

RELIGIOUS CALENDAR

January 2026

YEAR OF BUILDING THE NEW HERMITAGE



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"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)

JANUARY 2026

Papal Intentions:

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

1 THURSDAY SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD New Year's Day

Marist Anniversary:

(1818) Antoine Couturier, the 4th brother in the Institute, joined the community in La Valla.

(1909) The first Bulletin of the Institute was published.

Intention:

For peace in our world and in our hearts as we begin this new year under the loving care of Mary, the Mother of God. May her faith, humility, and trust in God inspire us to welcome each day with hope and gratitude.

Reflection: *Wherever You Go* (2019)

Though less active than in the past, you remain committed to the mission through your prayer, and the encouragement you give to your brothers, particularly those starting out on our way of life.



2 FRIDAY FEAST OF THE MARIST INSTITUTE
Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

Birthday:

Bro. James McKnight

Anniversary:

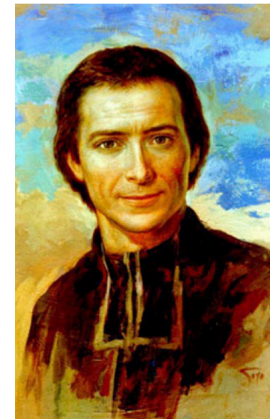
Bro. John Shanahan (1976)

Marist Anniversary:

(1817) Foundation of the Marist Brothers in La Valla, France.

(1923) Marist Brothers Foundation in El Salvador.

(1937) Martyrdom of Blessed Bros. Colombanus, Néstor, Pedro, and Narciso in Santander.



Intention:

In thanksgiving for the founding of the Marist Institute and for all who share in its mission throughout the world. Let the vision of Saint Marcellin Champagnat continue to inspire us to make Jesus known and loved through our presence, our compassion, and our service to young people—especially the most neglected. With Mary as our Good Mother and model, may we remain faithful to our call to be a Marian presence in the Church and a sign of hope in our world. For the Marist Young Adult Summit happening in Esopus this weekend.

Reflection: Wherever You Go (2019)

Never hesitate to offer any service within your reach, whether in the community or elsewhere; Continue to cultivate your interest in the life of our Institute, as well as the Church and world.

3 SATURDAY The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Anniversary:

Bro. Conan Vincent Dinnean (2007)

Intention:

For all who aim to live lives of authentic Christian discipleship. Pray in thanksgiving for the saving name of Jesus, our hope and our peace, that His name be ever on our lips and in our hearts, guiding our words and actions in love and truth.

Reflection: Wherever You Go (2019)

For Marcellin and his early disciples, a sick brother or one who was dying was a source of blessing; they loved him until the end of his life (cf L 430). When you find yourself in either of these situations, remember that despite moments of discouragement, the Lord is close to you. God's tenderness and compassion make sickness, suffering, and even death, a special place of divine presence among us.



4 SUNDAY THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (*Solemnity*)

Birthday:

Bro. Philip Degagne

Anniversary:

Bro. Leon Bernadin (1964)

Marist Anniversary:

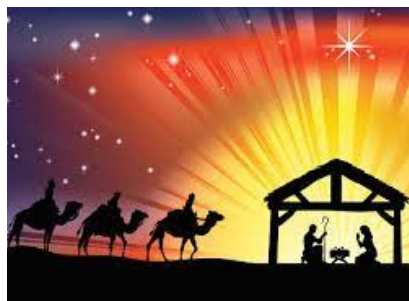
(1937) Martyrdom of Blessed Bro. Euquerio in Madrid.

Intention:

That the light of Christ may shine brightly in our hearts and throughout the world. As we celebrate the Epiphany, may we, like the Magi, seek the Lord with open hearts and offer Him the gift of our lives in faith and love.

Reflection: *From Pope Francis' encyclical, Laudato Si'*

Everything is connected. Concern for the environment thus needs to be joined to a sincere love for our fellow human beings and an unwavering commitment to resolving the problems of society.



5 MONDAY Saint John Neumann, Bishop (Memorial)

Anniversary:

Bro. Geranus Gerard (1953)

Marist Anniversary:

(1970) Marist Foundation in Nicaragua.

Intention:

For bishops, pastors, and all who shepherd God's people with dedication and love, that the humility of Saint John Neumann may inspire us to serve faithfully, especially in the ministry of education and care for the poor.

