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*Best wishes and happy holidays alongside Saint Rita*

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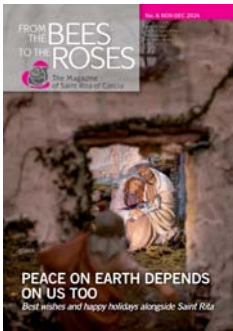
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# Power lies in freedom

**W**hen the Almighty becomes a child at Christmas, in an act of extreme humility, he presents himself as a fragile being, one in need of care and protection, questioning our understanding of strength and power. These latter attributes are often associated with the ability to control, influence or dominate others. On the contrary, true power lies in the ability to inspire, connect, positively influence and create lasting change. This is the road to Peace. And God, as a good Father, reminds us of this with the birth of his Son, who makes us all children, knocking on our doors. His is an invitation to reflect on our way of life. It is about welcoming Jesus by opening up spiritually, questioning our certainties,

prejudices and ways of seeing life. Christmas, then, is not just a celebratory feast, but an occasion to review our relationship with God, others and ourselves. In this context, I think the power of Christians is freedom, a humble key for accepting the Lord's invitation and changing our way of being human. Let us learn from Jesus to be Kings, bearers of Peace on earth, enhancing the freedom he has given us, which is not without limits and entails great responsibilities. It is not autonomy that leads to

individualism, but the ability to come out of ourselves. It is a force that frees us from selfishness, allowing us to live in communion, in a way that transforms us and the world.



*Wishing you a life oriented towards goodness, truth and love, Holy Christmas and Kappy 2025 from the Augustinian Family of Cascia, the Beehive of Saint Rita, the Saint Rita of Cascia Foundation and the editorial staff of From the Bees to the Roses!*

*For 2025, in honour of the Jubilee and the 125th anniversary of the canonisation of Saint Rita, the calendar is dedicated to hope combined with devotion to Rita, according to the "signs of hope": joy, care for life, attention to the young, the elderly and those around us.*





by Rita Gentili

# Giving and sharing to discover true strength



**A**s we are drawing near to Christmas, a day dedicated to our Lord, we asked the young Augustinian Father Michele Falcone, who is committed to teenagers first and foremost, to accompany us as we reflect on the figure of Christ the King. The Solemnity of Christ the King also opens the Advent season, reminding us of the dominion of God in our existence, to manage the powers and responsibilities we are called on to assume in relation to others and the world.

**Father Michele, Christ became a King by putting himself at the service of humanity and not by dominating it: what can we learn from him?**

Becoming a King is a dimension of love, of giving. In order for a person to obey you, you must present yourself, you must give yourself. People obey you not because you are stronger, but because you love them and are willing to give everything for them. It is there that the reaction is triggered, a kind of obedience that is not a question of subjection but rather growth. Christ is not King of the Universe because he is more powerful but because he gave himself. We have often dwelt on this concept with the kids in our camps, because it sometimes hap-

pens that teenagers present themselves to the younger children asking for obedience just because they are older; but that is not how it works.

**And how important is it to be open to the advice of others?**

As a society, we are led to believe that if we are self-sufficient we are complete; moreover, we desire to be infallible, to never err. Now more than in the past, when we make a mistake we find it difficult to accept it and try to shirk the responsibility for it. On the other hand, being able to accept that we can make mistakes and that true strength lies in sharing is not an easy step but, once taken, it becomes a real burst of knowledge, because we find ourselves stronger. And we also experience the love of the people around us to the extent that we share.

**In practical terms, how can we all become “little kings” following the divine example in everyday choices?**

By keeping a very broad, open perspective and by avoiding the logic of judgment when we compare ourselves to others. As humans, we are inclined to do this, because through judgment we put reality in a neat box and simplify it. But our



## THE AUGUSTINIAN ORDER FOCUSES ON YOUNG PEOPLE

For several years now, Father Michele Falcone has been in charge of organising the Augustinian youth meeting, an annual event aimed at encouraging young people and teenagers from different parts of Italy to reflect on topics and values to be internalised, with the commitment to concretely applying them in their daily lives. Since 2016, the year of the earthquake in central Italy, the meeting has taken place in Cascia: “We had gathered a very high number of participants,” he says. “We asked the Nuns if we could do it there and received a very generous response.” The meeting consists of 5 days of debates, reflections, prayers, games and smiles for children aged 12 to 18, who “come out enthusiastic, giving rise to friendships that continue over time and involve entire families. It is an activity that arises spontaneously, a sign that we are working well.”

