

2009 CALENDAR

January 2009

General: That the family may become more and more a place of training in charity, personal growth and transmission of the faith.

Mission: That the different Christian confessions may be committed to announcing the Good News and moving toward the full unity of all Christians in order to offer a more credible testimony of the Gospel.

- 1 Thurs. Octave of Christmas; Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God; Holy (Nm 6: 22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21).
- 2 Fri. Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzus, bishops and doctors of the Church; memorial.
- 3 Sat. Weekday. Christmas Weekday. Most Holy Name of Jesus; optional memorial
- 4 Sun. Epiphany of Our Lord; solemnity. (Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a,5-6; Mt 2:1-12).
- 5 Mon. St. John Neumann, bishop; memorial.
- 6 Tues. Christmas Weekday. Bl. Andre Besette; optional memorial
- 7 Weds. Christmas Weekday. St. Raymond of Peñafort, priest; optional memorial
- 8 Thurs. Christmas Weekday.
- 9 Fri. Christmas Weekday.
- 10 Sat. Christmas Weekday.
- 11 Sun. Baptism of the Lord; feast. (Is 42:1-4,6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16,21-22).
- 12 Mon. Weekday. (First Week in Ordinary Time.)
- 13 Tues. Weekday. St. Hilary, optional memorial.
- 14 Weds. Weekday.
- 15 Thurs. Weekday.
- 16 Fri. Weekday. Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins.
- 17 Sat. St. Anthony, abbot; memorial.
- 18 Sun. Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. (1 Sm 3:3b-10,19; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a,17-20; Jn 1:35-42.)
- 19 Mon. St. Agnes, virgin and martyr; memorial
- 20 Tues. Weekday. Sts. Fabian and Sebastian, martyrs, optional memorial.
- 21 Weds. St. Agnes, virgin and martyr; memorial.
- 22 Thurs. Weekday. St. Vincent, deacon, martyr; optional memorial. DAY OF PENANCE for violations committed through acts of abortion.
- 23 Fri. Weekday.
- 24 Sat. St. Francis de Sales, bishop-doctor; memorial.
- 25 Sun. Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. (Jon 3:1-5,10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20.)
- 26 Mon. Sts. Timothy and Titus; memorial
- 27 Tues. Weekday. St. Angela Merici, optional memorial.
- 28 Weds. St. Thomas Aquinas, priest; memorial
- 29 Thurs. Weekday.
- 30 Fri. Weekday.
- 31 Sat. 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 Dole 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 United States.

February 2009

General: That the Pastors of the Church may always be docile to the action of the Holy Spirit in their teaching and in their service to God's people.

Mission: That the Church in Africa may find adequate ways and means to promote reconciliation, justice and peace efficaciously, according to the indications of the Synod of the Bishops' Special Assembly for Africa.

- 1 Sun. Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. (Dt 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28.)
- 2 Mon. Presentation of the Lord, feast (Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40.)
- 3 Tues. St. Blaise, bishop and martyr; St. Ansgar; optional memorials.
- 4 Wed. Weekday.
- 5 Thurs. St. Agatha, virgin and martyr; memorial.
- 6 Fri. Weekday. St. Paul Miki and companions, martyrs; memorial.
- 7 Sat. Weekday.
- 8 Sun. Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Jb 7:1-4,6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19,22-23; Mk 1:29-39.)
- 9 Mon. Weekday.
- 10 Tues. St. Scholastica; memorial.
- 11 Wed. Weekday. Our Lady of Lourdes; optional memorial.
- 12 Thurs. Weekday.
- 13 Fri. Weekday.
- 14 Sat. Weekday. Sts. Cyril, monk and Methodius, bishop; optional memorial.
- 15 Sun. Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. (Lv 13:1-2,44-46; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45.)
- 16 Mon. Weekday. Seven Holy Founders of the Order of Servites; optional memorial.
- 17 Tues. Weekday.
- 18 Wed. Weekday.
- 19 Thurs. Weekday.
- 20 Fri. Weekday.
- 21 Sat. St. Peter Damian, bishop-doctor; optional memorial.
- 22 Sun. Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. (Is 43:18-19,21-22,24b-25; 1 Cor 1:18-22; Mk 2:1-12.)
- 23 Mon. St. Polycarp, bishop and martyr; memorial.
- 24 Tues. Weekday.
- 25 Weds. Ash Wednesday. (Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6,16-18.) Fast and Abstinence.
- 26 Thurs. Lenten Weekday.
- 27 Fri. Lenten Weekday. Abstinence.
- 28 Sat. Lenten Weekday.

