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God's tastes at Christmas

It will soon be Christmas. "The trees, the decorations and the lights everywhere remind us that this year too there will be a celebration. The publicity machine invites us all to exchange ever new presents to surprise each other. But I ask myself: is this the celebration that God likes? What Christmas would he like, which presents and which surprises? Let us look at the first Christmas in history to discover God's tastes".

With these words, Pope Francis opened the general audience of December 19 last year, speaking of this moment of the year in which all of us are not infrequently searching for the meaning of our existence, and the meaning of the birth of the Child Jesus, or too often we are overwhelmed by the worldliness of the celebration.

"That first Christmas in history was filled with surprises," continued the Holy Father. "It begins with Mary who was betrothed to Joseph. The Angel arrives and changes her life. As a virgin, she will become a mother. It continues with Joseph, called to be father to a son without begetting him ... Well, Christmas brings unexpected changes to life".

"There are no local authorities of the time nor ambassadors to welcome the Saviour: no, there are simple shepherds ... Who would have expected this? Christmas is the celebration of the 'unprecedentedness' of God, or better, it is the celebration of an unprecedented God who overturns our logic and our expectations".

"To celebrate Christmas, then, is to receive

on earth the surprises of Heaven ... Christmas inaugurates a new epoch where life is not planned, but is given: where one no longer lives for oneself, on the basis of one's own taste, but rather for God; and with God because from Christmas onward, God is the God-with-us, who lives with us, who walks with us. To experience Christmas is to allow oneself to be shaken by its surprising newness. The Birth of Jesus does not offer reassuring cosiness by the fireside, but rather the divine shudder which shakes history. Christmas is the victory of humility over arrogance, of simplicity over abundance, of silence over clamour, of prayer over 'my time', of God over myself".

"To celebrate Christmas is to do as Jesus did, who came for us needy ones and to bend down to those who need us ... Christmas means preferring the silent voice of God to the din of consumerism. If we can pause in silence before the Nativity scene, Christmas will be a surprise for us too, not a thing that we have already seen ... Take some time, stand before the Nativity scene and be silent. And you will feel, you will understand the surprise".

"Dear brothers and sisters, I wish you a Happy Christmas, a Christmas rich in the surprises of Jesus! They may appear to be uncomfortable surprises, but they are God's taste. If we choose them, we will make a splendid surprise for ourselves. Each of us has hidden within the heart the ability to surprise ourselves. Let us allow ourselves to be surprised by Jesus this Christmas". ■



Greetings for a Holy Christmas and a peaceful new year to all of you from the Augustinian Family of Cascia, the Beehive of Saint Rita, the Saint Rita da Cascia non-profit Foundation and the editorial staff of 'From the Bees to the Roses'!

Saint Rita, current example of the Church opening up

Post-Synod reflections for the Pan-Amazon region

by Alessia Nicoletti

The Church that emerged from the Special Assembly of the Synod of Bishops for the Pan-Amazon region, which took place in the Vatican from October 6 to 27, is a Church with an Amazonian face. “Amazonia: New Pathways for the Church and for an Integral Ecology” was the theme indicated by Pope Francis and around which the synod fathers discussed collectively, with the aim of finding new ways to evangelise. However, it was a particular Synod which, through the voice of the Amazon, spoke to the universal Church and to all of humanity, above all about the future of the world. The proclamation of the Gospel in respect of local cultures, attention to the last, the custody of Creation, the cul-

ture of encounter: these are the main messages that emerged, which are of global interest and now more than ever are a real emergency for all of us. Offspring of the papal encyclical *Laudato si'*, the Synod was the first to launch the example, becoming “green” - that is, with zero impact on the environment - through online and non-paper registration and the use of biodegradable glasses and natural fibre work bags instead of plastic ones, and launching the proposal to intervene directly through a project for the reforestation of 50 hectares of the Amazon. Moreover, the Synod for the first time applied the revolutionary concept of “Integral Ecology”, the heart of the encyclical of Pope Francis, which reminds us how every-

