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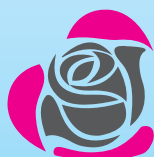
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To rediscover ourselves human and similar to God

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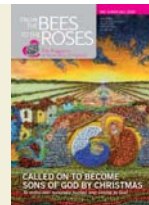
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“Let's grow together with Him”

Once again this year, we are preparing to live together an important and precious period, the period that leads us to Holy Christmas and the new year. This period has always been synonymous with reflection, because, in addition to dates, rites and traditions, “Christmas is a privileged opportunity to meditate on the meaning and value of our existence”. These words of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI make us understand the opportunity that the upcoming holidays give us, that is the possibility of rediscovering ourselves, looking inside and outside of us, in the light of the greatest of mysteries, God who becomes man to make us become His sons.

Together with him, we can all renew our birth and our lives at the same time, because Christmas means being born, but it does not stop there. “Behold, we have the Infant Christ; let us grow up in Him”. Thus, in his “Sermons” (Sermon 196, 3), St. Augustine speaks to us of an essential dimension of Christmas: growth. A growth that must be understood not in terms of quantity but of quality, in order to renew and improve ourselves. The image, which comes from Augustine's reflections, is in fact that of the baby Jesus who invites us to take his hand and follow him step by step. Usually, when we talk about growth for a child, we think of the path that will make them become grown up, adult and mature. The growth that Jesus offers us goes far beyond these dimensions, because it makes us become more human beings.

This growth is challenging, but it is the blessing that the Lord gives to each of us. We just have to open our hearts to welcome it and allow his grace to generate fruits of peace, communion and reconciliation. We need this growth, especially at the end of this year of great suffering and on the eve of the one that is about to begin, full of hope. The pandemic has separated us, it has stopped us ... Christmas can bring us together and make us grow as human beings. God who becomes man, in fact, tells us that he came down among us to

find man and bring him back to his true essence. What is this essence? The one in which He made us, in His image and likeness, to take care of ourselves, of our neighbour and of creation. The one that He reminds us precisely through Jesus, who is the New Man, the man who is an example and a way to follow. God became man for us who, by accepting the gift of becoming His sons, grow in our humanity. This is the beauty of Christmas, a feast that is not a date but a “place” where we can find ourselves, be reborn and grow, together with the Child Jesus. The new Rector of the Basilica of Saint Rita, Fr. Luciano De Michieli, speaks of this in the following pages, to whom we nuns wish success in his work. Also in our prayers is Fr. Bernardino Pinciaroli, whom we greet with gratitude for the service carried out in recent years. ■



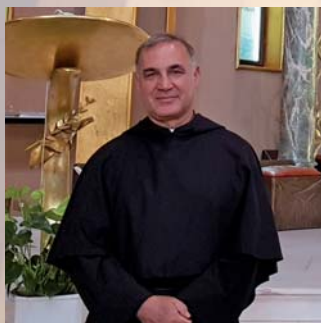
*For a Holy Christmas
of growth in the Lord
and a new year
of serenity!*

*Best wishes from the
Augustinian family
of Cascia, from the Beehive
of Santa Rita, from the
Saint Rita of Cascia
Foundation and from
the editorial team of
From the Bees to the Roses.*

Christmas, to rediscover ourselves humans

Interview with the new Rector of the Basilica of Saint Rita, Father Luciano De Michieli

by Alessia Nicoletti



FATHER DE MICIELI, NEW RECTOR OF CASCIA

Since his birth on 1 February 1959 in Milan, the saint of the impossible has accompanied Fr. Luciano and led him to her on three occasions. When he was 10, his family moved to near the Sanctuary of Saint Rita in Milan, an event which marked his life. There, he grew up in the oratory, met the Augustinians and began his path of faith. Friendships are born, he falls in love and a passion for the mountains develops. He begins the Faculty of Agricultural

Sciences, but before the thesis, at the age of 24, the choice of religious life takes shape in him. He graduates and immediately enters the Order of St. Augustine. For seven years, he studies Philosophy, Theology and Biblical Theology in Rome to fully understand the Word of God that he loves so much. In 1994 he is ordained a priest in Pavia and his first designation arrives with his return to Saint Rita, this time in his home in Cascia, where he remains for eight years. In 2005, he moves to Tolentino as general councillor of the Order, gaining international experiences. In 2012, he is elected Prior Provincial of Italy, a role in which he is confirmed in 2016 for another four years. Finally, in September 2020, he returns to Cascia, called to be the new Rector of the Basilica of Saint Rita.

What Christmas is this in a year marked by the pandemic? "Pope Francis said: 'Worse than this crisis there is only the drama of wasting it'. The reflection that must be made is that it cannot be a Christmas like any other. This period has been an exception because, on the one hand, a necessary distancing was created and, on the other, there was the novelty of following the rosary or celebrations on TV or on social networks. There was an abundance of the Word of God, with many daily and well thought out messages. All this has changed the presence of Christ in our life, bringing out in us a thirst, a need, even a joy in living this presence. Jesus is born every day in our life, in our days. How is

There was an abundance of the Word of God

Christ born today? The question applies to each of us, to the Church and to society, because only by finding a common answer can we truly walk together".

