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IT'S CHRISTMAS: LET THERE BE PEACE EVERYWHERE

*Like Saint Rita, we write words of love
between the crooked lines of history*

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Signs of peace

Is it really Christmas without peace? This is the question that comes to my mind when thinking of the many people who will experience this holiday with terror and violence, as the result of on-going wars or those that have formally ended but in reality are still continuing. For some countries, such as Ukraine, it will be the first Christmas, while for others, such as Syria, Afghanistan, Libya and Myanmar, just to name a few, it will be the umpteenth.

Reflecting on this, I return to that stable where Jesus was born, which is Peace. With this image in my heart, then, I answer my question by saying yes, not only is it really Christmas, even in 2022, because peace still has a name, but it is also my task, your task, our task together, to be the faces of that peace today.

In what way? By imitating that Child, a gift of peace, who was gentle yet courageous, and not conquered by force but rather built with love, tenderness and compassion. This is what our beloved Saint Rita did when she chose to forgive her husband's murderers instead of fuelling the spiral of hatred. It's also what we nuns did recently by welcoming the Carmelite sisters of Tolentino, who had been truly displaced for five years because of the earthquake: we were the means by which the Lord wrote words of love between the crooked lines of history. We cannot stand still: let us fill our hands with gestures and choices that can leave signs of peace behind us. In this way, we will finally be part of the solution and not part of the problem!



The painting was made by one of the nuns of the Discalced Carmelite Community. For the explanation see the bottom of the article on pages 24-25.

*Looking to the peace of Jesus, Holy Christmas and a happy 2023,
with best wishes from the Augustinian Family of Cascia,
the Beehive of Saint Rita, the Saint Rita of Cascia non-profit
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by Nicoletta Di Benedetto

There's a person in the enemy

Interview with Franco Vaccari,
founder and president of the
Rondine Cittadella della Pace association

In the liturgy of Christmas we speak of peace from the first vespers, with the antiphon *Rex pacificus*. In the Gospel of Luke (2: 14) the angels praise the Lord in the shepherds' camp with the song "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests." Peace is a

subject that has been much debated this year. Pope Francis did not miss the opportunity to stress that "no-one comes out victorious" from wars, that we must "pray for peace" and "act for peace". With so many on-going conflicts, the dream of world peace currently seems to be a utopia. However, there are those who refuse to surrender, like Franco Vaccari, presi-

dent of Rondine Cittadella della Pace (Rondine Citadel of Peace), an organisation that is based in a village near Arezzo. Rondine is an unusual structure. It is a place of training where people are committed to reducing the many armed conflicts around the world by disseminating their own method. Vaccari agreed to tell us about it.

"Utopia is a double-edged word. There is the kind that is very beautiful and represents a dream. It is synonymous with dreams, representing the best of what humanity hopes for and desires, and it establishes this within a future narrative. The other side is the kind that goes into evanescence. It is an idealism that will never find reality." Referring to the Citadel of Peace, he emphasises: "We find that peace is the first side of utopia, that is, a possible utopia, which can attract and create new civilizations in peoples' hearts." According to Vaccari, peace is a pathway to follow, and the pontiff is a teacher, like all popes, who entrust humanity with a wonderful message on the World Day of Peace every year.

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It is committed to the reduction of conflicts through the dissemination of its own method



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through the experiences of young people who come from countries that are at war or which are still devastated by conflicts, discovering the person in their enemy. The small village hosts pairs of young people who are 'enemies', he says, but not because they really hate one another, but because history has given them enmity, which is a failure on the part of their parents. "The perverse culture of the enemy is a deceptive construction," stresses Vaccari. "But in Rondine those on the other side, beyond the wall or the border, are seen as a person and not the enemy."

In the Citadel of Peace, young people meet to develop the future in their hearts and minds through a journey to be made together, discovering a common humanity, even through differences, to look to tomorrow and think about rebuilding. History teaches us that construction often leads to new wars, which is why he reiterates that "with the 'International Student Association - World House', in Rondine we train leaders who can work for non-poi-



soned reconstruction. This is the 'Rondine method': to show the enemy in terms of what they are not, and to do this you have to meet them physically." The Rondine method draws on consolidated experience from 25 years of activities and is growing in the interest of the people. "The enemy is always lurking," concludes Vaccari. "All of us can build or fall into the deception of its construction."

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SAINT RITA, EXAMPLE OF TRANSFORMATION AND CREATIVITY

"The saint of impossible causes is at home in Rondine. She is a sort of ambassador because in her life she witnessed the creative and peaceful transformation of conflicts." With these words, President Vaccari shows how the charisma and message of peace launched by Saint Rita are alive and present in the Citadel of Peace. "The saint did not fall into the drama of the violence she suffered, but rather she knew how to transform it into beauty,

commitment and generosity. She knew how to turn it into perfume, that scent of her roses." This is why it is very natural to combine the life of Saint Rita with that of the free young people who arrive in Rondine: "They have violence at home and here, in two years, they transform it into a new commitment to peace. We work for something that people say is impossible, that war should stop being part of humanity. But we believe that humanity without wars is possible."