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 is celebrated on Feb. 11.

The Lenten Season begins with Ash Wednesday (Feb. 25) 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 during the Lenten season as well as the opportunity for other acts of mortification and sacrifice.

March 2009

General: That the role of women may be more appreciated and used to good advantage in every country in the world.

Mission: That in the light of the letter addressed to them by Pope Benedict XVI, the bishops, priests, consecrated persons, and lay faithful of the Catholic Church in the Popular Republic of China may commit themselves to being the sign and instrument of unity, communion and peace.

- 1 Sun. First Sunday of Lent. (Gn 9:8-15; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15.)
- 2 Mon. Lenten Weekday.
- 3 Tues. Lenten Weekday. St. Katherine Drexel, virgin; optional memorial.
- 4 Weds. Lenten Weekday. St. Casimir; optional memorial.
- 5 Thurs. Lenten Weekday.
- 6 Fri. Lenten Weekday. Abstinence.
- 7 Sat. Lenten Weekday. Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, martyrs; optional memorial.
- 8 Sun. Second Sunday of Lent. (Gn 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10.)
- 9 Mon. Lenten Weekday. St. Francis of Rome, religious; optional memorial.
- 10 Tues. Lenten Weekday.
- 11 Weds. Lenten Weekday.
- 12 Thurs. Lenten Weekday.
- 13 Fri. Lenten Weekday. Abstinence.
- 14 Sat. Lenten Weekday.
- 15 Sun. Third Sunday of Lent. (Ex 20:1-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25.)
- 16 Mon. Lenten Weekday.
- 17 Tues. Lenten Weekday. St. Patrick; optional memorial.
- 18 Weds. Lenten Weekday. St. Cyril of Jerusalem; optional memorial.
- 19 Thurs. St. Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary; solemnity.
- 20 Fri. Lenten Weekday. Abstinence.
- 21 Sat. Lenten Weekday.
- 22 Sun. Fourth Sunday of Lent. (2 Chr 36:14-16,19-23; Eph 2: 4-10; Jn 3:14-21.)
- 23 Mon. Lenten Weekday. St. Toribio de Mogrovejo; optional memorial
- 24 Tues. Lenten Weekday.
- 25 Weds. Annunciation of the Lord; solemnity.
- 26 Thurs. Lenten Weekday.
- 27 Fri. Lenten Weekday. Abstinence.
- 28 Sat. Lenten Weekday.
- 29 Sun. Fifth Sunday of Lent. (Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33.)
- 30 Mon. Lenten Weekday.
- 31 Tues. Lenten Weekday.

Observances:

The Solemnity of St. Joseph, husband of Mary, is observed March 19. The Solemnity of the Annunciation is observed on March 25. These are the only two feasts days celebrated during the Lenten Season.

April 2009

General: That the Lord may bless the farmers with an abundant harvest and sensitize the richer populations to the drama of hunger in the world

Mission: That the Christians who work in areas where the conditions of the poor, weak and women and children are most tragic, may be signs of hope, thanks to their courageous testimony to the Gospel of solidarity and love.