How does Christmas teach us to be humans? "The mystery of God who becomes flesh must be translated for us as a great need to become more human. The crisis has shown us how urgent it is to find more humanity. In Genesis everything is created together with man who, unlike other animals, receives from God the responsibility of one towards the other and the custody of creation. By becoming flesh, then, God once again communicates to us the great dignity of humanity and also shows us the way to be human, because Jesus is the New Man and the way for us to follow".

At Christmas we also celebrate the closeness of God, who becomes one of us ... "Yes, with Christmas God tells us 'it is in man and through man that you meet me'. To know the divine, we must know the human and grow as men. He reminds us that when he created man he did so in a design of love, in his im-

age and likeness. Therefore, the more man is man, the more he is similar to God. And for this to happen there is a need for humility. I believe that this is the path that Christmas offers us: to make us understand that there is no other way than that of humility to encounter man and God. It means that we must not be afraid of affection and of the

Therefore, the more man is man, the more he is similar to God

other. For this reason, by choosing to become man, God chooses the smallest among us, a child in a family, because a child must be welcomed, cared for, defended ... this is the genius of God who thus breaks the barriers that we all have, he makes us come into contact with him and saves us".

In the nativity, the shepherds are the first to meet the baby Jesus. Who are the shepherds in the 2020 crib? "One thing is certain: the shepherds were the luckiest: they see the light and simply go to see. We are much more complicated: we are focused too much on ourselves and not on what happens outside us. The shepherd is the one who needs the other, because God has gone and goes to those in need today too. This is the announcement of the shepherds. The mystery of Christ comes only to those who are open to do it, because what Jesus asks of man is to welcome him. There are no conditions that we must respect to receive God,

The shepherd is the one who needs the other

the only thing is to understand that we are not enough for ourselves".

During this year we have often talked about rebirth. But are we ready for this rebirth? "Not only are we ready, but we really need it. Crises can be favourable occasions to show us our fragility and purify our life of

TESTIMONIES OF GRACE

Your testimonies
presented by **Maurizia Di Curzio**,
assistant to the listening service
for the Monastery of Saint Rita



Here we are! We have reached the end of the year, a year that has left its mark, which will remain for many of us as a watershed, between the before and the after. A before of habits and customs and an after of awareness, reflection and much more. In the time of "anchoring" we have understood what matters and what doesn't, we have understood which words have the strength to stand the test of life and which ones don't. Let's not go back now to being stunned by the frequency with which the world speaks, creating only confusion in us, but let's keep what is Essential, let's stay tuned to the frequency of Silence, that's where He speaks to us. With an air of freshness, Antonella lets us live her pilgrimage in her story, filling our hearts with wonder. There are moments when we feel an internal void that we want to fill and with prayer we understand that the void will no longer be such if we meet someone, the one with whom we could be ourselves; our experience of life will always be the same but it will no longer be ballast for us. "The Encounter" is the title I would give to her testimony. Happy Encounter and journey to everyone in this new year.

I came to you. I came alone, but I found a lot of company. I didn't do anything special for you, but as soon as I heard about the pilgrimage I decided: this time I won't miss it ... I needed to come to you! I don't know why, but I know you were waiting for me! September 14th was a wonderful day: the sun was hot and the air was clear. The road was already a prelude to what I would find: a pristine nature not spoiled by the presence of man and then ... one bend after the other to reach you! Your home is a hidden corner of the world, set in a green and rocky landscape; it gives a sense of cleanliness and solidity, as you were clean in your life and solid in your decisions. I immediately entered the church and I would never have thought I would be moved in front of your body: you are alive, you make yourself heard and there you can really pray. Everyone brings their own needs and I too brought you mine. One in particular that I had entrusted to you the previous year and had been granted in those days: my daughter fulfilled her desire to be a mother! You were there for me because you too were a bride, mother, woman. I felt you true and strong: true in your femininity and strong in your faith. I saw you as an exceptional woman, from whom we must take an example, who did not speak in the squares but in the intimacy of her family and then of the monastery, where you showed great courage! I don't say special prayers for you, but the ring I bought is not a souvenir, but your presence in my life: I always carry it with me and I often turn it round on my finger! You remained in my heart, we became friends. I'll come back to see you and I know you'll always keep a hand on my shoulder! (Antonella, Santa Maria a Monte PI - Italy)

useless things. We must focus on what we have discovered this year: the hunger for the Word of God, for a new Wisdom to accompany us throughout the day, the need for relationships, the fact that we cannot save ourselves alone, the need to work together in the respect for the other and be united to rebuild the life of all, the care of the most

fragile, the great urgency to protect nature and creation. These are the lessons to be learned in order to be reborn. True rebirth, in fact, starts from the man who changes and recognises the Truth that dwells in him, the God most intimate to himself. Christmas tells us this: let's start again from man and we will meet God". ■

PRAYER TO THE HOLY FAMILY

Jesus, Mary and Joseph
to you, Holy Family of Nazareth,
today, we turn our gaze
with admiration and trust;
in you we contemplate
the splendour of communion in true love;
we recommend all our families to you,
so that the wonders of grace are renewed in them.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
authentic school of the Gospel:
teach us to imitate your virtues
with wise spiritual discipline,
give us a clear gaze
that knows how to recognise the work of Providence
in the daily realities of life.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
faithful guardian of the mystery of salvation:
revive in us the esteem of silence,
make our families circles of prayer
and transform them into small domestic Churches,
renew the desire for holiness,
support the noble toil of work, of education,
of listening, of mutual understanding and of forgiveness.

