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A detailed nativity scene set within a rustic stable made of wooden beams and straw. The scene includes figures of Mary, Joseph, the baby Jesus in a manger, a donkey, and a cow. A path of white gravel leads from the foreground towards the stable. In the lower left foreground, a small figure of a woman in a blue and red dress stands on the gravel path. The background is filled with dark, textured elements like rocks and foliage.

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Hope in the son

At Christmas, a son is born. He is a very special son, called Jesus, who came to remind us that hope is enshrined in every child. On the occasion of Nativity, we offer you a prayer written by St. Pope John Paul II, with the hope that these days of celebration will make joy, peace, brotherhood, hope in the future and hope in Salvation blossom in your hearts.

Wipe away, Baby Jesus, the tears of children!
Embrace the sick and the elderly!
Move men to lay down their arms
and to draw close
in a universal embrace of peace!
Invite the peoples, O merciful Jesus,
to tear down the walls created
by poverty and unemployment,
by ignorance and indifference,
by discrimination and intolerance.
It is you, O Divine Child of Bethlehem,
who saves us, freeing us from sin.
It is you who are the true and only Saviour,
whom humanity often searches for with uncertainty.
God of peace, gift of peace for all of humanity,
come to live in the heart of every individual
and of every family.
Be our peace and our joy! Amen.



*Holy holidays from the
Augustinian Families
of Cascia,
the Beehive of Saint Rita,
the Saint Rita of Cascia
Foundation and the
editorial staff of
From the Bees to the Roses!*





Christmas, feast of the future

by Mauro Papalini, Augustinian historian

Our future, the future for the Christian, is eternal life with Christ. Christmas, therefore, is not a celebration linked to a past event, but the celebration of what will come, of what the Saviour has assured us with His sacrifice. But what does the Christian have to do to gain access to this rosy future? What does it mean to be a Christian? Saint Augustine reminds us: just follow the two precepts of love: love God, loving your neighbour...

"The Birthday of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ ... has, with the return of its anniversary, dawned upon us today ... Let us exult and rejoice! For the faith of Christians holds fast to the joy which the lowliness of such sublimity has offered to us, a joy far removed from the hearts of the wicked, since God has hidden these things from the wise and prudent and has revealed them to the

little ones" (St. Augustine, Sermon 184: 1.1).

The holy doctor speaks of a day of celebration for Christians: but who are the Christians? They are those who do not merely follow God but love him, so they also love their neighbour, putting into practice the word of Jesus: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like the first: Love your neighbour as yourself" (Matt 22: 37-39).

If we do not love the brothers we see, how can we love God whom we do not see?

Inspired by this word of the Lord, St. Augustine comments: *"This is what you must always think of, meditate and remember, practise and implement. God's love is the first as a commandment, but the love of neighbour is the first as practical implementation"* (In Gosp. 17, 7).

An authentic Christian is recognised by the works he does: in the end we will be judged precisely about what we have accomplished in our lives, how much and how we have loved God and our brothers: *"For I was hungry and you gave me food ..."* (cf. Mt 25: 34-40); that is why these two precepts of love illustrated by Augustine are so important. If we do not love the brothers we see, how can we love God whom we do not see? (cf. 1 Jn 4, 20).

The feast of Christmas is therefore for us Christians a cause of great jubilation because He is born to give meaning to all present and future life. It is He who illuminates

It is He who has made us become the adoptive sons of the Father

our hope of reaching eternal life, indeed He is our hope, we would say our certainty because, in observance of his commandments, we prove to love him and according to his word we will live on that day without sunset where God will be all in all (cf. 1 Cor 15, 28); it is He who, with his mission on earth, incarnation, birth, passion, death, resurrection and ascension, has made us become the adoptive sons of the Father, and therefore his coheirs. On Christmas Day, therefore, we do not celebrate a past event, but that which will be our future event, eternal life with Christ, in the communion of Saints, with the Virgin Mary, Saint Rita and our eternal friends.

The impious, however, do not understand the meaning of this feast: Augustine identifies them with the proud, the wise and the intelligent, to whom God has not revealed his things; but who are the impious? Those who do not love, neither God nor their neighbour, who cling to the only reason without faith; for them Christmas does not have any authentic meaning: they attend festive banquets without knowing the motive of the feast; indeed, they show a sense of su-

periority and contempt for us who celebrate a being we do not see, so it does not exist.