*New pathways to take together,
with a Church opening up*



CLOSE TO THE LAST, IN AN ACTIVE WAY

The cry that Pope Francis heard and to which he wanted to give a voice, precisely through this special Synod, is that of the Earth, exploited and disfigured, but next to it there is also that of the poor. Not by chance, in fact, the Holy Mass that opened the Synod of Amazonia on Sunday October 6 saw precisely the last enter Saint Peter's Basilica. Alongside the Bishops, there were also numerous Indians who came to Rome at the Pope's invitation to participate as listeners in the Synod. Some of them entered the church barefoot, respecting their own tradition. Then, the next day, at the procession from the Vatican Basilica to the Synod Hall, the Pope walked alongside the indigenous representatives, who, singing their melodies, led a canoe full of objects representative of their history and tradition in procession. These two strong images make us understand how the Church, at this moment more than ever, wants to be close to the indigenous peoples and more generally to the poor, but not in a passive way. Following in the footsteps of Jesus, who placed the poor at the centre of his Kingdom up the point of identifying with them, the Church not only makes itself close to the weakest, but above all becomes active faith and wants to commit itself to helping the poor escape their condition. It does this through encounter and listening, fundamental points for the construction and the beginning of pathways of action, of true communion and fraternity. To be close to the poor is a mission to which all Christians are called, not superficially but by discovering their heart, their culture and thus starting a true fraternal dialogue. Saint Rita also shows us the way, she who dedicated her life to the last, as a woman and as a nun and then as a saint, actively still today, after more than six centuries, with her works of charity that point to redemption of the last and the construction, together, of a better future. (AN)

thing is connected in the universe and that the care of our Common House inextricably passes through several levels in relation to

For the first time the concept of “Integral Ecology” has been applied

each other, society, nature and man. Integral ecology is therefore an important exhortation, almost a challenge to carry out that necessary change of style of life and thought which we are all called on to do in order to be truly in harmony with Creation and become defenders of the Earth and no longer exploiters. And the synod fathers showed it to us, starting with the Amazon,



THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN THE CHURCH

“This region is spirit, it is the breath of life, the breath of life that the Creator Father gave to the service of humanity. Amazonia is Woman”. These words of Anitalia Claxi Pijachi Kuyuedo, representative at the Synod of the Okaina Witoto people of the Colombian Amazonia, bring attention to another great theme that pervaded the Synod. The figure of the woman, in fact, was at the centre of the work of the synod fathers, who focused in particular on understanding the fundamental role that women, secular or religious, have already long played within indigenous society. The theme was then also turned to reflecting in general on the role of women, to the point of proposing a “General Synod on the role of women” in the Church. (AN)

the lung of humanity, conservation of which can only begin with the peoples who live there, practising the culture of encounter and dialogue.

The indigenous peoples, custodians of nature and creation, were in fact at the centre of the synod's work, aimed at the meeting with the true Amazonian identity, with respect and admiration, in order to reach a real understanding and mapping out of new pathways to take together, with a Church opening up. This great awareness can no longer be postponed, and the Church is at the forefront, hoping for an ecological conversion against what have been defined as “ecological sins”, of absolute gravity because they offend not only God but also man and the future of Creation. The natives with their ancestral wisdom, with the philosophy of “Buen-vivir” (from the Spanish 'living well', in the sense of seeking harmony and collective well-being with nature, *ed.*), with their unique relationship with nature,

are masters of this pathway. The Amazon Region is a representative place: with its 8 million square kilometres, it is made up of nine countries: Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Venezuela, Suriname, Guyana and French Guyana. It is home to 34 million people, of whom over 3 million are indigenous, of nearly 400 different ethnic groups and speaking 240 different lan-

The Amazon is one of the largest reserves of biodiversity

guages. With its wealth of peoples, cultures and religions, the Amazon is one of the largest biodiversity reserves on the planet, a true mirror of the world. However, the word of God has arrived in this marvellous vastness and our story follows in particular the steps of Saint Rita. The saint of the impossible is profoundly present in the Amazon and is close to its peoples. Just think of the colossal 56-metre statue depicting her (the tallest Catholic statue in the world) erected in Santa Cruz, Brazil, at the foot of which over 60 thousand people from all over Brazil and beyond gather on May 22 every year. But there is also an ecological reserve in Ecuador that bears her name, as well as many pleasant villages, such as Santa Rita do Weil, a Brazilian town on the border with Colombia and Peru, which even Google Maps struggles to find, but not Saint Rita.