Holy Family of Nazareth,
reawaken in our society the awareness
of the sacred and inviolable character of the family,
an inestimable and irreplaceable good.
Let every family be a welcoming place of goodness and peace
for children and the elderly,
for the sick and lonely,
for the poor and needy.

Jesus, Mary and Joseph
we pray with trust to you,
we entrust ourselves to you with joy.

Pope Francis



Living in the presence of the Lord

Yesterday and today: 25 years of religious profession

by Sister M. Laura Quarto OSA

Yesterday ... Vicopelago, Lucca, 15 August 1995. The sun shines in an extraordinarily blue sky. The last preparations are being made, the Mother President of our Federation, Sister Angela Tamanti, is preparing to decorate the flowers, white and pink roses, I take care of the altar: a large table that has been raised for the occasion. A lot of people are expected and the monastery church is too small. We open the internal cloister for the occasion. The mass of my first profession will be celebrated outdoors. "I will take my vows to the Lord before all his people". A splendid silence. We all work with great inner concentration. Sister Maria, Vicar Mother and my teacher, occasionally looks out of the kitchen and watches me with her dazzling smile. I am filled with an immense joy, even if the thought that these are not yet the final vows disturbs me a little. My only desire is to belong entirely to God forever. "One thing I asked the Lord, this only I am seeking: to live in the house of the Lord every day of my life, to taste the

sweetness of the Lord and admire his sanctuary ... Your face Lord I seek, do not hide your face from me". These words of Psalm 26, which I chose for the holy picture, resounded within me and belonged to me more and more. Your words, Lord, had become my words. The night before a prayer vigil, through the reading of some passages chosen from the Confessions of St. Augustine, had told my story of conversion. Everything is indelibly engraved in

the heart, moments of indescribable happiness, and at the same time the precise perception that what was happening was too great and wonderful ... impossible for me to fully understand its meaning.

***Life is a
breath, we
cannot throw
it away***



The Augustinian Family of Cascia together with her loved ones joined in the joy of Sister M. Laura.

Today ... Cascia, Perugia,
15 August 2020. Covid-19
prevents me from celebrating
with all my relatives and

who did not want to miss our
annual appointment. Memo-
ries come flooding back.
Among them, my beloved fa-

**God has always
been faithful
over the years**



smile arises spontaneously
when I think back to the
words he said to me when he
saw me dressed in black:
“You look really good dressed
like this, you look like a real
nun”, and I answered laugh-
ing: “But dad, I am a real
nun”. With him, my uncles
and aunts, the sisters, the
brothers, priests who helped
me on the journey, watched
and prayed from heaven ...

In 25 years, many things
have happened! Joy and
pain, deaths and births, de-
feats and successes, efforts
and misunderstandings, ups
and downs ... have followed
one another. Life is not sim-
ple and it is really a breath,
we cannot throw it away ...
how many mistakes ... how
many sins ... how much
amazement ... but the desire
to answer you in full has nev-
er left me ... thank you,

friends, but distance turns
into a living presence in the
heart and thanks to technol-
ogy we find ourselves con-
nected in live streaming and
we can pray together ... then
as if by magic, my two sis-
ters with their husbands ap-
pear, followed by Ombretta
and Franco, our dear friends

ther Salvatore who has been
dead for 20 years now. A

**Thank you Lord
for every
encounter
with you**

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.*

Adriana Danieli (Siena - Italy)
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In this painting of the ancient choir of the monastery, we see Saint Rita during the religious dressing. Like her, the desire to raise her love to Christ grew strongly in Sister M. Laura.

Lord, for this time which already has the flavour of eternity. Today I find myself savouring that distant and unforgettable day as if it were present and breathing in that mystery that overwhelms me, with an even deeper joy, with the clear certainty that God has always been faithful all these years. Always ready to hold out his hand to me when the waves of the sea frightened me and, wavering in faith, I felt myself sinking. How many times he rebuked me, making me understand that I am a woman of little faith! How much patience God has with us! How much

CHOOSE LIFE

Choose life. This is the invitation of God containing a promise that opens the future: choose life, so that you and your children may live (Deut 30, 19).

Choose life. It is the profound engine of our every gesture, of each of our actions: everything we do - basically - is moved by the desire for happiness, by the desire to have life. Sensing the way is to rediscover the struggle of the heart, between good and evil, between what is fruitful and what is not, in the adventure of life, between vices and virtues. Choose life. It is the discovery of one's vocation.

"Your vocation inspires you to bring out the best in yourself for the glory of God and the good of others" (Pope Francis, *Christus vivit*, 257). Choose, then! "Give yourselves over to the best of life!" (ChV143).