We, however, who through the grace of God have faith, we want to make this hymn of joy flowing from the heart of St. Augustine ours and we will not stop proclaiming it without tiring, not only during Christmas holidays but throughout our lives: *“Exult, young consecrated, that you have chosen to*

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follow Christ ... Exult, consecrated virgins: the Virgin gave you the one you can marry without losing integrity ... Exult the just: it is the Birthday of he who justifies. Exult, the weak and the sick: it is the Birthday of the Saviour. Exult, prisoners: it is the Birthday of the Redeemer. Exult, slaves: it is the Birthday of the Lord. Exult, the free: it is the Birthday of the Liberator. Hail, all you Christians: it is the Birthday of Christ” (St. Augustine, Sermon 184: 2.2).

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Open doors at the Beehive 2017

by Violanda Uleshaj,
director of the Beehive of Saint Rita

«**N**ina looked into her eyes and smiled at her: "There is no treasure," she said. "I did not bring anything with me that I did not already have when I left, but I found that out only after the trip. Yeah, unless you brave the storm you cannot know it, you cannot know that you have the strength to overcome it and my strength has been you, my friends, you people in the village, because you trusted me, you believed in me and you were here waiting for



Mother Prioress, Sister Maria Rosa, thanked all supporters of the Beehive who have enabled the project to exist for the last 79 years.



The Rector of the Basilica of Saint Rita, Father Bernardino, together with a Little Bee from the Beehive during the offering at Holy Mass on September 10.

me, looking at me from afar. For me this is the greatest treasure that a person can have." Friendship! This is the greatest treasure our Little Bees donated to guests at Open Doors 2017. The event focused on the experience lived by a group of Little Bees on the Nave Italia sailing ship under the project known as "Oltre gli orizzonti - A mare quieto" (Beyond the Horizon - In Calm Seas). The Little Bees staged the tale "Nina and the Boat" (by Mariatina Alò) with great commitment and enthusiasm. A tale that is in some ways autobiographical, in which each Little Bee found herself. The metaphor of the boat helped us to examine the emo-

On September 9 and 10, the Beehive opened its doors to all supporters.



tions that accompany an adolescent on the path of growth, and especially on the path within the Beehive. With their free bodily expressions, they created four key characters: fatigue, storm, cooperation and safe harbour. It was the most loaded moment of the event, when they managed to penetrate the hearts of audience and touch us all. Especially the representation of cooperation where the Little Bees had Sara - our Little Bee with walking difficulties - dance with them. After the theatrical performance, our friends and supporters were able to watch the handing over of certificates for departing Little Bees and Wildflowers and the Good-



Beehive director Violanda greets the Little Bees and Wildflowers who have completed their path of growth in the reception house: Romina, Valentina, Antonietta, Martha, Arianna, Stefania and Ludmilla.



The Goodness Prize, in memory of Sister M. Tarcisia Chiatti, was awarded to Little Bee Elisabeth.



ness Prize (in memory of Sister M. Tarcisia Chiatti, brother and sisters Mario, Flora and Ivonne have set up an annual prize to be assigned to a Little Bee or Wildflower who has been distinguished for goodness), which was awarded to our dear Elisabeth this year. The afternoon continued among the stands of the laboratories for growing, where the manual works of the Little Bees were on display along with the photographic exhibition of Valentina, one of our departing Little Bees. This was an exhibition focused on values and emotions in the Beehive, such as: sharing, joy, prayer, volunteering, commitment, traditions, trust and friendship. It was possible to capture all this in the faces of the photos of the Little Bees.

The evening ended with a buffet dinner, offered by Hotel delle Rose where guests and Little Bees shared the emotions of the day. This sharing resumed the following day, along with the nuns, at the celebration of



The Leopardi Comprehensive School in Licata (Agrigento) and the Beehive of Saint Rita are united in a twinning of friendship and hope.

the Eucharist that took place in the Lower Basilica. Our guests could feel the proximity and affection of the community of Augustinian nuns through the words of Mother Prioress. At the end of the celebration, our greeting and a visit to the Beehive could not be missed. We talked about the various projects that we are pursuing and left each other with the hope of meeting up again at the end of this school year. In this way we can cultivate and make our friendship grow.

THE ROSES OF SAINT RITA

Francesco from Montemesola (Taranto) and Elida from Latina, along with her daughter Alessandra and many other volunteers, also took to the streets with **the Rose of Saint Rita** to raise funds for supporting the Beehive, on the occasion of 1st edition of the national event.

Over a thousand volunteers filled the squares of Italy with **the Roses of Saint Rita** in favour of the Little Bees who live in the Beehive, the reception house of the Augustinian nuns of Cascia. Organised by the **non-profit Saint Rita of Cascia Foundation**, the event reached the extraordinary number of 194 solidarity stands scattered throughout Italy.



PARTICIPATION WAS STRONG, WITH PEOPLE ALSO COMING FROM NEIGHBOURING TOWNS.

A BEAUTIFUL EXPERIENCE THAT DEEPLY ENRICHED EVERYONE!



Francesco and volunteers from Montemesola.