Reflection: *Wherever You Go (2019)*

Jesus and Mary will comfort and console you; they will tenderly accompany you to the end and as you cross over into the next life. A host of brothers will be waiting for you on the other side to welcome and embrace you. You will experience the happiness of dying as a member of Mary's family.



**6 TUESDAY Traditional Celebration of Little Christmas
Saint André Bessette, Religious**

Marist Anniversary:

(1814) Marcellin was ordained a sub-deacon at Lyons.

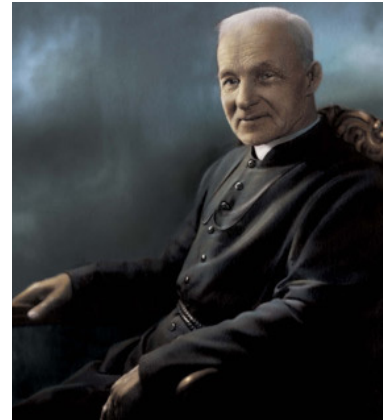
(1960) Marist Foundation in Sarawak, Malaysia.

Intention:

For Ireland, Puerto Rico, and other cultures who still celebrate the Feast of Little Christmas.

Reflection: *Wherever You Go* (2019)

Whenever they occur try to experience moments of doubt, loss of enthusiasm, dryness of heart or a search for false consolations as God's invitation to a deeper conversion of heart.



7 WEDNESDAY Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

Birthday:

Bro. Luis Ramos

Anniversary:

Bro. Patrick Eugene Magee (2005)

Intention:

For wisdom and understanding in living and teaching the faith. May the learning and compassion of Saint Raymond of Penyafort inspire us to guide others with patience, mercy, and truth.

Reflection: *Wherever You Go* (2019)

In difficulties and struggles, turn to Jesus and Mary and seek the support of your brothers, friends and others who might be of help.



8 THURSDAY *Thursday After Epiphany*

Anniversary:

Bro. Joseph Edward (1958)

Bro. Joseph Hayashi (1970)

Bro. Wilfrid Mary Doiron (1986)

Bro. Peter Leonard (1996)

Bro. Athanasius Norbert Cote (1999)

Bro. Francis Klug (2019)

Intention:

For the students, alumni, and faculty in our Marist Schools throughout the United States Province.

Reflection: Wherever You Go (2019)

These experiences, faced honestly and courageously, often lead to a type of human and spiritual growth that can hardly be acquired by any other means. Try not to miss the opportunity offered to you at times like this.

9 FRIDAY *Friday After Epiphany*

Marist Anniversary:

(1863) Approval of our Institute by Pope Pius IX.

(1902) The Acts of Apostolic Process concerning Marcellin Champagnat were taken to Rome.

(1999) A Papal Consistory authorized Blessed Marcellin's Canonization.

Intention:

For all medical professionals who care for the sick.

Reflection: Wherever You Go (2019)

For these difficulties and struggles will weave into the fabric of your life a profound understanding about the meaning of fidelity. With the passage of time, others will sense the important change that has occurred in your life.

10 SATURDAY *Saturday after Epiphany*

Anniversary:

Bro. Lawrence Ephrem (1995)

Bro. Edward Breslin (2016)

Marist Anniversary:

(1838) The first Marist missionaries arrived in New Zealand.

(1949) The Acts of the Diocesan Process concerning Brother Crisanto and companions martyred in Spain in 1936, were taken to Rome.

Intention:

For our retired Brothers and in thanksgiving for the continued gift of their witness to our Marist Brotherhood.

Reflection: *Wherever You Go (2019)*

Good Father, we are grateful for your company on the journey of life, you walk with us in faith, hope and love. Thank you, Lord, for calling us to be your disciples. Confident in your words – “Do not be afraid”, we overcome our fears and hesitations and commit ourselves to following you.

11 SUNDAY **THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (*Feast*)**

Marist Anniversary:

(1970) The Marist Brothers in Nigeria established a ministry soon known as Hopeville Rehabilitation Centre to serve people mutilated during the Biafran War. Hopeville continues to be the leading orthopaedic and trauma care center in Nigeria



Intention:

For a renewal of our own baptismal calling to live as beloved children of God. As we remember the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan, may we listen anew to God's voice inviting us to follow Christ in faith, humility, and service.