The other half of the sheet

From the lands of war, Nadia De Lazzari brings drawings by children who teach peace

Saint Rita is the protector of the family and it is the family that transmits the values of peace

The threat to world peace intimidates all of us and, when it comes to war, it is primarily the most defenceless, such as children, who bear the brunt of it. Nadia De Lazzari knows something about this. Originally from Venice, in 1992 she managed to get to Sarajevo, the capital of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and bring a glimmer of hope to the children who attended schools that were being bombed. Since then she has never stopped and created the voluntary association “Venezia Pesce di Pace” (Venice Fish of Peace).

Talking over the phone, she said that she was shocked to see children on TV playing war between the rubble, emulating the adults, and falling under the shots of snipers. After a series of bureaucratic steps, she managed to get on one of the planes bringing aid from Falconara to Sarajevo. This is a route that she repeated for years, carrying a backpack weighing 60 kilos – as much as was allowed – with basic necessities useful to those people. She also carried an even more precious asset under her arm: drawings by children. She says that

it all started in a school in Sarajevo while she was delivering a goldfish: when she went, the children asked her for animals to keep because they had all disappeared with the bombings. A child climbed on a chair and took one of the drawings that covered the classroom down from the wall, showing her that she should bring it to the children of Venice. Those drawings were used to cover the bullet holes. “The children were aware that they were living in the middle of a conflict and wanted to communicate it to others,” she stresses. “These were messages launched with black and white or blood red drawings.”

The first delivery of the drawings to an elementary school in Venice took place on 11 November, Saint

Martin's Day. “I told the children that those drawings had been given to me as a precious heritage by the children of Sarajevo. Thinking back to the saint who had cut his cloak, I also gave them folded sheets of paper and got them to draw on one half, while the other would be drawn by the children of Sarajevo when I went back to bring them to them.”





She says that the Venetian children knew that their peers were in danger and so they only drew beautiful things, such as the city, the sea and the sun. Over time they created half a sun, half a palace, half of everything, because they entrusted their friends with the task of completing the work.

Over the years, many drawings were drawn jointly between the two shores of the Adriatic, and many messages were sent by both sides, which went on to be collected in books and exhibited in various exhibitions. Among these, one drawing struck Nadia in particular, that by a child from the fourth grade of the San Girolamo school in Venice: "He drew half a face in white

with just an outline on a sky blue background, and at the top he wrote 'I cannot continue without you'. I often carried that drawing with me."

Nadia does not feel like an envoy of peace, but as one child said when presenting her to her parents, she thinks that "her job is to bring happiness". "I only listened to my heart," she says. "I believe Saint Rita did the same, and she was part of my home as my family was very devoted to her. The path taken by the saint is very current, because she is the protector of the family and it is the family that transmits the values of peace. What is important today is to build bridges with others."

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by Padre Rocco Ronzani OSA

Women of peace

Virginia Woolf, one of the leading figures in twentieth century literature, said: “War does not belong to the history of women.”



Women have hardly ever been the ones to declare wars, with some not-so-rare exceptions. There have indeed been some “wars of queens”, but it is certain that women have always paid a very high price for the violence of men: widows, mothers torn apart by pain over the death of their children and for the violence they have suffered.

Wars always bring terrible pain, carnage and rape. Wars trample on everyone: women and men, the elderly and children. In war – but also in “apparent” peace, rooted in injustice and the exploitation of these latter – all the inhumanity of the children of Adam and Eve emerges. In this regard, Saint Augustine wrote: “God foresaw all things, and was therefore not ignorant that mortals would also reach the extreme point in the inhumanity of sin. By contrast, beasts

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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RITA FORGIVES HER HUSBAND'S KILLERS

by Mauro Papalini, Augustinian historian

Saint Rita's father was a "peacemaker of Christ". Despite the reference to Christ, in reality it was a civil post. He had the task of amicably settling conflicts and divisions between individuals, without resorting to judicial authority, like a justice of the peace today. Saint Rita was therefore surrounded by thoughts of peace right from her childhood. The most shocking episode in Rita Mancini's life was the murder of her husband Paolo: in those days violence was a daily occurrence, even in the small Cascian republic. The family of the victims had to avenge the murdered man to honour him, in turn provoking a reaction from their opponents and thus triggering a chain of endless mourning. Donna Rita Mancini did not behave in this way, however. Remembering Jesus' teachings and fatherly examples, she rejected revenge and granted forgiveness to her husband's murderers. This strong and unusual gesture caused a great scandal and led to

some very difficult moments for Rita. She worked hard to remove the impulses towards violence in her children. It is said that Rita prayed to the Lord to kill them before they avenged their father: it is true that after their death she thanked God not for this, but because they had died without having committed a murder.