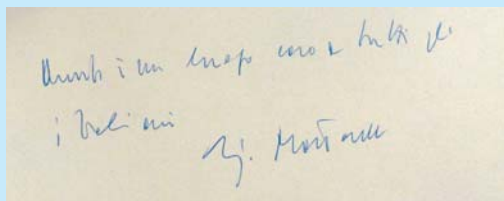
Elida and volunteers from Latina.



APPOINTMENTS

MATTARELLA: CASCIA, A PLACE DEAR TO ALL ITALIANS

On Wednesday 8 November 2017, Italian President Sergio Mattarella visited the Sanctuary of Saint Rita as part of his trip to Cascia and the earthquake-hit areas of central Italy.



On the occasion, young **Sara, a Little Bee of the Beehive of Saint Rita**, presented the **Head of State** with a little bee made of felt, one of the “Made for Love” **solidarity craft products** handmade by the girls of the Beehive. Mattarella then went to the urn of Saint Rita for a moment of silence, leaving a message in the monastery guestbook (photo alongside): “Came to a place dear to all Italians. S. Mattarella”.

BLANKETS OF COURAGE

On October 30, the 1st anniversary of the earthquake of 2016, the avenue of the Sanctuary of Saint Rita woke up under a colourful mantle: hundreds of **handmade blankets** from all over Italy collected by



the “**Coraggio**” (**Courage**) association of **Perugia**, promoter of the initiative with the contribution of “Borgo Sant'Antonio” and “Gomitolo rosa onlus”. The association had, in fact, collected many **woollen patches** worked by hand, like those of granny’s blanket, then sewed them together and donated them to the **children of Cascia**, who had been affected by the earthquake. Among them, also the little ones from the Beehive of Saint Rita. “Blankets of Courage” are the symbol of solidarity that unites the country, guarding many stories of love and friendship among the threads of woven wool.

Conference of Friends of Saint Augustine

“*The presence of Jesus in our lives today*” is the title of the 2017 edition of the conference traditionally organised in Cascia by the Friends of Saint Augustine. The conference welcomed all those interested in participating at Hotel delle Rose on October 27.

CASCIA IN CELEBRATION

From 8 December 2017 to 21 January 2018, “Dal Falò alle Pasquarelle”. The calendar of “*Dal Falò alle Pasquarelle*” events accompanies us for all feasts with many appointments, such as the Exhibition of Cribs, the traditional “*Falò della Venuta*”, holy masses, games and the three days of “*Tradizione che passione*”, January 19, 20 and 21. For further information: Tourist Service, Tel. +39 074371401 - info@iat.cascia.pg.it



10 years of PPU

Diary of the General Meeting

Edited by Marta Ferraro

Autumn has come and the cold is making itself felt, but Viale Santa Rita wakes up with the awareness that two days - October 21 and 22 - will be warmed by the affection and devotion of the participants of the national meeting of the Saint Rita Primary Pious Union. Like every year, almost twenty groups totalling over 1,000 people from all over Italy, have arranged to meet in Cascia, although this time the meeting has been postponed because of the earth-

quake. Never mind having had to wait to meet if after all this time the enthusiasm seems to have multiplied. Devotees embracing and greeting each other affectionately are lost in memories and anecdotes that demonstrate a long series of emotions and meetings lived together. This is the magic of sharing. Sharing together the purposes and goals of being part of the great PPU family. In particular, this time the Pious Union has an important anniversary to celebrate: its first 10 years.

Ten years of prayer and charity, challenges and goals, consolidations and innovations. "Meeting is always beautiful, it means growing. The important thing is to meet for teaching and encouraging ourselves, in the knowledge that we are not the best because we have joined the PPU but because through the Pious Union we have chosen Rita's example to testify to the faith," says Father Ludovico Maria Centra, ecclesiastical assistant of the PPU, by way of ex-



Over 1,000 devotees met in Cascia for the General Meeting of the PPU on Saturday 21 and Sunday 22, 2017.



The groups of Enna and Carini live the moving moment of affiliation. The entire PPU reflected with Don Angelo on the difficult themes of sin and testimony. “Testify by example, in everyday life. Without doing great things, but being close to others,” explains a woman from the audience in the Hall of Peace. In this regard, Don Angelo reiterated the importance of “bang together to grow and exchange experiences, to come into contact with different cultures for learning about the different ways of bearing witness.” In the afternoon, the members of the PPU together again, all lined up to carry Saint Rita in procession, each with their own banner, their own story and new intentions.

