 6</b>                                     | <b>Christmas Weekday</b><br>1 Jn 4: 7-10/ Ps 72: 1-2. 3-4. 7-8/ Mk 6: 34-44<br><b>AVONA:</b> Closing of the Jubilee  |  |                 |

**Wed 7 Christmas Weekday**

*Saint Raymond of Peñafort, Priest*

1 Jn 4: 11-18/ Ps 72: 1-2. 10. 12-13/ Mk 6: 45-52



**Thu 8 Christmas Weekday**

*Bl. Titus Zeman [SDB]*

*St. Peter Thomas [OCD]*

1 Jn 4: 19 – 5: 4/ Ps 72: 1-2. 14 and 15bc. 17/ Lk 4: 14-22



**Fri 9 Christmas Weekday**

*St. Andrew Corsini [OCD]*

1 Jn 5: 5-13/ Ps 147: 12-13. 14-15. 19-20/ Lk 5: 12-16

**AVONA:** [For obligatory Mass, all as on Sunday]



**Sat 10 Christmas Weekday**

1 Jn 5: 14-21/ Ps 149: 1-2. 3-4. 5 and 6a and 9b/ Jn 3: 22-30

**AVONA:** [For obligatory Mass, all as on Sunday]



## ORDINARY TIME NOTES:

**On Ordinary Time weekdays**, priests may choose any Ord. Time Sunday Mass, Votive Mass, Votive Mass, Various Needs Mass (or simply Collect) or Mass of the Dead.

**Lectionary Readings** omitted on Friday or feast-day may be joined with readings on preceding or following day, if part of a continuous cycle.

### THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Gloria  
Creed

**SUN 11**

*Feast*

Is 42: 1-4. 6-7 / Ps 29: 1-2. 3-4. 3. 9-10 (11b) / Acts 10: 34-38 /  
Mt 3: 13-17 Pss Prop

**Mon 12 Weekday (First Week in Ordinary Time)**

*Bl. Bernard of Corleone [Cap]*

1 Sm 1: 1-8/ Ps 116: 12-13. 14-17. 18-19/ Mk 1: 14-20 Pss I



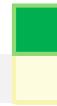
# JANUARY 2026

Sunday: **Year A**  
Weekday: **Year II**

**Tue 13 Weekday**

*Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

1 Sm 1: 9-20/ 1 Sm 2: 1. 4-5. 6-7. 8abcd/ Mk 1: 21-28



**Wed 14 Weekday**

1 Sm 3: 1-10. 19-20/ Ps 40: 2 and 5. 7-8a. 8b-9. 10/ Mk 1: 29-39



**Thu 15 Weekday**

1 Sm 4: 1-11/ Ps 44: 10-11. 14-15. 24-25/ Mk 1: 40-45



**Fri 16 Weekday**

*Ss. Berard and Companions [Cap]*

1 Sm 8: 4-7. 10-22a/ Ps 89: 16-17. 18-19/ Mk 2: 1-12

**AVONA:** [For obligatory Mass, all as on Sunday]



**Sat 17**

**OUR LADY OF ARABIA, Main Patroness of the Gulf -**

Gloria

**AVONA: Solemnity**

Creed

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Mk 2:13-17 (310)

**SUN 18**

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Gloria

Is 49:3, 5-6/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34 (64) Pss II

Creed

**Mon 19 Weekday**

1 Sm 15: 16-23/ Ps 50: 8-9. 16bc-17. 21 and 23/ Mk 2: 18-22



**Tue 20 Weekday**

*Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr*

1 Sm 16: 1-13/ Ps 89: 20. 21-22. 27-28/ Mk 2: 23-28



**Wed 21 Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr**

*Memorial*

1 Sm 17: 32-33. 37. 40-51/ Ps 144: 1b. 2. 9-10/ Mk 3: 1-6 Pss Prop



**Thu 22 Weekday**

*Saint Vincent Pallotti [OSST], Deacon and Martyr*

1 Sm 18: 6-9; 19: 1-7/ Ps 56: 2-3. 9-10a. 10b-11. 12-13/ Mk 3: 7-12



# JANUARY 2026

Sunday: **Year A**  
Weekday: **Year II**

**Fri 23 Weekday**

1 Sm 24: 3-21/ Ps 57: 2. 3-4. 6 and 11/ Mk 3: 13-19

**AVONA:** [For obligatory Mass, all as on Sunday]



**Sat 24 Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

*Memorial*

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Mk 3:20-21

**AVONA:** [For obligatory Mass, all as on Sunday]



**SUN 25**

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Sunday of the Word of God*

Is 8: 23 – 9: 3/ Ps 27: 1. 4. 13-14 (1a)/ 1 Cor 1: 10-13. 17/ Mt 4: 12-23  
Pss III

Gloria

Creed

**Mon 26 Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops**

*Memorial*

2 Tm 1: 1-8 or Ti 1: 1-5/ Ps 96: 1-2a. 2b-3. 7-8a. 10/ Mk 3: 22-30



**Tue 27 Weekday**

*Saint Angela Merici, Virgin*

2 Sm 6: 12b-15. 17-19/ Ps 24: 7. 8. 9. 10/ Mk 3: 31-35



**Wed 28 Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

*Memorial*

*St. Agnes, Principal Patroness [OSST]*

2 Sm 7: 4-17/ Ps 89: 4-5. 27-28. 29-30/ Mk 4: 1-20



**Thu 29 Weekday**

*Saint Isaac of Nineveh*

2 Sm 7: 18-19. 24-29/ Ps 132: 1-2. 3-5. 11. 12. 13-14/ Mk 4: 21-25

**In Jleeb Al Shuyoukh, Kuwait: Anniversary of the Foundation (2010) of St. Daniel Comboni Parish**



**Fri 30 Weekday**

2 Sm 7: 18-19. 24-29/ Ps 132: 1-2. 3-5. 11. 12. 13-14/ Mk 4: 21-25

**AVONA:** [For obligatory Mass, all as on Sunday]



JANUARY 2026

Sunday: **Year A**  
Weekday: **Year II**

Sat     **31** Saint John Bosco, Priest

*Memorial*

2 Sm 12: 1-7a. 10-17/ Ps 51: 12-13. 14-15. 16-17/ Mk 4: 35-41

**AVONA:** [For obligatory Mass, all as on Sunday]



**Papal Intention:** *For children with incurable diseases.*

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

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| SUN | 1 | FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME                        | Gloria |
|     |   | Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a (70) Pss IV | Creed  |

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| Mon   | 2 | <b>The Presentation of the Lord</b> | Gloria |
|   |   | <i>Feast</i>                        | Creed  |
| <i>World Day of Consecrated Life</i>  |   |                                     |        |
| Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32 (524) Pss Prop  |   |                                     |        |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Procession &amp; Blessing of candles</li> <li>• Blessing of expectant mothers</li> </ul> |   |                                     |        |

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| Tue | 3 | <b>Weekday</b>                          |  |
|     |   | <i>Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr;</i> |  |
|     |   | <i>Saint Ansgar, Bishop</i>             |  |

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Mk 5:21-43 (324)

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| Wed | 4 | <b>Weekday</b>                 |  |
|     |   | 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6 (325) |  |

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| Thu | 5 | <b>Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr</b> |  |
|     |   | <i>Memorial</i>                        |  |
|     |   | 1 K6s 2:1-4, 10-12/Mk 6:7-13 (326)     |  |

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| Fri | 6 | <b>Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs</b> |  |
|     |   | <i>Memorial</i>                                |  |
|     |   | Sir 47:2-11/Mk 6:14-29 (327)                   |  |

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| Sat | 7 | <b>Weekday</b>                     |  |
|     |   | <i>[BVM]</i>                       |  |
|     |   | <i>Bl. Pius IX [SDB]</i>           |  |
|     |   | <i>St. Colette of Corbie [Cap]</i> |  |

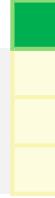
1 K6s 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34 (328)

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| SUN 8 | FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME<br><i>St. Josephine Bakhita [CMS]</i><br>Is 58:7-10/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16 (73) Pss I | Gloria |
|       |   | Creed  |

Mon 9 Weekday

*Bl. Eusebia Palomino Yenes [SDB]**Bl. Leopold of Alpandiere [Cap]**St. Maroun [Maronites]*

1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56 (329)



Tue 10 Saint Scholastica, Virgin

*Memorial*

1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13 (330)



Wed 11 Weekday

*Our Lady of Lourdes*

1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23 (331)



Thu 12 Weekday

1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30 (332)



Fri 13 Weekday

1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37 (333)



Sat 14 Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop

*Memorial**St. John Baptist of the Conception [OSST]*

1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10 (334)



SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUN 15 Sir 15:15-20/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37 (76) Pss II



Mon 16 Weekday

Jas 1:1-11/Mk 8:11-13 (335)



Tue **17** Weekday

Jas 1:12-18/Mk 8:14-21 (336)

*The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order*Wed **18****ASH WEDNESDAY**

Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 (219) Pss IV

- Penitential Act omitted. Kyrie optional.
- Blessing and distribution of ashes in Mass or Celebration of the Word (*see rubric at end of Ash Wednesday*)

Thu **19** Thursday after Ash Wednesday

Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25 (220)

Fri **20** Friday after Ash Wednesday

Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15 (221)

Sat **21** Saturday after Ash Wednesday*Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32 (222)

**LENTEN NOTES****Optional commemorations** of saints other than Solemnities/Feasts.

Colour is violet/purple. At Mass: Use collect of saint, rest as on weekday.

**Alleluia is omitted** in all celebrations, even Solemnities. It is replaced by one of the 4

acclamations printed in the Lectionary “or another similar phrase”. All Lectionary acclamations are interchangeable, even if a particular one is printed.

**Glory to God is omitted** until the Easter Vigil, except for Feasts, Solemnities and prescribed Ritual Masses (e.g. Nuptial mass).**Prayer over the People** for each day (weekdays: optional; Sundays: obligatory) is said after *The Lord be with you* but before blessing, with hands extended over people.**Preface of Lent III and IV** is used on weekdays; Preface I and II is used on Sundays, if no proper preface given.

