

RELIGIOUS CALENDAR

February 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)

FEBRUARY 2026

Papal Intentions:

For children with incurable diseases.

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

1 SUNDAY **FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Birthday:

Bro. Patrick McNamara

Marist Anniversary:

(1856) First foundation in Belgium

Intention:

For all who work in and attend Catholic schools throughout the USA.

Reflection: Thích Nhất Hạnh, *Spiritual Ecology: The Cry of the Earth*

"The world is not a problem to be solved; it is a living being to which we belong. The world is part of our own self and we are a part of its suffering wholeness. Until we go to the root of our image of separateness, there can be no healing. And the deepest part of our separateness from creation lies in our forgetfulness of its sacred nature, which is also our own sacred nature."

2 MONDAY **THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (Feast)** **WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE**

Birthday:

Bro. Donald Bisson

Anniversary:

Bro. Patrick Francis Tyrrell (2001)

Bro. Luke Reddington (2018)

Marist Anniversary:

(1822) Brother Stanislaus joined the Brothers. The Novitiate was empty at that time

(1934) First Brothers arrived in Uruguay

Intention:

For our new novices who celebrate their investiture today: Abi Santiago and Thomas Sulaimanee of our USA Province and Björn Lie and Nikolaos Rousopoulos of the Hermitage Province. We pray in thanksgiving for their witness and the witness of all consecrated men and women. As we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord, may we, like Mary and Joseph, offer ourselves fully to God's will with faith and joy.

Reflection: Wherever You Go (2019)

Keep in mind that the risen Lord sends you through your community; as you go about your apostolic tasks, look for ways to witness to the communal nature of your life.



**3 TUESDAY Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr
Saint Ansgar, Bishop and Missionary**



Anniversary:

Bro. Joseph Nathaniel (1966)

Bro. Abelus (1970)

Bro. Victor Ralph Labrie (1998)

Bro. Kenneth Curtin (2013)

Marist Anniversary:

(1874) Death of Bro. Marie Nizier Delorme, who at age 19, was the first Brother selected by Fr. Champagnat for the missions of Oceania in 1836. He was a companion of St. Peter Chanel at Futuna.

(1914) First foundation in Germany.

Intention:

For courage in faith and generosity in service, that the steadfast witness of Saint Blaise may inspire us to trust in God's healing love, and the missionary zeal of Saint Ansgar move us to bring the Gospel to all through our words and actions.

Reflection: *Wherever You Go (2019)*

Put aside your worries, problems, doubts and simply look at the world around you, both near and far. Take note of the needs of so many as well as the suffering they experience.

4 WEDNESDAY *Fourth Week in Ordinary Time*

Marist Anniversary:

(1911) First foundation in Chile

Anniversary:

Bro. Denis Damian (1989)

Intention:

For all of our Brothers and Lay Marists in Canada.

Reflection: Call to Vocation – Builders of a Culture of Vocations (*from the 5 Calls of the XXIII General Chapter 2025*)

God calls us today to the Marist VOCATION and invites us to live it with passion, as true lovers of life and mission. By giving ourselves wholeheartedly, we become living witnesses of the Gospel, inspiring and accompanying others to discover and embrace their own Marist vocation.

5 THURSDAY Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr (Memorial)

Marist Anniversary:

(1872) Death of Bro. John-Baptiste at Saint-Genis-Laval; he was the author of the Life of Father Champagnat.

Intention:

For strength and perseverance in living our faith with integrity and love, that the courage and purity of Saint Agatha may inspire us to trust in God's presence amid all trials and to remain faithful to the Gospel. For the members of Marist of Champagnat Cohort 6 participating in their first webinar tonight.

Reflection: *Wherever You Go (2019)*

Linger briefly with poor children and young people and begin to look at the world through their eyes. Doing so, will draw you closer to what God sees and loves. Nothing but that love can transform our world.