The resentment towards Rita lasted for a long time. In fact, when she asked to enter the monastery of Saint Mary Magdalene she was rejected twice; evidently her presence disturbed the community because of her courageous gesture, which dishonoured the Mancini family. However, Rita did not give up: she worked tirelessly for reconciliation between the various factions and once she achieved her goal she was able to enter the monastery. Peace and forgiveness always bring good outcomes, while on the contrary violence and hatred generate more violence; we can certainly say that Saint Rita's religious vocation was the fruit of peace.

would live with each other with more tranquillity. Even the fiercest beasts do not fight each other like men do. God, however, also intended to call a population of the faithful for adoption... and these people would benefit from the consideration that God gave origin to mankind with a single individual, to instil in men how pleasing the unity of the many can be!" (City of God, 12).

In history, so many good women and men have worked on this great project of communion. The Middle Ages was a time that saw women

emerge as leaders in terms of mysticism, society and poetry, but some also took up arms to defend their own people, such as Saint Joan of Arc, while our Saint Rita of Cascia stood out as an eminent peacemaker, a special mediator of peace. Intimately enlightened by the Prince of Peace, who reigns from the Cross, she knew how to defuse fratricidal revenges, reconcile factions, pacify the souls of one and all, preparing hearts for the true peace that is God himself in the experience of peace down here.

Saint Rita of Cascia stands out as an eminent peacemaker, a special mediator of peace



by Mother Maria Rosa
Bernardinis OSA

I BRING YOU JESUS

Get to know Jesus and learn to love Him
with the Prioress of the Monastery of Saint Rita of Cascia

A Letter of Love for Peace

Dearest Jesus,
I am writing to you in an attempt to interpret the thoughts and concerns of so many men and women who are bitter and disappointed because they have lost hope for a world that is more in keeping with their aspirations for justice and

world there are wars, exploitation of resources, arrogance, violence and injustice, and this is also happening “among your own” in the Church! Wily men and bullies are looking for profit, but not social profit. There is a lack of work and, in some people, a desire to work. Why? Because “They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water.” In fact, you came to reveal to us the face of God, which is love, and you invited us to call him Father. While respecting human freedom, I have the hope that we will all be able to write words of love between the crooked lines of our history. Your peace has traced a bridge between Heaven and earth; Your death and Resurrection, the fruit of boundless love, make us children of God by the power of the Holy Spirit. You are the Way to the Father, you are the Truth that sets us free, you are the Life that gives meaning to this and prepares us for eternal life. You have the power to unify the mind, the heart and the will to achieve peace in us, with others and with creation, so that you may return man to his Origin.

“A remnant” (Romans 11) followed your project of peace. Mary and Joseph grasped the newness of Your presence and were docile towards the Spirit, making the impossible possible. I would like to be a part of this remnant and I would like this for all of us. Thank you.



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peace. There is a need for love, because we all feel that we need to be loved and to love, but few have understood how to get there.

The prophets foretold that peace would be established at Your coming. When You were born, the angels sang to the shepherds: “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favour rests!” Although more than 2000 years have passed and Your Gospel has reached the ends of the earth, peace is hard to come by. In the



by Father Luciano De Michieli OSA,
Rector of the Basilica of Saint Rita of Cascia

Mary, Queen of Peace

Our Lady teaches us that peace is love,
charity and hope

The peace
to be
pursued is
that which
Christ has
given us

Let us look to Mary, a woman of peace, who manifests in herself the traits of peace willed by God and helps us to reject the false models that the ideologies of recent centuries have proposed.

We live in a time marked by an idea of peace, which will always be inexorably violent. There has been no regime on the left or right that has not spoken of peace, that has not promised peace and that has not claimed to build peace, with the devastating results we all know.

The peace to be pursued and to exert ourselves for without reservations is that which Christ has given us, our true peace. His peace is given fully, enveloped by the silence of the Other. Whoever believes in Christ, the prince of peace, believes in a peace that they cannot explain: for a disciple of the Crucified One, peace comes from above, it is a gift from above.

Peace comes from God and it must be continually invoked from him only: as in the experience of Mary, Virgin of listening and precisely Mother of peace. Looking at her we know that the peacemaker will either be someone who contemplates God or there will not be one.

According to the Gospel, the strength of the peacemakers comes from on high and must be welcomed in humility, with adoring expectation and harvest.

Christ, then, is our peace because he dies in abandonment for the love of others: the other name of his peace is charity. It is the helpless charity of those who have overcome the fear of death, it is an intelligent charity that can build peace that does not disappoint, founded on justice for all and mutual forgiveness. It is the charity of Mary, who at the foot of the Cross builds peace in the infinite compassion of her Son's pain, who gave himself over to death for our love. This single gesture of charity does more for peace than all the weapons in the world: may Mary convince us all of this, starting with the great leaders of the earth!

Finally, hope is the other name of peace. No-one on this earth will ever be able to tell us that "we have finally achieved peace", because the Risen Christ teaches us that our peace is elsewhere, in the heart of God. Mary, full of grace, thereby reminds us that we will not find peace until we rest in God.



by Sister M. Giacomina Stuani OSA

I take care of my loved ones

This Christmas, let's take inspiration from the Holy Family

This year we will admire the entire Holy Family of Nazareth in the Nativity scene, not just Him who was born.

