

TABLE OF MOVABLE FEASTS

Year	Ash Wed.	Easter	Ascension	Pentecost	Weeks of Ordinary Time				First Sunday of Advent
					Before Lent		After Pentct.		
					Weeks	Ends	Weeks	Begins	
2007	Feb. 21	Apr. 8	May 17	May 27	7	Feb. 20	27	May 28	Dec. 2
2008	Feb. 6	Mar. 23	May 1	May 11	4	Feb. 5	29	May 12	Nov. 30
2009	Feb. 25	Apr. 12	May 21	May 31	7	Feb. 24	26	June 1	Nov. 29
2010	Feb. 17	Apr. 4	May 13	May 23	6	Feb. 16	27	May 24	Nov. 28
2011	Mar. 9	Apr. 24	June 2	June 12	9	Mar. 8	24	June 13	Nov. 27
2012	Feb. 22	Apr. 8	May 17	May 27	7	Feb. 21	27	May 28	Dec. 2
2013	Feb. 13	Mar. 31	May 9	May 19	5	Feb. 12	28	May 20	Dec. 1
2014	Mar. 5	Apr. 20	May 29	June 8	8	Mar. 4	25	June 9	Nov. 30
2015	Feb. 18	Apr. 5	May 14	May 24	6	Feb. 17	27	May 25	Nov. 29
2016	Feb. 10	Mar. 27	May 5	May 15	5	Feb. 9	28	May 16	Nov. 27
2017	Mar. 1	Apr. 16	May 25	June 4	8	Feb. 28	26	June 5	Dec. 3
2018	Feb. 14	Apr. 1	May 10	May 20	6	Feb. 13	28	May 21	Dec. 2
2019	Mar. 6	Apr. 21	May 30	June 9	8	Mar. 5	25	June 10	Dec. 1
2020	Feb. 26	Apr. 12	May 21	May 31	7	Feb. 25	26	June 1	Nov. 29
2021	Feb. 17	Apr. 4	May 13	May 23	6	Feb. 16	27	May 24	Nov. 28
2022	Mar. 2	Apr. 17	May 26	June 5	8	Mar. 1	25	June 6	Nov. 27
2023	Feb. 22	Apr. 9	May 18	May 28	7	Feb. 21	27	May 29	Dec. 3
2024	Feb. 14	Mar. 31	May 9	May 19	6	Feb. 13	28	May 20	Dec. 1
2025	Mar. 5	Apr. 20	May 29	June 8	8	Mar. 4	25	June 9	Nov. 30
2026	Feb. 18	Apr. 5	May 14	May 24	6	Feb. 17	27	May 25	Nov. 29
2027	Feb. 10	Mar. 28	May 6	May 16	5	Feb. 9	28	May 17	Nov. 28
2028	Mar. 1	Apr. 16	May 25	June 4	8	Feb. 29	26	June 5	Dec. 3
2029	Feb. 14	Apr. 1	May 10	May 20	6	Feb. 13	28	May 21	Dec. 2
2030	Mar. 6	Apr. 21	May 30	June 9	9	Mar. 7	25	June 10	Dec. 1

2008 CALENDAR

January 2008

General: That the Church may strengthen her commitment to full visible unity in order to manifest ever more clearly her nature as a community of love in which is reflected the communion of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Mission: That the Church in Africa, preparing to celebrate the second Special Assembly of the Synod of Bishops for Africa, may continue to be a sign and channel of reconciliation and justice in a continent still suffering from war, exploitation and poverty.

- 1 Tues. Octave of Christmas; Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God; Day of Obl. (Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21).
- 2 Wed. Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzus, bishops and doctors of the Church; memorial
- 3 Thurs. Christmas Weekday. Most Holy Name of Jesus; optional memorial
- 4 Fri. Weekday. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton; memorial.
- 5 Sat. Weekday. St. John Neumann, bishop; memorial.
- 6 Sun. Epiphany of Our Lord; solemnity. (Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a,5-6; Mt 2:1-12).
- 7 Mon. Christmas Weekday. St. Raymond of Penafort, priest; optional memorial.
- 8 Tues. Christmas Weekday.
- 9 Wed. Christmas Weekday.
- 10 Thurs. Christmas Weekday.
- 11 Fri. Christmas Weekday.
- 12 Sat. Christmas Weekday.
- 13 Sun. Baptism of the Lord; feast. (Is 42:1-4,6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22).
- 14 Mon. Weekday. (First Week in Ordinary Time.)
- 15 Tues. Weekday.
- 16 Wed. Weekday.
- 17 Thurs. St. Anthony, abbot; memorial.
- 18 Fri. Weekday. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins.
- 19 Sat. Weekday.
- 20 Sun. Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. (Is 49: 3,5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34).
- 21 Mon. St. Agnes, virgin and martyr; memorial
- 22 Tues. Weekday. St. Vincent, deacon, martyr; optional memorial.
- 23 Wed. Weekday
- 24 Thurs. St. Francis de Sales, bishop-doctor; memorial.
- 25 Fri. Conversion of St. Paul, apostle; feast.
- 26 Sat. Sts. Timothy and Titus; memorial
- 27 Sun. Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. (Is 8:23-9:3; 1 Cor 1:10-13,17; Mt 4:12-23).
- 28 Mon. St. Thomas Aquinas, priest; memorial
- 29 Tues. Weekday.
- 30 Wed. Weekday.
- 31 Thurs. St. John Bosco, priest; memorial.