In the evening, instead, at the end of Eucharistic worship, while group leaders carry some of the soil from their areas to the altar as a sign of closeness to the land of Rita, Father Ludovico reminds us of the sense of the Pious Union: “Let us push to desire and make our neighbour grow, in our parishes, so that we can be good donkeys of Jesus. Let us learn at least to desire this because, as Saint Augustine says, desire is like a sail and the Holy Spirit will blow on this sail, taking it far.”

plaining the meaning of the meeting.

There are many surprises and moving moments dedicated to the participants. The nuns have wanted to present groups with a medal bearing Saint Rita's face, the one painted on her first sarcophagus, to hang on the banners of the various groups, as a way of commemorating the PPU's first ten years. There is the touching moment when PPU members passed round the urn of their protector, which, according to Father Ludovico, serves “to remind

us that we are the close relatives of Rita.”

One after the other outside the Monastery, ready to observe the saint close up, whispering a prayer, stretching out a hand to receive a caress of the heart, was one of the many moments of sharing among participants. And then: “Are you Sicilian?”, “Yes, all Sicily is here. I'm from Enna”; “But you're wearing the small medal of Saint Agatha. I say so because I'm from Catania.” A feast in the feast. A meeting in the meeting.

JOIN THE PPU

Whether you are an individual or member of a group, join the PPU! You will thus participate in our meetings, encountering people who, like you, are devoted to the beloved Saint Rita. For information, contact the Secretary General, Alessandra Paoloni: piaunione@santaritadacascia.org

The God of salvation cares for us

by Sister Maria Rosa Bernardinis, Mother Prioress of the Monastery of Saint Rita



Dear friends who have been following us for some time or have just known us, hello.

We have spent a time of grace together with Saint Rita and Blessed Maria Teresa Fasce, women in love with Jesus Christ, open and welcoming to every suffering man or woman who turned to them, who found in them intermediaries with the Lord, perhaps not always in the requested or hoped for ways, but surely in the right direction, that of God's will.

I confess, sometimes even I have experienced this poverty of faith, remaining a little disappointed at not having received what was requested according to my wishes

Sometimes even I have experienced this poverty of faith

and, like the two disciples of disappointed Emmaus, I have said: "We hoped that"

Instead, I have experienced that is not like this. If we are attentive to the voice of God, if we let ourselves be led by the Spirit of Jesus, as were Saint Rita and Blessed Maria Teresa, we will be surprised by the generosity and gratuitousness of the Lord, by his providence in our lives, and our heart will not be weighed down by sadness but

We will be surprised by the generosity and gratuitousness of the Lord

will always be happy because we find in faith the answer to our pain, in the trial we are going through, confident that the Lord loves us and is leading us towards full realisation of ourselves and our loved ones.

Where do we draw this strength from? We draw it from personal and communal prayer (when we get up in the morning and go to bed in the evening, when we are in doubt or are crushed by a sudden trial, we say in faith: "The God of salvation cares for us" and peace and serenity will reach us); when we listen to the Word of God and live it by sprinkling it every day in our daily relationships; when we approach the sacraments of Reconciliation or Confession and of the Eucharist from which the grace of the Lord truly emanates: "Without the Eucharist, we cannot live". In this way time passes quickly (that is what I experience), and the everyday

will be coloured pink, loaded with hope. This is my wish, and that of the Communities of the Nuns and Fathers and of the Beehive, which is transformed into prayer for you all with our Sisters Rita and Teresa for the whole of this New Year 2018. Safe journey to everyone! ■

THE PRIORESS ANSWERS

The section in which the Mother Prioress answers letters from devotees of Saint Rita is about to return. If you want to share your fears, your doubts or your happiness with us, write to **monastero@santaritadacascia.org**, specifying that you consent to publication of the letter. Mother Maria Rosa will reply to everyone in the "From the Bees to the Roses" magazine or in private.



THEY LIVE IN CHRIST

To you, Lord, we humbly recommend the souls of the victims of the central Italy earthquake and these our dead because, as in their mortal life they have always been loved by you of immense love, so now, freed from all evil, may they enter by Your grace into eternal rest. Take them into your Paradise, where there is no more grief, no pain, no tears, but peace and joy with your Son and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.

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All events dedicated to the Blessed

The celebrations that livened up Cascia and its Sanctuary throughout the week between 9 and 15 October - on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the beatification of the most famous Abbess of the Augustinian Monastery of Saint Rita: Mother Maria Teresa Fasce (Torriglia, 1881 - Cascia, 1947) - are over.



Lucia Ascione, journalist and conductor of "Bel tempo si Spera" aired on Tv2000, investigated the message and life of Mother Fasce during the roundtable on October 14, with the help of Father Josef Sciberas, General Postulator of the Augustinian General Curia, Mauro Papalini, Augustinian historian, and Sister M. Giacomina Stuani, Augustinian nun of the Monastery of Saint Rita, belonging to the same

The first appointment was the Triduum (October 9-11), followed by October 12, the day of the liturgical Solemnity of Mother Fasce. Founder of the Basilica of Saint Rita, the "From the Bees to the Roses" magazine, the Beehive of Saint Rita reception house and many other works of charity, Mother Fasce contributed to spreading the cult of Saint Rita, changing forever the face of Cascia, which has become a destination for pilgrimages from every corner of the earth.