- 1 Weds. Lenten Weekday.
 - 2 Thurs. Lenten Weekday. St. Francis of Paola, hermit; optional memorial.
 - 3 Fri. Lenten Weekday.
 - 4 Sat. Lenten Weekday. St. Isidore, bishop and doctor; optional memorial.
 - 5 Sun. Palm Sunday/The Lord's Passion (Mk 11:1-10/Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47.)
 - 6 Mon. Monday of Holy Week.
 - 7 Tues. Tuesday of Holy Week.
 - 8 Weds. Wednesday of Holy Week.
 - 9 Thurs. Holy Thursday. Christ Mass in the Morning. The Easter Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper.
 - 10 Fri. Good Friday. The Lord's Passion. Fast and Abstinence.
 - 11 Sat. Holy Saturday. Easter Vigil.
 - 12 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 Mk 16:1-7 or [at an afternoon or evening Mass: Lk 24:13-35].)
 - 13 Mon. Easter Monday; solemnity.
 - 14 Tues. Easter Tuesday; solemnity.
 - 15 Weds. Easter Wednesday; solemnity.
 - 16 Thurs. Easter Thursday; solemnity.
 - 17 Fri. Easter Friday; solemnity.
 - 18 Sat. Easter Saturday; solemnity.
 - 19 Sun. Second Sunday of Easter. Divine Mercy Sunday. (Acts 4:32-35; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31.)
 - 20 Mon. Easter Weekday.
 - 21 Tues. Easter Weekday. St. Anselm, bishop and doctor; optional memorial.
 - 22 Weds. Easter Weekday.
 - 23 Thurs. Easter Weekday. St. George; St. Adalbert; optional memorials.
 - 24 Fri. Easter Weekday. St. Fidelis, priest; optional memorial.
 - 25 Sat. St. Mark, evangelist, feast.
 - 26 Sun. Third Sunday of Easter. (Acts 3:13-15,17-19; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48.)
 - 27 Mon. Easter Weekday.
 - 28 Tues. Easter Weekday. St. Peter Chanel, priest-martyr; St. Louis Mary de Montfort; optional memorials.
 - 29 Weds. St. Catherine of Siena, virgin-doctor; memorial.
 - 30 Thurs. Easter Weekday. St. Pius V; optional memorial.
- Observances:** Holy Week — Passion Sunday also called Palm Sunday begins these most solemn and holy celebrations of the Church Year. On this day the Church blesses and distributes palms commemorating our Lord's triumphal entrance into Jerusalem and during this celebration the Passion is read for the first time during Holy Week. Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week are preparatory days leading to 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 Jesus. Holy Saturday evening begins the Easter Vigil. Easter Sunday is the day when the Holy Father delivers the traditional *Urbi et Orbi* address.

May 2009

General: That the laity and the Christian communities may be responsible promoters of priestly and religious vocations.

Mission: That the recently founded Catholic Churches, grateful to the Lord for the gift of faith, may be ready to share in the universal mission of the Church, offering their availability to preach the Gospel throughout the world.

- 1 Fri. Easter Weekday. St. Joseph the Worker; optional memorial.
- 2 Sat. St. Athanasius, bishop-doctor; memorial.
- 3 Sun. Fourth Sunday of Easter. (Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18.)
- 4 Mon. Easter Weekday.
- 5 Tues. Easter Weekday.
- 6 Weds. Weekday.
- 7 Thurs. Easter Weekday.
- 8 Fri. Easter Weekday.
- 9 Sat. Easter Weekday. Bl. Damien Joseph deVeuster of Molokai, priest; optional memorial.
- 10 Sun. Fifth Sunday of Easter. (Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8.)
- 11 Mon. Easter Weekday.
- 12 Tues. Easter Weekday. Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, martyrs; St. Pancras, martyr; optional memorials.
- 13 Weds. Easter Weekday. Our Lady of Fatima; optional memorial.
- 14 Thurs. St. Matthias, apostle; feast.
- 15 Fri. Easter Weekday. St. Isidore the Farmer; optional memorial.
- 16 Sat. Easter Weekday.
- 17 Sun. Sixth Sunday of Easter. (Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15: 9-17.)
- 18 Mon. Easter Weekday. St. John I; optional memorial.
- 19 Tues. Easter Weekday.
- 20 Weds. Easter Weekday. St. Bernadine of Siena, priest; optional memorial.
- 21 Thurs. Weekday. 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, Easter Weekday.
- 22 Fri. Easter Weekday. St. Rita of Cascia, religious; optional memorial.
- 23 Sat. Easter Weekday.
- 24 Sun. Seventh Sunday of Easter. (Acts 1:15-17,20a,20c-26; 1 Jn 4: 11-16; Mk 17:11b-19.) If transferred from Thursday, then the Ascension of Our Lord.
- 25 Mon. Easter Weekday. St. Bede; St. Gregory VII; St. Mary Magdalene dePazzi; optional memorials.
- 26 Tues. St. Philip Neri, priest; memorial.
- 27 Weds. Easter Weekday. St. Augustine of Canterbury, bishop; optional memorial.
- 28 Thurs. Easter Weekday.
- 29 Fri. Easter Weekday.
- 30 Sat. Easter Weekday.
- 31 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.)

