

RELIGIOUS CALENDAR

MARCH 2026

Embracing the Calls of the 23rd General Chapter



"Accompany young people in their experience of faith and in the discernment of their vocation. Encourage them to become both prophets and instruments of evangelization to their own generation."
(WHEREVER YOU GO - RULE OF LIFE. 2019)

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Papal Intentions:

For disarmament and peace.

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

1 SUNDAY SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Marist Anniversary:

(1943) Death of Ven. Bro. Alfano Vaser

(1954) First Foundation in Angola.

Intention:

For all Marist Brothers who, like Bro. Alfano, have worked in initial formation. For a safe return home for all those who attended the Marist Youth Encounter in Esopus, NY, this weekend.

Reflection: Wherever You Go (2019)

With Mary, sing of God's greatness (cf Lk 1:39); never cease giving thanks for what the Almighty is doing in and through you and others.

2 MONDAY Lenten Weekday

Birthday:

Bro. Richard Carey

Bro. Robert Dittus

Stacey Baker, (USA Director of Marist Ministries, Marist of Champagnat)

Intention:

For all those participating in Keepers of the Charism today at Saint Joseph Academy, and for their school board which meets tonight.

Reflection: Wherever You Go (2019)

Be attentive to the movements of the Spirit, and open to the needs of our world, listen with your heart to the call to go out continually as a Brother on mission.

3 TUESDAY Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin

Anniversary:

Bro. Etienne Regis (1960)

American Anniversary:

(1911) A letter was issued by the General Council announcing the creation of the United States Province.

Marist Anniversary:

(1911) Departure of the first Brothers for Sri Lanka.

Intention:

For Black and Native American Catholics in the USA and the ministries that serve them.

Reflection: Wherever You Go (2019)

With boldness and creativity, look for new ways to respond to the emerging needs of today's world. With your Brothers and other Marists, prepare to go to those places where your presence is needed the most.



4 WEDNESDAY Saint Casimir

Anniversary:

Bro. Joseph Floribert (1916)

Bro. Maurus James (1986)

Bro. Dominic O'Brien (2024)

Intention:

That throughout Lent we may encounter God in our practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Reflection: Wherever You Go (2019)

Along with your Brothers and other Marists, strive everywhere to be a mediator of the Good News of Jesus Christ and an agent of transformation.



5 THURSDAY Lenten Weekday

Anniversary:

Bro. Elie Justin (1953)

Intention:

For the members of the Province Team meeting in West Palm Beach, FL, today and tomorrow.

Reflection: Wherever You Go (2019)

Wherever you find yourself living, respect and be sensitive to the customs, values and beliefs of local people. At the same time, be aware of and thankful for the ways in which God is already present in their life and traditions. Work to purify your own culture and to help others to see how they might do the same with theirs.

6 FRIDAY Lenten Weekday

Anniversary:

Bro. James Carroll (1973)

Intention:

That we may be moved to ever greater solidarity with the poor and suffering.

Reflection: Pope Francis, Laudato Si: On care for our common home

We can once more broaden our vision. We have the freedom needed to limit and direct technology; we can put it at the service of another type of progress, one which is healthier, more human, more social, more integral.

7 SATURDAY Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

Birthday:

Bro. Donnell Neary

Anniversary:

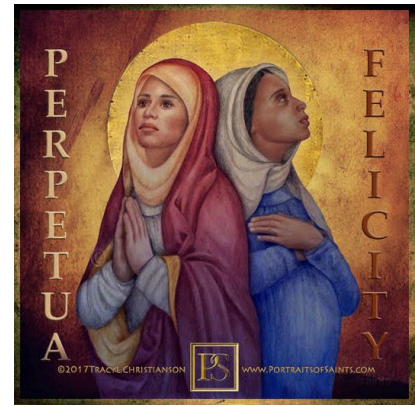
Bro. Titien (1958)

Bro. Owen Cuthbert (1989)

Marist Anniversary:

(1926) Death at Grugliasco, Italy of Rev. Bro. Stratonique, AG

(1885-1907), 5th Superior General (1907-1920).



Intention:

For the presidents, principals, religion chairs, and campus ministers of all of our USA Marist schools, who are traveling to West Palm Beach for Sharing Our Mission this weekend.

Reflection: Wherever You Go (2019)

Mission has more to do with the way in which you live rather than with anything that you might do. As you grow in this area, your whole life becomes “mission”; not just what you do as a task.

8 SUNDAY THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Anniversary:

Bro. John Philibert (1958)

Bro. Michael Ray (1985)

Marist Anniversary:

(1891) Departure of our first Brothers for China.