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love, how much mercy! Accepting one's misery and defeats has not been easy, but they are precisely what make you understand that without him we can do nothing. God is not optional, he is the foundation and goal of our existence. Today, with Mary, I sing my Magnificat, for these 25 years of life

lived in her presence, because for me "one day in her halls is more than a thousand elsewhere". Thank you, Lord for every encounter with you in the liturgy. "It is beautiful to sing to our God, it is sweet to praise him"; for the inestimable gift of your Word which as an inexhaustible

source bathes our dryness and makes it fruitful.

My soul rejoices in God my Saviour because he deigned to lay his gaze on me and made me glimpse his infinite beauty. Lord Jesus, sweet ineffable love, my joy is in you. You made us for yourself and our heart has no peace until it rests in you. ■



Dal 1956

HOTEL DELLE ROSE

•Living Cascia•



Mother Earth

RECIPES FROM THE GREEN
UMBRIA OF SAINT RITA

Truffled pheasant medallion with roveja polenta and blueberries

Ingredients for 4 people

600 g boned pheasant
100 g roveja flour for polenta
60 g Cascia black truffle
150 g lard with fine herbs
50 g blueberries
10 g sugar
Salt to taste
Water
50 g extra virgin olive oil
Rosemary
Sage
Thyme
Garlic
Pepper
Kitchen string
1 glass red wine

Put the lard lined up on a work top: it will be used to wrap the pheasant inside. Place the pheasant on top of the lard skin side down, salt, pepper and grate the truffle on top. Create a roll making sure the meat does not spill out of the lard. Tie with kitchen string and bake in a preheated oven at 170°C for 45 minutes. Deglaze with the wine 3/4 of the way through cooking, adding the aromatic herbs and garlic. Separately, put the blueberries in a saucepan with the sugar, let them sweat and cool. Cook the roveja flour in 500 ml of salted water after adding oil for about 25 minutes. Place the polenta thus obtained on the plates and cut the pheasant into four medallions. Place the medallions on the polenta and garnish with the cooking juices and the previously prepared blueberry sauce.

The volunteers of Saint Rita

by Alessia Nicoletti



The volunteer is someone who undertakes to do something of their own will. This definition is correct, but it does not explain why someone wants to be or become a volunteer: why say yes? I asked some of the volunteers of the Roses of Saint Rita, the initiative of the Saint Rita of Cascia Foundation which has been taking the flower symbol of the saint of the impossible into squares all over Italy since May 2017. On Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd May 2021, the Foundation will return to the squares thanks to the many volunteers who for years have made their enthusiasm and time available in setting up the rose stalls in the name of Saint Rita. The goal is to raise funds for the Beehive: for over 80

years in this structure, the Augustinian nuns of Cascia have been welcoming and raising children – lovingly called Little Bees – from families in economic and social difficulty. But here we come to the question: why be or become a volunteer for the Roses of Saint Rita?

Antonella Boni from Brescia, who has taken part with her group since the first edition, tells me: “I was thrilled to be able to lend a hand to the Little Bees and what convinced me was also the clarity and transparency of the event. The certainty

All children have the right to a peaceful life

that the contribution arrives is important for those who want to donate and help others”. Antonella also explains to me the great and current need she sees in the initiative: “The more we grow as volunteers,

the more we can help the Little Bees of today and tomorrow. All children have the right to a peaceful life and unfortunately there are more and more families in difficulty in Italy". The scent of the roses has guided 78-year-old **Vittorio Coratti** from Monte San Giovanni Campano (Frosinone), since his first meeting with Saint Rita, when in 1983 he and his family needed her help, due to the bone marrow transplant of one of the children. "We have also passed on the devotion to the sons and daughters and other young people of the parish, who are alongside me in the rose initiative every year. The world needs charity and for us it is like giving a hand to Mother Fasce (founder of the Beehive, ed), who, despite having nothing and in times of war, welcomed girls in difficulty. We must follow her example which is still valid, especially today". **Angela Concistrè** from Sibari (Cosenza), present with the rose stall also in Teranova da Sibari, has been a volunteer since the first year and will be with us in the next edition. She works in a travel agency and is part of the family in Cascia. "I have been organising a pilgrimage for 16 years in which people from all over Cal-

abria and even Sicily participate. For us, it is not only prayer and faith, but also concrete action in favour of the works of charity of the monastery and the Beehive. As long as I have strength, I will commit myself to this initiative, also to give testimony to those who approach the stall. The rose means giving joy and love to many little girls and young women who are less fortunate, but also bringing the peace of Saint Rita to many desperate families and people. Whoever takes the rose is recharged with faith and hope because Saint Rita is great". Doing good means teaching good. **Giulio Gallina** from Tricesimo (Udine), enamoured with Saint Rita, reminds me of this. Since 2017 he has embraced the initiative of the Roses with his family, his wife Lucia and their children Francesco aged 12 and Marta aged 17. "You should see their happiness among the roses. It is an activity that children and teenagers should also do, because it is a great feast, which is educational for them in understanding that reaching out to others is fun". Together with Giulio and his family, what makes the difference is the enthusiasm of Fr. Giuliano, Rector of the Sanctuary of Madonna Missionaria. ■

Le ROSE di SANTA RITA



Luciana, mother after 15 years of waiting

“Saint Rita read my heart”