judgment often leads to underestimating or oversimplifying reality. We are all called on to interact with the freedoms of others and instead of judging we should ask, young people especially. Being a king, according to God's model, means asking why a certain choice was made; urging us not to stop at an error, because it is not what defines the person, but rather to find an alternative solution; to use the freedom we have for a greater good. It is not an easy path because human beings

tend to close up in the face of difficulty, but grace resides in openness. I experienced this when, in a parish, we had problems with kids for whom I was responsible who were dealing drugs. I opposed the proposal to have these kids meet with other teenagers from other parishes, fearing that they might be a bad example. But the priest in charge of the meeting helped me to understand that by preventing the meeting, I was not doing good because I was not showing these kids



that there was an alternative to the life they were living. And he was right. Or imagine a boy who is failing his classes; often his parents punish him by preventing him from going out or even from taking part in trips organised by the parish. Now think how much more useful it would be to encourage that young

man to take responsibility for something else, to dedicate his life to someone else. This is what our Lord did with the cross: he could have acted differently but it was only through that gift that he managed to transmit to us a new way of experiencing freedom, showing us a way to flourish in our contexts.



### 100 LAY AUGUSTINIANS COME TOGETHER FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD

The 5th International Meeting of Augustinian Laity was held in Rome in July, at the General Curia, which saw 100 people from 28 regions of 5 continents join together for a journey of synodality, fraternity and love. Alessandra Paoloni, secular oblate of the Monastery of Saint Rita, was the only Italian woman present. All the participants exchanged experiences and explored Augustinian spirituality, promoted communion, participation and analysed how the mission can be embodied where they work and live out the faith. Father Alejandro Moral Antón, Prior General of the Order, also joined. He spoke of the centrality of knowing how to listen and to create communities by overcoming all forms of egocentricity.



DEAR SAINT RITA

Maurizia Di Curzio, assistant to the listening service of the Monastery of Saint Rita of Cascia, entrusts your Graces to the saint

# “Holiness is not born in Heaven but on earth”

*Dear Saint Rita,*

we have come to the end of this year. We spent it by going through various stories, testimonies and lives. We had the chance to reflect and hope. Through the testimonies of Your devotees we have received

‘teachings’. Now it is up

to us to decide: to arrive at the ‘port’ or to be shipwrecked?

Giovanna made her choice. You brought her home, as she says: to the home of us all, the Church from which she had been absent for decades. She

was able to return to hope and believe, she felt that You walked by her side and, by holding her hand, gave her heart the strength to face a great problem that her twin sister was experiencing. The reality of God seems distant to us at times. We have so many concerns on this shore of life that thinking of the presence of God seems useless to us, a waste of time. For Giovanna, you were the bridge between the earth and the sky. Bridges are fascinating structures

that shorten distances and times with a leap, making the two sides communicate: even if I do not see the side on the other side, I know that it is there. Likewise, even in the hardships of life and the fog of faith, God's shore is not unattainable and does not disappear. The bridge thus becomes a sign of hope. Giovanna wrote to you while she was stuck in a flood in the village where she had gone for her seasonal summer work. Once the roads reopened, her job ended and she went back to her city, but she was happy to have been heard by You; her sister received Your help. Giovanna will now also be a bridge between those who seek God and God himself. This is the difficult task of every Christian, and for this reason He gives us the Holy Spirit, so that we can be living bridges. Holiness is for everyone. Saints are not born, they are made. Holiness is not born up there in heaven, but down here on earth. We assume the role of bridges not only with those close to us, but with anyone we meet. After all, we are on the threshold of the Jubilee Year; we are “Pilgrims of Hope”. Holy Christmas to all of you!



by Mauro Papalini,  
Augustinian historian

MOTHER FASCE:  
"THE BLESSED  
WOMAN OF 1900"

The figure of Mother Fasce is reinterpreted within the historical and social framework of her time

## She left a mark on history until the end

**T**he last years of Mother Fasce's life were very difficult: she was burdened by so many pains, a very heavy cross that she loved to the end, and she imitated He who had carried it and died on it for our love. The cancer that had afflicted her for 25 years became even more dangerous and a third operation was considered, but her exhausted heart would not bear it. She had

the opportunity to put into practice those phrases she used to teach her nuns: "He who does not suffer does not love: the chosen souls must resemble Crucified Jesus." Or: "Our coat of arms is the cross and we are happy to embrace it, especially when it is imprinted on us."