With the birth of the Saviour, heaven and earth “embraced” each other. They became “one” so the human became divine. Jesus is the mediator of this new covenant, that is, of a new relationship between humanity and its Creator, a covenant that gave life to a new and gigantic family: that of the children of God! This holiday makes us think of the earthly family of Jesus first of all, but at the same time it reminds us of the Church and, more generally, of all humanity.

How beautiful it is to see that God chose to come into the world as part of a family, just as He did for each of us! The Liturgy does not present us with an “impossible family”, but makes us contemplate the concreteness of a couple who – like so many in our times – see their lives tossed around to “dodge” the unexpected.

Jesus, Joseph and Mary show us the way. Let's take an example from them who, like every family, had to face problems and worries, crises and trials, but who were able to face everything in a dia-

logue of love and in love. The Holy Family was struggling with the same dynamics as today, with the same difficulties, but with a very special difference: they were aware that God was in their midst. For this reason they had the ability to really have trust in themselves, feeling part of a larger project, that of God for the world. The message of the family of Nazareth today is essentially a message of peace, faith, mercy and love. The family of Nazareth proclaims to the world that the family is the incredible work of God, willed by Him. The Holy Family reminds us of those spiritual values that are essential for marriage to endure over time: mutual esteem, forgiveness, knowledge, humility, prayer together, charity and openness to life in all its forms.

“I care” means I care for, I care about... Don Lorenzo Milani coined this motto with the children of his Barbiana school in contrast to the fascist “I don't care” attitude in vogue at the time. I care is an expression that each of us should keep well sealed in our hearts. While it is true that the family is so precious to us, in our small way everyone can preserve and strengthen it, offering



their own contribution. It depends on us above all.

We can give strength and courage, committing to trusting in each other, making the effort not to close ourselves off in solitude and silence. We must give life, we must give love.

Let us make a spiritual pilgrimage to that little house, with few objects but an abundance of faith, love and many other virtues. There we will contemplate those fundamental values that are indispensable for family life.

We will contemplate Jesus, the Son of God, who came among people to reveal the true face of God to us and to joyfully undertake a journey of salvation. We will meet Mary, the first collaborator in redemption and the holiest of all mothers in the world. We will always find her take care to wel-

come everyone, just as her son Jesus did. We will contemplate Joseph, the just man. We will discover how his soul was adorned with evangelical counsels, theological and cardinal virtues, as well as humility, patience, the spirit of prayer, modesty, magnanimity and perseverance: he is the true mirror of Jesus and Mary!

Let us set out spiritually towards the little house in Nazareth, being assured that we will be welcomed and hosted by the Holy Family to restore our faith, love and peace. Let us walk together, looking in the same direction, towards Bethlehem, holding hands, as friends who belong to an infinite Love that was determined to become one of us to take us to eternity.

Holy Christmas to all and a serene 2023!

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“Doing is a word that indicates practicality, dexterity, creativity, involvement. It asks us not to stand by, to take part, to take sides, not to remain neutral. The vocation will not come down from heaven already fully completed, like a ready-made project packaged down to every detail by the hands of God. Vocational research and its discernment requires responsibility, that ability to respond that involves our freedom, our hands, our acts. The vocation arises from a personal encounter with the Lord and his Word recognised as a promise; vocation is never just ‘for me’ but always ‘for someone else’ in service. It is life spent for the love of someone.” (All brothers, 116)
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Al buoni e cari divoti di S. Rita. — Benedizioni ed Auguri. — Uno solo è il Santuario di S. Rita. — La festa di S. Rita. — Visione Umbra. — Ringraziamenti. — Prodiggi, Grazie, Favori di S. Rita. — (Illustrazioni) Urna di S. Rita.

ESCE UNA VOLTA AL MESE



“Bad times, hard times,
this is what people keep
saying. But let us live well,
and times shall be good.
We are the times.”

Saint Augustine

The magazine's number 1 issue, dated 22 May 1923, was founded by Blessed Mother Fasce to spread the message of Rita. A hundred years later, we retrace its most significant stages.



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JANUARY 2023

1	S	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
2	M	Sts. Basil and Gregory
3	T	Most Holy Name of Jesus
4	W	Bl. Christine of the Holy Cross OSA
5	T	Bl. Pietro Bonilli
6	F	Epiphany of Our Lord
7	S	St. Raymond of Penyafort
8	S	Baptism of Our Lord
9	M	St. Adrian
10	T	St. Gregory of Nyssa
11	W	St. Hyginus
12	T	St. Aelfred of Rievaulx
13	F	Bl. Veronica of Binasco OSA
14	S	St. Felix of Nola
15	S	2 nd Ord. Time - St. Maurus Ab.
16	M	Comm. of Deceased Relatives of Religious OSA
17	T	St. Anthony Ab.
18	W	Bl. Christine of L'Aquila OSA
19	T	Sts. Marius and Martha
20	F	Sts. Fabian and Sebastian
21	S	St. Agnes
22	S	3 rd Ord. Time - St. Vincent
23	M	Bl. Josephine M. of Beniganim OSA
24	T	St. Francis de Sales
25	W	Conversion of Paul the Apostle
26	T	Sts. Timothy and Titus
27	F	St. Angela Merici
28	S	St. Thomas Aquinas
29	S	4 th Ord. Time - Bl. Anthony of Amandola OSA
30	M	St. Martina
31	T	St. John Bosco

FEBRUARY 2023

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



“We are made for
heaven, and the earth
is a transition”

Blessed Mother Maria Teresa Fasce

1957 saw the first colour magazine, starting from the cover, which featured a photo of the Urn of Saint Rita, exceptionally adorned with flowers and ex-votos. The image represented the special celebrations for the 500th anniversary of the saint's transit, who ascended to heaven on 22 May 1457.