Many times, perhaps in most of our prayers, we make a list with a series of requests to the Lord and every now and then we also set a deadline, a date. More rarely, however, in praying we say with a sincere heart “Thy will be done”, truly convinced that what He has in store for us is much better than what we can imagine. This is the case of Luciana Monteleone who, after 15 years of marriage and by then no hope of being able to hold a child in her arms, anxiously awaited the end of the long lockdown to be able to go to Cascia and thank the saint of the thorn and roses for the little seed that is forming inside her. “I met Saint Rita in L'Aquila, during the 2006 earthquake that destroyed my home” is how Luciana Monteleone begins the story of her pilgrimage of thanks to Cascia. “There was a boy upstairs who was at university, he didn't make it. Returning among the rubble, I found an image, I turned it and it was of Saint Rita. Over the years

I have always wondered what meaning such an encounter could have in such a dramatic moment. Anyway, I took it, I still keep it and it helps me to feel her close in all the vi-

I met Saint Rita during the 2006 earthquake



cissitudes of my life, which have not been few”. After the earthquake, Luciana and her husband decided to return to live in their town of origin, Torre Maggiore in the province of Foggia. And they dedicated themselves to the care of others, especially their sick family members. They have always had a deep spiritual life and, regarding the children who did not arrive, Luciana recalled: “I got married at 26, but I had no children. Many told me that I could try treatments, go to hospitals, but I have always had faith in God's plan. Within me there was the desire to have a child, of course, but the desire to trust the project that God had designed for me was stronger. I prayed. I prayed to Saint Rita. But I never prayed for myself. I prayed for those I saw suffering around me; my mother suffered from a tumour and I looked after her until the end. I am now 41 and pregnant.

This pregnancy is a sign. I placed my trust in the Lord and he answered me. I found

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and he answered me.
I found out I was pregnant on
May 22*

Basilica of Saint Rita, G. B. Galizzi, Birth (XX century)



Saint Rita was also an unexpected gift from the Lord for her parents. A “miraculous” gift for them and for us, who look to her as an example and strength.

news, the desire to go to Cascia to thank Saint Rita took root in Luciana's heart, since she always turned to her in the most delicate moments of her life, receiving much consolation and courage. “It was the first time I had gone to Cascia and that time with Saint Rita was an emotional encounter! I entered the Basilica as it was closing, I knelt down just like I had when they told me I would become a mother and I could not help but thank her and entrust my baby to her. A child is a gift from God. It is not something we can do on our own. We receive signs and we must know how to grasp them. Saint Rita read my heart and while my husband and I were busy helping those around us in need, she read that nothing would make us happier than becoming parents and for this I will never stop thanking her. To her, we have entrusted our little girl who will be called Michela, like her maternal grandmother and paternal grandfather, both of whom died recently from an incurable disease”. A moved Luciana greets me, and we send her our congratulations for the arrival of the little girl. (MF)

out I was pregnant on May 22, the day of Saint Rita. When they told me I was six weeks pregnant, I knelt down and saw a baby girl. Shortly after I learned that she is a girl”. On learning the happy and by now unexpected

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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”.



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JANUARY 2021

1	F	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
2	S	Sts. Basil and Gregory
3	S	2 nd Sunday after Christmas - Holy Name of Jesus
4	M	Bl. Christine of the Holy Cross OSA
5	T	Bl. Pietro Bonilli
6	W	Epiphany of Our Lord
7	T	St. Raymond of Penyafort
8	F	Bl. Ugolino of Gualdo Cattaneo OSA
9	S	St. Adrian
10	S	Baptism of Our Lord
11	M	St. Hyginus
12	T	St. Aelfred of Rievaulx
13	W	Bl. Veronica of Binasco OSA
14	T	St. Felix of Nola
15	F	St. Maurus Ab.
16	S	Comm. Deceased Relatives of Members of the Augustinian Order
17	S	2 nd Ord. Time - St. Anthony Ab.
18	M	Bl. Christina of Aquila OSA
19	T	Sts. Marius and Martha
20	W	Sts. Fabian and Sebastian
21	T	St. Agnes
22	F	St. Vincent
23	S	Bl. Josephine M. of Beniganim OSA
24	S	3 rd Ord. Time - St. Francis de Sales
25	M	Conversion of Paul the Apostle
26	T	Sts. Timothy and Titus
27	W	St. Angela Merici
28	T	St. Thomas Aquinas
29	F	Bl. Anthony of Amandola OSA
30	S	St. Martina
31	S	4 th Ord. Time - St. John Bosco