Observances: The year begins with the Solemnity of the Mother of God, a holy day of obligation, and a papal message for the World Day of Peace, Jan. 1; customary ordination of bishops by the Pope on the Solemnity of the Epiphany, Jan. 6. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Jan. 18-25; National Prayer Vigil for Life and March for Life in Washington, D.C. in connection with the 1973 Roe vs. Wade and Doe vs. Bolton pro-abortion decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court, Jan. 21-22. On Jan. 22, a Day of Penance shall be observed in all dioceses of the U.S. for violations to the dignity of the human person.

February 2008

General: That the mentally handicapped may not be marginalized but respected and lovingly helped to live in a way worthy of their physical and social condition.

Mission: That Institutes of Consecrated Life, so flourishing in mission countries, may rediscover the missionary dimension and, faithful to the radical choice of Gospel counsels, be generous in bearing witness to Christ and proclaiming Him to the ends of the earth.

- 1 Fri. Weekday.
- 2 Sat. Presentation of the Lord, feast (Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40).
- 3 Sun. Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5: 1-12a).
- 4 Mon. Weekday
- 5 Tues. St. Agatha, virgin and martyr; memorial
- 6 Wed. Ash Wednesday. (Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18). Fast and Abstinence.
- 7 Thurs. Lenten Weekday.
- 8 Fri. Lenten Weekday. St. Jerome Emiliani, priest; Josephine Bakhita, virgin; optional memorial.
- 9 Sat. Lenten Weekday.
- 10 Sun. First Sunday of Lent. (Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11).
- 11 Mon. Lenten Weekday. Our Lady of Lourdes; optional memorial.
- 12 Tues. Lenten Weekday.
- 13 Wed. Lenten Weekday.
- 14 Thurs. Lenten Weekday. Sts. Cyril, monk and Methodius, bishop; optional memorial.
- 15 Fri. Lenten Weekday. Abstinence.
- 16 Sat. Lenten Weekday.
- 17 Sun. Second Sunday of Lent. (Gen 12:1-4a; 2 Tim 1:8a-10; Mt 17:1-9).
- 18 Mon. Lenten Weekday.
- 19 Tues. Lenten Weekday.
- 20 Wed. Lenten Weekday.
- 21 Thurs. Lenten Weekday. St. Peter Damian, bishop-doctor; optional memorial.
- 22 Fri. Chair of St. Peter, apostle; feast.
- 23 Sat. Lenten Weekday. St. Polycarp, bishop and martyr; optional memorial
- 24 Sun. Third Sunday of Lent. (Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42).
- 25 Mon. Lenten Weekday.
- 26 Tues. Lenten Weekday.
- 27 Wed. Lenten Weekday.
- 28 Thurs. Lenten Weekday.
- 29 Fri. Lenten Weekday. Abstinence.

Observances: The Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple is the traditional day for the blessings of candles that will be used throughout the year. The Presentation of the Lord is also the World Day for Consecrated Life. Optional memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes which is also World Day of the Sick, a day of prayer, healing and anointing of those who are ill and is celebrated on Feb. 11.

The Lenten Season begins with Ash Wednesday (Feb. 6) when ashes are blessed and imposed on the forehead of the faithful to remind them of their obligation to do penance for sins, to seek spiritual renewal by means of prayer, fasting and good works. Catholics are reminded of the serious obligation to fast and abstain on those appointed days.

March 2008

General: That the importance of forgiveness and reconciliation between individuals and peoples may be understood and that through her testimony the Church may spread Christ's love, the source of new humanity.

Mission: That Christians persecuted because of the Gospel in various parts of the world may be sustained by the strength of the Holy Spirit and continue to bear witness courageously and openly to the Word of God.