Intention:

For gender equality in our society and workplaces.

Reflection: Wherever You Go (2019)

Following the example of Father Champagnat, put all your trust in Jesus: “If the Lord does not build the house...” (Ps 127). Entrust to him all the joys, hopes, anxieties and doubts that are so much a part of your mission. Have confidence in Mary also; as our Good Mother, “She has done everything for us” (RC VI,1 y 6; cf Cn I,7).

9 MONDAY Saint Frances of Rome, Religious

Birthday:

Bro. Francis Kelly

Anniversary:

Bro. Ignatius (1916)

Marist Anniversary:

(1957) On this date in 1957, the Marist Brothers began their ministry in Bolivia.

Intention:

For all Marists of Champagnat ministering at Marist University in Poughkeepsie, and for those involved with youth and young adult ministry at St. Frances of Rome parish in the Bronx.

Reflection: Wherever You Go (2019)

Brother, recall that Laurent, Stanislas, François, Sylvestre, and the other members of the first Marist community, held close to their hearts the memory of Marcellin as a father who cared for them like a mother. He worked hard, sparing no effort, in his priestly ministry and in accompanying his brothers and communities.

10 TUESDAY Lenten Weekday

Birthday:

Bro. Edmund Sheehan

Anniversary:

Bro. Paul Gaspard (1950)

Bro. Tarcisius (1983)

Bro. Philip Bernard Gilbert (1997)

Bro. Nicholas Caffrey (2016)

Marist Anniversary:

(1983) Departure of our first Brothers for Ghana.

Intention:

For our Marist ministries and communities in the Province of West Africa.

Reflection: Wherever You Go (2019)

The Founder rolled up his sleeves, hitched up his soutane and with determination cut the stone needed to build the Hermitage. He was a tender leader who was straightforward, firm, and equitable. Important decisions were entrusted to God; Marcellin prayed and reflected as he sought to know God's will and to apply it to his present situation. He always acted in collaboration with his brothers.

11 WEDNESDAY Lenten Weekday

Anniversary:

Bro. John Michael (1963)

Bro. James Redunski (2005)

Marist Anniversary:

(1836) The decree of approval for the priests of the Society of Mary was granted by Rome.

(1891) First Marist foundation in Algeria. After the martyrdom of Brother Henri Vergès on May 8, 1994, a community returned to this country in 2012.

(2001) Beatification of Francesc Castelló Aleu, a former student of the Marist Brothers and was martyred in the Spanish Civil War.

Intention:

For alumni of all our Marist schools and ministries who continue to live a life of faith.

Reflection: Wherever You Go (2019)

Go out to meet children and young people where you find them. Draw close to them, taking an interest in their lives and welcoming them into yours. Journey with them in their struggles, their searching, their suffering.

12 THURSDAY Lenten Weekday

Marist Anniversary:

(1808) Birth of Ven. Bro. Francois, first Superior General, in Les Maisonnettes, a hamlet near Lavalla.

Intention:

For Br. Peter and all of our former Superior Generals, living and deceased.

Reflection: Pope Francis, Laudato Si: On care for our common home

Saint Therese of Lisieux invites us to practise the little way of love, not to miss out on a kind word, a smile or any small gesture which sows peace and friendship. An integral ecology is also made up of simple daily gestures which break with the logic of violence, exploitation and selfishness.

13 FRIDAY Lenten Weekday

Birthday:

Br. David Freiler

Anniversary:

Election of Pope Francis I to the Chair of Saint Peter (2013)

Intention:

For all of our temporary professed Brothers throughout the Institute.

Reflection: Wherever You Go (2019)

A love of work is one of the distinguishing characteristics of our Marist way of life and our approach to education. Its fruits are a gift from God: the harmonisation of ministry, prayer, and community. Beware of an activism that casts aside gospel values in favour of a self-seeking success.

14 SATURDAY Lenten Weekday

Anniversary:

Bro. James Bernard Elliot (1981)

Intention:

For our Brothers and Lay Marists throughout Canada.

Reflection: Wherever You Go (2019)

In both community and mission, strive to be attentive to the Spirit. Share the gifts that God has given you by bringing your competence and creativity to your life with your Brothers and your daily ministry.

15 SUNDAY FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Anniversary:

Bro. Andrew Bernard (1967)

Intention:

That our Lenten celebration will lead us to greater conversion of heart.