FEBRUARY 2021

1	M	St. Severus
2	T	Presentation of the Lord in the Temple
3	W	Bl. Stephen Bellesini OSA
4	T	1 st Thursday of St. Rita - Bl. Angelo da Furci OSA
5	F	St. Agatha
6	S	Sts. Paulo Miki and Comp.
7	S	5 th Ord. Time - Bl. Anselm Polanco OSA
8	M	Sts. Jerome E. and Bakhita
9	T	St. Apollonia
10	W	St. Scholastica
11	T	2 nd Thursday of St. Rita - Our Lady of Lourdes
12	F	Sts. Martyrs of Abitinae
13	S	Bl. Christine of Spoleto OSA
14	S	6 th Ord. Time - Sts. Cyril and Methodius
15	M	Bl. Julia of Certaldo OSA
16	T	BL. SIMON FIDATI OF CASCIA OSA
17	W	Ash Wednesday
18	T	3 rd Thursday of St. Rita - St. John Francis Regis
19	F	Bl. Alvaro
20	S	St. Jacinta Marito
21	S	1 st Sunday of Lent - St. Peter Damian
22	M	Chair of St. Peter
23	T	St. Polycarp
24	W	St. Modestus
25	T	4 th Thursday of St. Rita - St. Nestor
26	F	St. Paula
27	S	St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows
28	S	2 nd Sunday of Lent - St. Romanos

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what he
desired
when he
created it.

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MARCH 2021

1	M	St. David
2	T	St. Agnes of Prague
3	W	St. Teresa Eustochio Verzeri
4	T	5 th Thursday of St. Rita - St. Casimir
5	F	St. Lucius I
6	S	St. Victorinus
7	S	3 rd Sunday of Lent - Sts. Perpetua and Felicitas
8	M	St. John of God
9	T	St. Frances of Rome
10	W	St. Macarius
11	T	6 th Thursday of St. Rita - S. Constantine
12	F	Bl. Jerome of Recanati OSA
13	S	St. Sabinus
14	S	4 th Sunday of Lent - St. Matilda
15	M	St. Zachary
16	T	St. Julian
17	W	St. Patrick
18	T	7 th Thursday of St. Rita - St. Cyril of Jerusalem
19	F	St. Joseph
20	S	St. John of Nepomuk
21	S	5 th Sunday of Lent - St. Nicholas of Flüe
22	M	Bl. Ugolino Zefirini OSA
23	T	St. Turibius of Mogrovejo
24	W	St. Catherine of Sweden
25	T	8 th Thursday of St. Rita - Annunciation of the Lord
26	F	St. Theodore
27	S	St. Rupert
28	S	Palm Sunday
29	M	St. Eustace
30	T	9 th Thursday of St. Rita - St. Leonardo Murialdo
31	W	St. Benjamin martyr

APRIL 2021

1	T	Maundy Thursday
2	F	Good Friday
3	S	Holy Saturday
4	S	Easter Sunday
5	M	Easter Monday
6	T	Bl. Catherine of Pallanza
7	W	St. John Baptist de La Salle
8	T	10 th Thursday of St. Rita - St. Amantius
9	F	St. Demetrius
10	S	St. Palladius
11	S	2 nd Sunday of Easter - St. Stanislaus
12	M	St. Damian
13	T	St. Martin I
14	W	St. Lambert
15	T	11 th Thursday of St. Rita - St. Maron
16	F	St. Bernadette Soubirous
17	S	St. Innocent
18	S	3 rd Sunday of Easter - Bl. Andrew of Montereale OSA
19	M	St. Leo IX
20	T	Bl. Simon of Todi OSA
21	W	St. Anselm
22	T	12 th Thursday of St. Rita - St. Leonidas
23	F	St. George
24	S	Conversion of St. Augustine
25	S	4 th Sunday of Easter - St. Mark ev.
26	M	Our Lady of Good Counsel
27	T	St. Zita of Lucca
28	W	St. Louis Marie Grignon of Montfort
29	T	13 th Thursday of St. Rita - St. Catherine of Siena
30	F	St. Pius V

Soil,
water,
mountains:
everything is,
as it were,
a caress
of God.