- 1 Sat. Lenten Weekday.
- 2 Sun. Fourth Sunday of Lent (1 Sam 16:1b,6-7,10-13a; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41).
- 3 Mon. Lenten Weekday. St. Katherine Drexel, virgin; optional memorial.
- 4 Tues. Lenten Weekday. St. Casimir; optional memorial.
- 5 Wed. Lenten Weekday.
- 6 Thurs. Lenten Weekday. St. Francis of Rome, religious; optional memorial.
- 7 Fri. Lenten Weekday. Abstinence. Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, martyrs; optional memorial.
- 8 Sat. Lenten Weekday. St. John of God, religious; optional memorial.
- 9 Sun. Fifth Sunday of Lent (Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45).
- 10 Mon. Lenten Weekday.
- 11 Tues. Lenten Weekday.
- 12 Wed. Lenten Weekday.
- 13 Thurs. Lenten Weekday.
- 14 Fri. Lenten Weekday. Abstinence.
- 15 Sat. St. Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary; solemnity.
- 16 Sun. Palm Sunday/The Lord's Passion (Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66).
- 17 Mon. Monday of Holy Week.
- 18 Tues. Tuesday of Holy Week.
- 19 Wed. Wednesday of Holy Week.
- 20 Thurs. Holy Thursday. Chrism Mass in the Morning. The Easter Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper.
- 21 Fri. Good Friday. The Lord's Passion. Fast and abstinence.
- 22 Sat. Holy Saturday. Easter Vigil.
- 23 Sun. Easter Sunday: Resurrection of the Lord; solemnity (Acts 10:34a,37-43; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or [at an afternoon or evening Mass - Lk 24:13-15]).
- 24 Mon. Easter Monday; solemnity.
- 25 Tues. Easter Tuesday; solemnity.
- 26 Wed. Easter Wednesday; solemnity.
- 27 Thurs. Easter Thursday; solemnity
- 28 Fri. Easter Friday; solemnity
- 29 Sat. Easter Saturday; solemnity
- 30 Sun. Second Sunday of Easter. Divine Mercy Sunday. (Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31).
- 31 Mon. Annunciation of the Lord; solemnity.

Observances: Holy Week—Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday) begins these most solemn celebrations of the Church Year. On this day the Church blesses and distributes palms commemorating our Lord's entrance into Jerusalem and it is the first time during Holy Week that the Passion is read. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday of Holy Week are preparatory days for the Sacred Triduum. The Sacred Triduum begins with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening. Good Friday commemorates the Passion of our Lord Jesus. Easter Sunday is the day when the Pope delivers his annual *Urbi et Orbi* address.

April 2008

General: That even in difficult and complex situations of present-day society, Christians may never tire of proclaiming with their lives Christ's resurrection, the source of hope and peace.

Mission: That future priests in young Churches may be ever more seriously formed culturally and spiritually in order to evangelise their respective countries and the whole world.

- 1 Tues. Easter Weekday.
- 2 Wed. Easter Weekday. St. Francis of Paola, hermit; optional memorial
- 3 Thurs. Easter Weekday.
- 4 Fri. Easter Weekday. St. Isidore, bishop and doctor; optional memorial.
- 5 Sat. Easter Weekday. St. Vincent Ferrer, priest; optional memorial.
- 6 Sun. Third Sunday of Easter. (Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35).
- 7 Mon. St. John Baptist de la Salle, priest; memorial.
- 8 Tues. Easter Weekday.
- 9 Wed. Easter Weekday.
- 10 Thurs. Easter Weekday.
- 11 Fri. St. Stanislaus, bishop and martyr; memorial.
- 12 Sat. Easter Weekday.
- 13 Sun. Fourth Sunday of Easter. (Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10).
- 14 Mon. Easter Weekday.
- 15 Tues. Easter Weekday.
- 16 Wed. Easter Weekday.
- 17 Thurs. Easter Weekday.
- 18 Fri. Easter Weekday.
- 19 Sat. Easter Weekday.
- 20 Sun. Fifth Sunday of Easter (Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12).
- 21 Mon. Easter Weekday. St. Anselm, bishop and doctor; optional memorial.
- 22 Tues. Easter Weekday.
- 23 Wed. Easter Weekday.
- 24 Thurs. Easter Weekday. St. Fidelis, priest; optional memorial.
- 25 Fri. St. Mark, evangelist, feast.
- 26 Sat. Easter Weekday.
- 27 Sun. Sixth Sunday of Easter (Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21.)
- 28 Mon. Easter Weekday. St. Peter Chanel, priest-martyr; St. Louis Mary de Montfort; optional memorials.
- 29 Tues. St. Catherine of Siena, virgin-doctor; memorial.
- 30 Wed. Easter Weekday.