**Eucharistic Prayers for Reconciliation** may be suitable for weekdays and can be used with the Lenten Prefaces.

**Decoration** of the altar with flowers is not permitted. Musical instruments should only be used to sustain singing, if needed.

## **LENTEN**

### **Regulations on Fast and Abstinence**

**1. Fast and Abstinence** are prescribed for Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, limited to the ages between 21 to 60.

**2. Abstinence** is prescribed as a general rule for every Friday in Lent, applicable to the age of 14 onwards. But for particular circumstances in the Vicariate of Northern Arabia (AVONA), Abstinence is to be observed on the Wednesdays of Lent. Out of devotion Abstinence may be observed every Wednesday during the year.

**3. Eucharistic Fast:** The faithful must abstain from solids and liquids for one hour before receiving Holy Communion. This regulation is applicable to Masses celebrated in the morning, afternoon, evening or at midnight. Water does not break the fast. Those who are sick, even though not confined to bed, may take any liquid or food as medicines at any time before Holy Communion without asking permission.

**SCRUTINIES (Christian Initiation for Adults)**

During Lent, initiation rites are carried out for those who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil, on the 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays. The initiation rites are celebrated during the Mass as laid out in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults If, for pastoral reasons, these rites are celebrated on another day, the Mass and readings given below are still used.

**Mass:** from the 'Ritual Masses' of the Missal for the Enrollment, and 1st/2nd/3rd Scrutiny.

**Vestments:** violet.

**Omitted:** Glory to God, Alleluia.

**Preface:** proper Preface (under the corresponding Sunday of Lent).

**Eucharistic Prayer:** Commemoration always made of the godparents using the form found under the Ritual Mass: For the First Scrutiny.

**Readings:** from the corresponding Lenten Sunday, Year B. Additional options are given in Ritual Masses of the Lectionary.

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**Lent Sun Enrollment of Names**

1 Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7 / Ps 50:3-6, 12-14, 17 /  
Rm 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19 / Mt 4:1-11



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**Lent Sun First Scrutiny**

2 Ex 17: 3-7 / Ps 94: 1-2, 6-9 / Rm 5: 1-2, 5-8 /  
Jn 4: 5-42 or 4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42



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**Lent Sun Second Scrutiny**

3 1 Sm 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13 or Ex 13: 21-22 / Ps 22 /  
Ep 5:8-14 / Jn 9: 1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38



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**Lent Sun Third Scrutiny**

4 Ez 37:12-14 / Ps 129 / Rm 8:8-11 /  
Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33-45



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|                              | <b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b><br><b>Mass for Enrollment of Names of Catechumens</b>  | Creed |
| <b>SUN 22</b>                | Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11 (22) Pss I<br>Readings as above<br>Litany of Saints may begin Mass ( <i>cf. missal before Ash Wed</i> ) |       |
| <b>Mon 23</b> Lenten Weekday | <i>Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr</i><br>Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46 (224)   |       |
| <b>Tue 24</b> Lenten Weekday | <i>Comm. Bl. Josepha Naval Girbes [OCD]</i><br>Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15 (225)   |       |
| <b>Wed 25</b> Lenten Weekday | Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32 (226)   |       |
| <b>Thu 26</b> Lenten Weekday | Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12 (227)   |       |
| <b>Fri 27</b> Lenten Weekday | <i>Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church</i><br>Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26 (228)  |       |
| <b>Sat 28</b> Lenten Weekday | Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48 (229)   |       |

**Papal Intention:** *For disarmament and peace.*

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

Sun 1

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9 (25) Pss II

Creed

Mon 2 Lenten Weekday

Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38 (230)



Tue 3 Lenten Weekday

USA: *Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin*

Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12 (231)

**Dedication of Sacred Heart Church (Mother Church, 1940)****Solemnity in Manama, Bahrain**

Wed 4 Lenten Weekday

*Saint Casimir*

Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28 (232)



Thu 5 Lenten Weekday

Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31 (233)



Fri 6 Lenten Weekday

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46 (234)



Sat 7 Lenten Weekday

*Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs*

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 (235)



SUN 8

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**or Celebration of 1<sup>a</sup> Scrutiny

Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42 (28)

Pss III

Creed



Mon 9 Lenten Weekday



# MARCH 2026

Sunday: **Year A**  
Weekday: **Year II**

*Saint Frances of Rome, Religious*

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Lk 4:24-30 (237)

**Tue 10 Lenten Weekday**

Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35 (238)



**Wed 11 Lenten Weekday**

Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19 (239)



**Thu 12 Lenten Weekday**

*Comm. St. Louis Orione [IVE]*

Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23 (240)



**Fri 13 Lenten Weekday**

Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34 (241)



**Sat 14 Lenten Weekday**

Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14 (242)

**Dedication of Our Lady of Rosary, Doha (2009)**

**Solemnity in Doha, Qatar**



**SUN 15**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Laetare)**

or Celebration of 2<sup>a</sup> Scrutiny

Creed

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38  
(31) Pss IV

**Mon 16 Lenten Weekday**

*Comm. St. Jose Gabril del Rosario Brochero [IVE]*

Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54 (244)

**Dedication of Co-Cathedral Kuwait, 1961**

**(Feast in Kuwait and Solemnity in Co-Cathedral)**



**Tue 17 Lenten Weekday**

*Saint Patrick, Bishop*

Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16 (245)



**Wed 18 Lenten Weekday**

*Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*



Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30 (246)

Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination of Bp. Aldo Berardi, O.S.S.T., (2023)  
Apostolic Vicar of Northern Arabia [AVONA] (Feast in the Cathedral)

## SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Gloria  
Creed*Solemnity*Thu **19** *Feast of the Parish of St. Joseph**St. Joseph, Patron [CSSJ, IVE]*

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a (543) Pss Prop

Fri **20** Lenten Weekday

Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30 (248)

Sat **21** Lenten Weekday

Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53 (249)

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Creed

SUN **22** Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45 (34)  
Pss IMon **23** Lenten Weekday*Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop*

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Jn 8:1-11 (251)

Tue **24** Lenten Weekday

Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30 (252)

## THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

*Solemnity**St. Mary Alphonsus*

Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38 (545) Pss Prop

Thu **26** Lenten Weekday

Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59 (254)

# MARCH 2026

Sunday: **Year A**  
Weekday: **Year II**

**Fri 27 Lenten Weekday**

Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42 (255)



**Sat 28 Lenten Weekday**

Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56 (256)



**Sun 29**

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

Creed

Mt 21:1-11 (37)/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54 (38)

Pss II

- **READINGS:** For serious reasons, only one reading may be read before the Gospel, or the Passion Gospel alone may be read.
- **BLESSING OF PALMS** before Solemn Entrance. No blessing before Simple Entrance. See online Ordo for rubrics on Passion Gospel.

**Mon 30 Monday of Holy Week**

Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11 (257)



**Tue 31 Tuesday of Holy Week**

Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38 (258)

**Chrism Mass AVONA:** Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21 (260)



**5** The following readings may be used on any day this week, especially in Years B and C when the Gospel of the Samaritan

Woman is not read on the Third Sunday of Lent: Ex 17:1-7/Jn 4:5-42 (236).

**6** The following readings may be used on any Lenten day this week, especially in Years B and C when the Gospel of the Man Born Blind is not read on the Fourth Sunday of Lent: Mi 7:7-9/Jn 9:1-41 (243).

**7** The following readings may be used on any Lenten day this week, especially in Years B and C when the Gospel of Lazarus is not read on the Fifth Sunday of Lent: 2 Kgs 4:18b-21, 32-37/Jn 11:1-45 (250).

**Papal Intention:** *For priests in crisis.*

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

**Wed 1 Wednesday of Holy Week**

Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25 (259)

Reception of Holy Oils in the parishes at beginning of Mass.

**Thu 2 Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)****Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:** Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15 (39) Pss Prop

Gloria

In larger parishes, where absolutely necessary to accommodate persons, an additional 1 or 2 Masses may be celebrated by permission of the Bishop. However, the number should not be simply multiplied.

**Washing of the Feet** is optional. The number is not fixed at 12 persons, since the revised meaning links the ritual with charity rather than the institution of the priesthood. Participants should not wear any special vesture, especially resembling the sacred vestments.

**Procession to altar of repose** only at main/last Mass; for other Masses, any remaining hosts are placed back in tabernacle and Mass ends as usual.

**Empty tabernacle** at beginning of Mass where procession will take place; sufficient hosts to be consecrated for Communion on Holy Thursday and Good Friday.

**Bells rung** at the Glory to God; next used at Easter Vigil. Clapper (crotalus) may be used at Mass, transfer of Bl. Sacrament, etc.

**Presentation of the Gifts:** Ubi Caritas is sung.

**Eucharistic Prayer I** (3 proper insertions) encouraged and printed in full under Holy Thursday in the missal.

**Altars are stripped**, uncovered crosses are veiled/removed, and candles extinguished in front of any images after Mass.

**Blessed Sacrament is reserved** in a closed tabernacle, not exposed in a monstrance. Decorations resembling a tomb/burial place are avoided.

**Adoration** is conducted with solemnity up to midnight, and without external solemnity after midnight. Night Prayer may be sung and/or part of the Gospel of John 13-17 read.

Fri 3

## Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

Is 52:13—53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42 (40) Pss Prop

## Fasting Day

**General absolution** in accordance with regulations.**No sacraments** (except Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick).**Funeral** must be without solemnity, music or Mass.**Other liturgical or para-liturgical services** specific to Good Friday (e.g. Liturgy of the Hours, Tenebrae, Tre Ore, Seven Words, Burial Procession, etc.) encouraged.

Only presider and deacons wears red Mass vestments. Other clergy present wear choir dress (habit/cassock-surplice), do not enter in procession or prostrate. Red stoles are worn for communion and by those reading the Gospel.

**Ministers enter** in silence. Announcements, etc. before entry.**After liturgy**, the altar is stripped. Veiled crosses are uncovered. The Cross may be placed with 4 candles on altar or another suitable place for private prayer/meditation (PS 71).

See extended online Ordo for more notes and communal Veneration of Cross.