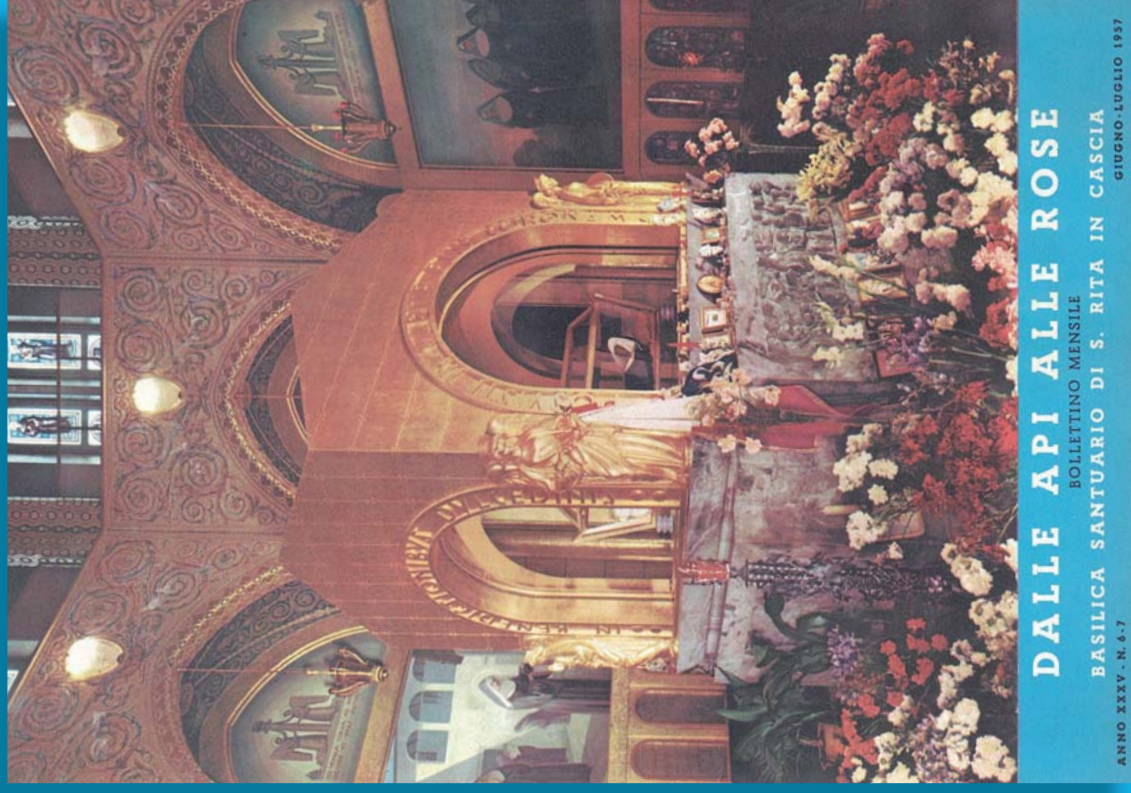


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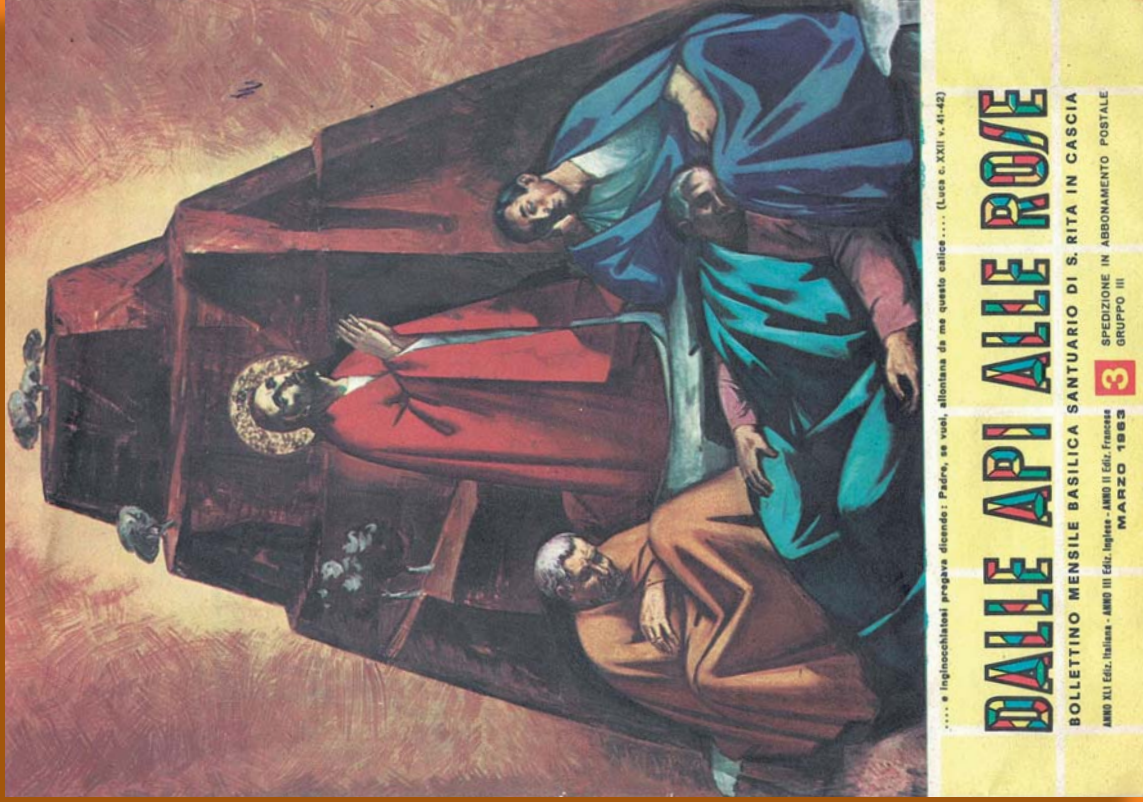


MARCH 2023

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

APRIL 2023

1	S	St. Hugh
2	S	Palm Sunday
3	M	St. Luigi Scrosoppi
4	T	9 th Thursday of St. Rita - St. Isidore Bishop
5	W	Bl. Mariano de la Mata Aparicio OSA
6	T	Maundy Thursday
7	F	Good Friday
8	S	Holy Saturday
9	S	Easter Sunday
10	M	Easter Monday
11	T	St. Stanislaus
12	W	St. Julius I
13	T	10 th Thursday of St. Rita - St. Martin I
14	F	St. Lambert
15	S	St. Maximus
16	S	2 nd of Easter - Saint Bernadette Soubirous
17	M	St. Innocent
18	T	Bl. Andrew of Montereale OSA
19	W	St. Leo IX
20	T	11 th Thursday of St. Rita - Bl. Simon of Todi OSA
21	F	St. Anselm
22	S	St. Leonidas
23	S	3 rd of Easter - St. George
24	M	Conversion of St. Augustine
25	T	St. Mark Ev.
26	W	Our Lady of Good Counsel
27	T	12 th Thursday of St. Rita - St. Zita of Lucca
28	F	St. Louis de Montfort
29	S	St. Catherine of Siena
30	S	4 th of Easter - St. Pius V