The great little woman of Cascia knows no barriers, limits or boundaries and as a saint of dialogue, with her concrete example of life, she is still current and of great inspiration, and through her values is able to speak to all the peoples of the world, of every ethnicity, religion or social background. Saint Rita is a universal saint, who addresses everyone and shows us a pathway made of humility and listening to the other, for approaching the Lord in this way. After all, we are all indigenous, that is, originating from a place, the Earth, created for us by God. A place that we have a duty to protect and preserve. ■

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The joy of finding oneself in the name of Saint Rita

Testimony from the area meeting in Calabria

On July 7, at the Parish of Maria Santissima del Rosario in Ferrito, a hamlet of Villa San Giovanni, Reggio Calabria, one of the area meetings of the Primary Pious Union of Saint Rita was held. The event was attended by the PPU of Reggio Calabria, the PPU of San Marco Argentano accompanied by its spiritual guide, Don Angelo Longo, some members of the PPU of Messina, although this is part of Sicily, some sympathisers of the nascent PPU of Ferrito and Don Enzo Catania, great devotee of Saint Rita and responsible for the Church of Santa Maria dell'Annunziata.

The meeting was also attended by the Bishop of Reggio Calabria, Monsignor Giuseppe Fiorini Morisini, the parish priest of the church of Maria Santissima del Rosario, Don Marcello Salamone, spiritual guide of the PPU of Reggio Calabria, Father Ludovico Centra, ecclesiastical assistant of the Primary Pious Union and Alessandra Paoloni, general



A way of gathering and exchanging advice

secretary of the association, who brought the usual greeting of the Augustinian

Family of Cascia.

“It was a pleasant moment of meeting and sharing in the name of Saint Rita. In my opinion, the regional meetings serve precisely this purpose; they are a way of gathering and exchanging advice and opinions on how to proceed on the work to be done, begun

during the General Meeting held in Cascia every year,” said Carlo Cacurri, responsible for the Pious Union of Saint Rita of Reggio Calabria and organiser of the event together with the whole prayer group.

Like the General Meeting, the theme of the Regional Meeting was 'Holi-

were part of the event, for example, the Chaplet to Saint Rita was led by one group, the Holy Mass was animated by another, in order to give everyone the opportunity to feel an active part of the meeting and the context. The three main words that characterised the very hot day were: gather-

ed the catechesis conducted by Father Ludovico. Over lunch, associates continued to talk about and discuss their local situations, also

Holiness is young

involving the nascent Ferrito group, which although not yet recognised by the Primary Pious Union, has been participating in the group's prayer activities for a year, reciting the Fifteen Thursdays of Saint Rita and engaging in other gestures of devotion.

“The regional meeting is also this, a way to allow those still outside the group to become aware of what it means to be part of it. The feeling that animated us most was joy, the joy of gathering in the name of Saint Rita, to better understand what our direction should be based on the example of the Saint. And in this regard, the words of Father Ludovico were of great value to us. As a reminder of the day, we then wanted to leave a sign, a symbol, and for this we created a *pochette* on which we put one of St. Augustine's most famous phrases and the symbol of the Augustinians,” concluded Carlo Cacurri. ■



ness is young', which on this occasion was examined by Father Ludovico.

“We decided to continue developing the theme of holiness, because in a regional and therefore smaller context, we thought we could better understand and deepen the theme and above all update it, placing it in the reality that is closest to us,” continued Carlo Cacurri. For organising the day, the head of the PPU of Reggio Calabria clarified: “I wanted to involve all the realities that

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In fact, the Regional Meeting saw the alternation of moments of conviviality and moments of prayer. After the welcome, participants recited the Chaplet to Saint Rita and then attend-

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

“No matter what happens, I have to be in Cascia”

Story of a 32-year-long pilgrimage

“**T**he first time I was in Cascia, I wasn't even supposed to go. Now it's been 32 years and, no matter what happens, on May 22, the day of Saint Rita, I have to be there”. Thus begins the story of Antonietta, a devotee of Saint Rita who lives in Mirabella Eclano, a town in the province of Avellino. Every year she organises a pilgrimage to allow relatives and friends to participate in Ritian celebrations and keep faith with a promise made to the saint now more than three decades ago.

“An acquaintance of mine who was organising a pilgrimage to Cascia and Assisi still had some free space on the bus and asked me to help her find someone who wanted to participate in the trip. I tried hard to help her, but no one was really willing to go. Meanwhile, strangely, the desire grew in me to take my 13-month-old

daughter Rosa affected by a physical disability to Cascia and Assisi. I still remember that we were to have left on October 4, the feast of St. Francis. My husband tried to dissuade me, saying: 'Where are you going on your own? Rosa is small, it will be difficult!' I'm taking my daughter to Saint Rita,” I told him. “By now I had decided, we would leave with them! In fact, I called the organiser and left with the group”.