Sat 4

## Holy Saturday

**Paschal Fast encouraged** until the Vigil (PS 39; CE 295).**No sacraments** (except Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick).**Funeral** must be without solemnity, music or Mass.**Preparation rites for catechumens** may be celebrated in the morning (RCIA 185 ff.).**Liturgical and para-liturgical services** should commemorate the mystery of Holy Saturday e.g. Liturgy of the Hours, 'Hour of the Mother', devotion to Sorrowful Virgin, etc. (cf. DPP 146-147; PS 73-74; IGLH 210)**Image of Descent into Hell or Sorrowful Virgin** may be placed in church for veneration.

## VIGIL OF EASTER

- Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Psalm 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or  
 Psalm 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20 and 22  
 Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Psalm 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11  
 Ex 14:15—15:1/Exodus 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (obligatory)  
 Is 54:5-14/Psalm 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13  
**Sat 4** Is 55:1-11/Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6  
 Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 11  
 Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Psalm 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 or Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or  
 Psalm 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19  
 Rom 6:3-11/Psalm 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23  
 /Lk 24:1-12

**N.B.** For serious pastoral reasons, the number of Old Testament readings may be reduced but at least 3 readings should be read, both from the Law (Readings 1-2) and the Prophets (Readings 4-7). Reading 3 and its canticle are obligatory. Resp. Pss (except Ex Canticle) can be replaced with silence.

Vigil is obligatory part of Mass. No individual/private Masses allowed.

**Images of saints** are unveiled before the liturgy.

**Bells rung** at *Glory to God*.

The ***Exsultet*** may be sung, if a Deacon is not present, by a (con) celebrant or (without blessing) by a lay cantor.

**Night Prayer** is omitted by those present for the Vigil.

**N.B. Initiation:** "The priest who by virtue of his office or by mandate of the diocesan Bishop baptises an adult or admits a baptised adult into full communion with the Catholic Church, also has the faculty by law to confirm that person" (*Code of Canon Law* 883.2). Other priests present at the Vigil should not confirm unless they have received the faculty from the bishop.

**Blessed Easter water** used to fill baptismal/holy water fonts & provided to faithful to bless homes & food.

**Blessing of Easter food** may take place.

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| SUN 5 | <b>EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION<br/>OF THE LORD</b>   | Gloria<br>Creed |
|       | <p><i>Solemnity</i></p> <p>Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 (42) or Mt 28:1-10 (41) or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Lk 24:13-35 (46) Pss Prop</p> <p><b>Easter Triduum ends after Evening Prayer</b></p> <p>Sprinkling of water may replace the Penitential Rite of the Mass. (N.B. Missals of some countries print it as part of Renewal of Baptismal Promises instead of Creed)</p> |                 |

**EASTER SEASON NOTES:**

**Alleluia** added to Entrance and Communion antiphons, and verse-&-responses  
(e.g. *You have given them bread from heaven, alleluia*).

**Blessing and sprinkling of water** is encouraged on Sundays instead of Penitential Act.

**Paschal Candle** kept at altar/ambo until Pentecost, and lit at solemn liturgical celebrations (Sunday, Solemnities, even Feasts).

**Regina Caeli** replaces the *Angelus* and is fittingly sung at the end of Mass.

**Blessing of homes** (p. B22) using blessed Easter water if possible.

**First Communion** encouraged on a Sunday of Easter to highlight baptismal/paschal character. Infant baptisms encouraged during Easter Season.

On weekdays, the Responsorial Psalm & Alleluia may be replaced by the *Alleluia psalm* (i.e. where Alleluia as refrain, cf. IGMR 62).

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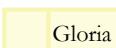
**Optional Sequence** (under Day Mass of Easter) before Gospel

**Preface of Easter I. Optional Solemn Blessing** of Easter Vigil (under Easter Vigil)

**Dismissal** with alleluias.

**In Eucharistic Prayer I:** proper In communion & Therefore, O Lord of Easter.

**In all Eucharistic Prayers:** commemoration of those baptized at Easter Vigil in the parish (text under Ritual Mass *For Conferral of Baptism*), even if they are not present at Mass (cf. PS 102(103))

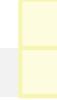
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| Mon           | <b>6</b>  | Monday within the Octave of Easter                              |    | Gloria |
|               |           | Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15 (261) Pss Prop                      |   |        |
| Tue           | <b>7</b>  | Tuesday within the Octave of Easter                             |    | Gloria |
|               |           | Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18 (262) Pss Prop                         |   |        |
| Wed           | <b>8</b>  | Wednesday within the Octave of Easter                           |    | Gloria |
|               |           | Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35 (263) Pss Prop                          |   |        |
| Thu           | <b>9</b>  | Thursday within the Octave of Easter                            |    | Gloria |
|               |           | Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48 (264) Pss Prop                         |   |        |
| Fri           | <b>10</b> | Friday within the Octave of Easter                              |    | Gloria |
|               |           | Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14 (265) Pss Prop                           |   |        |
| Sat           | <b>11</b> | Saturday within the Octave of Easter                            |    | Gloria |
|               |           | Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15 (266) Pss Prop                          |   |        |
| <b>SUN 12</b> |           | <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER<br/>(OR SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)</b>  |  | Gloria |
|               |           | <i>Acts 2:42-47 / 1 Pt 1:3-9 / Jn 20:19-31 (43) Pss Prop</i>    |   | Creed  |
|               |           | Death Anniversary of Bp. Camillo Ballin, Ap. Vicar Emeritus     |   |        |
|               |           | See online Ordo for indulgences and Celebration of Divine Mercy |   |        |
| Mon           | <b>13</b> | Easter Weekday  |  |        |
|               |           | <i>Saint Martin I, Pope and Martyr</i>                          |  |        |
|               |           | Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8 (267) Pss II                              |   |        |
| Tue           | <b>14</b> | Easter Weekday  |  |        |
|               |           | <i>Acts 4:32-37 / Jn 3:7b-15 (268)</i>                          |   |        |
| Wed           | <b>15</b> | Easter Weekday  |  |        |
|               |           | Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21 (269)                                   |   |        |
| Thu           | <b>16</b> | Easter Weekday  |  |        |
|               |           | Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36 (270)                                   |   |        |

Fri **17** Easter Weekday*Bl. Baptist Spagnoli [OCD]*

Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15 (271)

Sat **18** Easter Weekday*Bl. Mary Barbe Acarie [OCD]*

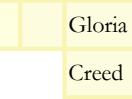
Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21 (272)

**SUN 19****THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Acts 2:14, 22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35 (46) Pss III

Gloria

Creed

Mon **20** Easter Weekday

Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29 (273)

Tue **21** Easter Weekday*Saint Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

Acts 7:51—8:1a/Jn 6:30-35 (274)

Wed **22** Easter Weekday

Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40 (275)

Thu **23** Easter Weekday*Saint George, Martyr;**Saint Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr*

Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51 (276)

Fri **24** Easter Weekday*Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr*

Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59 (277)

**Sat 25****Saint Mark, Evangelist***Feast*

1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20 (555) Pss Prop

*Feast of Devotion for the Coptic Rite*

|        |  |                 |
|--------|--|-----------------|
| SUN 26 | <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b><br>Acts 2:14a, 36-41/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10 (49) Pss IV<br>Vocation Sunday (see note in Online Ordo)                              | Gloria<br>Creed |
| Mon 27 | <b>Easter Weekday</b><br>Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:11-18 (second choice) (279)  |                 |
| Tue 28 | <b>Easter Weekday</b><br><i>Saint Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr;</i><br><i>Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest [IVE]</i><br>Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30 (280) |                 |
| Wed 29 | <b>Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church</b><br><i>Memorial</i><br>Acts 12:24—13:5a/Jn 12:44-50 (281)  |                 |
| Thu 30 | <b>Easter Weekday</b><br><i>Saint Pius V, Pope</i><br>Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20 (282)  |                 |

**8** If necessary, the Chrism Mass may be celebrated on a suitable day before Holy Thursday.

**9** Nine readings are assigned to the Easter Vigil: seven from the Old Testament and two from the New. If circumstances demand in individual cases, the number of prescribed readings may be reduced. Three selections from the Old Testament, both from the Law and the Prophets, should be read before the Epistle and Gospel. In any case, the reading from Exodus about the escape through the Red Sea (reading 3) should never be omitted.

**10** Although not given the title of Solemnity, “[t]he first eight days of Easter Time constitute the Octave of Easter and are celebrated as Solemnities of the Lord” (Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the Calendar, no. 24).

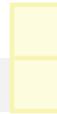
**Papal Intention:** *That everyone might have food.*

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

**Fri 1 Easter Weekday**

*Saint Joseph the Worker*

Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6 (283)  
or, for the Optional Memorial, Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Mt 13:54-58 (559)



**Sat 2 Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

*Memorial*

Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14 (284)



**SUN 3**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Acts 6:1-7/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12 (52) Pss I

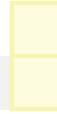
Gloria

Creed

**Mon 4 Easter Weekday**

*Bl. Thomas of Olera [Cap]*

Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26 (285)



**Tue 5 Easter Weekday**

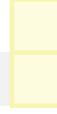
Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a (286)



**Wed 6 Easter Weekday**

*St. Dominic Savio [SDB]*

Acts 15:1-6/Jn 15:1-8 (287)



**Thu 7 Easter Weekday**

Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11 (288)



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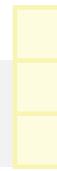
**Fri 8 Easter Weekday**

*Our Lady of Lujan, Principal Patroness [TVE]*

*Bl. Jeremiah of Walachia [Cap]*

Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17 (289)

Anniversary of the Election of Pope Leo XIV



**Sat 9 Easter Weekday**

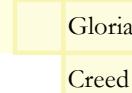
Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21 (290)



**SUN 10 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21 (55) Pss II

Gloria  
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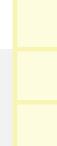


**Mon 11 Easter Weekday**

*Bl. Dominic Iturrate [OSST];*

*St. Ignatius of Laconi [Cap]*

Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26—16:4a (291)



**Tue 12 Easter Weekday**

*Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs;*

*Saint Pancras, Martyr*

Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11 (292)

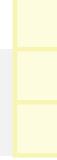


**Wed 13 Easter Weekday**

*Our Lady of Fatima;*

*St. Mary Domenica Mazzarello [SDB]*

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Jn 16:12-15 (293)



**Saint Matthias, Apostle**

Gloria

**Thu 14 Feast**

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17 (564) Pss Prop



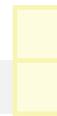
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**Fri 15 Easter Weekday**