Sr. Pierina and Olga, two former Little Bees welcomed by Mother Fasce.



monastic community as Blessed Fasce.

The evening was enriched by the reading of some letters written by Blessed Fasce, interpreted by the FUPS Theatre Group of Cascia.

In the presence of about 120 people, Cascia mayor Mario De Carolis donated a commemorative plaque to the Monastery of



Saint Rita, which was then affixed in the Beehive. In return, Mother Prioress Sister Maria Rosa Bernardinis donated the bronze medal made in 1997,



On October 15 it was dedicated to former Little Bees of the Valnerina and to the delegation from Torriglia, the birthplace of Blessed Mother Fasce.

The morning started off with the mini-gathering with former Little Bees of the Valnerina, who met at the Theatre of the Beehive of Saint Rita, accompanied by the Little Bees of today who live in the reception house and are followed by the staff with love and professionalism.



The delegation from Torriglia, the birthplace of Blessed Fasce.

the year of beatification of Mother Fasce by Pope St John Paul II, to the Municipality. The same medal was then donated by the Monastery to the mayor and parish priest of Torriglia, Maurizio Beltrami and Don Pietro Cazzulo.



Former Little Bees at the mini-gathering on October 15.



The teachers
at the
Beehive are
first of all
playmates.



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2	Tu	Sts. Basil and Gregory
3	We	Holy Name of Jesus
4	Th	Bl. Cristiana of S. C. osa and St. Angela of Foligno
5	Fr	St. Edward
6	Sa	Epiphany of Our Lord
7	Su	Baptism of Our Lord
8	Mo	Bl. Ugolino of Gualdo Cattaneo osa
9	Tu	St. Julian
10	We	St. Aldo
11	Th	St. Hyginus
12	Fr	St. Arcadius
13	Sa	Bl. Veronica of Binasco osa
14	Su	Ordinary Time II - S. Nino
15	Mo	St. Maurus ab.
16	Tu	Comm. Deceased Relatives osa
17	We	St. Anthony ab.
18	Th	Bl. Christina of Aquila osa
19	Fr	St. Marius
20	Sa	Sts. Fabian and Sebastian
21	Su	Ordinary Time III - St. Agnes
22	Mo	St. Vincent
23	Tu	Bl. Josephine Mary of Beniganim osa
24	We	St. Francis de Sales
25	Th	Conversion of Paul the Apostle
26	Fr	Sts. Timothy and Titus
27	Sa	St. Angela Merici
28	Su	Ordinary Time IV - St. Thomas Aquinas
29	Mo	Bl. Anthony of Amandola osa
30	Tu	St. Martina
31	We	St. John Bosco

FEBRUARY 2018

1	Th	St. Severino
2	Fr	Presentation of the Lord in the Temple
3	Sa	Bl. Stephen Bellesini osa and St. Blaise
4	Su	Ordinary Time V - Bl. Angelo of Furci osa
5	Mo	St. Agatha
6	Tu	Sts. Paolo Miki and Comp.
7	We	Bl. Anselmo Polanco osa
8	Th	1 st Thursday of St. Rita - Sts. Jerome E. and Bakhita
9	Fr	St. Apollonia
10	Sa	St. Scholastica
11	Su	Ordinary Time VI - Our Lady of Lourdes
12	Mo	Sts. Martyrs of Abitinae
13	Tu	Bl. Christine of Spoleto osa
14	We	Ash Wednesday
15	Th	2 nd Thursday of St. Rita - Bl. Giulia della Rena osa
16	Fr	Bl. SIMON FIDATI OF CASCIA osa
17	Sa	St. Donatus m.
18	Su	1 st Sunday of Lent - St. John Francis Regis
19	Mo	St. Conrad of Piacenza
20	Tu	Sts. Francisco and Jacinta Marto
21	We	St. Peter Damian
22	Th	3 rd Thursday of St. Rita - Chair of St. Peter
23	Fr	St. Polycarp
24	Sa	St. Modestus
25	Su	2 nd Sunday of Lent - St. Adelelmus
26	Mo	St. Alexander
27	Tu	St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows
28	We	St. Romanus ab.