6 FRIDAY Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs (Memorial)

Intention:

For Bro. Joe Yoshida and the inheritors of our Marist legacy at Marist Brothers International School in Kobe and Kumamoto Marist High School. May the courage and joy of Saint Paul Miki and his companions inspire us to live as true witnesses of the Gospel, united in faith and love.



Reflection: *Wherever You Go (2019)*

Brother, together with your fellow Marists, let yourself be inspired by the icon of Mary's visit to her cousin Elizabeth (cf Lk 1:39-56). This event will help you to appreciate Mary as a disciple: our sister in the mission.

7 SATURDAY

Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Birthday:

Bro. John Herrmann

Anniversary:

Bro. Emile Nestor (1949)

Bro. Kieran Martin (1955)

Marist Anniversary:

(1746) Marie Thérèse Chirat, the mother of Saint Marcellin, was born.

Intention:

For our parents and parent-figures, living and dead.

Reflection: *Wherever You Go (2019)*

Be concerned with the needs of others rather than your own, and go in haste to share the Good News, always seeking out those who are dispossessed and marginalised and inviting them to take their place at the banquet in the Reign of God (cf Lk 1:53).

8 SUNDAY

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Anniversary:

Bro. James Gaffney (2012)

Bro. Ernest Beland (2022)

Marist Anniversary:

(1851) Brother Lawrence, the third Brother to join the Institute and a catechist at le Bessat, died at the Hermitage.

Intention:

For the Pope and all leaders within the Catholic Church.

Reflection: *Llewellyn Vaughan-Lee, Spiritual Ecology: The Cry of the Earth*

“Our separation from the natural world may have given us the fruits of technology and science, but it has left us bereft of any instinctual connection to the spiritual dimension of life—the connection between our soul and the soul of the world, the knowing that we are all part of one living, spiritual being.”

9 MONDAY *Fifth Week in Ordinary Time*

Anniversary:

Bro. Simeon Gerald (2005)

Bro. Francis Thomas (2017)

Intention:

For our Brothers and all Marists of Champagnat suffering health difficulties.

Reflection: *Wherever You Go (2019)*

Inspired by Marcellin, in his encounter with the dying boy, open your heart to the joys and hopes as well as the sufferings and challenges (cf GS 1) of those most in need of the loving, healing, reconciling presence of God.

10 TUESDAY *Saint Scholastica, Virgin (Memorial)*

Birthday:

Bro. James Halliday

Anniversary:

Bro. Pierre Vincent (1952)

Intention:

For a spirit of prayer and deep friendship with God. May the faith and devotion of Saint Scholastica inspire us to seek the Lord in quiet trust and to let love guide all that we do. For the CMSM board meeting which begins today

Reflection: Call to Spirituality – Builders of a Living Spirituality (from the 5 Calls of the XXIII General Chapter 2025)

God calls us today to live an incarnated SPIRITUALITY, centered on Jesus Christ, in the style of Mary and inspired by the bold and committed vision of Marcellin Champagnat.



**11 WEDNESDAY WORLD DAY OF THE SICK
OUR LADY OF LOURDES**

Birthday:

Bro. James Maher

Anniversary:

Bro. Godfrey Robertson (2012)

Marist Anniversary:

(1959) The Province of the United States was divided into the Province of Esopus and the Province of Poughkeepsie.



Intention:

For all who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit, especially our Brothers who are infirmed or in skilled care nursing homes, and all those who are dealing with illnesses around the world. Through the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes, may they find healing, comfort, and peace in the tender love of Christ. For the members of Marist of Champagnat Cohort 6 participating in their first webinar tonight.

Reflection: *Wherever You Go (2019)*

As an apostle of youth, Marcellin's experience of God's love led him to say: "I cannot see a child without wanting to teach him the catechism and to tell him just how much Jesus Christ loves him."