Even then history entered the monastery and her life. During World War II, the monastic community suffered from the scarcity of food, yet she did not give up on keeping the Little Bees, the orphans that she had decided to host among the nuns since 1938, while some people had advised her to send them away. In 1944, during the German occupation, the SS visited the monastery twice, and even caused damage, but the strong Abbess was able to ward them off with gentleness and determination that did not allow any replies. On 2 June 1946, Mother Fasce wanted to take part in the institutional referendum between the monarchy and the republic (the first time women could vote) despite her critical health conditions (she

died on 18 January 1947). The historical significance of that vote was not lost on her: the dignity of women was always one of her concerns. That day was a popular triumph that sealed 40 years of Mother Fasce's religious life, which radically changed the face of Cascia with her initiatives to spread the worship of Saint Rita.





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by Sister M. Lucia  
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TRACES OF RITA

Walking with Saint Rita through the Year of Prayer  
and towards the 2025 Jubilee

# The whole life of a Christian is a holy desire

**I**n this last stage dedicated to prayer, we want to start with a question: Rita, our Sister, what supported you throughout your strife? In short: what is the core of your whole story?

Perhaps Rita would answer us like this: “On the one hand there were my expectations, the values in which I believed: family, harmony, peace, faith, consecration

to Christ. On the other, coming into contact with my limits: desolation, loneliness, misunderstanding, the fatigue of starting over after each period of mourning. But underneath all this, I sensed that a constant desire was taking shape, like the flow of a freshwater karst stream. I gave it different names, depending on my age: as a child it was the love of my parents; as a youth, the desire for a good family. As a widow, the desire for everything I had lived through and which was no longer to make sense. As a nun, the desire for a full configuration to humble Jesus. Little by little I learned to gather them all together in one desire: communion with God, his friendship. Eternity is this friendship foreshadowed as familiar from down here. I recognise myself so much in a statement by Saint Augustine: ‘The whole life of a good Christian is a holy desire’ (1 Jn 4:6). If you want to pray, you only have to make room for this desire: cultivate it, as you would a delicate flower. For your part, try to make room for it inside you by removing everything that can prevent it. It will lead you to enjoy the beauty of the Lord to the full.”







by Mother Maria Rosa Bernardinis OSA

Reflections and advice from the Prioress of the Monastery of Saint Rita of Cascia, on the joys and difficulties of being a family

# In the face of crisis, we need sincere mutual dialogue



**I**n the Bible, God's relationship with his people is often presented as a marriage, a covenant of alliance broken by human infidelity but always re-presented by God, who does not break his promises.

"God is love. Those who remain

in love remain in God and God remains in them." It is the highest definition of God in the Sacred Scripture (1 Jn 4:15 b-16): "Whoever loves has been born of God and knows God... In this way the love of God was revealed to us:

God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him.” Thus, the union of humanity with divinity takes place in the new and eternal covenant, made by the Word of the Father who became flesh. He is the Bridegroom who attracts his Bride, namely the Church. This mystery is great! Do those who marry have the awareness of being a visible sacrament of an invisible reality? God, who is faithful, assists and gives his grace so that those who marry grow in mutual love that increases every day. The couple's relationship must be transformed over time from eros into agape; to come out of oneself to become a gift for the other; to grow and build in communion. Do not look for what is missing in the other but, filled with divine love that heals wounds, give to the other that which is missing. We can do this because Jesus gave us his Spirit.