For Antonietta, it was such a moving experience that, since then, with 32 years having passed, she herself is organising an annual pilgrimage to pray to the saint of the impossible in Cascia on her day. “That

***The little girl told me
that she wanted to get
closer to the grate***

THEY LIVE IN CHRIST

To you, Lord, we humbly recommend 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. Amen.

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Every year, Antonietta and her daughter Rosa participate in the Feast of Santa Rita in Cascia, also helped by the volunteers of the Sanctuary, like Gianfranco (in the photo).

time,” Antonietta recalls, “I was in front of the little chapel of the urn of Saint Rita with my daughter Rosa in my arms. The little girl was so small that she didn’t understand what we were doing there, yet with her arm she told me she wanted to get closer to the grate. The more I tried to distract her from that thought, the more she became restless and struggled. In short, in the end I had to get closer and soon a nun came out who made us touch a stick containing a relic of Saint Rita. I was so heartened by that gesture, I felt so invaded by a feeling of peace and tranquillity, that I decided there and then that, I would return to Cascia every year at any cost as a thank you”.

During these 32 years, Antonietta has missed the appointment only two or three times for very serious reasons and always remedied the situation by organising the pilgrimage for the week following the celebrations.

“Ours has now become a beautiful tradition. Even those who have already been to Cascia decided to join my group to experience the beautiful moments of the feast of Saint Rita. The procession, the Transit ... Then, over time, we have met so many volunteers who help us on that day, like Gianfranco, who like us is from Campania. On that day you can see the volunteers giving everything to receive us at their best and we feel welcome. It’s always a pleasure to come back”.

However, the devotion of Antonietta and her sense of closeness to Saint Rita does not end there: “Once back home, my thoughts return to Cascia and I feel that even if far away, the saint is helping me and supporting me in every moment and in so many difficult circumstances. When I have difficulties, I turn to her and I feel comforted and so I can overcome many difficulties”.

TELL US ABOUT YOUR PILGRIMAGE

If you have also visited the Sanctuary of Saint Rita of Cascia on pilgrimage and wish to tell Marta Ferraro your story, write to us at redazione@santaritadacascia.org and we will contact you to share your experience with the readers of “From the Bees to the Roses”.

Matteo De Angelis, “Father Master” who teaches life to young people

Matteo De Angelis was born in Ferentino (Frosinone) on May 18, 1920. The divine vocation found a welcoming environment in his heart and directed him to the Augustinian Order. The young Matthew began his Novitiate in Genazzano (Rome) on September 12, 1935. He definitively consecrated himself to the Lord with the Solemn Profession in 1941, was then ordained a priest in Viterbo on 6 December 1942 and shortly after appointed 'vice-maestro' (deputy teacher).

During these post-war years his love for his neighbours and, above all, for his boys in training never lacked. With a part of the majestic convent of Viterbo in ruins, the Servant of God climbed the stairs to try to close the cracks in the broken windows with sheets of metal to prevent the cold from entering. He suffered from hunger but, driven by charity, he tried to make the sacrifice less difficult for his youngsters, collecting chestnuts, trying to provide at least a small snack. He was a trainer but also a friend. With his boys



First session of the diocesan canonisation process for Father Matteo De Angelis.

***An ordinary
and at the
same time
special
holiness***

he played and ran. He taught with the word, but even more by example. Many of the seminary boys found a real father in him.

Also, in Carpineto, sent by his superiors, he was in charge of feeding the boys and on the Thursday of each week, he walked around the town in person humbly asking for bread to give to them. "Father Master", as he was now known in Carpineto,



"Father Master" together with the community of Genazzano, where many young people found an important point of reference in him.

transmitted much love and joy to his boys, to all without distinction, showing himself available and benevolent. Even today many remember his humility, his goodness, his sweetness and his optimism. He was filled with the spirit of welcome and courage, his consoling words, inspired by hours of silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament or the image of the Mother of Good Counsel, have remained etched in the hearts of many.

The Servant of God busied himself with everything that was needed in the convent, the home of the community and of the young people, but also of the many students who came to him for Latin lessons. With the sleeves of the habit rolled up and an old black coat, he scraped, painted, nailed, watered ...