12 THURSDAY *Fifth Week of Ordinary Time*

Anniversary:

Bro. Peter Adrian (1990)

Marist Anniversary:

(1823) Fr. Champagnat and Bro. Stanislaus were lost in a snow storm and through the intercession of Mary were miraculously saved from certain death. This event became known as the "Miracle of the Memorare in the Snow"

(1867) The first Brothers left for South Africa.

Intention:

In loving memory of Abraham Lincoln (born February 12, 1809), we pray and work for the protection of civil rights for all people in our nation and for the end of international slavery, especially among children and women.

Reflection: *Wherever You Go (2019)*

Love is the key to our approach to education and evangelization. Through the respectful love that you offer to children and young people, they come to discover how much God loves them.

13 FRIDAY ***Fifth Week of Ordinary Time***

Birthday:

Bro. Albert Phillipp

Anniversary:

Bro. Thomas Edward Hennessy (2004)

Intention:

For those ministering in the areas of spiritual direction and pastoral counseling.

Reflection: *From Pope Francis' Laudate Deum*

[Ecology] is a global social issue and one intimately related to the dignity of human life. The Bishops of the United States have expressed very well this social meaning of our concern about climate change, which goes beyond a merely ecological approach, because “our care for one another and our care for the earth are intimately bound together. Climate change is one of the principal challenges facing society and the global community. The effects of climate change are borne by the most vulnerable people, whether at home or around the world.”

14 SATURDAY **Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop** *(Memorial)*
VALENTINE'S DAY

Anniversary:

Bro. Timothy Martin McManus (1997)

Bro. Michael Bernard (2000)

Intention:

For unity, understanding, and love among all people. May the missionary devotion of Saints Cyril and Methodius inspire us to share the Gospel with courage and creativity, and may this day dedicated to love remind us that all true love flows from God.



Reflection: Call to Community – Builders of Communion *(from the 5 Calls of the XXIII General Chapter 2025)*

We are called to be a compassionate COMMUNITY rooted in Jesus Christ, a life-giving presence with the power to transform the reality of the life we share.

15 SUNDAY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Marist Anniversary:

(1823) The traditional date for remembering the event that became known as the Memorare in the Snow.

Anniversary:

Bro. Michel Ange (1920)

Bro. Brendan Regis (1987)

Bro. Declan Murray (2011)

Intention:

For those who have been suffering difficult weather conditions this winter.

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

"If someone has not learned to stop and admire something beautiful, we should not be surprised if he or she treats everything as an object to be used and abused without scruple. If we want to bring about deep change, we need to realize that certain mindsets really do influence our behaviour. Our efforts at education will be inadequate and ineffectual unless we strive to promote a new way of thinking about human beings, life, society and our relationship with nature. Otherwise, the paradigm of consumerism will continue to advance, with the help of the media and the highly effective workings of the market."

16 MONDAY *Sixth Week in Ordinary Time*

Intention:

For all Brothers and Lay Marists of the USA Province who have served in overseas missions.

Reflection: *Wherever You Go (2019)*

Never stop sharing your passion for God as well as your love for Jesus, Mary and Marcellin. By your life, give witness to the way in which our Marist charism inspires and promotes your evangelizing presence in the world.

**17 TUESDAY The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
PRESIDENT'S DAY**



Anniversary:

Bro. Dioscoride (1925)

Bro. Michael Driscoll (1999)

Bro. George Kopper (2010)

Marist Anniversary:

(1838) Fr. Champagnat traveled to Paris to obtain legal authorization for his Congregation. He remained there six months, but without success.

Intention:

For all who serve others in faith and in leadership, that the unity and devotion of the Seven Holy Founders may inspire us to work together in building communities rooted in prayer, compassion, and service. As we also mark President's Day, may those entrusted with leadership in our Marist schools, nation, and in our world be guided by wisdom, integrity, and a deep concern for the common good.

Reflection: *Wherever You Go (2019)*

As Marists, we offer an education that helps young people to integrate life, faith and culture (cf GE 8,1). Consequently, we choose to make our ministries forums of evangelisation that promote a committed, compassionate, inclusive and transforming experience of learning.