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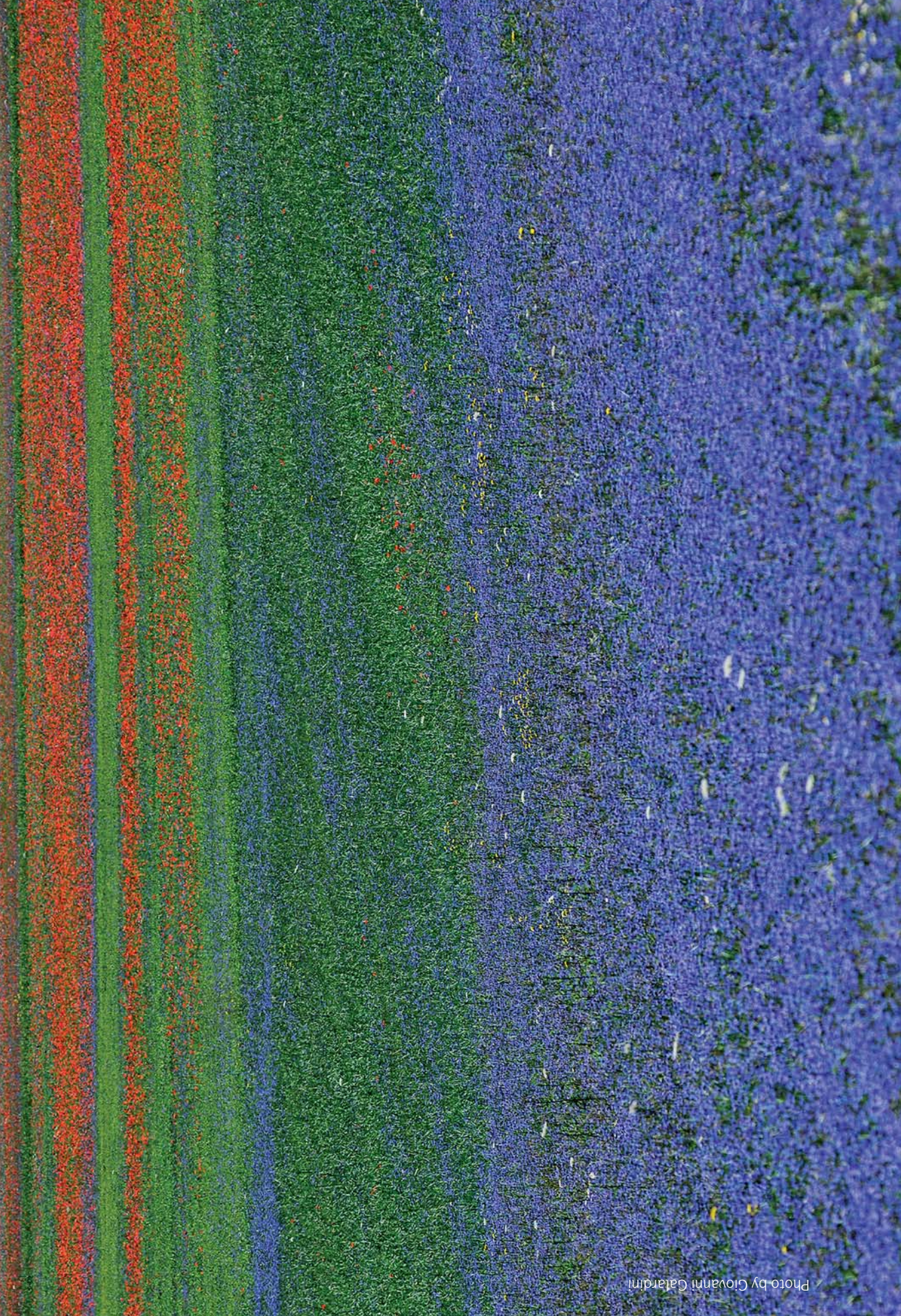


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MAY 2021

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

JUNE 2021

1	T	St. Justin
2	W	Sts. Marcellinus and Peter
3	T	Sts. Charles Lwanga and Comp.
4	F	St. Francis Caracciolo
5	S	Bl. James of Viterbo OSA
6	S	Corpus Christi
7	M	St. Robert
8	T	St. Fortunatus
9	W	St. Ephrem
10	T	Bl. Edward Poppe
11	F	Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
12	S	Immaculate Heart of Mary
13	S	11 th Ord. Time - St. Anthony of Padua
14	M	St. Elisha
15	T	St. Vitus
16	W	St. Aurelianus
17	T	St. Rainerius
18	F	St. Calogerus
19	S	St. Romuald
20	S	12 th Ord. Time - Bl. Philip of Piacenza OSA
21	M	St. Aloysius Gonzaga
22	T	St. Paulinus of Nola
23	W	St. Joseph Cafasso
24	T	Nativity of St. John the Baptist
25	F	Bl. Peter James of Pesaro OSA
26	S	Sts. John and Paul
27	S	13 th Ord. Time - St. Cyril of Alexandria
28	M	St. Irenaeus of Lyons
29	T	Sts. Peter and Paul Ap.
30	W	Sts. First Martyrs of the Church of Rome

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JULY 2021

1	T	St. Esther
2	F	Bl. John and Peter Beccchetti OSA
3	S	St. Thomas Ap.
4	S	14 th Ord. Time - St. Elizabeth of Portugal
5	M	St. Anthony M. Zaccaria
6	T	St. Maria Goretti
7	W	St. Odo
8	T	Sts. Priscilla and Aquila
9	F	St. Augustine Zhao Rong
10	S	St. Victoria
11	S	15 th Ord. Time - St. Benedict
12	M	St. Fortunatus
13	T	St. Henry
14	W	St. Camillus de Lellis
15	T	St. Bonaventure
16	F	Our Lady of Mount Carmel
17	S	Bl. Maddalena Albrici OSA
18	S	16 th Ord. Time - St. Frederick
19	M	St. Macrina
20	T	St. Apollinaris
21	W	St. Lawrence of Brindisi
22	T	St. Mary Magdalene
23	F	St. Bridget of Sweden
24	S	Bl. Antonio OSA
25	S	17 th Ord. Time - St. James Ap.
26	M	Sts. Joachim and Anne
27	T	Bl. Lucy Bufalari OSA
28	W	Sts. Nazarius and Celsus
29	T	St. Martha of Bethany
30	F	St. Peter Chrysologus
31	S	St. Ignatius of Loyola