God's plan for human couples was one of companionship and

mutual usefulness. Harmony reigned in it, because everything was oriented and considered in the light of God; it was an ordered love. Our ancestors' sin of rebellion broke this balance between God and the two members of the couple, bringing mistrust, envy, jealousy and resentment to wounded humanity, placing the blame for the frustrations suffered on the other. When a crisis arises in a relationship (which in itself is not bad because it forces us to take a position), it must be recognised and a sincere mutual dialogue is needed to find the causes and solutions together, including with the help of experts if necessary. It is important to pray together, in addition to finding personal moments with the Lord. “Charity believes everything, hopes for everything, endures everything”. It feeds on humility, patience, magnanimity and meekness. “Give me a heart that loves and it will understand what I say.”

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Letter to the Ephesians (2, 13 and 19): *“In Jesus Christ you who were distant have become neighbours... consequently, you are no longer strangers or foreigners, but fellow citizens with God's saints and family members.”*

The Christian conscience soon matured to find that faith removes the label marking those similar to us as foreigners: we are all “fellow citizens” because we are all relations to God. In the era of multiculturalism and interculturalism, we Christians – pilgrim builders of the City of God, as Augustine says – are called on to raise up the culture of citizenship, avoiding calling others “immigrants, illegal immigrants, non-EU citizens”: they are our siblings. Our home is their home, beyond the practical problems we face. It is a question of a culture generated by faith in Christ.

### THE PILGRIM'S BOX: TOWARDS THE 2025 JUBILEE

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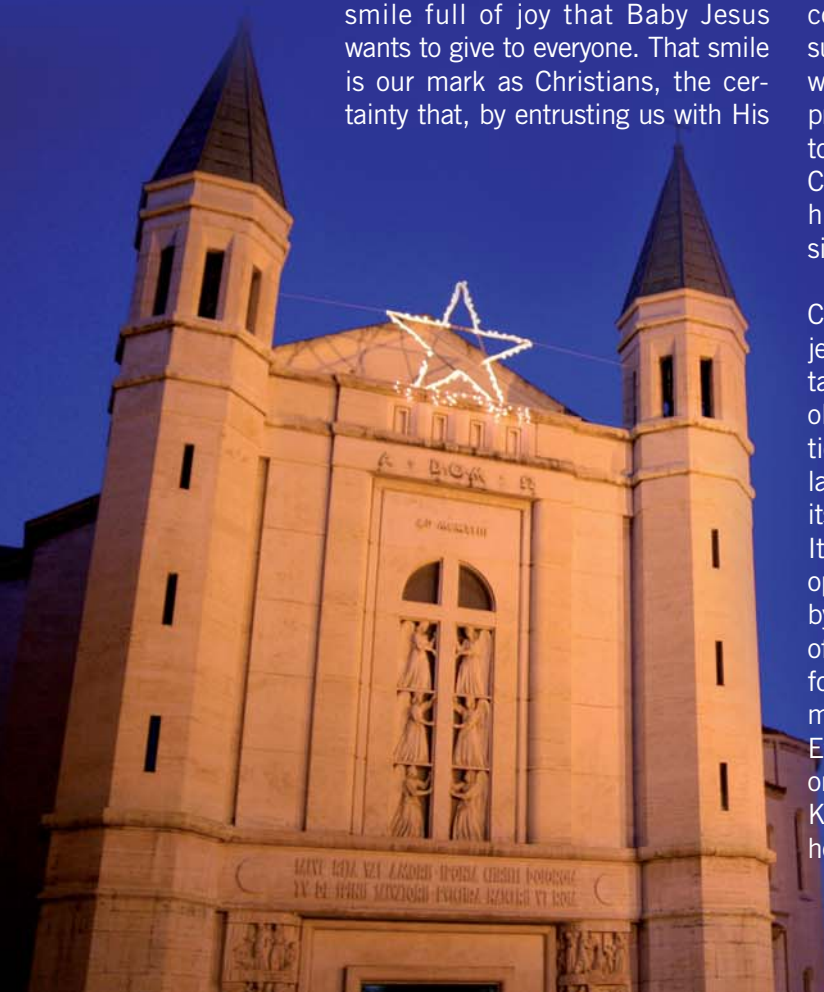
# Merry Christmas of King Jesus!

**W**ith the aim of sanctifying the world, the Son of God became flesh, a poor child lying on straw, born in the precariousness of a place reserved for animals, a manger, representing a point of no return for history, an extraordinary event. From that moment on, all men and peoples are called to measure up to Him, to strive to follow Him or tragically to deny Him.