*Saint Caleb (Elesbaan)*

Acts 18:9-18/Jn 16:20-23 (295)

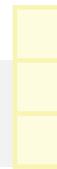


**Sat 16 Easter Weekday**

*St. Louis orione [SDB];*

*St. Simon Stock [OCD]*

Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28 (296)



## THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Gloria  
Creed

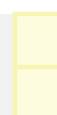
*Solemnity*

**SUN 17** *St. Paschal Baylon [Cap];*

*St. Margaret of Cortona [Cap]*

Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20 (58) Pss Prop

*World Day of (Social) Communications*



**Mon 18 Easter Weekday**

*Saint John I, Pope and Martyr*

*St. Felix of Cantalice [Cap]*

*St. Leonard Murielado [SDB]*

Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33 (297)



**Tue 19 Easter Weekday**

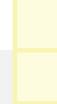
Acts 20:17-27/Jn 17:1-11a (298)



**Wed 20 Easter Weekday**

*Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest*

Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19 (299)



**Thu 21 Easter Weekday**

*Saint Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs*

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26 (300)



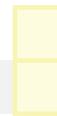
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Sunday: Year A  
Weekday: Year II

**Fri 22** Easter Weekday

*Saint Rita of Cascia, Religious*

Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19 (301)



**Sat 23** Easter Weekday

**Morning:** Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25 (302)



**Sat 23** Vigil Mass of the Pentecost  
(Evening Mass)

Gloria  
Creed

**Vigil:** Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 (62) or, for the **Extended Vigil:** Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/Rom 8:22-27/ Jn 7:37-39 (see *Lectionary for Mass Supplement*, 62)

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

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Creed

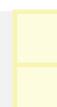
**SUN 24**

*Solemnity*  
B.V. Mary, Help of Christians, Principal Patroness [SDB];

*Dedication of the Basilica of Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi [Cap]*

**Day:** Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23 (63) Pss Prop

Paschal Candle extinguished after last Mass and moved to the baptistery



**Mon 25** The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

(Eighth Week in Ordinary Time)

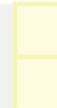
*Memorial*

*St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi [OCD];*

*Our Lady of the Sacred Heart [CMS]*

Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Jn 19:25-34

(572A, see [USCCB.org/motherofthechurch](http://USCCB.org/motherofthechurch)) Pss IV



**Tue 26** Saint Philip Neri, Priest

*Memorial*

1 Pt 1:10-16/Mk 10:28-31 (348)



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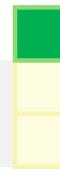
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**Wed 27 Weekday**

*Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop;*

*Bl. Joseph Tous y Soler [Cap]*

1 Pt 1:18-25/Mk 10:32-45 (349)



**Thu 28 Weekday**

1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12/Mk 10:46-52 (350)



**Fri 29 Weekday**

*Saint Paul VI, Pope*

1 Pt 4:7-13/Mk 11:11-26 (351)



**Sat 30 Weekday**

*[BVM]*

Jude 17, 20b-25/Mk 11:27-33 (352)



## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Gloria  
Creed

**SUN 31**

*Solemnity*

*Mission Our Lady of the Visitation, Awali [Bahrain]*

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18 (164) Pss Prop

**Titular of the Trinitarian Order**



**11** When the Ascension of the Lord is celebrated on the following Sunday, the Second Reading and Gospel from the Seventh Sunday of Easter (see no. 59) may be read on the Sixth Sunday of Easter.

**Papal Intention: For the values of sports.**

Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

**Mon 1 Saint Justin, Martyr (Ninth Week in Ordinary Time)**

*Memorial*

2 Pt 1:2-7/Mk 12:1-12 (353) Pss I



**Tue 2 Weekday**

*Saints Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs*

2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/Mk 12:13-17 (354)



**Wed 3 Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs**

*Memorial*

2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/Mk 12:18-27 (355)



**Thu 4 Weekday**

2 Tm 2:8-15/Mk 12:28-34 (356)



**Fri 5 Saint Boniface, Bishop and Martyr**

*Memorial*

2 Tm 3:10-17/Mk 12:35-37 (357)



**Sat 6 Weekday**

*[BVM]*

*Saint Norbert, Bishop*

2 Tm 4:1-8/Mk 12:38-44 (358)



**SUN 7**

*Solemnity*

*Sacred Heart of Jesus [CMS]*

Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58 (167)

Gloria

Creed

Acts of devotion toward the Blessed Sacrament (e.g. Holy Hour, exposition, etc.) are encouraged. Indulgenced Procession of the Blessed Sacrament may take after Mass or prolonged Exposition.

Mon **8** Weekday (Tenth Week in Ordinary Time)*St. Michael of the Saints [OSST];**Bl. Istvan Sandor [SDB];**Bl. Nicholas of Gesturi [Cap]*

1 Kgs 17:1-6/Mt 5:1-12 (359) Pss II

Tue **9** Weekday*Saint Ephrem, Deacon and Doctor of the Church*

1 Kgs 17:7-16/Mt 5:13-16 (360)

Wed **10** Weekday

1 Kgs 18:20-39/Mt 5:17-19 (361)

Thu **11** Saint Barnabas, Apostle*Memorial*

Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 (580)/Mt 5:20-26 (362)

**THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS**Gloria  
Creed*Solemnity*Fri **12***Bl. Florisa Cevoli [Cap];**Bl. Francis Kesy & Companions [SDB]*

Dt 7:6-11/1 Jn 4:7-16/Mt 11:25-30 (170) Pss Prop

World Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests

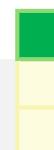
Act of Reparation to Sacred Heart.

Eucharistic Adoration encouraged.

• **Manama: Feast of the Parish**Sat **13** Weekday*The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary;**Saint Anthony of Padua [Cap], Priest and Doctor of the Church [BVM]*

1 Kgs 19:19-21/Mt 5:33-37 (364)

or, for the Optional Memorial of the Immaculate Heart, 1 Kgs 19:19-21 (364)/Lk 2:41-51 (573)

**ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**SUN **14**

Ex 19:2-6a/Rom 5:6-11/Mt 9:36—10:8 (91) Pss III



# JUNE 2026

Sunday: **Year A**  
Weekday: **Year II**

Mon **15** Weekday

1 Kgs 21:1-16/Mt 5:38-42 (365)



Tue **16** Weekday

1 Kgs 21:17-29/Mt 5:43-48 (366)



Wed **17** Weekday

2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 (367)



Thu **18** Weekday

Sir 48:1-14/Mt 6:7-15 (368)



Fri **19** Weekday

[Saint Romuald, Abbot]

2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Mt 6:19-23 (369)



Sat **20** Weekday

[BVM]

2 Chr 24:17-25/Mt 6:24-34 (370)



SUN **21**

**TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Jer 20:10-13/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33 (94) Pss IV



Mon **22** Weekday

*Saint Paulinus of Nola, Bishop;*

*Saints John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs*

2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18/Mt 7:1-5 (371)



Tue **23** Weekday

2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36/Mt 7:6, 12-14 (372)



**THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST**

Gloria  
Creed

Wed **24**

*Solemnity*

**Vigil:** Jer 1:4-10/1 Pt 1:8-12/Lk 1:5-17 (586)

**Day:** Is 49:1-6/Acts 13:22-26/Lk 1:57-66, 80 (587) Pss Prop



JUNE 2026

Sunday: **Year A**  
Weekday: **Year II**

Thu **25** Weekday

2 Kgs 24:8-17/Mt 7:21-29 (374)



Fri **26** Weekday

2 Kgs 25:1-12/Mt 8:1-4 (375)



Sat **27** Weekday

*[BVM]*

*Saint Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19/Mt 8:5-17 (376)



**SUN 28**

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42 (97) Pss I

**Mon 29**

**SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES**

*Solemnity*

**Vigil:** Acts 3:1-10/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19 (590)

**Day:** Acts 12:1-11/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19 (591) Pss Prop

Gloria  
Creed

Tue **30** Weekday

*The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church*

Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Mt 8:23-27 (378)



**Papal Intention:** *For respect for human life.*

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

**Wed 1 Weekday**

*USA: Saint Junípero Serra, Priest*

Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Mt 8:28-34 (379)



**Thu 2 Feast**

Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56

Gloria

**Fri 3 Feast**

Eph 2:19-22/Jn 20:24-29 (593) Pss Prop

Obligation is only for the Syro-Malabar Rite

Gloria

**Sat 4 Weekday**

*BVM*

Am 9:11-15/Mt 9:14-17 (382)



**SUN 5**

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Zec 9:9-10/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30 (100) Pss II

Gloria

Creed

**Mon 6 Weekday**

*Saint Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr*

Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22/Mt 9:18-26 (383)



**Tue 7 Weekday**

Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Mt 9:32-38 (384)



**Wed 8 Weekday**

Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Mt 10:1-7 (385)



JULY 2026

Sunday: Year A  
Weekday: Year II

Thu **9** Weekday

*Saint Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs*

Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Mt 10:7-15 (386)



Fri **10** Weekday

*St. Veronica Giuliani [Cap]*

Hos 14:2-10/Mt 10:16-23 (387)



Sat **11** Saint Benedict, Abbot

*Memorial*

Is 6:1-8/Mt 10:24-33 (388)



**SUN 12**

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Gloria

*Ss. Louis Martin and Marie Guerin [OCD]*

Creed

Is 55:10-11/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9 (103) Pss III

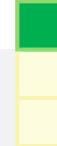


Mon **13** Weekday

*Saint Henry;*

*Ss. Teresa Fernandez Solar [OCD]*

Is 1:10-17/Mt 10:34—11:1 (389)



Tue **14** Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

*Memorial*

Is 7:1-9/Mt 11:20-24 (390)



Wed **15** Saint Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

*Memorial*

*St. Bonaventure [Cap]*

Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Mt 11:25-27 (391)



Thu **16** Weekday

*Our Lady of Mount Carmel [OCD]*

Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Mt 11:28-30 (392)

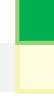


Fri **17** Weekday*Bl. Teresa and Companions [OCD]*

Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Mt 12:1-8 (393)

Sat **18** Weekday*USA: Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest [BVM]*

Mi 2:1-5/Mt 12:14-21 (394)

**SUN 19****SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Wis 12:13, 16-19/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30 (106) Pss IV