“Never say ‘I’, say ‘we’, because it is the Community that works”

Blessed Mother Maria Teresa Fasce

The 1960s marked a turning point for the magazine, which celebrated its 40th birthday: having been translated into English and French, it looked to the world. Inside was a correspondence with the readers, reports on the construction of the hospital in Cascia, works by the Monastery and the page for the Beehive.



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MAY 2023

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

JUNE 2023

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



“It is where we have our
hearts, where we live”

Saint Augustine

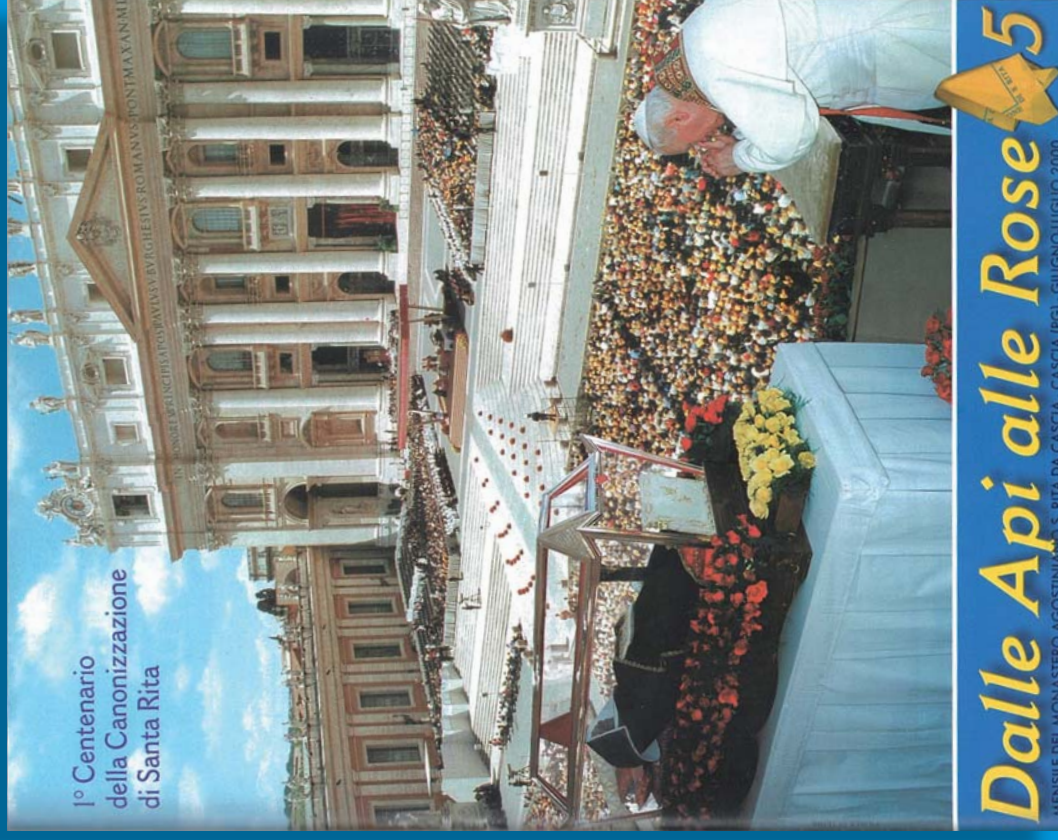
The year 2000, the Holy Year, is also the centenary of the canonisation of Saint Rita. The magazine featured a historical photo: for the first time the Urn with the body of the saint left Cascia and reached the churchyard of Saint Peter's in Rome, where it was welcomed by Pope John Paul II and over 70,000 devotees.