Reflection: *From Pope Francis' encyclical, Laudato Si'*

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.

12 MONDAY ***First Week in Ordinary Time***

Marist Anniversary:

(1974) Bro. Emile François (Mathias Chang Hao Te) was sentenced to 15 years of prison in China for teaching catechism.

(1993) Marist work began in Chad.

Intention:

For those suffering unjust imprisonment.

Reflection: Wherever You Go (2019)

Father Champagnat, with your guidance, we long to advance, step by step, with hearts full of gratitude, and encouraged by the witness and fidelity of those brothers who have gone before us (cf C86 46).

13 TUESDAY **Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**
First Week In Ordinary Time

Birthday:

Bro. Armand Lamagna

Intention:

For wisdom and perseverance in defending the truth of the Gospel. May the courage and faith of Saint Hilary inspire us to speak with clarity and love in bearing witness to Christ. For the school board of Mount Saint Michael Academy, which meets tonight in the Bronx, NY.



Reflection: Wherever You Go (2019)

Brother, the icon of Jesus washing his disciples' feet reveals the depth of God's love for humanity. This simple gesture captures the heart of the mission of God: the salvation of the world (cf Jn 3:16-17).

14 WEDNESDAY *First Week In Ordinary Time*

Anniversary:

Bro. Adolph Armand (1949);

Bro. Charles Howard (2012), Tenth Superior General (1985 – 1993)

Intention:

For all of our parents and family members, living and deceased.

Reflection: *Wherever You Go (2019)*

In kneeling to wash the feet of his apostles, the Lord gave us a striking image of what it means to live his new commandment of love (cf Jn 13:34).

15 THURSDAY *First Week In Ordinary Time*

Anniversary:

Bro. Desmond Kelly (2009)

Marist Anniversary:

(1925) Marist work began in Venezuela.

(1949) First Marist foundation in Nigeria.

Intention:

For our deceased Brothers, affiliates, and faculty members of our schools.

Reflection: *Wherever You Go (2019)*

Share with us all your energy and enthusiasm as well as your dreams and hopes for the future. Continue to integrate into your life all that you have learned in formation about yourself and our way of life.

16 FRIDAY ***First Week in Ordinary Time***

Anniversary:

Bro. Philip J. McEnaney (2009)

Intention:

For all Marists who find themselves in dangerous missionary situations.

Reflection: *Wherever You Go (2019)*

Jesus' act was revolutionary. In bending down to wash the feet of others, the Lord made it clear to everyone that seeking the privileged place at table as well as wielding power and dominion over others was totally unacceptable to God.

17 SATURDAY **Saint Anthony, Abbot (*Memorial*)**

Anniversary:

Bro. Thomas Maestro Calderon (1995)

Bro. Donald Nugent (2021)

Bro. Philip Robert (2022)

Marist Anniversary:

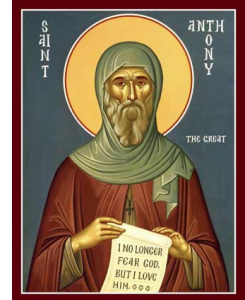
(1838) Fr. Champagnat traveled to Paris to obtain legal authorization for his Congregation. He remained there six months, but without success.

Intention:

For hearts rooted in prayer and simplicity. May the example of Saint Anthony inspire us to seek God above all things and to find strength in silence, faith, and trust in the Lord's providence.

Reflection: *Wherever You Go (2019)*

Your experience of being with Jesus, as well as washing the feet of others, helps you to understand your place in the world. We cannot wash the feet of another person without having to stoop and approach the common ground on which we all walk and to see the world from that vantage point.



18 SUNDAY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Anniversary:

Bro. Victor Hilaire (1943)

Bro. Oswald (1963)

Bro. Frederick Charles (1965)

Intention:

For the courage to persevere in the face of the challenges this year will bring.

Reflection: From Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si'*

Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience.