Gloria

Creed

Mon **20** Weekday*Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr;**St. Elijah the Prophet [OCD]*

Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Mt 12:38-42 (395)

Tue **21** Weekday*Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church*

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Mt 12:46-50 (396)

**Wed 22****Saint Mary Magdalene**

Feast

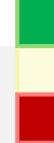
Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18 (603) Pss Prop

Thu **23** Weekday*Saint Bridget, Religious*

Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Mt 13:10-17 (398)

Fri **24** Weekday*Saint Sharbel Makhluf, Priest;**Bl. Maria Pilar Garcia, Maria Sagrario and Companions [Cap]*

Jer 3:14-17/Mt 13:18-23 (399)

**Sat 25****Saint James, Apostle**

Feast

2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28 (605) Pss Prop



JULY 2026

Sunday: Year A  
Weekday: Year II

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| SUN 26 | SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME                             | Gloria |
|        | 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46 (109) Pss I | Creed  |

Mon 27 Weekday

*Saint Simeon Stylites*

Jer 13:1-11/Mt 13:31-35 (401)

Tue 28 Weekday

*Bl. Mary Teresa Kowalska [Cap];*

*Bl. John Soreth [OCD]*

Jer 14:17-22/Mt 13:36-43 (402)

**In Salmiya, Kuwait: Anniversary of the Foundation (2006) of the Parish of St Therese of the Child Jesus**

Wed 29 Saints Martha, Mary, and Lazarus

*Memorial*

Jer 15:10, 16-21 (403)/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42 (607)

Thu 30 Weekday

*Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

Jer 18:1-6/Mt 13:47-53 (404)

Fri 31 Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

*Memorial*

*St. Ignatius of Loyola [SJC]*

Jer 26:1-9/Mt 13:54-58 (405)

**Papal Intention:** *For evangelization in the city.*

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

**Sat 1 Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

*Memorial*

Jer 26:11-16, 24/Mt 14:1-12 (406)

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Gloria

Creed

**SUN 2**

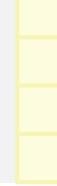
*Bl. Augustus Czartoryski [SDB]*

*Our Lady of the Angels [Cap]*

*St. Eusebius of Vercelli*

*St. Peter Julian Eymard*

Is 55:1-3/Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21 (112)



**Mon 3 Weekday**

Jer 28:1-17 (407)/Mt 14:22-36 (408)



**Tue 4 Saint John Vianney, Priest**

*Memorial*

Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14 (408)



**Wed 5 Weekday**

*The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major*

Jer 31:1-7/Mt 15:21-28 (409)

**The Transfiguration of the Lord**

Gloria

**Thu 6 Feast**

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9 (614) Pss Prop



**Fri 7 Weekday**

*Saint Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs;*

*Saint Cajetan, Priest;*

*Bl. Agathangelo & Cassian [Cap]*

Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Mt 16:24-28 (411)



AUGUST 2026

Sunday: Year A  
Weekday: Year II

Sat      **8** Saint Dominic, Priest

*Memorial*

*Holy Father Dominic [Cap]*

Hb 1:12—2:4/Mt 17:14-20 (412)



SUN    **9**

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*St. Teresa Benedicta [OCD]*

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33 (115) Pss III

Gloria

Creed

Mon   **10**

**Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr**

*Feast*

2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26 (618) Pss Prop



Tue      **11** Saint Clare, Virgin

*Memorial*

Ez 2:8—3:4/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14 (414)



Wed   **12** Weekday

*Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious*

Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Mt 18:15-20 (415)



Thu   **13** Weekday

*Saints Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs*

Ez 12:1-12/Mt 18:21—19:1 (416)



Fri      **14** Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

*Memorial*

Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Mt 19:3-12 (417)



Fri   **14**

**VIGIL OF THE ASSUMPTION**

*Solemnity [not a Holyday of Obligation this year]*

Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 (621)

• Evening

Gloria

Creed

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|     |           | THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY                              | Gloria<br>Creed   |
| Sat | <b>15</b> | <i>Solemnity</i>   |   |
|     |           | Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56 (622) Pss Prop |   |
|     |           | Blessing of flowers, fruits, Marian objects.                           |   |
| SUN | <b>16</b> | <b>TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>                               | Gloria<br>Creed   |
|     |           | Is 56:1, 6-7/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28 (118) Pss IV              |   |
| Mon | <b>17</b> | Weekday  |    |
|     |           | Ez 24:15-23/Mt 19:16-22 (419)  |   |
| Tue | <b>18</b> | Weekday  |    |
|     |           | <i>Bl. John Louis Loir, Protase Bourdon, Sebastian Francois [Cap]</i>  |   |
|     |           | Ez 28:1-10/Mt 19:23-30 (420)   |   |
| Wed | <b>19</b> | Weekday  |   |
|     |           | <i>Saint John Eudes, Priest;</i>                                       |   |
|     |           | <i>St. Louis of Anjou [Cap]</i>  |   |
|     |           | Ez 34:1-11/Mt 20:1-16 (421)  |   |
| Thu | <b>20</b> | <b>Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church</b>                   |  |
|     |           | <i>Memorial</i>  |   |
|     |           | Ez 36:23-28/Mt 22:1-14 (422)   |   |
| Fri | <b>21</b> | <b>Saint Pius X, Pope</b>  |  |
|     |           | <i>Memorial</i>  |   |
|     |           | Ez 37:1-14/Mt 22:34-40 (423)   |   |
| Sat | <b>22</b> | <b>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>                        |  |
|     |           | <i>Memorial</i>  |   |
|     |           | <i>Immaculate Heart [MC]</i>   |   |
|     |           | Ez 43:1-7ab/Mt 23:1-12 (424)   |   |

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| SUN 23 | TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME<br><i>Bl. Bernard of Offida [Cap]</i><br>Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20 (121) Pss I | Gloria |
|        |  | Creed  |

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| Mon 24 | Saint Bartholomew, Apostle<br><i>Feast</i><br>Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51 (629) Pss Prop |  |
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| Tue 25 | Weekday<br><i>Saint Louis;</i><br><i>Saint Joseph Calasanž, Priest</i><br>2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Mt 23:23-26 (426) |  |
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| Wed 26 | Weekday<br>2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Mt 23:27-32 (427) |  |
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| Thu 27 | Saint Monica<br><i>Memorial</i><br>1 Cor 1:1-9/Mt 24:42-51 (428) |  |
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| Fri 28 | Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church<br><i>Memorial</i><br>1 Cor 1:17-25/Mt 25:1-13 (429) |  |
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| Sat 29 | The Passion of Saint John the Baptist<br><i>Memorial</i><br>1 Cor 1:26-31 (430)/Mk 6:17-29 (634) Pss Prop |  |
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| SUN 30 | TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME<br>Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27 (124) Pss II | Gloria |
|        |   | Creed  |

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| Mon 31 | Weekday<br>1 Cor 2:1-5/Lk 4:16-30 (431) |  |
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**Papal Intention:** *For the care of water.*

Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

**Tue 1 Weekday**

*St. Teresa Margaret [OCD]*

1 Cor 2:10b-16/Lk 4:31-37 (432)

World Day for the Care of Creation



**Wed 2 Weekday**

*Bl. Apollinaris of Posat [Cap]*

1 Cor 3:1-9/Lk 4:38-44 (433)



**Thu 3 Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church**

*Memorial*

1 Cor 3:18-23/Lk 5:1-11 (434)



**Fri 4 Weekday**

1 Cor 4:1-5/Lk 5:33-39 (435)



**Sat 5 Weekday**

*[BVM]*

*St. Teresa of Kolkata [MC]*

1 Cor 4:6b-15/Lk 6:1-5 (436)



**SUN 6**

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20 (127) Pss III

Gloria

Creed

**Mon 7 Weekday**

1 Cor 5:1-8/Lk 6:6-11 (437)



**Tue 8**

**The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

*Feast*

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23 (636) Pss Prop

Gloria

Creed

# SEPTEMBER 2026

Sunday: Year A  
Weekday: Year II

Wed **9** Weekday

*Memorial*

*St. Peter Claver [CMS]*

1 Cor 7:25-31/Lk 6:20-26 (439)



Thu **10** Weekday

1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Lk 6:27-38 (440)



Fri **11** Weekday

*Bl. Mary Lopez Rivas*

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Lk 6:39-42 (441)



Sat **12** Weekday

*[BVM]*

*The Most Holy Name of Mary [OSST]*

1 Cor 10:14-22/Lk 6:43-49 (442)



**SUN 13**

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Sir 27:30—28:7/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35 (130) Pss IV

Gloria

Creed

Mon **14**

**The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

*Feast*

Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17 (638) Pss Prop

**In Dhahran, Anniversary of the Foundation (2011) of the Parish of Our Lady of Fatima**

**In Jeddah, Anniversary of the Foundation (2011) of the Parish of Our Lady of Arabia**



Tue **15** Our Lady of Sorrows

*Memorial*

1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a (444)/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35 (639) Pss Prop



Wed **16** Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

*Memorial*

1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Lk 7:31-35 (445)

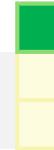


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Weekday: **Year II**

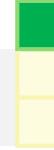
**Thu 17 Weekday**

*Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church;  
Saint Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church*  
1 Cor 15:1-11/Lk 7:36-50 (446)



**Fri 18 Weekday**

*St. Joseph of Copertino [Cap];  
St. Francis Mary of Camporosso [Cap]*  
1 Cor 15:12-20/Lk 8:1-3 (447)



**Sat 19 Weekday**

*[BVM]  
Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr*  
1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Lk 8:4-15 (448)



**SUN 20**

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a (133) Pss I

Gloria  
Creed

**Mon 21**

**Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**

*Feast*

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13 (643) Pss Prop



**Tue 22 Weekday**

*Bl. Joseph Calasanz Marqués, Enrico Saiz Aparicio and companions [SDB];  
St. Ignatius of Santhia [Cap];  
Bl. Marco Criado [OSST]*  
Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Lk 8:19-21 (450)



**Wed 23 Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest**

*Memorial*

*St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) [Cap; IVE]*  
Prv 30:5-9/Lk 9:1-6 (451)



**Thu 24 Weekday**

Eccl 1:2-11/Lk 9:7-9 (452)