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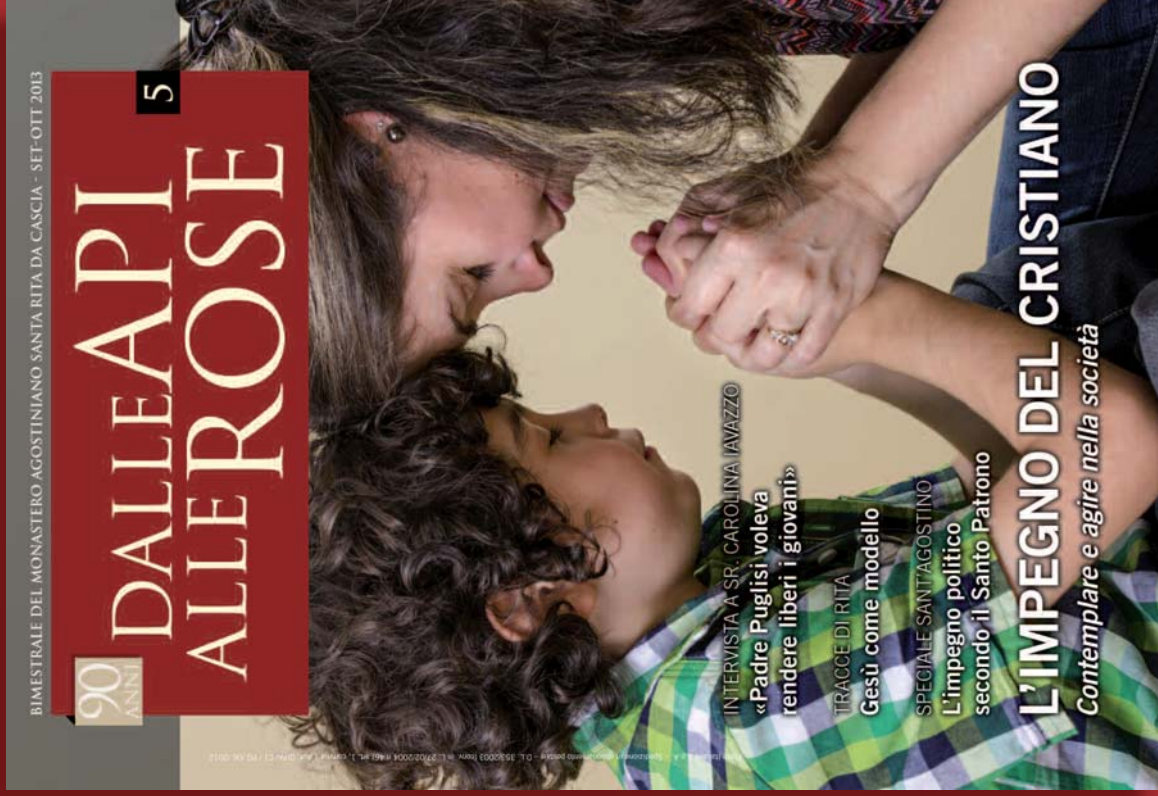