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1	Th	4 th Thursday of St. Rita - S. Albinus
2	Fr	St. Angela of the Cross
3	Sa	St. Teresa Eustochio
4	Su	3 rd Sunday of Lent - St. Casimir king
5	Mo	St. Lucius I
6	Tu	St. Victorinus
7	We	Sts. Perpetua and Felicity
8	Th	5 th Thursday of St. Rita - St. John of God
9	Fr	St. Frances of Rome
10	Sa	St. Simplicius
11	Su	4 th Sunday of Lent - St. Constatine
12	Mo	Bl. Jerome of Recanati osa
13	Tu	St. Sabino
14	We	St. Matilde queen
15	Th	6 th Thursday of St. Rita - St. Zachary
16	Fr	St. Julian
17	Sa	St. Patrick
18	Su	5 th Sunday of Lent - St. Cyril
19	Mo	St. Joseph
20	Tu	St. Claudia
21	We	St. Nicholas of Flüe
22	Th	7 th Thursday of St. Rita - Bl. Ugolino Zefirini osa
23	Fr	St. Turibius of Mogrovejo
24	Sa	St. Catherine of Sweden
25	Su	Palm Sunday
26	Mo	St. Emmanuel
27	Tu	8 th Thursday of St. Rita - St. Rupert
28	We	St. Stephen Harding
29	Th	Maundy Thursday
30	Fr	Good Friday
31	Sa	Holy Saturday

APRIL 2018

1	Su	Easter Sunday
2	Mo	Easter Monday
3	Tu	St. Richard b.
4	We	St. Isidore b.
5	Th	9 th Thursday of St. Rita - Bl. Mariano de la Mata Aparicio osa
6	Fr	St. Celestine
7	Sa	St. John Baptist de La Salle
8	Su	2 nd Sunday of Easter - St. Walter
9	Mo	Annunciation of the Lord
10	Tu	St. Magdalene of Canossa
11	We	St. Stanislaus
12	Th	10 th Thursday of St. Rita - Sts. Julius I and Giuseppe Moscati
13	Fr	St. Martin I
14	Sa	St. Lambert
15	Su	3 rd Sunday of Easter - Sts. Anastasia e Basilissa
16	Mo	Saint Bernadette Soubirous
17	Tu	St. Innocent
18	We	Bl. Andrew of Montreale osa
19	Th	11 th Thursday of St. Rita - St. Emma
20	Fr	Bl. Simon of Todi osa
21	Sa	St. Anselm
22	Su	4 th Sunday of Easter - St. Leonidas
23	Mo	Bl. Elena of Udine osa
24	Tu	Conversion of St. Augustine
25	We	St. Mark ev.
26	Th	12 th Thursday of St. Rita - Our Lady of Good Counsel
27	Fr	St. Zita of Lucca
28	Sa	St. Peter Chanel
29	Su	5 th Sunday of Easter - St. Catherine of Siena
30	Mo	St. Pius X

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MAY2018

1	Tu	St. Joseph the Worker
2	We	St. Athanasius
3	Th	13 th Thursday of St. Rita - Sts. Philip and James
4	Fr	St. Florian
5	Sa	Bl. Martyrs of Spain osa
6	Su	6 th Sunday of Easter - St. Lucius
7	Mo	St. Rosa Venerini
8	Tu	Our Lady of Grace osa
9	We	St. Pachomius
10	Th	14 th Thursday of St. Rita - St. John of Avila
11	Fr	Bl. Gregory Celli osa
12	Sa	Bl. William Tirry osa
13	Su	Ascension of Our Lord
14	Mo	St. Matthew ap.
15	Tu	St. Isidore
16	We	Sts. Alipius and Possidius osa
17	Th	15 th Thursday of St. Rita - St. Paschal Baylon
18	Fr	Bl. William of Toulouse osa
19	Sa	Bl. Clement of O. and Bl. Augustine of T. osa
20	Su	Pentecost
21	Mo	Sts. Cristobal Magallanes and Comp.
22	Tu	ST. RITA OF CASCIA osa
23	We	St. Desiderius
24	Th	Mary Help of Christians
25	Fr	St. Bede
26	Sa	St. Philip Neri
27	Su	Trinity Sunday
28	Mo	St. Germanus
29	Tu	St. Maximinus of Treviri
30	We	St. Joan of Arc
31	Th	Feast of the Visitation