Observances: The Solemnity of the Ascension celebrated May 21 (transferred to Sunday in some dioceses) is a Holy Day of Obligation. The month begins with the celebration of St. Joseph the Worker on May 1 reminding society of the dignity of work dedicated to the honor and glory of God. The Easter Season is completed with the celebration of the Feast of Pentecost on Sunday, May 31. Also, the month of May is traditionally dedicated to our Blessed Mother.

June 2009

General: That international attention towards the poorer countries may give rise to more concrete help, in particular to relieve them of the crushing burden of foreign debt.

Mission: That the particular Churches operating in regions marked by violence may be sustained by the love and concrete closeness of all the Catholics in the world.

- 1 Mon. St. Justin, martyr; optional memorial.
- 2 Tues. Weekday. Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, martyrs; optional memorial.
- 3 Weds. St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, martyrs; memorial
- 4 Thurs. Weekday.
- 5 Fri. St. Boniface, bishop and martyr; memorial.
- 6 Sat. Weekday. St. Norbert, bishop; optional memorial.
- 7 Sun. Most Holy Trinity; solemnity. (Dt 4:32-34, 39-40; Rom 8:14-17; Mt 28:16-20.)
- 8 Mon. Weekday.
- 9 Tues. Weekday. St. Ephrem, deacon and doctor; optional memorial.
- 10 Weds. Weekday.
- 11 Thurs. St. Barnabas, apostle; memorial.
- 12 Fri. Weekday.
- 13 Sat. St. Anthony of Padua, priest-doctor; memorial.
- 14 Sun. Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi); solemnity (Ex 24:3-8; Heb 9:11-15; Mk 14: 12-16,22-26.)
- 15 Mon. Weekday.
- 16 Tues. Weekday.
- 17 Weds. Weekday.
- 18 Thurs. Weekday.
- 19 Fri. Sacred Heart of Jesus; solemnity
- 20 Sat. Immaculate Heart of Mary; memorial
- 21 Sun. Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time. (Job 38:1, 8-11; 2 Cor 5:14-17; Mk 4:35-41.)
- 22 Mon. Weekday. St. Paulinus of Nola; Sts. John Fisher and Thomas More; optional memorials.
- 23 Tues. Weekday.
- 24 Weds. Nativity of St. John the Baptist; solemnity.
- 25 Thurs. Weekday.
- 26 Fri. Weekday.
- 27 Sat. Weekday. St. Cyril of Alexandria, bishop and doctor; optional memorial.
- 28 Sun. Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time. (Wis 1:13-15,2:23-24; 2 Cor 8:7,9,13-15; Mk 5:21-43.)
- 29 Mon. Sts. Peter and Paul, apostles; solemnity.
- 30 Tues. Weekday. First Martyrs of the Church of Rome; optional memorial.

Observances:

Following the great celebration of Pentecost, the Church celebrates in succession, the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity on June 7, the Feast of Corpus Christi, on June 14 and then the Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus on Friday, June 19 followed by the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. All of these celebrations afford us the experience of entering more deeply into the depth of our Lord's Paschal Mystery. It is the custom in certain dioceses to gather for a Corpus Christi procession to venerate the Body of Christ at special altars prepared near the Cathedral or parish church. The procession concludes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Furthering this experience of the Paschal Mystery, the month of June has several martyrs' feast days: The Feast of the Birth of John the Baptist on June 24 followed by the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul on June 29. The month concludes with the celebration of the First Martyrs of Rome on June 30.