JULY 2023

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

AUGUST 2023

1	T	St. Alphonsus M. de' Liguori
2	W	Bl. John of Rieti OSA
3	T	St. Aspen
4	F	St. John Mary Vianney
5	S	Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
6	S	Transfiguration of Our Lord
7	M	Sts. Sixtus II and Comp.
8	T	St. Dominic of Guzman
9	W	St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
10	T	St. Lawrence
11	F	St. Clare of Assisi
12	S	St. Jane Frances de Chantal
13	S	19 th Ord. Time - Sts. Pontian and Hippolytus
14	M	St. Maximilian Kolbe
15	T	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
16	W	St. Stephen of Hungary
17	T	St. Clare of the Cross of Montefalco OSA
18	F	St. Helena
19	S	St. Ezekiel Moreno OSA
20	S	20 th Ord. Time - St. Bernard
21	M	St. Pius X
22	T	Mary Queen of Heaven
23	W	St. Rose of Lima
24	T	St. Bartholomew Ap.
25	F	St. Louis
26	S	St. Liberatus OSA
27	S	21 st Ord. Time - St. Monica
28	M	ST. AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO
29	T	Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist
30	W	St. Margaret Ward
31	T	St. Aristides



“Let us concretise
our love for Jesus
with work”

Blessed Mother Maria Teresa Fasce

In 2013 the magazine was 90 years old and took on a new design in terms of the graphics and style of its content, resembling that of today. It was updated to get closer to everyone, with a direct and fresh language. Greater attention was paid to social issues, starting from everyday life.



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SEPTEMBER 2023

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

OCTOBER 2023

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



“Good, bad,
willing, unwilling,
you are still my brother”

Saint Augustine

This cover presents the publication of our times, with new colours and the symbol of the Monastery, the rose in a heart. Translated into 5 languages, over 300,000 copies are shipped worldwide. One hundred years after its creation, it continues to travel towards the future, spreading the message of Saint Rita to its family.



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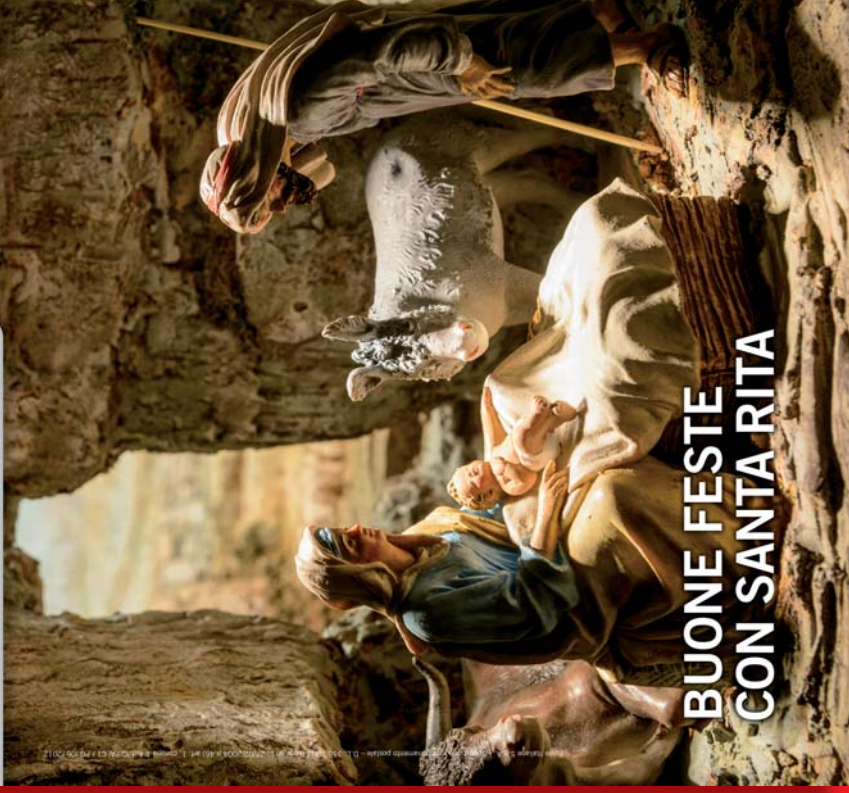


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NOVEMBER 2023

1	W	All Saints
2	T	All Souls
3	F	St. Sylvia
4	S	St. Charles Borromeo
5	S	31 st Ord. Time - Bl. Mariano de la Mata Aparicio OSA
6	M	Comm. of Deceased Religious OSA
7	T	Bl. Gratia of Kotor OSA
8	W	Bl. Avelino Rodriguez OSA
9	T	Dedication of Lateran Basilica
10	F	St. Leo the Great
11	S	St. Martin of Tours
12	S	32 nd Ord. Time - St. Josaphat
13	M	All Saints of the Augustinian Order
14	T	St. Theodotus
15	W	St. Albertus Magnus
16	T	St. Gertrude
17	F	St. Elizabeth of Hungary
18	S	Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul
19	S	33 rd Ord. Time - St. Mechtild of Hackeborn
20	M	S. Octavius
21	T	Presentation of the Bl. V. Mary
22	W	St. Cecilia
23	T	St. Clement I
24	F	St. Andrew Dung-Lac
25	S	St. Catherine of Alexandria
26	S	Solemnity of Christ the King
27	M	Bl. V. Mary of the Miraculous Medal
28	T	St. James of the Marches
29	W	Bl. Frederick of Regensburg OSA
30	T	St. Andrew Ap.

DECEMBER 2023

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

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