JUNE2018

1	Fr	St. Justin
2	Sa	Sts. Marcellinus and Peter
3	Su	Corpus Christi
4	Mo	St. Francis Caracciolo
5	Tu	Bl. James of Viterbo osa
6	We	St. Norbert
7	Th	St. Antonio Maria Gianelli
8	Fr	Heart of Jesus
9	Sa	Immaculate Heart of Mary
10	Su	Ordinary Time X - Bl. Edward Poppe
11	Mo	St. Barnabas ap.
12	Tu	St. John of Sahagún osa
13	We	St. Anthony of Padua
14	Th	St. Elisha pr.
15	Fr	St. Vitus
16	Sa	St. Aurelianus
17	Su	Ordinary Time XI - St. Ranieri of Pisa
18	Mo	St. Gregory G. B.
19	Tu	St. Romuald ab.
20	We	Bl. Philip of Piacenza osa
21	Th	St. Aloysius Gonzaga
22	Fr	St. Thomas More
23	Sa	St. Lanfranc
24	Su	Nativity of St. John the Baptist
25	Mo	Bl. Peter James of Pesaro osa
26	Tu	St. Vigilius
27	We	St. Cyril of Alexandria
28	Th	St. Irenaeus
29	Fr	Sts. Peter and Paul
30	Sa	First Martyrs of the Roman Church

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1	Su	Ordinary Time XIII - St. Esther queen
2	Mo	Bl. John and Peter Becchetti osa
3	Tu	St. Thomas ap.
4	We	St. Elizabeth of Portugal
5	Th	St. Anthony M. Zaccaria
6	Fr	St. Maria Goretti
7	Sa	St. Antonino Fantosati
8	Su	Ordinary Time XIV - Sts. Aquila and Priscilla
9	Mo	Martyr Saints of China
10	Tu	Sts. Rufina and Seconda
11	We	St. Benedict ab.
12	Th	St. Giovanni Gualberto
13	Fr	St. Clelia Barbieri
14	Sa	St. Camillus de Lellis
15	Su	Ordinary Time XV - St. Bonaventure
16	Mo	Our Lady of Mount Carmel
17	Tu	Bl. Maddalena Albrici osa
18	We	St. Frederick of Utrecht
19	Th	St. Macrina
20	Fr	St. Apollinaris
21	Sa	St. Lawrence of Brindisi
22	Su	Ordinary Time XVI - St. Mary Magdalene
23	Mo	St. Bridget of Sweden
24	Tu	Bl. Anthony della Torre osa
25	We	St. James ap.
26	Th	Sts. Joachim and Anne
27	Fr	Bl. Lucia Bufalari osa
28	Sa	Sts. Nazarius and Celsus
29	Su	Ordinary Time XVII - St. Martha of Bethany
30	Mo	St. Peter Chrysologus
31	Tu	St. Ignatius of Loyola

AUGUST 2018

1	We	St. Alphonsus M. Liguori
2	Th	Bl. John of Rieti osa
3	Fr	St. Aspren
4	Sa	St. John M. Vianney
5	Su	Dedication of St. Mary Major Basilica
6	Mo	Transfiguration of Our Lord
7	Tu	Sts. Sixtus and Comp.
8	We	St. Dominic of Guzman
9	Th	St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
10	Fr	St. Lawrence
11	Sa	St. Clare of Assisi
12	Su	Ordinary Time XIX - St. Jean Frances of Chantal
13	Mo	Sts. Pontius and Hippolytus
14	Tu	St. Maximilian Kolbe
15	We	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
16	Th	St. Rocco
17	Fr	St. Clare of Montefalco osa
18	Sa	St. Helena emp.
19	Su	Ordinary Time XX - St. Ezekiel Moreno osa
20	Mo	St. Bernard of Clairvaux
21	Tu	St. Pius X
22	We	Queenship of Mary
23	Th	St. Rose of Lima
24	Fr	St. Bartholomew ap.
25	Sa	St. Ludwig
26	Su	Ordinary Time XXI - Sts. Liberatus, Boniface and Comp. osa
27	Mo	St. Monica mother of St. Augustine
28	Tu	ST. AUGUSTINE
29	We	Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist
30	Th	St. Margaret Ward
31	Fr	St. Raymond Nonnatus

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1	Sa	St. Giles
2	Su	Ordinary Time XXII - St. Elpidius
3	Mo	St. Gregory the Great
4	Tu	Our Lady of Consolation
5	We	St. Teresa of Calcutta
6	Th	Bl. Angelo da Foligno osa
7	Fr	St. Regina
8	Sa	Birth of the Virgin Mary
9	Su	Ordinary Time XXIII - St. Peter Claver
10	Mo	St. Nicholas of Tolentino osa
11	Tu	Sts. Protus and Hyacinth
12	We	Holy Name of Mary
13	Th	St. John Chrysostom
14	Fr	Triumph of the Cross
15	Sa	Our Lady of Sorrows
16	Su	Ordinary Time XXIV - Sts. Cornelius and Ciprian
17	Mo	St. Robert Bellarmine
18	Tu	St. Joseph of Copertino
19	We	Sts. Alphonsus of Orozco osa and Januarius
20	Th	Sts. Korean Martyrs
21	Fr	St. Matthew ap. ev.
22	Sa	St. Ignatius of Santhià
23	Su	Ordinary Time XXV - Sts. Pio of Pietrelcina and Tecla
24	Mo	Our Lady of Mercy
25	Tu	St. Sergius of Radonezh
26	We	Bl. Paul VI and Sts. Cosmas and Damian
27	Th	St. Vincent de Paul
28	Fr	Bl. Japanese Martyrs osa
29	Sa	Sts. Archangels
30	Su	Ordinary Time XXVI - St. Jerome