July 2009

General: That the Christians of the Middle East may live their faith in full freedom and be an instrument of peace and reconciliation.

Mission: That the Church may be the seed and nucleus of a humanity reconciled and reunited in God's one and only family, thanks to the testimony of all the faithful in every country in the world.

- 1 Weds. Weekday. Bl. Junipero Serra, optional memorial.
- 2 Thurs. Weekday.
- 3 Fri. St. Thomas, apostle; feast.
- 4 Sat. Weekday. St. Elizabeth of Portugal; optional memorial. Proper Mass for Independence Day.
- 5 Sun. Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. (Ez 2:2-5; 1 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6.)
- 6 Mon. Weekday. St. Maria Goretti, virgin and martyr; optional memorial.
- 7 Tues. Weekday.
- 8 Weds. Weekday.
- 9 Thurs. Weekday. St. Augustine Zhao Rong and companions, martyrs; optional memorial.
- 10 Fri. Weekday.
- 11 Sat. St. Benedict, abbot; memorial.
- 12 Sun. Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. (Am 7:12-15; Eph 1:3-14; Mk 6:7-13.)
- 13 Mon. Weekday. St. Henry; optional memorial.
- 14 Tues. Bl. Kateri Tekawitha, virgin; memorial.
- 15 Weds. Weekday. St. Bonaventure, bishop-doctor; memorial.
- 16 Thurs. Weekday. Our Lady of Mount Carmel; optional memorial.
- 17 Fri. Weekday.
- 18 Sat. Weekday. St. Camillus de Lellis, priest; optional memorial.
- 19 Sun. Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary. (Jer 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34.)
- 20 Mon. Weekday. St. Apollinaris, martyr; optional memorial.
- 21 Tues. Weekday. St. Lawrence of Brandisi, priest-doctor; optional memorial
- 22 Weds. St. Mary Magdalene; memorial.
- 23 Thurs. Weekday. St. Bridget of Sweden, religious; optional memorial.
- 24 Fri. Weekday. St. Sharbel Makhlfuf, priest; optional memorial.
- 25 Sat. St. James, apostle and martyr; feast.
- 26 Sun. Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. (2Kgs 4:42-44; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15.)
- 27 Mon. Weekday.
- 28 Tues. Weekday.
- 29 Weds. St. Martha; memorial.
- 30 Thurs. Weekday. St. Peter Chrysologus, bishop and doctor; optional memorial
- 31 Fri. St. Ignatius of Loyola, priest; memorial.

Observances:

Blessed Juniper Serra, whose optional memorial may be celebrated July 1, founder of the California Missions who 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 Tekakwitha, 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 United States.

August 2009

General: That public opinion may be more aware of the problem of millions of displaced persons and refugees and that concrete solutions may be found for their often tragic situation.

Mission: That those Christians who are discriminated against and persecuted in many Countries because of the name of Christ may have their human rights, equality and religious freedom recognized, in order to be able to live and profess their own faith freely.