Observances: The Easter Season unfolds during the month of April and calls the whole Church to the necessary and essential on-going meditation on the central mysteries of our faith: the Passion, Death and glorious Resurrection of our Lord. Also in the month of Apr.: the feast of St. John Baptist de la Salle, priest and religious founder celebrated on Apr. 7; the Feast of St. Mark is Apr. 25; the Feast of St. Catherine of Siena, virgin, doctor of the Church and patroness of Europe.

May 2008

General: That Christians may use literature, art and the media to greater advantage to favor a culture which defends and promotes the values of the human person

Mission: That just as she accompanied the Apostles in the early stages of the Church, may the Blessed Virgin Mary, Star of Evangelization and Queen of Apostles, continue to guide missionaries throughout the world with maternal affection.

- 1 Thurs. Ascension of our Lord; solemnity. Holy Day of obligation (Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20.) If transferred to Sunday, St. Joseph, the Worker; memorial.
- 2 Fri. St. Athanasius, bishop-doctor; memorial.
- 3 Sat. Sts. Philip and James, apostles; feast.
- 4 Sun. Seventh Sunday of Easter; (Acts 1:12-14; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-11a). World Day of Prayer for Vocations. If transferred from Thursday the Ascension of Our Lord (cf. May 1).
- 5 Mon. Easter Weekday.
- 6 Tues. Easter Weekday.
- 7 Wed. Easter Weekday.
- 8 Thurs. Easter Weekday.
- 9 Fri. Easter Weekday.
- 10 Sat. Easter Weekday. Bl. Damien Joseph deVeuster of Molokai, priest; optional memorial.
- 11 Sun. Pentecost Sunday; solemnity. (Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15).
- 12 Mon. Weekday. Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, martyrs; St. Pancras, martyr; optional memorials.
- 13 Tues. Weekday. Our Lady of Fatima; optional memorial.
- 14 Wed. Weekday. St. Matthias, apostle; feast.
- 15 Thurs. Weekday. St. Isidore the Farmer; optional memorial.
- 16 Fri. Weekday.
- 17 Sat. Weekday.
- 18 Sun. Most Holy Trinity; solemnity (Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18).
- 19 Mon. Weekday.
- 20 Tues. Weekday. St. Bernardine of Siena, priest; optional memorial.
- 21 Wed. Weekday. St. Christopher Magallanes, priest and martyr and companions; optional memorial.
- 22 Thurs. Weekday. St. Rita of Cascia, religious; optional memorial.
- 23 Fri. Weekday.
- 24 Sat. Weekday.
- 25 Sun. Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi); solemnity (Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58.)
- 26 Mon. St. Philip Neri, priest; memorial
- 27 Tues. Weekday. St. Augustine of Canterbury, bishop; optional memorial.
- 28 Wed. Weekday.
- 29 Thurs. Weekday.
- 30 Fri. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus; solemnity
- 31 Sat. Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary to St. Elizabeth; feast.

Observances: The Solemnity of the Ascension, May 1 (transferred to Sunday in some dioceses) is a Holy Day of Obligation. When Ascension is transferred to Sunday, the month begins with the celebration of St. Joseph the Worker on May 1. The Easter Season is completed with the celebration of the Feast of Pentecost, the gift of the Holy Spirit given to the apostles and to the Church.

June 2008

General: That Christians may cultivate a deep and personal friendship with Christ so they are able to communicate the strength of His love to those they encounter.

Mission: That the International Eucharistic Congress in Quebec, Canada, may lead to ever deeper understanding of the Eucharist, the heart of the Church and source of evangelization.

- 1 Sun. Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Dt 11:18, 26-28, 32; Rom 3:21-25, 28; Mt 7:21-27).
- 2 Mon. Weekday. Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, martyrs; optional memorial.
- 3 Tues. Weekday. St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, martyrs; memorial
- 4 Wed. Weekday
- 5 Thurs. St. Boniface, bishop and martyr; memorial.
- 6 Fri. Weekday. St. Norbert, bishop; optional memorial.
- 7 Sat. Weekday.
- 8 Sun. Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Hos 6:3-6; Rom 4:18-25; Mt 9:9-13).
- 9 Mon. Weekday. St. Ephrem, deacon and doctor; optional memorial.
- 10 Tues. Weekday.
- 11 Wed. St. Barnabas, apostle; memorial.
- 12 Thurs. Weekday.
- 13 Fri. St. Anthony of Padua, priest-doctor; memorial.
- 14 Sat. Weekday.
- 15 Sun. Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Ex 19:2-6a; Rom 5:6-11; Mt 9:36-10:8).
- 16 Mon. Weekday.
- 17 Tues. Weekday.
- 18 Wed. Weekday.
- 19 Thurs. Weekday. St. Romuald, abbot; optional memorial.
- 20 Fri. Weekday.
- 21 Sat. St. Aloysius Gonzaga, religious; memorial.
- 22 Sun. Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Jer 20:10-13; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33).
- 23 Mon. Weekday.
- 24 Tues. Nativity of St. John the Baptist; solemnity.
- 25 Wed. Weekday.
- 26 Thurs. Weekday.
- 27 Fri. Weekday. St. Cyril of Alexandria, bishop and doctor; optional memorial.
- 28 Sat. St. Irenaeus, bishop-martyr; memorial.
- 29 Sun. Sts. Peter and Paul, apostles; solemnity. (Acts 12:1-11; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19).
- 30 Mon. Weekday. First Martyrs of the Church of Rome; optional memorial.