18 WEDNESDAY ASH WEDNESDAY

Birthday:

Bro. Kevin Handibode

Anniversary:

Bro. Simeon Ouellet (2007)

Bro. Emil Denworth (2013)

Bro. Aquinas Richard (2025)



Intention:

Pray for hearts renewed in faith and love, and for the strength to turn away from sin and open ourselves to God's mercy. In the spirit of Mary and Saint Marcellin Champagnat, may we live this season with humility, generosity, and hope—walking faithfully with Christ and sharing His compassion with the young and those most in need.

Reflection: *Wherever You Go (2019)*

As one who shares in that mission, work to advance intercultural and interfaith dialogue as well as respectful and enriching relationships between cultures and religious traditions.

19 THURSDAY ***Thursday After Ash Wednesday***

Anniversary:

Bro. John Casimir (1935)

Bro. Albert Gustave (1953)

Bro. Louis Raphael (1953)

Bro. Victor Tertullien (1963)

Bro. Marie Sylvain (1982)

Bro. Charles Marcellin (2017)

Marist Anniversary:

(1962) Arrival of our first Brothers in Costa Rica.

Intention:

That all manner of business and cultural leaders may do their part in working toward the common good. For the school board meeting happening at Marist High School in Chicago tonight. For the members of Marist of Champagnat Cohort 6 participating in their second webinar tonight.

**Reflection: Call to Governance and Leadership – Builders of Servant Leadership
(from the 5 Calls of the XXIII General Chapter 2025)**

We are committed to fostering servant and prophetic LEADERSHIP, along with governance and management models that open pathways toward a viable and sustainable future.

20 FRIDAY **WORLD DAY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE**
Friday After Ash Wednesday

Anniversary:

Bro. Mary Thaddeus (1911)

Bro. Francis Louis (1937)

Bro. Joseph Orens (1954)

Intention:

For all who work for justice and peace, that their example might inspire more people to fearlessly work for positive change in our world.

Reflection: *Wherever You Go* (2019)

The trust that has been placed in you by the children and young people in your care is a special privilege and a serious responsibility. Honour that confidence by showing great respect toward each of them and protecting them from anything that could harm them.

21 SATURDAY Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Anniversary:

Bro. Giles Marcellin Lemieux (1981)

Intention:

For renewal within the Church and within our own hearts, and that the wisdom and zeal of Saint Peter Damian may inspire us to live lives of integrity, humility, and prayerful service.

Reflection: *Wherever You Go (2019)*

United together with other people and institutions denounce those structures that oppress them. Defend their dignity and rights, especially when they are under attack.



22 SUNDAY FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Anniversary:

Bro. Francis Regis Jacquet (1949)

Bro. Apolone (1963)

Bro. Linus Joseph Doherty (1979)

Marist Anniversary:

(1957) Marist work began in Bolivia

Intention:

For the grace to follow Christ faithfully in times of trial. May this season of Lent deepen our trust in God's word and strengthen us to resist whatever separates us from His love. In the spirit of Mary and Saint Marcellin Champagnat, may we guide others, especially the young, toward the peace and freedom found in Christ alone. For the members of faculty and staff from around the USA Province taking part in the Sharing Our Call 2 program at the Marist Brothers Center in Esopus.

Reflection: *Wherever You Go (2019)*

Never hesitate to promote participation and collaboration in mission; both strengthen teamwork and foster cooperation. Join others in supporting the creation and strengthening of networks linked to our Marist mission.



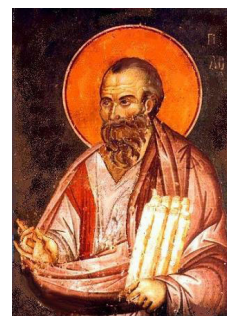
23 MONDAY Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

Anniversary:

Bro. Placid Robert (1957)

Marist Anniversary:

(1942) Death of Bro. Diogene, 6th Superior General (1920-1942) at Saint-Genis-Laval



Intention:

For steadfast faith and courage in living the Gospel. May the example of Saint Polycarp strengthen us to stand firm in truth and to bear witness to Christ with love, even in the face of challenges and fear.