AUGUST 2021

1	S	18 th Ord. Time - St. Alphonsus Liguori
2	M	Bl. John of Rieti OSA
3	T	S. Lydia
4	W	St. John Mary Vianney
5	T	Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
6	F	Transfiguration of Our Lord
7	S	Sts. Sixtus II and Comp.
8	S	19 th Ord. Time - St. Dominic of Guzman
9	M	St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
10	T	St. Lawrence
11	W	St. Clare of Assisi
12	T	St. Jane Frances de Chantal
13	F	Sts. Pontian and Hippolytus
14	S	St. Maximilian Kolbe
15	S	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
16	M	St. Stephen of Hungary
17	T	St. Clare of the Cross of Montefalco OSA
18	W	St. Helena
19	T	St. Ezekiel Moreno OSA
20	F	St. Bernard
21	S	St. Pius X
22	S	21 st Ord. Time - B.V. Mary, Queen of Heaven
23	M	St. Rose of Lima
24	T	St. Bartholomew Ap.
25	W	St. Ludwig
26	T	S. Liberato OSA
27	F	St. Monica
28	S	ST. AUGUSTINE BISHOP AND DOCTOR
29	S	22 nd Ord. Time - Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist
30	M	St. Margaret Ward
31	T	St. Aristides

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SEPTEMBER 2021

1	W	St. Giles
2	T	St. Elpidius
3	F	St. Gregory the Great
4	S	Our Lady of Consolation
5	S	23 rd Ord. Time - St. Teresa of Calcutta
6	M	Bl. Angelo da Foligno OSA
7	T	St. Regina
8	W	Birth of the Virgin Mary
9	T	St. Peter Claver
10	F	St. Nicholas of Tolentino OSA
11	S	Sts. Protus and Hyacinth
12	S	24 th Ord. Time - Most Holy Name of B.V. Mary
13	M	St. John Chrysostom
14	T	Triumph of the Cross
15	W	Our Lady of Sorrows
16	T	St. Cornelius
17	F	St. Robert Bellarmine
18	S	St. Joseph of Cupertino
19	S	25 th Ord. Time - St. Alphonsus OSA
20	M	Sts. Andrew Kim Teagon and Comp.
21	T	St. Matthew Ap. Evg.
22	W	St. Silvanus
23	T	Sts. Pio of Pietrelcina and Thecla
24	F	Our Lady of Mercy
25	S	St. Sergius of Radonezh
26	S	26 th Ord. Time - Sts. Cosmas and Damian
27	M	St. Vincent de Paul
28	T	Bl. Japanese Martyrs OSA
29	W	Sts. Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, Archangels
30	T	St. Jerome

OCTOBER 2021

1	F	St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus
2	S	Holy Guardian Angels
3	S	27 th Ord. Time - Bl. Angelo of San Sepolcro OSA
4	M	St. Francis of Assisi
5	T	Bl. Sante of Cori OSA
6	W	St. Bruno
7	T	Our Lady of the Rosary
8	F	St. Ugo
9	S	Bl. Antonio Patrizi OSA
10	S	28 th Ord. Time - St. Thomas OSA
11	M	Bl. Elias OSA and St. John XXIII
12	T	B.M. TERESA FASCE OSA - Bl. Carlo Acutis
13	W	Comm. Deceased Benefactors of the Augustinian Order
14	T	Bl. Gonzalo of Lagos OSA
15	F	St. Teresa of Jesus
16	S	St. Hedwig
17	S	29 th Ord. Time - St. Ignatius of Antioch
18	M	St. Luke Evg.
19	T	St. Paul of the Cross
20	W	St. Magdalene OSA
21	T	St. Severino
22	F	St. John Paul II
23	S	St. William OSA
24	S	30 th Ord. Time - St. Anthony M. Claret
25	M	St. John Stone OSA
26	T	Sts. Lucian and Marciano
27	W	St. Evaristus
28	T	Sts. Simon and Jude Ap.
29	F	Bl. Peter of Gubbio OSA
30	S	St. Germanus
31	S	31 st Ord. Time - Bl. James of Cerqueto OSA

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NOVEMBER 2021

1	M	All Saints
2	T	All Souls
3	W	St. Sylvia
4	T	St. Charles Borromeo
5	F	Bl. Mariano de la Mata Aparicio OSA
6	S	Comm. Deceased Members of the Augustinian Order
7	S	32 nd Ord. Time - Bl. Gratia of Kotor OSA
8	M	Bl. Avelino Rodriguez OSA
9	T	Dedication of Lateran Basilica
10	W	St. Leo the Great
11	T	St. Martin of Tours
12	F	St. Josaphat
13	S	All Saints of the Augustinian Order
14	S	33 rd Ord. Time - St. Theodotus
15	M	St. Albertus Magnus
16	T	St. Gertrude
17	W	St. Elizabeth of Hungary
18	T	Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul
19	F	St. Mechtilde of Hackeborn
20	S	St. Octavius
21	S	Solemnity of Christ the King
22	M	St. Cecilia
23	T	St. Clement I
24	W	St. Andrew Dung-Lac
25	T	St. Catherine of Alexandria
26	F	St. Conrad
27	S	B.V. Mary of the Miraculous Medal
28	S	1 st Sunday of Advent - St. James of the Marches
29	M	Bl. Frederick of Regensburg OSA
30	T	St. Andrew Ap.

DECEMBER 2021

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

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