Observances: The month of June begins with the celebration of several martyrs' feast days: June 2 is the feast of Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, followed on June 3 by the feast of St. Charles Lwanga and Companions and on June 5 is the feast of St. Norbert, bishop and martyr. The celebration of the martyrs provides the opportunity to meditate on the heroic virtues that are necessary to boldly live our Catholic lives even to the point of death. The Church also celebrates this month the feast of St. Barnabas, apostle on June 11; St. Anthony of Padua on June 13 and St. Aloysius Gonzaga on June 21. The Feast of the Birth of John the Baptist is celebrated on June 24 followed by the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul on June 29. The month concludes as it began with the celebration of the First Martyrs of Rome on June 30.

July 2008

General: That there may be an increase in the number of those who volunteer to serve the Christian community with generous and prompt availability.

Mission: That World Youth Day in Sydney, Australia, may kindle the fire of divine love in numerous young people and render them sowers of hope for a new humanity.

- 1 Tues. Weekday. Bl. Junipero Serra, priest; optional memorial
- 2 Wed. Weekday.
- 3 Thurs. St. Thomas, apostle; feast.
- 4 Fri. Weekday. St. Elizabeth of Portugal; optional memorial. Proper Mass for Independence Day.
- 5 Sat. Weekday. St. Anthony Maria Zaccaria, priest; optional memorial.
- 6 Sun. Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Zec 9:9-10; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30).
- 7 Mon. Weekday.
- 8 Tues. Weekday.
- 9 Wed. Weekday.
- 10 Thurs. Weekday.
- 11 Fri. St. Benedict, abbot; memorial.
- 12 Sat. Weekday.
- 13 Sun. Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23).
- 14 Mon. Bl. Kateri Tekawitha, virgin; memorial.
- 15 Tues. St. Bonaventure, bishop-doctor; memorial.
- 16 Wed. Weekday. Our Lady of Mount Carmel; optional memorial.
- 17 Thurs. Weekday.
- 18 Fri. Weekday. St. Camillus de Lellis, priest; optional memorial.
- 19 Sat. Weekday.
- 20 Sun. Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Wis 12:13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43).
- 21 Mon. Weekday. St. Lawrence of Brandisi, priest-doctor; optional memorial.
- 22 Tues. St. Mary Magdalene; memorial.
- 23 Wed. Weekday. St. Bridget of Sweden, religious; optional memorial.
- 24 Thurs. Weekday. St. Sharbel Makhluf, priest; optional memorial.
- 25 Fri. St. James, apostle and martyr; feast.
- 26 Sat. Sts. Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary; memorial.
- 27 Sun. Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52).
- 28 Mon. Weekday.
- 29 Tues. St. Martha; memorial.
- 30 Wed. Weekday. St. Peter Chrysologus, bishop and doctor; optional memorial
- 31 Thurs. St. Ignatius of Loyola, priest; memorial.

Observances:

Blessed Junipero Serra, whose optional memorial may be celebrated July 1, founder of the California Missions and has given his name to the promotion of priestly vocations. St. Thomas the apostles is observed on July 3; St. Maria Goretti, July 6; St. Benedict, the founder of western monasticism and patron saint of Europe, July 11; Blessed Kateri Tekawitha, July 14; St. Bonaventure, called the second founder of the Franciscan Order, July 15; Independence Day, July 4, is observed with a special Mass for celebration in the U.S.

August 2008

General: That the human family may learn to respect God's plan for the world and become ever more aware that Creation is God's great gift.

Mission: That the answer of the entire people of God to the common calling to holiness and mission may be promoted and fostered by means of careful discernment of charisma and constant commitment to spiritual and cultural formation.