Nothing and no one can steal the smile full of joy that Baby Jesus wants to give to everyone. That smile is our mark as Christians, the certainty that, by entrusting us with His

Beloved Son, God is not yet tired of us but rather through Him he looks at us, he is moved, he loves us... This year the Lord's Christmas is both like a trumpet that sounds and awakens us from fatigue and confusion, and like a Presence that upsets our human plans by opening them up to the Mystery of infinity and eternity, and the true Greatness and Richness to be experienced, something to be excited and boasted about. In the presence of God who comes into the world, we are then surprised when we ask ourselves "to whom do I want to belong?" To the procession of the Messianic King or to the chaotic crowds of evil? In this Christmas season, the Lord, king of history, gives us a taste of the irresistible attraction towards Him.

"What does it mean that Jesus Christ is King and Lord? It means rejecting the idols of power, the temptations of money, the charm of ideologies. It means going against the tide in a world that sometimes populates itself with new gods and forces itself to prostitute itself before them. It means questioning the logic of the oppression and enslavement of man by man. It means preventing criteria of efficiency from being the yardstick for measuring siblings." It is Christmas and He is the Most Simple and Eternal Present, the Only Necessary one, the Prince of Peace, the King of Kings. Holy wishes full of peace, hope and love!





# Serving and loving were Sister Antonia's strengths

**O**n the day dedicated to the Lord, the first Sunday of September, Sister Antonia left us for Heaven. Her vocation was an adult one, a bit like the last-minute workers that the master calls to work in his vineyard at 5 in the afternoon... However, she dedicated her entire life to prayer and service. She had been in the monastery's infirmary for years due to various illnesses. When the doctor began to sense the limits of age taking away her ability to work, her days were filled with continuous prayer. Her hands, together with her lips and her heart, never left the Rosary. She prayed so much for her community and for everyone! On her lips was the name of the Lord... "the source of the constitution of the whole, the light of the truth that we are called to reach and the source of happiness that we are called to drink" (St. Augustine, The City of God, 8, 10, 2).

Serving and loving Jesus, the God of the spousal covenant made of exclusivity and dedication between the Bridegroom and his bride, serving and caring for her sisters: this was true strength for her.

She lived like the wise virgins, never lacking oil for her lamp, with many sacri-



fices made with love, serenity and happiness, never thinking of herself but of the good of others. Hers was a journey of faith and vigilance illuminated by the light of Christ, sustained every day by the sacredness of the Word, nourished by the Bread of immortal life, made tireless by the strength of hands joined in prayer, the true breath of Beauty. We thank the Lord for you, dear sister; with you we want to continue to fight the good fight and be "more than conquerors by virtue of the One who loves us, Christ Jesus, our Lord", the Master who captures the most hidden sighs of our hearts. *Deo gratias!*

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# JANUARY 2025

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	2 <sup>nd</sup> of Christmas - Bl. Pietro Bonilli
6	M	Epiphany of Our Lord
7	T	St. Raymond of Penyafort
8	W	Bl. Ugolino OSA
9	T	St. Adrian
10	F	St. Gregory of Nyssa
11	S	St. Hyginus
12	S	Baptism of Our Lord
13	M	Bl. Veronica of Binasco OSA
14	T	St. Felix of Nola
15	W	St. Maurus Ab.
16	T	Comm. of Deceased Relatives of Religious OSA
17	F	St. Anthony Ab.
18	S	Bl. Christine of L'Aquila OSA
19	S	2 <sup>nd</sup> Ord. Time - Sts. Marius and Martha
20	M	Sts. Fabian and Sebastian
21	T	St. Agnes
22	W	St. Vincent
23	T	Bl. Josephine M. of Beniganim OSA
24	F	St. Francis de Sales
25	S	Conversion of Paul the Apostle
26	S	3 <sup>rd</sup> Ord. Time - 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 2025

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

“May the elderly become teachers of tenderness. May their experience and wisdom help young people to look to the future with hope and responsibility”  
Pope Francis