- 1 Sat. Weekday. St. Alphonsus Liguori, bishop-doctor; memorial.
- 2 Sun. Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. (Ex 16:2-4,12-15; Eph 4:17,20-24; Jn 6:24-35.)
- 3 Mon. Weekday.
- 4 Tues. St. John Mary Vianney, priest; memorial.
- 5 Weds. Weekday. Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome; optional memorial.
- 6 Thurs. Transfiguration of the Lord; feast.
- 7 Fri. Weekday. Sts. Cajetan, priest; Sixtus and Companions, martyrs; optional memorials.
- 8 Sat. St. Dominic, priest; memorial
- 9 Sun. Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. (1Kgs 19:4-8; Eph 4:30-5:2; Jn 6:41-51.)
- 10 Mon. St. Lawrence, deacon; feast.
- 11 Tues. St. Clare, virgin; memorial.
- 12 Weds. Weekday. St. Jane Frances de Chantal, religious; optional memorial.
- 13 Thurs. Weekday. Sts. Pontian, pope, martyr and Hippolytus, priest and martyr; optional memorials.
- 14 Fri. St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest and martyr; memorial.
- 15 Sat. Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary; solemnity.
- 16 Sun. Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary. (Prv 9:1-6; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58.)
- 17 Mon. Weekday.
- 18 Tues. Weekday.
- 19 Weds. Weekday. St. John Eudes, priest; optional memorial.
- 20 Thurs. St. Bernard, abbot and doctor; memorial.
- 21 Fri. St. Pius X, pope; memorial.
- 22 Sat. Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary; memorial.
- 23 Sun. Twenty-first Sunday of Ordinary Time. (Jos 24:1-2a,15-17,18b; Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69.)
- 24 Mon. St. Bartholomew, apostle; feast.
- 25 Tues. Weekday. Sts. Louis of France and Joseph Calasanz, priest; optional memorials.
- 26 Weds. Weekday.
- 27 Thurs. St. Monica; memorial.
- 28 Fri. St. Augustine, bishop and doctor; memorial.
- 29 Sat. Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist; memorial.
- 30 Sun. Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time. (Dt 4:1-2,6-8; Jas 1:17-18,21b-22,27; Mk 7:1-8,14-15,21-23.)
- 31 Mon. Weekday.

Observances:

St. Alphonsus Liguori, 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, founder of the Dominicans, Aug. 8; St. Clare, foundress of the Poor Clares, 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 2009

General: That the word of God may be better known, welcomed and lived as the source of freedom and joy.

Mission: That Christians in Laos, Cambodia, and Myanmar, who often meet with great difficulties, may not be discouraged from announcing the Gospel to their brothers, trusting in the strength of the Holy Spirit.

- 1 Tues. Weekday.
- 2 Weds. Weekday.
- 3 Thurs. St. Gregory the Great, pope and doctor; memorial.
- 4 Fri. Weekday.
- 5 Sat. Weekday. Bl. Teresa of Calcutta; foundress and religious; optional memorial.
- 6 Sun. Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time. (Is 35:4-7a; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37.)
- 7 Mon. Weekday.
- 8 Tues. The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary; feast.
- 9 Weds. St. Peter Claver, priest; memorial.
- 10 Thurs. Weekday.
- 11 Fri. Weekday.
- 12 Sat. Weekday. Holy Name of Mary; optional memorial.
- 13 Sun. Twenty-fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time. (Is 50: 5-9a; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35.)
- 14 Mon. Exaltation of the Holy Cross; feast.
- 15 Tues. Our Lady of Sorrows; memorial.
- 16 Weds. Weekday. Sts. Cornelius, pope-martyr and Cyprian, bishop-martyr; memorial.
- 17 Thurs. Weekday. St. Robert Bellarmine, bishop and doctor; optional memorial.
- 18 Fri. Weekday.
- 19 Sat. Weekday. St. Januarius, bishop-martyr; optional memorial.
- 20 Sun. Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. (Wis 2:12,17-20; Jas 3:16-4:3; Mk 9:30-37.)
- 21 Mon. St. Matthew, apostle and evangelist; feast.
- 22 Tues. Weekday.
- 23 Weds. St. Pio of Pietrelcina, priest; memorial.
- 24 Thurs. Weekday.
- 25 Fri. Weekday.
- 26 Sat. Weekday. Sts. Cosmas and Damian, martyrs; optional memorial.
- 27 Sun. Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time. (Nm 11:25-29; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43,45,47-48.)
- 28 Mon. Weekday. St. Wenceslaus; St. Lawrence Ruiz and companions; optional memorials.
- 29 Tues. Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, archangels; feast.
- 30 Weds. St. Jerome, priest and doctor; memorial.

Observances:

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Sept. 8; The Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Sept. 14; Our Lady of Sorrows, Sept. 15; Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian, Sept. 16; Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, archangels, Sept. 29, and St. Jerome, Sept. 30.
Labor Day is celebrated Sept. 7 with a special Mass for the blessing of human labor.