# SEPTEMBER 2026

Sunday: **Year A**  
Weekday: **Year II**

**Fri 25 Weekday**

Eccl 3:1-11/Lk 9:18-22 (453)



**Sat 26 Weekday**

*[BVM]*

*Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs*

Eccl 11:9—12:8/Lk 9:43b-45 (454)



**SUN 27**

**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32 (136) Pss II

Gloria

Creed

**Mon 28 Weekday**

*Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr;*

*Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs*

Jb 1:6-22/Lk 9:46-50 (455)



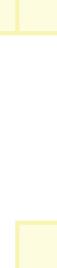
**Tue 29**

**Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels**

*Feast*

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/Jn 1:47-51 (647) Pss Prop

*World Day of Migrants and Refugees* (see Online Ordo)



**Wed 30 Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

*Memorial*

Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Lk 9:57-62 (457)

**In Riyadh, Anniversary of the foundation (2011) of the Parish of Sts Arethas and Companions, martyrs**



**Papal Intention:** *For mental health ministry.*

Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

**Thu 1 Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church**

*Memorial*

Jb 19:21-27/Lk 10:1-12 (458)

The memorial may also be celebrated more solemnly, with Gloria and proper readings: Is 66:10-14/ Ps 130(131)/Mt 18:105



**Fri 2 The Holy Guardian Angels**

*Memorial*

Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5 (459)/Mt 18:1-5, 10 (650) Pss Prop



**Sat 3 Weekday**

*[BVM]*

Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Lk 10:17-24 (460)



**SUN 4**

**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*St Francis of Assisi [Cap, FMCK; IVE: mem]*

Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43 (139) Pss III

Gloria

Creed

**In Dammam, Anniversaru of the Foundation (2013) of St Joseph Parish**

**Mon 5 Weekday**

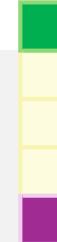
*Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin;*

*USA: Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest;*

*Bl. Albert Marvelli [Cap];*

*All Capuchin Souls [Cap]*

Gal 1:6-12/Lk 10:25-37 (461)



**Tue 6 Weekday**

*Saint Bruno, Priest; USA: Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin*

Gal 1:13-24/Lk 10:38-42 (462)



Wed **7** Our Lady of the Rosary*Memorial*

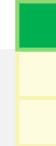
Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Lk 11:1-4 (463) Pss Prop

Parish Our Lady of Rosary, Qatar

Readings from the common of the BV Mary

Thu **8** Weekday*Saints Sergius and Bacchus**Our Lady of Good Remedy [OSST]*

Gal 3:1-5/Lk 11:5-13 (464)

Fri **9** Weekday*Saint Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs;**Saint John Leonardi, Priest*

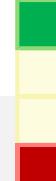
Gal 3:7-14/Lk 11:15-26 (465)

Sat **10** Weekday*[BVM]**St. Daniel Comboni [CMS];**St. Daniel & Comp. [Cap]*

Gal 3:22-29/Lk 11:27-28 (466)

Feast of St. Daniel Comboni Parish,

Jleeb Al-Shujoukh, Kuwait

SUN **11**

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 25:6-10a/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10 (142) Pss IV

Gloria

Creed

Mon **12** Weekday*St. Seraphin of Montegranaro [Cap]*

Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Lk 11:29-32 (467)

Tue **13** Weekday

Gal 5:1-6/Lk 11:37-41 (468)



Wed **14** Weekday*Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr*

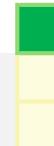
Gal 5:18-25/Lk 11:42-46 (469)

Thu **15** Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church*Memorial**Our Mother St. Teresa of Jesus [CSST]*

Eph 1:1-10/Lk 11:47-54 (470)

Fri **16** Weekday*Saint Hedwig, Religious;**Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin*

Eph 1:11-14/Lk 12:1-7 (471)

Sat **17** Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr*Memorial*

Eph 1:15-23/Lk 12:8-12 (472)

SUN **18****TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Is 45:1, 4-6/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21 (145) Pss I

Gloria

Creed

**World Mission Sunday (see note in Online Ordo)****Special celebrations for Missions:** readings as above. Mass for Various Needs n. 18: for Evangelization of PeoplesMon **19****Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs***Memorial**St. Peter of Alcantara [Cap]*

Eph 2:1-10/Lk 12:13-21 (473)

Tue **20** Weekday*Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest*

Eph 2:12-22/Lk 12:35-38 (474)

Wed **21** Weekday

Eph 3:2-12/Lk 12:39-48 (475)



# OCTOBER 2026

Sunday: **Year A**  
Weekday: **Year II**

**Thu 22 Weekday**

*Saint John Paul II, Pope*

Eph 3:14-21/Lk 12:49-53 (476)

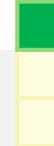


**Fri 23 Weekday**

*Most Holy Redeemer [OSST];*

*Saint John of Capestrano, Priest [Cap]*

Eph 4:1-6/Lk 12:54-59 (477)



**Sat 24 Weekday**

**Saint Arethas and Companions (obligation memorial)**

Wis 3:1-9/Ps(s) 31:3-17 /Rom 8:31b-39/Lk 9:23-26

NB. It was granted the rank of Obligatory Memorial on 24 October (cf. DCDDS Prot. N. 277/24 of 3 July 2024): It cannot be elevated to a feast day since the martyrs in question are not Patrons (cf. Calendar Particularia, aa. 8-10). Furthermore, to allow for the celebration of the Memorial of Saint Arethas and Companions, the Optional Memorial of Saint Anthony Mary Claret is moved to 25 October (cf. Calendaria Particularia, n. 23/b).

*[BVM]*

*Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop;*

*St. Louis Guanella [SDB]*

Eph 4:7-16/Lk 13:1-9 (478)



**SUN 25**

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Gloria

Creed

*Bl. Maria Jesus Farragut and Companions [Cap]*

Ex 22:20-26/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40 (148) Pss II



**Mon 26 Weekday**

Eph 4:32—5:8/Lk 13:10-17 (479)



**Tue 27 Weekday**

Eph 5:21-33/Lk 13:18-21 (480)



**Wed 28**

**Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles**

Gloria

*Feast*

Eph 2:19-22/Lk 6:12-16 (666) Pss Prop



# OCTOBER 2026

Sunday: **Year A**  
Weekday: **Year II**

Thu **29** Weekday

Eph 6:10-20/Lk 13:31-35 (482)



Fri **30** Weekday

*Bl. Maria Teresa Tauscher [OCD]*

Phil 1:1-11/Lk 14:1-6 (483)



Sat **31** Weekday

*[BVM]*

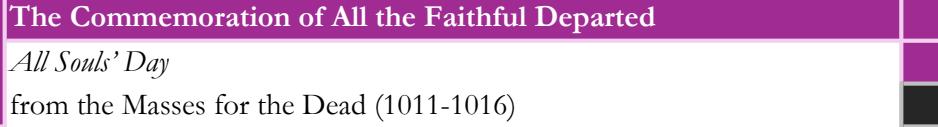
*St. Angelo of Acri [Cap]*

Phil 1:18b-26/Lk 14:1, 7-11 (484)



**Papal Intention:** *For the proper use of wealth.*

Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

|     |          | ALL SAINTS  | Gloria<br>Creed   |
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| SUN | <b>1</b> | <p><i>Solemnity</i></p> <p>Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a (667) Pss Prop</p> <p>Solemn Litany of Saints may precede Mass (see Ordo)</p> <p>Devotions, veneration of saints, esp. new saints encouraged</p> <p><b>AVONA:</b> [not a Holyday of Obligation this year]</p>   |   |
| Mon | <b>2</b> | <p><b>The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed</b></p> <p><i>All Souls' Day</i></p> <p>from the Masses for the Dead (1011-1016)</p> <p><b>Decoration</b> should be restrained.</p> <p>Priests may (con)celebrate <b>3 Masses</b> today: priest's intention; all faithful departed; papal intention.</p> <p><b>Blessing of graves</b> may take place</p> <p><b>Pious practices for the dead</b></p> <p>The Mass would be a weekday Mass without a Gloria or Creed. However, the Creed is said if November 2nd falls on a Sunday.</p> |     |
| Tue | <b>3</b> | <p><b>Weekday (Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time)</b></p> <p><i>Saint Martin de Porres, Religious</i></p> <p>Phil 2:5-11/Lk 14:15-24 (486) Pss III</p>   |   |
| Wed | <b>4</b> | <p><b>Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop</b></p> <p><i>Memorial</i></p> <p><i>St. Felix of Valois [OSST]</i></p> <p>Phil 2:12-18/Lk 14:25-33 (487)</p>  |  |
| Thu | <b>5</b> | <p><b>Weekday</b></p> <p>Phil 3:3-8a/Lk 15:1-10 (488)</p> <p>Commemoration of deceased Bishops, Priests, Religious and Missionaries</p>   |  |

# NOVEMBER 2026

Sunday: **Year A**  
Weekday: **Year II**

**Fri 6 Weekday**

*Bl. Frederick of Berga and Companions [Cap],  
Bl. Andres of Palazuelo and Companions [Cap]*  
Phil 3:17-4:1/Lk 16:1-8 (489)



**Sat 7 Weekday**

*[BVM]*  
Phil 4:10-19/Lk 16:9-15 (490)



**SUN 8**

**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Wis 6:12-16/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13 (154) Pss IV

Gloria

Creed

**Mon 9**

**The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

*Feast*

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22 (671) Pss Prop

**Commemoration of local saints, blessed, venerables, and servants of God**

NB: The initiative has established by Pope Francis in 2024 and starting in 2025. Cfr: [www.causesanti.va](http://www.causesanti.va) / Holiness in the particular Churches.