Most of his life he dedicated to young people, teaching in state schools. Students turned to him, attracted not so much by his wisdom accumulated from books, but by his way of being, by an ordinary and at the same time special holiness. He cared about the sanctity of the family, as can be clearly seen in his homilies written for many marriages. He had a great devotion to the Mother of Good

IN MEMORY OF ELENA

Two years ago, in issue 5-2017, we shared the emotional testimony of Elena Sbabo, a lower secondary school teacher in her town, Cologna Veneta (Verona), who has fought many battles in her life, combating various tumours and always relying on strength of prayer and the Lord, thanks to the unexpected encounter with Saint Rita and the Blessed Fasce. On the night between August 23 and 24, 2019, Elena, rose to Heaven at the age of 47 after a year and a half of struggle with a new tumour, this time in her brain. Dear Elena leaves her children, Irene, 17, and Enea, 15, and her husband. Our condolences and our closeness go to them and to everyone who has known them. We are certain that Saint Rita and Blessed Mother Maria Teresa Fasce, whom she felt were friends, are now grasping Elena's hands and together they will not abandon the side of her loved ones, to guide them and watch over them, day after day. Elena leaves us all her immense and precious example of life, she who knew its pains but who also knew how to grasp its beauty, practising love and goodness, to the point of gaining the supreme gift of peace of heart in the Kingdom of Heaven after so many battles. *(The Sisters)*

Counsel, to Saint Augustine and to Saint Rita, whom he loved and tried to emulate, in a special way in moments of difficulty and suffering, embracing like her the cross of every day with joyful faith and making himself an instrument of hope, peace and human advancement.

On May 14, 2003, the Servant of God left this world. His death caused profound suffering in all those who knew and loved him. The fame of holiness enjoyed during life has grown since his death and continues to

exist and spread. Such was the participation of people at his funeral that it had to be held in the sports field in order to accommodate the many who wanted to pay him their last respects. In 2015, the diocesan beatification process began. The collection of documentation and testimonies is moving ahead with full confidence and hope that the exemplary life and virtues of the Servant of God Matteo De Angelis can serve, like those of Saint Rita, for the good of the Christian community. ■

What you should know. The General Postulation of the General Curia of the Order of St. Augustine deals with promoting the causes of canonisation of members of the Augustinian Family and at the same time fostering knowledge and devotion for the servants of God, venerables, blessed and saints that are part of it.

Welcome Jesus to rediscover being children of God

by Sister Giacomina Stuani, Monastery of Saint Rita of Cascia

“He, therefore, who bent low and lifted us up chose the shortest day, yet the one whence light begins to increase. By such a coming, though silent, he urged us, as with the sound of a mighty voice, to learn how to be rich in Him who became poor for us; that accept freedom in Him who took the form of a slave for us; to possess heaven in Him who sprang from earth for us”. (St. Augustine, Sermon 192:3)

It is the Nativity of Jesus ... everything shines with joy and light, emotion and wonder, how beautiful and just it is ...

The time that preceded it, Advent, was the time of waiting in profound silence to prepare ourselves to contemplate, adore, listen to this mystery: the Word that continues to become flesh, to be born for each of us, everywhere, in all the peripheries of the world; the Word that becomes voice above all of those who have no voice, of all those

who, at any latitude, ask for bread, a roof, justice, love, dignity.

The horizons that open up before us, with the birth of God-made-man, are boundless and daring. The keystone that allows us to enter the heart of this great mystery lies in the central words of the Prologue of the Gospel according to John: “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us”. The “becoming flesh” of Jesus recounts all the realism of his coming to us in which he has not kept his distance but has become similar to us in every way: he has not simply touched us, but has entered into the heart of our humanity to be able to save ourselves starting from our being fragile creatures and in need of light and salvation.

Here His divine glory is revealed, in the fact that he, son of God, Jesus, filled the abyss between heaven and earth by humbling himself and lowering himself to as-



While silence wrapped around the earth
and the night was in the middle of its course,
you came down, O Word of God,
in solitude and highest silence.

Creation cries to you in silence,
prophecy always announces you,
but the mystery now has a voice,
to your cry the silence is deeper.

And yet we are silent,
more than words, you sing the silence,
the heart hears this one Word
which now speaks with the voice of a man.

To you, Jesus, wonder of the world,
God who lives in the heart of man,
God hidden in mortal flesh,
to you the love that sings in silence.

David Maria Turoldo

sume the fragility of our flesh, of our misery, to rise from it and illuminate it with a completely new truth.