October 2009

General: That Sunday may be lived as the day on which Christians gather to celebrate the risen Lord, participating in the Eucharist.

Mission: That the entire People of God, to whom Christ entrusted the mandate to go and preach the Gospel to every creature, may eagerly assume their own missionary responsibility and consider it the highest service they can offer humanity.

- 1 Thurs. St. Therese of the Child Jesus; memorial.
- 2 Fri. The Guardian Angels; memorial.
- 3 Sat. Weekday.
- 4 Sun. Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time. (Gn 2:18-24; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16.)
- 5 Mon. Weekday.
- 6 Tues. St. Bruno, priest and Bl. Marie Rose Durocher, virgin; optional memorials.
- 7 Weds. Our Lady of the Rosary; memorial
- 8 Thurs. Weekday.
- 9 Fri. Weekday. St. Denis and Companions, martyrs; St. John Leonardi, priest; optional memorials.
- 10 Sat. Weekday.
- 11 Sun. Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary. (Wis 7:7-11; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10: 17-30.)
- 12 Mon. Weekday.
- 13 Tues. Weekday.
- 14 Weds. Weekday. Callistus I, pope-martyr; optional memorial.
- 15 Thurs. St. Teresa of Jesus, virgin and doctor; memorial.
- 16 Fri. Weekday. Sts. Hedwig, religious; Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin; optional memorials.
- 17 Sat. St. Ignatius of Antioch, bishop-martyr; memorial.
- 18 Sun. Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time. (Is 53:10-11; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45.)
- 19 Mon. Sts. John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues and companions, martyrs; memorial.
- 20 Tues. Weekday. St. Paul of the Cross; optional memorial.
- 21 Weds. Weekday.
- 22 Thurs. Weekday.
- 23 Fri. Weekday. St. John of Capistrano, priest; optional memorial
- 24 Sat. Weekday. St. Anthony Mary Claret, bishop; optional memorial.
- 25 Sun. Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time. (Jer 31:7-9; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52.)
- 26 Mon. Weekday.
- 27 Tues. Weekday.
- 28 Weds. Simon and Jude, apostles; feast.
- 29 Thurs. Weekday.
- 30 Fri. Weekday.
- 31 Sat. Weekday.

Observances: St. Therese of the Child Jesus, doctor of the Church, Oct. 1; St. Teresa of Jesus, doctor of the Church, reformer of the Carmelite Order, Oct. 15; St. Ignatius of Antioch, Oct. 17; 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 calls the nation to a deeper respect for all human life from natural conception to natural death. Mission Sunday is observed this month, with appeals for prayer and financial support for the ministry of evangelization at home and abroad. Vocation Awareness Sunday is also celebrated this month calling to mind the various vocations in the life of the Church with particular attention to priestly and religious vocations.

November 2009

General: That all the men and women in the world, especially those who have responsibilities in the field of politics and economics, may never fail in their commitment to safeguard creation.

Mission: That believers in the different religions, through the testimony of their lives and fraternal dialogue, may clearly demonstrate that the name of God is a bearer of peace.