- 1 Fri. St. Alphonsus Ligouri, bishop-doctor; memorial.
- 2 Sat. Weekday. Sts. Eusebius of Vercelli, bishop and Peter Julian Eymard, priest; optional memorials
- 3 Sun. Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Is 55:1-3; Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21).
- 4 Mon. St. John Mary Vianney, priest; memorial.
- 5 Tues. Weekday. Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome; optional memorial.
- 6 Wed. Transfiguration of the Lord; feast.
- 7 Thurs. Weekday. Sts. Cajetan, priest; Sixtus and Companions, martyrs; optional memorials.
- 8 Fri. St. Dominic, priest; memorial
- 9 Sat. Weekday. St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, virgin and martyr; optional memorial.
- 10 Sun. Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33).
- 11 Mon. St. Clare, virgin; memorial.
- 12 Tues. Weekday.
- 13 Wed. Weekday. Sts. Pontian, pope, martyr and Hippolytus, priest and martyr; optional memorials.
- 14 Thurs. St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest and martyr; memorial.
- 15 Fri. Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary; solemnity.
- 16 Sat. Weekday. St. Stephen of Hungary; optional memorial.
- 17 Sun. Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-31; Mt 15:21-28).
- 18 Mon. Weekday. St. Jane Frances de Chantal, religious; optional memorial.
- 19 Tues. Weekday. St. John Eudes, priest; optional memorial.
- 20 Wed. St. Bernard, abbot and doctor; memorial.
- 21 Thurs. St. Pius X, pope; memorial.
- 22 Fri. Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary; memorial.
- 23 Sat. Weekday. St. Rose of Lima, virgin; optional memorial.
- 24 Sun. Twenty-first Sunday of Ordinary Time (Is 22:19-33; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20).
- 25 Mon. Weekday. Sts. Louis of France and Joseph Calasanz, priest; optional memorials.
- 26 Tues. Weekday.
- 27 Wed. St. Monica; memorial.
- 28 Thurs. St. Augustine, bishop and doctor; memorial.
- 29 Fri. Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist; memorial.
- 30 Sat. Weekday.
- 31 Sun. Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27).

Observances: St. Alphonsus Ligouri, doctor of the Church and moral theologian, Aug. 1; St. John Vianney, patron saint of parish priests, Aug. 4; The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, Aug. 6; St. Dominic, Aug. 8; St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Aug. 9; St. Clare, Aug. 11; St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Aug. 14; The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Aug. 15; The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Aug. 22. St. Monica, Aug. 27, St. Augustine, Aug. 28; and the Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist, Aug. 29.

September 2008

General: That those who are forced to leave home and country because of war or oppressive regimes may be supported by Christians in the defense and protection of their rights.

Mission: That faithful to the sacrament of matrimony every Christian family may cultivate the values of love and communion in order to be a small evangelizing community, sensitive and open to the material and spiritual needs of others.

- 1 Mon. Weekday. Labor Day. Special Mass for the Blessings of Human Labor.
- 2 Tues. Weekday.
- 3 Wed. St. Gregory the Great, pope and doctor; memorial.
- 4 Thurs. Weekday.
- 5 Fri. Weekday. Bl. Teresa of Calcutta; foundress and religious; optional memorial.
- 6 Sat. Weekday.
- 7 Sun. Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time. (Is 35:4-7a; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37).
- 8 Mon. The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary; feast.
- 9 Tues. St. Peter Claver, priest; memorial.
- 10 Wed. Weekday.
- 11 Thurs. Weekday.
- 12 Fri. Weekday. Holy Name of Mary; optional memorial.
- 13 Sat. St. John Chrysostom, bishop-doctor; memorial.
- 14 Sun. Exaltation of the Holy Cross; feast (Nm 21:4b-9; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17).
- 15 Mon. Our Lady of Sorrows; memorial.
- 16 Tues. Weekday. Sts. Cornelius, pope-martyr and Cyprian, bishop-martyr; memorial.
- 17 Wed. Weekday. St. Robert Bellarmine, bishop and doctor; optional memorial.
- 18 Thurs. Weekday.
- 19 Fri. Weekday. St. Januarius, bishop-martyr; optional memorial
- 20 Sat. Sts. Andrew Kim Taegon, priest-martyr, Paul Chong Hasang, martyr, and Companions, martyrs; memorial.
- 21 Sun. Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. (Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20c-24,27a; Mt 20:1-16a).
- 22 Mon. Weekday.
- 23 Tues. St. Pio of Pietrelcina, priest; memorial.
- 24 Wed. Weekday.
- 25 Thurs. Weekday.
- 26 Fri. Weekday. Sts. Cosmas and Damian, martyrs; optional memorial.
- 27 Sat. St. Vincent de Paul, priest; memorial.
- 28 Sun. Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. (Ez 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32).
- 29 Mon. Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, archangels; feast.
- 30 Tues. St. Jerome, priest and doctor; memorial.