Welcoming the Child lying in the manger is to give a solid direction to our life because we graft it into God himself, it is to savour full communion with Him.

Here is the gift that Jesus gives us: with his birth he pours into us something of his divine fullness: "From his fullness we have all received and grace upon grace" (John 1:16).

Celebrating the birth of Jesus also means celebrating our rebirth and rediscovering our being "children of God". It is the evangelist John in his prologue who reminds us of this with these words: "But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God" (John 1:12).

Happy Christmas!

AS IF SEEING THE INVISIBLE

Dearest friend,
"it is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye", writes Saint-Exupery in the book "The Little Prince".

"How could I understand if no one guides me?" could be your question. It is a journey towards oneself and Truth, the path is that of the Spirit. Here are some steps: turn on the search and thirst for God, tell us that we are His children and this is our true identity, remember our history, let the desires of the heart emerge in search of the truest ones ...

We offer you a few days for listening, praying, discerning, living at the school of Jesus, the inner Master ...



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JANUARY 2020

1	W	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
2	T	Sts. Basil and Gregory
3	F	Most Holy Name of Jesus
4	S	Bl. Christine of the Holy Cross OSA
5	S	II Sunday after Christmas - St. Amelia
6	M	Epiphany of Our Lord
7	T	St. Raymond of Penyafort
8	W	Bl. Ugolino of Gualdo Cattaneo OSA
9	T	St. Adrian
10	F	St. Gregory of Nyssa
11	S	St. Hyginus
12	S	Baptism of Our Lord
13	M	St. Hilary
14	T	St. Felix of Nola
15	W	St. Maurus ab.
16	T	Comm. Deceased Relatives of the Religious OSA
17	F	St. Anthony ab.
18	S	Bl. Christina of Aquila OSA
19	S	Ordinary Time II - St. Germanicus
20	M	Sts. Fabian and Sebastian
21	T	St. Agnes
22	W	St. Vincent
23	T	Bl. Josephine Mary of Beniganim OSA
24	F	St. Francis de Sales
25	S	Conversion of Paul the Apostle
26	S	Ordinary Time III - Sts. Timothy and Titus
27	M	St. Angela Merici
28	T	St. Thomas Aquinas
29	W	Bl. Anthony of Amandola OSA
30	T	St. Martina
31	F	St. John Bosco

FEBRUARY 2020

1	S	St. Severus
2	S	Presentation of the Lord in the Temple
3	M	Bl. Stephen Bellesini OSA and St. Blaise
4	T	Bl. Angelo da Furci OSA
5	W	St. Agatha
6	T	1st Thursday of St. Rita - Sts. Paolo Miki and Comp.
7	F	Bl. Anselmo Polanco OSA
8	S	Sts. Jerome E. and Bakhita
9	S	Ordinary Time V - St. Apollonia
10	M	St. Scholastica
11	T	Our Lady of Lourdes
12	W	Sts. Martyrs of Abitinae
13	T	2nd Thursday of St. Rita - Bl. Christina of Spoleto OSA
14	F	Sts. Cyril and Methodius
15	S	Bl. Julia of Certaldo OSA
16	S	BL. SIMON FIDATI OF CASCIA OSA
17	M	Seven Holy Founders OSM
18	T	St. John Francis Regis
19	W	Bl. Alvaro
20	T	3rd Thursday of St. Rita - St. Jacinta Marto
21	F	St. Peter Damian
22	S	Chair of St. Peter
23	S	Ordinary Time VII - St. Polycarp
24	M	St. Modestus
25	T	St. Nestor
26	W	Ash Wednesday
27	T	4th Thursday of St. Rita - St. Gabriel of our Lady of Sorrows
28	F	St. Romanus ab.
29	S	St. Hilarius pope

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Christ
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MARCH 2020