**Tue 10 Saint Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church**

*Memorial*

Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Lk 17:7-10 (492)



**Wed 11 Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop**

*Memorial*

Ti 3:1-7/Lk 17:11-19 (493) Pss Prop



**Thu 12 Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr**

*Memorial*

Phlm 7-20/Lk 17:20-25 (494)



**Fri 13 Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin**

*Memorial*

*Bl. Artemides Zatti [SDB];*

*All Trinitarian saints [OSST]*

2 Jn 4-9/Lk 17:26-37 (495)



# NOVEMBER 2026

Sunday: **Year A**  
Weekday: **Year II**

**Sat 14 Weekday**

*[BVM]*

*St. Nicholas Tavelic & Comp. [Cap];*

*All Trinitarian Souls [OSST]*

3 Jn 5:8/Lk 18:1-8 (496)



**SUN 15**

**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Gloria

*Bl. Madeleine Morano [SDB]*

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

(157) Pss I



**Mon 16 Weekday**

*Saint Margaret of Scotland;*

*Saint Gertrude, Virgin*

Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Lk 18:35-43 (497)



**Tue 17 Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious**

*Memorial*

Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Lk 19:1-10 (498)



**Wed 18 Weekday**

*The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles;*

*USA: Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin*

Rv 4:1-11/Lk 19:11-28 (499)

or, for the Optional Memorial of the Dedication, Acts 28:11-16, 30-31/Mt 14:22-33 (679)



**Thu 19 Weekday**

*St. Raphael Kalinowski [OCD];*

*St. Marie-Alphonsine Ghattas [Ros]*

Rv 5:1-10/Lk 19:41-44 (500)



**Fri 20 Weekday**

Rv 10:8-11/Lk 19:45-48 (501)



Sat **21** The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*Memorial*

Rv 11:4-12/Lk 20:27-40 (502)

**SUN 22****OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**Gloria  
Creed*Solemnity*

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46 (160) Pss Prop

Act of Consecration to the Sacred Heart

Eucharistic Procession may be held

**Local World Yorth Day**Mon **23** Weekday (Thirty-Fourth or Last Week in Ordinary Time)*Saint Clement I;**Pope and Martyr;**Saint Columban, Abbot;**USA: Blessed Miguel Agustín Pro, Priest and Martyr*

Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Lk 21:1-4 (503) Pss II

Tue **24** Saint Andrew DŨng-LẠc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs*Memorial*

Rv 14:14-19/Lk 21:5-11 (504)

Wed **25** Weekday*Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr*

Rv 15:1-4/Lk 21:12-19 (505)

Thu **26** Weekday*USA: Thanksgiving Day*

Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Lk 21:20-28 (506)

or, for Thanksgiving Day, any readings from the Mass “In Thanksgiving to God” (943-947)

Fri **27** Weekday*St. Francis Anthony Fasani [Cap]*

Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Lk 21:29-33 (507)



Sat **28** Weekday*[BVM]**St. James of the March [Cap]*

Rv 22:1-7/Lk 21:34-36 (508)

**YEAR B - WEEKDAYS I****Advent Season Notes:**

**Glory to God** is used only on Solemnities, Feasts and Ritual Masses (e.g. Nuptial Mass)

**Alleluia** is used at all Masses. **Violet vestments** in Masses of the season.

Floral decoration and use of musical instruments should be reduced (cf. IGMR 305, 313), except on Feasts, Solemnities, and 3rd Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday).

**Nuptial Mass is allowed** except Sundays of Advent and Solemnities but couples should be advised to consider the nature of Advent with regard to festivity (OCM 32).

**Marian dimension of Advent** reflected in prayers and sung texts (DPP 101).

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT****SUN 29***All Franciscan Saints [Cap]*

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37 (2) Pss I

Creed

**Saint Andrew, Apostle****Mon 30***Feast*

Rom 10:9-18/Mt 4:18-22 (684) Pss Prop

**Papal Intention:** *For single-parent families.*

Let us pray for families experiencing the absence of a mother or father, that they may find support and accompaniment in the Church, and help and strength in the Faith during difficult times.

Tue **1** Advent Weekday

Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24 (176)

Wed **2** Advent Weekday

Bl. Mary Angela Astorch [Cap]

Is 25:6-10a/Mt 15:29-37 (177)

Thu **3** Saint Francis Xavier, Priest*Memorial*

Is 26:1-6/Mt 7:21, 24-27 (178)

Fri **4** Advent Weekday*Saint John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church*

Is 29:17-24/Mt 9:27-31 (179)

Sat **5** Advent Weekday

Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8 (180)

SUN **6****SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Is 40:1-5, 9-11/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8 (5) Pss II

Creed

Mon **7** Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*Memorial*

Is 35:1-10/Lk 5:17-26 (181)



Tue

**8** THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF  
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY*Solemnity*

Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38 (689) Pss Prop

Dedication of Our Lady of Arabia, Ahmadi (1948)

Solemnity in Ahmadi, Kuwait

Gloria

Creed

# DECEMBER 2026

Sunday: Year B  
Weekday: Year I

**Wed 9 Advent Weekday**

*Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin*

Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30 (183)



**Thu 10 Advent Weekday**

*Dedication of the Cathedral of our Lady of Arabia, BH (2021);*

*Bl. Arsenius of Trigolo [Cap];*

*Our Lady of Loreto*

Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15 (184)



**DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL OF OUR LADY OF ARABIA, (2021)**

- Feast in AVONA
- Solemnity in Awali, Bahrain



**Fri 11 Advent Weekday**

*Saint Damasus I, Pope;*

Is 48:17-19/Mt 11:16-19 (185)



**Our Lady of Guadalupe**

**Sat 12** *Feast*

Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47 (690A)

or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary (707-712)

*Pss Prop*



**SUN 13**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (*Gaudete*)**

*Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28 (8) Pss III*



Creed

**Mon 14 Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

*Memorial*

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27 (187)



**Tue 15 Advent Weekday**

Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Mt 21:28-32 (188)



**Wed 16 Advent Weekday**

Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25/Lk 7:18b-23 (189)



# DECEMBER 2026

Sunday: **Year B**  
Weekday: **Year I**

**Thu 17 Advent Weekday**

*St. John of Matha [OSST]*

Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17 (193)

**Fri 18 Advent Weekday**

Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25 (194)

**Sat 19 Advent Weekday**

Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25 (195)

**SUN 20**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38 (11) Pss IV

Creed

**Mon 21 Advent Weekday**

*Saint Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church*

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45 (197)

**Tue 22 Advent Weekday**

1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56 (198)

**Wed 23 Advent Weekday**

*Saint John of Kanty, Priest*

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66 (199)

**Thu 24 Advent Weekday**

**Morning:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79 (200)

## CHRISTMAS SEASON NOTES:

**Christmas Octave (Dec 25-Jan 1):** proper In communion in Eucharistic Prayer I.

**Christmas blessings of homes, a manger/nativity scene**

(BB 1541-1569), a **Christmas tree** (BB 1570-1596), etc.

**Dec 15-23/16-24:** *Misa De Aguinaldo (Fil)*

**Thu 24**

**Vigil of the Nativity**

**Vigil:** Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 (13)

• From 4:00 pm

Gloria  
Creed

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|               | <b>THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (Christmas)</b><br><i>Solemnity. [Holyday of Obligation]</i>   | Gloria<br>Creed |
| <b>Fri 25</b> | <b>Night:</b> Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 (14)<br><b>Dawn:</b> Is 62:11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 (15)<br><b>Day:</b> Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14 (16) Pss Prop |                 |

**Mass texts** according to the time of day (Night, Dawn or Day). But any set of Christmas readings may be used at any Christmas Mass.  
**General Absolution** according to guidelines.  
Priests may (con)celebrate **3 Masses** today.  
**Genuflection** during the Creed.  
**Image of the Holy Infant** may be placed in crib, and incensed before/after Mass (not during *Gloria*).  
**Announcement of the Birth of Christ** (Missal, appendix 1) may precede Midnight Mass.

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|               | <b>Saint Stephen, The First Martyr</b>                          | Gloria |
| <b>Sat 26</b> | <i>Feast</i><br>Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22 (696) Pss Prop |        |

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|               | <b>THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH</b>   | Gloria<br>Creed |
| <b>SUN 27</b> | Feast<br>Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40<br>or, in Year B, Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40 (17) Pss Prop<br><b>AVONA:</b> Feast of Holy Family Cathedral (Kuwait)<br><i>Blessing of families, children and expectant mothers.</i> |                 |

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|               | <b>The Holy Innocents, Martyrs</b>                     |  |
| <b>Mon 28</b> | <i>Feast</i><br>1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Mt 2:13-18 (698) Pss Prop |  |

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| <b>Tue 29</b> | <b>Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord</b><br><i>Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr</i> |  |
|               | 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35 (202) Pss Prop   |  |

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| <b>Wed 30</b> | <b>Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord</b> |  |
|               | 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40 (203) Pss Prop                         |  |

Thu **31** Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

*Saint Sylvester I, Pope*

1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18 (204) Pss Prop

**\*Evening Mass:** Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God – New Year's Eve Mass

**YEAR 2026**

Sunday: **Year B**  
Weekday: **Year I**

# **APPENDIX**

## **(572 A)**

572A

Monday after Pentecost

## THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

Memorial

The readings for this memorial are proper.

### FIRST READING

First Option

*Mother of all the living*

A reading from the Book of Genesis

*3:9-15,20*

After Adam had eaten of the tree,  
the LORD God called to him and asked him, “Where are you?”  
He answered, “I heard you in the garden;  
but I was afraid, because I was naked,  
so I hid myself.”  
Then he asked, “Who told you that you were naked?  
You have eaten, then,  
from the tree of which I had forbidden you to eat?”  
To man replied, “The woman whom you put here with me—  
she gave me fruit from the tree, and so I ate it.”  
The LORD God then asked the woman,  
“Why did you do such a thing?”  
The woman answered, “The serpent tricked me into it, so I ate it.”

Then the LORD God said to the serpent:  
“Because you have done this, you shall be banned.  
from all the animals  
and from all the wild creatures;  
On your belly shall you crawl,  
and dirt shall you eat  
all the days of your life.  
I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and hers;  
He will strike at your head,  
while you strike at his heel.”  
The man called his wife Eve,  
because she became the mother of all the living.

The word of the Lord.

OR:

Second Option

*They were continually in prayer with Mary, the mother of Jesus*

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*1:12-14*

After Jesus had been taken up to heaven,  
the Apostles returned to Jerusalem  
from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem,  
a sabbath day's journey away.

When they entered the city  
they went to the upper room where they were staying,  
Peter and John and James and Andrew,  
Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew,  
James son of Alphaeus, Simon the Zealot,  
and Judas son of James.