Reflection: Wherever You Go (2019)

Acknowledge the responsibilities that have been given to those who exercise leadership; in a spirit of communion, cooperate with them as they work to guide you in your life and mission. In a spirit of faith, accept their mediation as you search for God's will.

16 MONDAY Lenten Weekday

Anniversary:

Bro. Francis Isidore (1918)

Bro. Regis Aime (1957), Assistant General (1948-1953)

Br. William Gleason (1995)

Marist Anniversary:

(1990) The Congregation for the Causes of the Saints recognized the validity of the Diocese of Burgos' process relative to Bro. Bernardo who was murdered on October 6th, 1934 in Barruelo.

Intention:

For all those gathered in Guatemala for the Arco Norte Assembly this week.

Reflection: Wherever You Go (2019)

Brother, regardless of your age or ministry within the Institute, make of your life and the work that you do a prophetic sign of God's Reign.

17 TUESDAY Saint Patrick, Bishop

Anniversary:

Bro. John William Reul (1966)

Bro. Mary Andrew Gregoire (1983)

Marist Anniversary:

(1984) Death of Rev. Bro. Charles Raphael, 8th Superior General

(1958- 1967) at Mont-Saint-Guibert, Belgium.

Intention:

For the Catholic Church in Ireland and for all those celebrating their Irish heritage today.

Reflection: From Saint Patrick's Breastplate

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me.



18 WEDNESDAY Saint Cyril of Jerusalem,
Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Birthday:

Bro. John Malich

Bro. Robert McCauley

Anniversary:

Bro. Edward Wilfrid (1954)

Bro. William Vessels (1982)

Bro. Joseph Di Benedetto (2006)

Intention:

For Matt Fallon and all those serving in Marist Youth Ministry throughout our Institute. For the school board of Christopher Columbus High School In Miami, FL, which meets tonight.

Reflection: Wherever You Go (2019)

Accompanying young people in Marist Youth Ministry or in the life of the local Church gives you an opportunity to be an exceptional witness of the action of the Spirit in each new generation. In this work, imitate the example of Marcellin: be an exceptional witness to the action of the Spirit among a new generation.



19 THURSDAY SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Solemnity)

Anniversary:

Bro. Simeon Ernest Brien (1979)

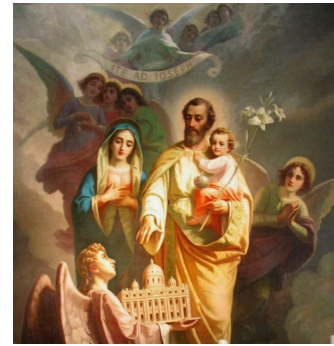
Bro. Anthony Ciccolella (1994)

Intention:

For the school board of Archbishop Molloy High School In Briarwood, NY, which meets tonight.

Reflection: On St. Joseph from Sister Sandra Straub, CSJ,

“Joseph, a lover of God and neighbor, always went towards the good, the true, the holy and beautiful. His dreams, coming from God, gave Joseph clarity and vision to carry out God’s plan and direct his actions, unveiling God’s deep and ever-present love.”



20 FRIDAY Lenten Weekday

Birthday:

Bro. John Healy

Anniversary:

Bro. Victor Aime (1956)

Marist Anniversary:

(1873) On this date in 1873, four Marist Brothers left France to work with the Marist Fathers in the missions of New Caledonia.

Intention:

For all those participating In the Marist Youth Mission Conference this weekend.

Reflection: Pope Francis, Laudato Si: On care for our common home

We must regain the conviction that we need one another, that we have a shared responsibility for others and the world, and that being good and decent are worth it. We have had enough of immorality and the mockery of ethics, goodness, faith and honesty. It is time to acknowledge that light-hearted superficiality has done us no good. When the foundations of social life are corroded, what ensues are battles over conflicting interests, new forms of violence and brutality, and obstacles to the growth of a genuine culture of care for the environment.

21 SATURDAY Lenten Weekday

Intention:

For migrant families seeking a better future.

Reflection: Wherever You Go (2019)

Cultivate a positive outlook while also remaining open to offering a challenge when necessary. Educate yourself about their world with its emerging trends, demonstrating both empathy and a critical eye.

**22 SUNDAY FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
WORLD WATER DAY**

Anniversary:

Bro. Louis Patrice (1949)

Intention:

For the work of BLUE Missions Group, founded by Columbus graduate Danny Rodriguez, to bring clean water and sanitation to those in need.

Reflection: Wherever You Go (2019)

Accompany young people in their personal and communal experiences of faith and encourage them to become both prophets and instruments of evangelization to their own generation.