1	S	1st Sunday of Lent - St. Felix III
2	M	St. Agnes of Prague
3	T	St. Teresa Eustochio Verzeri
4	W	St. Casimir king
5	T	5th Thursday of St. Rita - St. Lucius I pope
6	F	St. Victorinus
7	S	Sts. Perpetua and Felicity
8	S	2nd Sunday of Lent - St. John of God
9	M	St. Frances of Rome
10	T	St. Simplicius
11	W	St. Constantine
12	T	6th Thursday of St. Rita - Bl. Girolamo da Recanatì OSA
13	F	St. Sabinus
14	S	St. Matilda queen
15	S	3rd Sunday of Lent - St. Zaccaria
16	M	St. Julian
17	T	St. Patrick
18	W	St. Cyril of Jerusalem
19	T	7th Thursday of St. Rita - St. Joseph
20	F	St. John of Nepomuk
21	S	St. Nicholas of Flüe
22	S	4th Sunday of Lent - Bl. Ugolino Zefirini OSA
23	M	St. Turibius of Mogrovejo
24	T	Sts. Catherine of Sweden and Óscar Arnulfo Romero
25	W	Annunciation of the Lord
26	T	8th Thursday of St. Rita - St. Baronzio
27	F	St. Haymo of Halberstadt
28	S	St. Stephen Harding
29	S	5th Sunday of Lent - Bl. Berthold
30	M	St. Leonardo Murialdo
31	T	St. Guy

APRIL 2020

1	W	St. Ugo
2	T	9th Thursday of St. Rita - St. Francis of Paola
3	F	St. Luigi Scrosoppi
4	S	St. Isidore of Seville
5	S	Palm Sunday
6	M	Bl. Catherine of Pallanza
7	T	10th Thursday of St. Rita - St. John Baptist de La Salle
8	W	St. Amantius
9	T	Maundy Thursday
10	F	Good Friday
11	S	Holy Saturday
12	S	Easter Sunday
13	M	Easter Monday
14	T	St. Lambert
15	W	St. Maron
16	T	11th Thursday of St. Rita - St. Bernadette Soubirous
17	F	Bl. James of Cerqueto OSA
18	S	Bl. Andrew of Montreale OSA
19	S	2nd Sunday of Easter - St. Leo IX
20	M	Bl. Simon of Todi OSA
21	T	St. Anselm
22	W	St. Leonidas
23	T	12th Thursday of St. Rita - Bl. Helen of Udine OSA
24	F	Conversion of St. Augustine
25	S	St. Mark ev.
26	S	3rd Sunday of Easter - Our Lady of Good Counsel
27	M	St. Zita of Lucca
28	T	St. Gianna Beretta Molla
29	W	St. Catherine of Siena
30	T	13th Thursday of St. Rita - St. Pius V

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MAY 2020

1	F	St. Joseph the Worker
2	S	Bl. William Tirry OSA
3	S	4th Sunday of Easter - Sts. Philip and James
4	M	St. Florian
5	T	Bl. Martyrs of Spain OSA
6	W	St. Peter Nolasco
7	T	14th Thursday of St. Rita - St. Flavia Domitilla
8	F	Our Lady of Grace OSA
9	S	St. Pachomius
10	S	5th Sunday of Easter - St. John of Ávila
11	M	Bl. Gregory Celli OSA
12	T	St. Pancras
13	W	Our Lady of Fátima
14	T	15th Thursday of St. Rita - St. Matthias ap.
15	F	St. Isidore
16	S	Sts. Alipius and Possidius OSA
17	S	6th Sunday of Easter - St. Paschal Baylon
18	M	Bl. William of Toulouse OSA
19	T	Bl. Clement of O. and Bl. Augustine of T. OSA
20	W	St. Bernardino of Siena
21	T	Sts. Cristobal Magallanes and Comp.
22	F	ST. RITA OF CASCIA OSA
23	S	St. Desiderius
24	S	Ascension Sunday - Mary Help of Christians
25	M	St. Bede
26	T	St. Philip Neri
27	W	St. Augustine of Canterbury
28	T	St. Germanus
29	F	St. Paul VI
30	S	St. Joan of Arc
31	S	Pentecost - Feast of the Visitation

JUNE 2020

1	M	St. Justin
2	T	Sts. Marcellinus and Peter
3	W	St. Charles Lwanga and Comp.
4	T	St. Francis Caracciolo
5	F	Bl. James of Viterbo OSA
6	S	St. Norbert
7	S	Trinity Sunday
8	M	St. Medardus
9	T	St. Ephrem
10	W	Bl. Edward Poppe
11	T	St. Barnabas ap.
12	F	St. John of Sahagún OSA
13	S	St. Anthony of Padua
14	S	Corpus Christi
15	M	St. Vitus
16	T	St. Aurelianus
17	W	St. Rainierus of Pisa
18	T	St. Gregorio Barbarigo
19	F	Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
20	S	Immaculate Heart of Mary
21	S	Ordinary Time XII - St. Aloysius Gonzaga
22	M	St. Thomas More
23	T	St. Lanfranc
24	W	Nativity of St. John the Baptist
25	T	Bl. Peter James of Pesaro OSA
26	F	Sts. Peter and Paul
27	S	St. Cyril of Alexandria
28	S	Ordinary Time XIII - St. Irenaeus
29	M	Sts. Peter and Paul
30	T	First Martyrs of the Roman Church