OCTOBER2018

1	Mo	St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus
2	Tu	Sts. Guardian Angels
3	We	Bl. Angelo of Sansepolcro osa
4	Th	St. Francis of Assisi
5	Fr	Bl. Sante of Cori osa
6	Sa	St. Bruno
7	Su	Ordinary Time XVII - Our Lady of the Rosary
8	Mo	St. Pelagia
9	Tu	Bl. Anthony P. and Leccetans osa
10	We	St. Thomas of Villanova osa
11	Th	Bl. Elias osa and St. John XXIII
12	Fr	BL. M. TERESA FASCE OF CASCIA osa
13	Sa	Comm. of Deceased Benefactors osa
14	Su	Ordinary Time XXVIII - Bl. Gonsalvo of Lagos osa
15	Mo	St. Teresa of Jesus
16	Tu	St. Margaret M. Alacoque
17	We	St. Ignatius of Antioch
18	Th	St. Luke ev.
19	Fr	St. Laura
20	Sa	St. Magdalene of Nagasaki osa
21	Su	Ordinary Time XXIX - St. Ursula
22	Mo	St. John Paul II
23	Tu	St. William and Bl. John Bono osa
24	We	St. Anthony M. Claret
25	Th	St. John Stone osa
26	Fr	Sts. Lucian and Marciano
27	Sa	St. Evaristus p.
28	Su	Ordinary Time XXX - Sts. Juda and Simon ap.
29	Mo	Bl. Peter of Gubbio osa
30	Tu	St. Germanus
31	We	Bl. James of Cerqueto osa

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1	Th	All Saints
2	Fr	All Souls
3	Sa	Sts. Martin of Porres and Sylvia
4	Su	Ordinary Time XXXI - St. Charles Borromeo
5	Mo	Sts. Zacariah and Elizabeth
6	Tu	Comm. of Deceased Friars osa
7	We	Bl. Grace of Kotar osa
8	Th	St. Godfrey of Amiens
9	Fr	Dedication of Lateran Basilica
10	Sa	St. Leo I the Great
11	Su	Ordinary Time XXXII - St. Martin of Tours
12	Mo	St. Josaphat
13	Tu	All Saints Family osa
14	We	St. Theodotus
15	Th	St. Albertus Magnus
16	Fr	St. Gertrude
17	Sa	St. Elizabeth of Hungary
18	Su	Ordinary Time XXXIII - St. Odo of Cluny
19	Mo	St. Faustus
20	Tu	St. Edmund king
21	We	Presentation of the B. V. Mary
22	Th	St. Cecilia
23	Fr	St. Clement I
24	Sa	Sts. Andrew Dung Lac and Comp.
25	Su	Solemnity of Christ the King - St. Catherine of Alexandria
26	Mo	St. Corrado
27	Tu	St. Virgilius
28	We	St. James of the Marches
29	Th	Bl. Frederick of Regensburg osa
30	Fr	St. Andrew ap.

DECEMBER 2018

1	Sa	St. Eligius
2	Su	1 st Sunday of Advent - St. Bibiana
3	Mo	St. Francis Xavier
4	Tu	St. Barbara
5	We	St. Sabas
6	Th	St. Nicholas of Bari
7	Fr	St. Ambrose
8	Sa	Immaculate Conception of the B. V. Mary
9	Su	2 nd Sunday of Advent - St. Syrus
10	Mo	Our Lady of Loreto
11	Tu	St. Damasus I
12	We	Our Lady of Guadalupe
13	Th	St. Lucia
14	Fr	St. John of the Cross
15	Sa	St. Virginia Centurione Bracelli
16	Su	3 rd Sunday of Advent - Bl. Cherubino da A. osa
17	Mo	St. Modestus
18	Tu	St. Gatianus of Tours
19	We	St. Anastasius I
20	Th	St. Liberatus
21	Fr	St. Peter Canisius
22	Sa	St. Frances Cabrini
23	Su	4 th Sunday of Advent - St. Ivo of Chartres
24	Mo	St. Delphinus
25	Tu	Nativity of the Lord
26	We	St. Stephen
27	Th	St. John ev.
28	Fr	Holy Innocents' Day martyrs
29	Sa	St. Thomas Becket
30	Su	Holy Family
31	Mo	St. Sylvester I

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