All these devoted themselves with one accord to prayer,  
together with some women,  
and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7

R. (3) Glorious things are said of you, O city of God!

His foundation upon the holy mountains  
the LORD loves:  
The gates of Zion,  
more than any dwelling of Jacob. R.

Glorious things are said of you,

O city of God!

And of Zion they shall say:  
“One and all were born in her;  
And he who has established her  
is the Most High LORD.” R.

They shall note, when the peoples are enrolled:

“This man was born there.”

And all shall sing, in their festive dance:  
“My home is within you.” R.

## ALLELUIA

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

O joyful Virgin, who gave birth to the Lord;  
O blessed Mother of the Church,  
who nurture in us the Spirit  
of your Son Jesus Christ!

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

## GOSPEL

*Behold your son. Behold your mother.*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

19:25-34

Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother  
and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas,  
and Mary of Magdala.

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved,  
he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son."

Then he said to the disciple,  
"Behold, your mother."

And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.

After this, aware that everything was now finished,  
in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled,  
Jesus said, "I thirst."

There was a vessel filled with common wine,  
So they put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of hyssop  
and put it up to his mouth.  
When Jesus had taken the wine, he said,  
"It is finished."  
And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit.

Now since it was preparation day,  
in order that the bodies might not remain on the cross on the sabbath,  
for the sabbath day of that week was a solemn one,  
the Jews asked Pilate that their legs be broken  
and they be taken down.

So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first  
and then of the other one who was crucified with Jesus.  
But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead,  
they did not break his legs,  
but one soldier thrust his lance into his side,  
and immediately Blood and water flowed out.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**NB: Roman Missal**

A full Mass formulary - including Collect, Prayer over the Offerings, Preface, Prayer after Communion, and Entrance and Communion Antiphons - is already included within the *Roman Missal*. White vestments are worn.

*From the Votive Masses: 10. Blessed Virgin Mary, B. Our Lady, Mother of the Church.*

## DETAILED CALENDAR OF THE APOSTOLIC VICARIATE OF NORTHERN ARABIA

VATICAN PROT. N. 576/24 – 29 JUNE 2025

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Bahrain - Kuwait - Qatar - Saudi Arabia

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### NOTE

*The following observations aim to briefly motivate the choices made in composing The Particular Calendar of the Apostolic Vicariate of Arabia of Northern Arabia, based on the current legislation indicated below.*

#### Documents regulations of reference (in chronological order)

##### PAULUS PP. VI

*Litterae apostolicae motu proprio datae Mysterii paschalis. Normae universales de anno liturgico et novum calendarium romanum generale approbantur* (14 febbraio 1969) in *Notitiae* 5/4-6 (1969) 159-202.

##### SACRA CONGREGATIO PRO CULTU DIVINO

*Calendaria particularia* (24 giugno 1970) in *Notitiae* 58 (1970) 13-17; in *Acta Apostolicum Sedis* 62 (1970) 651-663.

##### SACRA CONGREGATIO PRO CULTU DIVINO

*De Patronis constituerentis* (19 marzo 1973) in *Notitiae* 9 (1973) 265-266; in *Acta Apostolicum Sedis* 65 (1973) 276-279

##### CONGREGATIO DE CULTO DIVINA ET DISCIPLINA SACRAMENTORUM

*Notificazione su alcuni aspetti dei calendari e dei testi liturgici propri* (20 settembre 1997) in *Notitiae* 372-374 (1997) 284-297.

##### CONGREGATIO DE CULTU DIVINO ET DISCIPLINA SACRAMENTORUM

*Notificatio De cultu Beatorum* (21 maggio 1999) in *Notitiae* 35/8 (1999) 444-446.

## January, Saturday after the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Solemnity of Our

The Solemnity was placed in the calendar to the Saturday after the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, with The title: The Blessed Virgin Mary under the title “Our Lady of Arabia” Patroness of Arabia, which recognized the patronage (cf. CCDDS Prot. N. 838/13/L).

It is noted that in addition to being the Patroness of the Gulf countries, she is also the Patroness of the Northern Vicariate.

## 29 January (from the 28 January) Saint Isaac of Nineveh

As Pope Francis announced in an audience with SS Mar Awa III, Catholicos Patriarch from the Assyrian Church of the East, and at the Joint Commission for theological dialogue between the Catholic Church and the Assyrian Church of the East, 09.11.2024 Isaac of Nineveh — one of the more venerated Fathers from the East Syrian tradition, recognized as a master and a saint by all the traditions — has been introduced in Roman Martyrology: the date on which Saint Isaac is remembered, 28 January.

This choice was agreed upon by the Interdicasterial Working Group on the question of the Ecumenism of Saints with the Eastern Syriac Church. The issue of the date is complex, despite Isaac's reputation for sanctity mention of his liturgical commemoration in the various churches is scarce and diverse.

Even though the date of the martyrology does not necessarily correspond with the date of the celebration, it was deemed appropriate to prefer it over the proposed 23 August.

However, on 28 January, the General Roman Calendar celebrates the Memorial of St. Thomas Aquinas, priest and Doctor of the Church. The legislation provides for the possibility of lowering the rank of the obligatory Memorial of St. Thomas to optional this inevitably means that one of the two is not celebrated. We considered it more appropriate to maintain the obligatory Memoria of St. Thomas on 28 January in communion with the universal church and move the optional Memorial of St. Isaac on 29 January.

## 15 May - Saint Caleb (Elesbaan)

There are no objections to celebrating the Optional Memorial on 15 May: the name Caleb was chosen, with the addition of the title King.

## 27 July - Saint Simeon Stylites

There are no objections to the proposed date of 27 July. In line with the titles of the general Roman Calendar, the name is followed by the title Hermit.

## 26 September - Saints Cosmas and Damian

This is not included in the particular Calendar because it is already present on the same day and with the same rank in the General Roman Calendar.

## 8 October - Saints Sergius and Bacchus

According to the Martyrologium Romanum the date of the commemoration is October 7. However given the strong devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary of the Rosary, the Optional Memorial of Saints Sergius and Bacchus has been moved to 8 October.

## 24 October - Saint Arethas and Companions

It was granted the rank of Obligatory Memorial on 24 October (cf. DCDDS Prot. N. 277/24 of 3 July 2024): It cannot be elevated to a feast day since the martyrs in question are not Patrons (cf. Calendar Particularia, aa. 8-10).

Furthermore, to allow for the celebration of the Memorial of Saint Arethas and Companions, the Optional Memorial of Saint Anthony Mary Claret is moved to 25 October (cf. Calendaria Particularia, n. 23/b).

## 5 November Commemoration of Deceased Priests, Religious and Missionaries

This date has been added as requested.

## 10 December - Dedication of the Cathedral

The dedication of the Cathedral he comes celebrated as a Feast in the Vicariate, as Solemnity in the Cathedral.

## Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of the Apostolic Vicar

The Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of the Apostolic Vicar cannot be included in the particular calendar and cannot be given the rank of Feast. It is possible and appropriate to commemorate this Anniversary using the form For the Bishop (Masses and Prayers for Various Needs, No. 3) This Mass with the colour white is used on the Anniversary of the Bishop's Ordination where special celebrations are held, except when it falls on a Sunday of Advent, Lent, Easter or a Solemnity, Ash Wednesday or a day of Holy Week.

## Dedication of the Churches of the Vicariate

The particular calendar includes everything and only that which concerns the entire Vicariate. Local celebrations alone should not be included in the particular calendar. For this reason, the Dedications of individual Churches in the Vicariate are not included. They may be included in a list of celebrations special to individual places.

This also applies to the Dedication of the Co-Cathedral in Kuwait City. This list is not part of the particular calendar; its publication is authorized by the Apostolic Vicar. The celebration of the Dedication of a Church is a Solemnity, only in that place.

The Solemnity of the Dedication of the Church in Ahmadi, Kuwait is moved to 9 December because it coincides with the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

A similar consideration, although with due differences- must be made regarding the request to include the Anniversaries of Parish foundations; they are not included in the particular calendar.

The establishment of a parish is a canonical event that is not celebrated, unlike the Dedication of a Church. However, the particular situation of the Vicariate makes it appropriate, in the absence of a church dedication, to commemorate the establishment of the parish. Anniversaries can therefore be commemorated by including them in the list containing the celebrations of individual places, not with a liturgical rank but with appropriate liturgical pastoral choices.

For example:

If the liturgical norms allow it, it is appropriate to celebrate with one of the Church formats included among the Masses and Prayers for various needs.

It is possible to commemorate the Anniversary with universal intentions;

It is possible to sing Te Deum Hymn at the end of the Eucharistic celebration as a special thanksgiving to God.

When the Church is dedicated, the Day of Dedication will be celebrated.

Below is a list of celebrations for individual places whose confirmation, in compliance with the regulations, is the responsibility of the Apostolic Vicar.

# YEAR 2026

Sunday: **Year B**  
Weekday: **Year I**

## **29 January**

In Jleeb Al Shuyoukh, Kuwait:

Anniversary of the Foundation (2010) of St Daniel Comboni Parish

## **3 March**

In Manama, Bahrain:

THE DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART Solemnity

## **14 March**

In Doha, Qatar:

THE DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY Solemnity

## **16 March**

In the Co-Cathedral Church in Kuwait City:

THE DEDICATION OF THE CO-CATHEDRAL CHURCH Solemnity

## **28 July**

In Salmiya, Kuwait:

Anniversary of the Foundation (2006) of the Parish of St Therese of the Child Jesus

## **14 September**

In Dhahran, Saudi Arabia and attached territories:

Anniversary of the Foundation (2011) of the Parish of Our Lady of Fatima

In Jeddah (2011) in the Western Region, Saudi Arabia:

Anniversary of the Foundation (2011) of the Parish of Our Lady of Arabia

## **30 September**

In Riyadh in the Central Region, Saudi Arabia:

Anniversary of the Foundation (2011) of the Parish of St Arethas and Companions, Martyrs

## **4 October**

In Dammam, Saudi Arabia and attached territories

Anniversary of the Foundation (2013) of St Joseph Parish

## **9 December**

In Ahmadi, Kuwait:

THE DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH OUR LADY OF ARABIA Solemnity



Pope Leo XIV



Minor Basilica of Our Lady of Arabia, Ahmadi - Kuwait