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is my love;
by it I am
carried
wherever
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JULY 2020

1	W	St. Esther queen
2	T	Bl. John and Peter Beccchetti OSA
3	F	St. Thomas ap.
4	S	St. Elizabeth of Portugal
5	S	Ordinary Time XIV - St. Anthony M. Zaccaria
6	M	St. Maria Goretti
7	T	St. Antonino Fantosati
8	W	Sts. Aquila and Priscilla
9	T	St. Augustine Zhao Rong
10	F	Sts. Rufina and Seconda
11	S	St. Benedict ab.
12	S	Ordinary Time XV - St. John Gualbert
13	M	St. Henry
14	T	St. Camillus de Lellis
15	W	St. Bonaventure
16	T	Our Lady of Mount Carmel
17	F	Bl. Magdalene Albrici OSA
18	S	St. Frederick of Utrecht
19	S	Ordinary Time XVI - St. Macrina
20	M	St. Apollinaris
21	T	St. Lawrence of Brindisi
22	W	St. Mary Magdalene
23	T	St. Bridget of Sweden
24	F	Bl. Anthony della Torre OSA
25	S	St. James ap.
26	S	Ordinary Time XVII - Sts. Joachim and Anne
27	M	Bl. Lucia Bufalari OSA
28	T	Sts. Nazarius and Celsus
29	W	St. Martha of Bethany
30	T	St. Peter Chrysologus
31	F	St. Ignatius of Loyola

AUGUST 2020

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

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if you wish
it well.

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

OCTOBER 2020

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

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NOVEMBER 2020

1	S	All Saints
2	M	All Souls
3	T	Sts. Martin de Porres and Silvia
4	W	St. Charles Borromeo
5	T	St. Dominus
6	F	Comm. of Deceased Religious OSA
7	S	Bl. Grace of Kotar OSA
8	S	Ordinary Time XXXII - St. Godfrey of Amiens
9	M	Dedication of Lateran Basilica
10	T	St. Leo the Great
11	W	St. Martin of Tours
12	T	St. Josaphat
13	F	All Saints Family OSA
14	S	St. Theodotus
15	S	Ordinary Time XXXIII - St. Albert the Great
16	M	St. Gertrude
17	T	St. Elizabeth of Hungary
18	W	Dedication of the Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul
19	T	St. Mechtilde of Hackeborn
20	F	St. Edmund king
21	S	Presentation of the B. V. Mary
22	S	Solemnity of Christ the King
23	M	St. Clement I
24	T	St. Andrew Dung-Lac
25	W	St. Catherine of Alexandria
26	T	St. Corrado
27	F	B.V. Mary of the Miraculous Medal
28	S	St. James of the Marches
29	S	1st Sunday of Advent - Bl. Frederick of Regensburg OSA
30	M	St. Andrew ap.

DECEMBER 2020

1	T	St. Eligius
2	W	St. Bibiana
3	T	St. Francis Xavier
4	F	St. Barbara
5	S	St. Crispina
6	S	2nd Sunday of Advent - St. Nicholas of Bari
7	M	St. Ambrose
8	T	Immaculate Conception of the B. V. Mary
9	W	St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
10	T	Our Lady of Loreto
11	F	St. Damasus I
12	S	Our Lady of Guadalupe
13	S	3rd Sunday of Advent - St. Lucia
14	M	St. John of the Cross
15	T	St. Virginia Centurione Bracelli
16	W	Bl. Cherubim of A. OSA
17	T	St. Modestus
18	F	St. Gatianus of Tours
19	S	St. Anastasius I
20	S	4th Sunday of Advent - St. Liberatus
21	M	St. Peter Canisius
22	T	St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
23	W	St. Ivo of Chartres
24	T	St. Delphinus
25	F	Nativity of Jesus
26	S	St. Stephen
27	S	Holy Family
28	M	Sts. Innocent Martyrs
29	T	St. Thomas Becket
30	W	St. Felix I
31	T	St. Sylvester I

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