- 1 Sun. All Saints; solemnity. (Rv 7:2-4,9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a)
- 2 Mon. Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. All Souls Day.
- 3 Tues. Weekday. St. Martin de Porres, religious; optional memorial.
- 4 Weds. St. Charles Borromeo, bishop; memorial.
- 5 Thurs. Weekday.
- 6 Fri. Weekday.
- 7 Sat. Weekday.
- 8 Sun. Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time. (1Kgs 17:10-16; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44.)
- 9 Mon. Dedication of the Basilica of St. John Lateran in Rome; feast.
- 10 Tues. St. Leo the Great, pope-doctor; memorial.
- 11 Weds. St. Martin of Tours, bishop; memorial.
- 12 Thurs. St. Josaphat, bishop and martyr; memorial.
- 13 Fri. St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, virgin; memorial.
- 14 Sat. Weekday.
- 15 Sun. Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time. (Dn 12:1-3; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32.)
- 16 Mon. Weekday. St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude; optional memorials.
- 17 Tues. St. Elizabeth of Hungary, religious; memorial.
- 18 Weds. Weekday. St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, virgin; Dedication of the Basilicas of St. Peter and St. Paul, apostles, in Rome; optional memorials.
- 19 Thurs. Weekday.
- 20 Fri. Weekday.
- 21 Sat. Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary; memorial.
- 22 Sun. Our Lord Jesus Christ the King; solemnity. (Dn 7:13-14; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37.)
- 23 Mon. Weekday. St. Clement I; St. Columban; Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro; optional memorials.
- 24 Tues. Sts. Andrew Dung-Lac, priest-martyr and Companions, martyrs; memorials.
- 25 Weds. Weekday. St. Catherine of Alexandria, virgin and martyr; optional memorial.
- 26 Thurs. Weekday. Thanksgiving Day, proper Mass.
- 27 Fri. Weekday.
- 28 Sat. Weekday.
- 29 Sun. First Sunday of Advent. (Is 63:16b-17,19b;64:2-7; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37.)
- 30 Mon. St. Andrew, apostle; feast.

Observances: All Saints Day, Nov. 1; All Souls Day, Nov. 2; St. Charles Borromeo, Nov. 4; 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; Christ the King, Nov. 22; St. Andrew Dung-Lac and companions, the Korean Martyrs, Nov. 24.; Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26. The beginning of the Church Year, the first Sunday of Advent, Nov. 29. The annual fall meeting of the bishops of the U.S. in Washington, D.C. Particular attention will be given to doctrinal, pastoral and educational issues that impact the life of the Church in the United States.

December 2009

General: That children may be respected and loved and never be the victims of exploitation in its various forms.

Mission: That at Christmas the peoples of the earth may recognize in the Word Incarnate the light which illuminates every man and that the Nations may open their doors to Christ, the Savior of the world.

- 1 Tues. Advent Weekday.
 - 2 Weds. Advent Weekday.
 - 3 Thurs. St. Francis Xavier, priest; memorial.
 - 4 Fri. Advent Weekday. St. John Damascene, priest-doctor; optional memorial.
 - 5 Sat. Advent Weekday.
 - 6 Sun. Second Sunday of Advent. (Is 40:1-5,9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8.)
 - 7 Mon. St. Ambrose, bishop; memorial.
 - 8 Tues. Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary; solemnity (Gn 3: 9-15,20; Eph 1:3-6,11-12; Lk 1:26-38.) Holy Day of Obligation.
 - 9 Weds. Advent Weekday. St. Juan Diego; optional memorial.
 - 10 Thurs. Advent Weekday.
 - 11 Fri. Advent Weekday. St. Damasus I, pope; optional memorial.
 - 12 Sat. Our Lady of Guadalupe; feast.
 - 13 Sun. Third Sunday of Advent. (Is 61:1-2a,10-11; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8,19-28.)
 - 14 Mon. St. John of the Cross; memorial.
 - 15 Tues. Advent Weekday.
 - 16 Weds. Late Advent Weekday.
 - 17 Thurs. Late Advent Weekday.
 - 18 Fri. Late Advent Weekday.
 - 19 Sat. Late Advent Weekday
 - 20 Sun. Fourth Sunday of Advent. (2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16; Rom 16:25-27; Le 1:26-38.)
 - 21 Mon. Late Advent Weekday.
 - 22 Tues. Late Advent Weekday.
 - 23 Weds. Late Advent Weekday. St. John of Kanty, priest; optional memorial.
 - 24 Thurs. Late Advent Weekday.
 - 25 Fri. 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 Sat. St. Stephen, first martyr; feast.
 - 27 Sun. Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. (Sir 3:2-7,12-14; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:22-40.)
 - 28 Mon. Holy Innocents; feast.
 - 29 Tues. Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas. St. Thomas Becket, bishop-martyr; optional memorial.
 - 30 Weds. Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas.
 - 31 Thurs. 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.