Observances: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Sept. 8; St. John Chrysostom, doctor of the Church, Sept. 13; Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Sept. 14; Our Lady of Sorrows, Sept. 15; Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian, Sept. 16. St. Vincent de Paul, founder of the Vincentians and the Daughters of Charity, Sept. 27; Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, archangels, Sept. 29, and St. Jerome, Sept. 30. Labor Day is celebrated Sept. 1 with a special Mass for the blessing of human labor.

October 2008

General: That the Synod of Bishops may help bishops and theologians as well as catechists and pastoral workers engaged in the service of the Word of God transmit with courage the truth of the faith in communion with the entire Church.

Mission: That in this month dedicated to the Missions every Christian community may feel the need to share in the Church's universal mission with prayers, sacrifices and material help.

- 1 Wed. St. Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin and doctor; memorial
- 2 Thurs. The Guardian Angels; memorial.
- 3 Fri. Weekday.
- 4 Sat. St. Francis of Assisi, religious; memorial.
- 5 Sun. Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43).
- 6 Mon. Weekday. St. Bruno, priest and Bl. Marie Rose Durocher, virgin; optional memorials.
- 7 Tues. Our Lady of the Rosary; memorial
- 8 Wed. Weekday.
- 9 Thurs. Weekday. Denis and Companions, martyrs; John Leonardi, priest; optional memorials.
- 10 Fri. Weekday.
- 11 Sat. Weekday.
- 12 Sun. Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Is 25:6-10a; Phil 4:12-14,19-20; Mt 22:1-14).
- 13 Mon. Weekday.
- 14 Tues. Weekday. Callistus I, pope-martyr; optional memorial.
- 15 Wed. St. Teresa of Jesus, virgin and doctor; memorial.
- 16 Thurs. Weekday. Sts. Hedwig, religious; Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin; optional memorials.
- 17 Fri. St. Ignatius of Antioch, bishop-martyr; memorial.
- 18 Sat. St. Luke, evangelist; feast.
- 19 Sun. Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Is 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21).
- 20 Mon. Weekday. St. Paul of the Cross; optional memorial.
- 21 Tues. Weekday.
- 22 Wed. Weekday.
- 23 Thurs. Weekday. St. John of Capistrano, priest; optional memorial
- 24 Fri. Weekday. St. Anthony Mary Claret, bishop; optional memorial.
- 25 Sat. Weekday.
- 26 Sun. Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Ex 22:20-26; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40).
- 27 Mon. Weekday.
- 28 Tues. Simon and Jude, apostles; feast.
- 29 Wed. Weekday
- 30 Thurs. Weekday.
- 31 Fri. Weekday.

Observances: St. Therese of the Child Jesus, doctor of the Church, Oct. 1; St. Francis of Assisi, Oct. 4; St. Teresa of Jesus, doctor of the Church, reformer of the Carmelite Order, Oct. 15; St. Ignatius of Antioch, Oct. 17; St. Luke, evangelist, Oct. 18. The North American Martyrs, Oct. 19. St. Paul of the Cross, founder of the Congregation of the Passion, Oct. 20. Sts. Simon and Jude, apostles, Oct. 28. Respect Life Sunday is celebrated this month calling the nation to a deeper respect for all human life from natural conception to natural death. Mission Sunday is observed during the month. Vocation Awareness Sunday is also celebrated this month with particular attention to priestly and religious vocations.

November 2008

General: That the testimony of love offered by the Saints, may fortify Christians in their service to God and neighbor, imitating Christ who came not to be served but to serve.

Mission: That Christian communities in Asia, contemplating the face of Christ, may find the most suitable way to announce Him in full fidelity to the Gospel to the peoples of that vast continent so rich in culture and ancient forms of spirituality.