23 MONDAY Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

Intention:

For the bishops and other religious leaders of the dioceses in which USA Marists serve.

Reflection: Wherever You Go (2019)

When you are asked to take up the service of leadership, follow the example of Christ by serving your Brothers with simplicity. Be the first in obedience and invite your Brothers to build a fraternal community that seeks and loves the Lord in the manner of Mary.



24 TUESDAY Lenten Weekday

Anniversary:

Bro. Remi Riffard (Joseph Eudoxe) (1978)

Intention:

For Br. Dan and his intentions.

Reflection: Wherever You Go (2019)

Be alert to the movement of the Spirit in yourself and in your brothers. Listen to them, encourage them, and discern with each of them how they can respond faithfully to what the Lord is asking of them.

25 WEDNESDAY FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION

Intention:

For greater openness to God's invitations in our lives.

Reflection: Water from the Rock (2007)

Mary inspired Marcellin's style of being on mission. She received the Holy Spirit at the Annunciation and responded immediately to Elizabeth's need. In so doing, she shows us that contemplation and action are both indispensable elements of spirituality. Mary's way lays the foundation of all our actions: listening, patient waiting, nurturing interiority and responsiveness to God's will.



26 THURSDAY Lenten Weekday

Anniversary:

Bro. Bernard Ruth (2007)

Intention:

For all congregations of Religious Brothers in the Church with who we share so much in common.

Reflection: Wherever You Go (2019)

Encourage your brothers to put together a Community Plan that fosters a charismatic vitality. Be an example of the possibility of conversion rather than of perfection.

27 FRIDAY Lenten Weekday

Birthday:

Bro. Kevin Brogan

Marist Anniversary:

(1822) Brother Jean-Baptiste Furet and seven other postulants entered the novitiate of LaValla.

(1924) On this date in 1924, the body of Venerable Brother François was exhumed and identified at Notre Dame de l'Hermitage in France.

Intention:

For all Brothers and Lay Marists in the USA serving as school counselors.

Reflection: Pope Francis, Laudato Si: On care for our common home

“Today, however, we have to realize that a true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.”

28 SATURDAY Lenten Weekday

Intention:

For Erin Gilbert and all whose works support Province communications.

Reflection: Wherever You Go (2019)

Living community requires you to engage in a common discernment in your search for God, to share in the gifts of the Spirit and the material goods of the community, and to love others without exclusion or exclusiveness. Born out of the experience of God’s love, and welcomed with inner freedom, our Marist brotherhood is the fruit of our trust in God. It thrives despite the limitations of its members.

29 SUNDAY PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Anniversary:

Bro. John Cherry (2005)

Marist Anniversary:

(1825) The first Marist Brother to die in the Institute, Bro. Jean-Pierre, died at Boulieu, France. So much did the pupils love him that, when one of them died on the same day as Brother Jean-Pierre, the child's parents

begged earnestly that their son be buried in the same grave as his esteemed master.

(1954) Beginning of our Marist work in Zambia.



Intention:

For all Brothers who have come to the USA from other countries for their studies over the years.

Reflection: Wherever You Go (2019)

When you are asked to take up the service of leadership in a work or ministry within or outside of the Institute, promote those Marist characteristics and values that are a true expression of our charism.

30 MONDAY Monday of Holy Week

Marist Anniversary:

(1817) Jean-Marie Granjon and Jean Baptiste Audras received the habit of the Marist Brothers and received the names Brother Jean-Maris and Brother Louis, respectively.

(1817) Marcellin Champagnat decided that his congregation was to be placed under the protection of Mary and that its members would be called Little Brothers of Mary.

Intention:

For our postulants and novices throughout the Institute.

Reflection: Wherever You Go (2019)

Create an environment that promotes trust and collaboration. Give preference to those who are often overlooked; pay special attention to young people and participate actively in developing their leadership skills.

31 TUESDAY

Tuesday of Holy Week

Anniversary:

Bro. Leonard Alphonse Voegtle (2001), Provincial of Esopus (1968-1974), General Councilor (1976-1982), and Procurator General
Bro. Thomas Coyne (2015)

Marist Anniversary:

(1842) Union of the Brothers of St Paul-Trois-Chateaux with the Institute.

Intention:

For the school board of Mount Saint Michael Academy in the Bronx, NY, which meets tonight.

Reflection: Wherever You Go (2019)

Manage all the goods entrusted to your care with human sensitivity and professional skill, without losing sight of religious and apostolic priorities. Help your Brothers and all who share in our Marist life and mission to feel as though they are members of a family.