Reflection: Pope Francis, *Laudato Si': on Care for our Common Home*

"If we approach nature and the environment without this openness to awe and wonder, if we no longer speak the language of fraternity and beauty in our relationship with the world, our attitude will be that of masters, consumers, ruthless exploiters, unable to set limits on their immediate needs. By contrast, if we feel intimately united with all that exists, then sobriety and care will well up spontaneously."

24 TUESDAY Lenten Weekday

Intention:

For the efforts of Lazarus House and other social service centers that provide for those most in need.

Reflection: Call to Mission – Builders of Good News (from the 5 Calls of the XXIII General Chapter 2025)

God calls us today to be Good News for the children and young people of our world, especially the poorest and most vulnerable.

25 WEDNESDAY *Lenten Weekday*

Birthday:

Bro. Michael Sheerin

Anniversary:

Bro. Joseph Gerard (1957)

Bro. Charles Raymond Hamel (1994)

Bro. Vincent Moriarty (2018)

Bro. Kevin Moran (2023)

Marist Anniversary:

(1985) First Marist foundation in Haiti

Intention:

For an end to human trafficking and every form of slavery. For the members of Marist of Champagnat Cohort 6 participating in their second webinar tonight. For the Brothers and Marists of Champagnat who serve as Marist Voices on our Boards, as they gather for their quarterly meeting this evening.

Reflection: *Wherever You Go (2019)*

Encourage and support efforts aimed at discerning our Marist mission for today and evaluating it periodically. Failing to do so might allow you and others to remain undisturbed but it is hardly the formula for pastoral and missionary conversion.

26 THURSDAY *Lenten Weekday*

Anniversary:

Bro. Anthony Urban (1992)

Bro. Alcide Ouellette (1999)

Marist Anniversary:

(1906) Massacre of Brothers Leon, Louis Maurice, Joseph Amphien, Prosper Victor, and Marius in Nanchang, China.

Intention:

For the Church in China and for all those who suffer religious persecution throughout the world. For the students and chaperones traveling to the MBCE for the Marist Youth Encounter this weekend.

Reflection: From the Chapter Message of the XXIII General Chapter - 2025

We are deeply grateful for their spirit of fraternity and their cultural richness, which provided the special context in which we shared our lives and our dreams for the future.

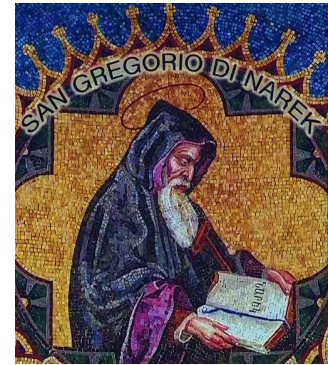
27 FRIDAY Saint Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

Anniversary:

Bro. Paulin Alphonse (1932)

Intention:

For our hearts to be open to the mercy and mystery of God. May the deep prayer and poetic faith of Saint Gregory of Narek inspire us to seek healing and reconciliation through God's boundless love.



Reflection: *Wherever You Go (2019)*

Mary was a woman with a sparkle in her eye and two feet planted firmly on the ground. Today, she challenges you to go where others will not. Remember that wherever your ministry takes you, God's Spirit is present there already.

28 SATURDAY Lenten Weekday

Anniversary:

Bro. Vito Aresto (2010)

Papal Anniversary:

(2013) Pope Benedict XVI resigned from the Petrine Ministry

Intention:

For the religious associates and priests in our apostolates.

Reflection: *Wherever You Go (2019)*

When accompanying those in crisis, do so in a manner that is sensitive and merciful. Those efforts remind so many who go unnoticed and without hope, that they are, in fact, God's favored ones (cf Lk 1:19).