- 1 Sat. All Saints; solemnity.
- 2 Sun. Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. All Souls Day.
- 3 Mon. Weekday. St. Martin de Porres, religious; optional memorial.
- 4 Tues. Weekday. St. Charles Borromeo, bishop; memorial.
- 5 Wed. Weekday.
- 6 Thurs. Weekday.
- 7 Fri. Weekday.
- 8 Sat. Weekday.
- 9 Sun. Dedication of the Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome; feast (Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22).
- 10 Mon. St. Leo the Great, pope-doctor; memorial.
- 11 Tues. St. Martin of Tours, bishop; memorial.
- 12 Wed. Weekday. St. Josaphat, bishop, martyr; memorial.
- 13 Thurs. Weekday. St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, virgin; optional memorial.
- 14 Fri. Weekday.
- 15 Sat. Weekday. St. Albert the Great, bishop-doctor; optional memorial.
- 16 Sun. Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30).
- 17 Mon. St. Elizabeth of Hungary, religious; memorial.
- 18 Tues. Weekday. St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, virgin; Dedication of the Basilicas of St. Peter and St. Paul, apostles, in Rome; optional memorials.
- 19 Wed. Weekday.
- 20 Thurs. Weekday.
- 21 Fri. Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary; memorial.
- 22 Sat. St. Cecilia, virgin-martyr; memorial.
- 23 Sun. Our Lord Jesus Christ the King; solemnity (Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46).
- 24 Mon. Sts. Andrew Dung-Lac, priest-martyr and Companions, martyrs; memorials.
- 25 Tues. Weekday. St. Catherine of Alexandria, virgin and martyr; optional memorial.
- 26 Wed. Weekday.
- 27 Thurs. Weekday. Thanksgiving Day, proper Mass.
- 28 Fri. Weekday.
- 29 Sat. Weekday.
- 30 Sun. First Sunday of Advent (Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37).

Observances: All Saints Day, Nov. 1; All Souls Day, Nov. 2; Frances Xavier Cabrini, foundress, first U.S. citizen-saint, Nov. 13; St. Albert the Great, doctor of the Church, Nov. 15; St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Nov. 17. Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Nov. 21; St. Cecilia, Nov. 22; Christ the King, Nov. 23; St. Andrew Dung-Lac and companions, the Korean Martyrs, Nov. 24.; Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27. The beginning of the Church Year, the first Sunday of Advent, Nov. 30. The annual fall meeting of the bishops of the U.S. in Washington, D.C. Its agenda covers a wide range of topics with particular attention given to doctrinal, pastoral and educational issues.

December 2008

General: That in the face of a spreading of a culture of violence the Church through her apostolic and missionary activity may promote with courage the culture of life.

Mission: That especially in mission countries Christians may show with acts of fraternal love that the Child born in the stable at Bethlehem is the luminous Hope of the world.

- 1 Mon. Advent Weekday.
- 2 Tues. Advent Weekday.
- 3 Wed. St. Francis Xavier, priest; memorial.
- 4 Thurs. Advent Weekday. St. John Damascene, priest-doctor; optional memorial.
- 5 Fri. Advent Weekday.
- 6 Sat. Advent Weekday. St. Nicholas, bishop; optional memorial.
- 7 Sun. Second Sunday of Advent (Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8).
- 8 Mon. Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary; solemnity (Gen 3:9-15, 20; Eph. 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38.) Holy Day of Obligation.
- 9 Tues. Advent Weekday. St. Juan Diego; optional memorial.
- 10 Wed. Advent Weekday.
- 11 Thurs. Advent Weekday. St. Damasus I, pope; optional memorial.
- 12 Fri. Our Lady of Guadalupe; feast.
- 13 Sat. St. Lucy, virgin-martyr; memorial.
- 14 Sun. Third Sunday of Advent (Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28).
- 15 Mon. Advent Weekday.
- 16 Tues. Advent Weekday.
- 17 Wed. Late Advent Weekday.
- 18 Thurs. Late Advent Weekday.
- 19 Fri. Late Advent Weekday.
- 20 Sat. Late Advent Weekday
- 21 Sun. Fourth Sunday of Advent (2 Sam 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38).
- 22 Mon. Late Advent Weekday.
- 23 Tues. Late Advent Weekday. St. John of Kanty, priest; optional memorial.
- 24 Wed. Late Advent Weekday.
- 25 Thurs. Nativity of the Lord, Christmas; solemnity. Holy Day of Obligation. (Vigil Mass – Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or 1: 18-25. Midnight Mass – Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14. Mass at Dawn – Is 62:11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20. Mass during the day – Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14).
- 26 Fri. St. Stephen, first martyr; feast.
- 27 Sat. St. John, apostle-evangelist; feast.
- 28 Sun. Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
- 29 Mon. Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas. St. Thomas Becket, bishop-martyr; optional memorial.
- 30 Tues. Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas.
- 31 Wed. Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas. St. Sylvester, pope; optional memorial.

Observances: Sts. John of Damascus, John of the Cross, Peter Canisius, doctors of the Church; Immaculate Conception, Dec. 8; St. Juan Diego, Dec. 9; Our Lady of Guadalupe, Dec. 12; Birth of our Lord, Dec. 25; St. Stephen, proto-martyr, Dec. 26; St. John, apostle-evangelist, Dec. 27; Holy Family, Dec. 28; St. Thomas Becket, Dec. 29; St. Sylvester, Dec. 31.