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# MARCH 2025

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

# APRIL 2025

1	T	St. Hugh
2	W	St. Francis of Paola
3	T	9 <sup>th</sup> Thursday of St. Rita - St. Luigi Scrosoppi
4	F	St. Isidore Bishop
5	S	Bl. Mariano de la Mata Aparicio OSA
6	S	5 <sup>th</sup> of Lent - Bl. Caterina Moriggi
7	M	St. John Baptist de La Salle
8	T	St. Julia Billiart
9	W	St. Demetrius
10	T	10 <sup>th</sup> Thursday of St. Rita - St. Palladius
11	F	St. Stanislaus
12	S	St. Julius I
13	S	Palm Sunday
14	M	St. Lambert
15	T	11 <sup>th</sup> Thursday of St. Rita - St. Maron
16	W	Saint Bernadette Soubirous
17	T	Maundy Thursday
18	F	Good Friday
19	S	Holy Saturday
20	S	Easter Sunday
21	M	Easter Monday
22	T	St. Leonidas
23	W	St. George
24	T	12 <sup>th</sup> Thursday of St. Rita - Conversion of St. Augustine
25	F	St. Mark Ev.
26	S	Our Lady of Good Counsel
27	S	2 <sup>nd</sup> of Easter - St. Zita of Lucca
28	M	St. Louis de Montfort
29	T	St. Catherine of Siena
30	W	St. Pius V

“Ours is not a  
joy born of  
having many  
possessions,  
but from  
having  
encountered  
Jesus, who is  
in our midst”  
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# MAY 2025

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

“Looking to the future with hope also entails having enthusiasm for life and a readiness to share it”  
Pope Francis

1	S	Ascension of Our Lord
2	M	Sts. Marcellinus and Peter
3	T	Sts. Charles Lwanga and Comp.
4	W	St. Francis Caracciolo
5	T	Bl. James of Viterbo OSA
6	F	St. Norbert
7	S	St. Robert
8	S	Pentecost
9	M	Mary, Mother of the Church
10	T	Bl. Edward Poppe
11	W	Bl. Gregory C. OSA
12	T	St. John OSA
13	F	St. Anthony of Padua
14	S	St. Elisha
15	S	Trinity Sunday
16	M	St. Aurelianus
17	T	St. Rainerius
18	W	St. Calogerus
19	T	St. Romuald
20	F	Bl. Philip of Piacenza OSA
21	S	St. Aloysius Gonzaga
22	S	Corpus Christi
23	M	St. Joseph Cafasso
24	T	Nativity of St. John the Baptist
25	W	St. Prosper
26	T	Sts. John and Paul
27	F	Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
28	S	Immaculate Heart of Mary
29	S	Sts. Peter and Paul Ap.
30	M	Sts. First Martyrs of the Church of Rome

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# JULY 2025

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

# AUGUST 2025

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

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# SEPTEMBER 2025

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

# OCTOBER 2025

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

“The family is born from this plan of love, it wants to grow just as a home is built, as a place of affection, of help, of hope, of support”  
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# NOVEMBER 2025

1	S	All Saints
2	S	All Souls' Day
3	M	St. Sylvia
4	T	St. Charles Borromeo
5	W	St. Dominus
6	T	Comm. of Deceased Religious OSA
7	F	Bl. Gratia of Kotor OSA
8	S	Bl. Avelino Rodriguez OSA
9	S	Dedication of Lateran Basilica
10	M	St. Leo the Great
11	T	St. Martin of Tours
12	W	St. Josaphat
13	T	All Saints of the Augustinian Order
14	F	St. Theodotus
15	S	St. Albertus Magnus
16	S	33 <sup>rd</sup> Ord. Time - St. Gertrude
17	M	St. Elizabeth of Hungary
18	T	Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul
19	W	St. Mechtilde of Hackeborn
20	T	S. Octavius
21	F	Presentation of the Bl. V. Mary
22	S	St. Cecilia
23	S	Solemnity of Christ the King
24	M	St. Andrew Dung-Lac
25	T	St. Catherine of Alexandria
26	W	St. Conrad
27	T	Bl. V. Mary of the Miraculous Medal
28	F	St. James of the Marches
29	S	Bl. Frederick of Regensburg OSA
30	S	1 <sup>st</sup> of Advent - St. Andrew Ap.

# DECEMBER 2025

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

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are also  
needed by  
those who are  
the very  
embodiment of  
hope, namely,  
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