19 MONDAY DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

Anniversary:

Bro. Adolph Leo (1937)

Bro. Arthur Xavier Laroche (1987)

Marist Anniversary:

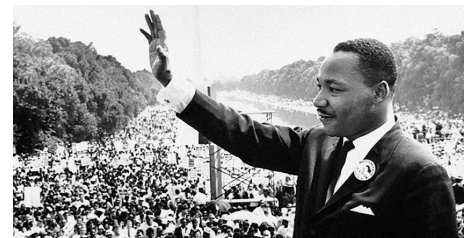
(1959) First Foundation on the island of New Guinea.

Intention:

Today we pray for freedom, justice, human dignity, and equality of opportunity for all of God's people, and for the leaders of our nation, that they may be opened to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Reflection: from *Martin Luther King Jr.*

"May I stress the need for courageous, intelligent, and dedicated leadership... Leaders of sound integrity. Leaders not in love with publicity, but in love with justice. Leaders not in love with money, but in love with humanity. Leaders who can subject their particular egos to the greatness of the cause."



**20 TUESDAY Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr
Saint Sebastian, Martyr**

Anniversary:

Bro. Edmund Jude Lajoie (1940)

Bro. Leo Sylvius (1970), Provincial (1962-1968)

Intention:

For our deceased Brothers, affiliates, and faculty members of our USA schools. For the school board of Saint Joseph Academy, which meets tonight in Brownsville, TX.

Reflection: *Wherever You Go (2019)*

Within the fraternal community that welcomes us, we experience the presence of the risen Lord as an annunciation and a call to mission. Like the Lord, you are called to put yourself at the service of others and to offer them a tender and self-giving love, particularly those who are poor and needy.

21 WEDNESDAY Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr (*Memorial*)

Anniversary:

Bro. Thomas Alban (1980)

Bro. Victor Baptist Prud'homme (1985)

Bro. Regis James Creighton (1990)

Bro. Robert F. Koehly (1991)

Marist Anniversary:

(1952) Marist work started in Rwanda

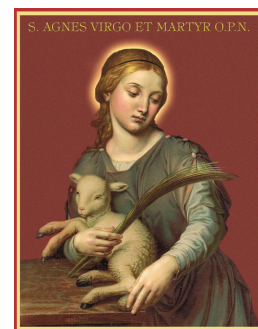
(1996) Death of Rev. Bro. Basilio Rueda, (9th Superior General 1967-1985) in Guadalajara, Mexico. The General Council has approved the introduction of his cause of beatification.

Intention:

For purity of heart and steadfast faith in God's love. May the courage and devotion of Saint Agnes inspire us to live with integrity, humility, and trust in Christ's promise of eternal life. For the school board of Christopher Columbus High School, which meets tonight in Miami, FL. For the Provincial Council, meeting today in Miami.

Reflection: *Wherever You Go (2019)*

In following Jesus, we are meant to love not only those who treat us well but to wash also the feet of those who disappoint us, hurt and betray us (cf Mt 5:43-48; Lk. 6:27-36).



22 THURSDAY Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Anniversary:

Bro. Joseph Cecilius (1935)

Marist Anniversary:

(1881) Death of Ven. Bro. François, 1st Superior General (1840-1860) at the Hermitage.

(1991) Decree on the heroicity of virtues of Brother Alfano Vaser.



Intention:

For the protection and reverence of all human life, from conception to natural death. May our hearts be open to the dignity of every person, created in the image and likeness of God. In the spirit of Mary and Saint Marcellin Champagnat, may we work with compassion and courage to build a culture of life, love, and respect—especially by caring for mothers, children, and families in need.

Reflection: A Prayer for Life

Father and maker of all, you adorn creation with splendor and beauty, and fashion human lives in your image and likeness. Awaken in every heart reverence for the work of your hands, and renew among your people a readiness to nurture and sustain your precious gift of life. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

23 FRIDAY Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; Saint Marianne Cope, Missionary of Mercy

Anniversary:

Bro. Alexander Josephat (1976)

Bro. Gerald Doherty (2023)

Marist Anniversary:

(1939) First foundation in Zimbabwe.

(1995) First foundation in Cambodia

Intention:

For strength in service and compassion in ministry.

May the courage of Saint Vincent inspire us to stand

firm in faith, and may the charity of Saint Marianne Cope move us to care for the sick, the poor, and the forgotten.

Reflection: *Wherever You Go (2019)*

Learn from Stephen and the early deacons. In the beginning, they ministered to the neglected (cf Acts 6:1) within the context of the liturgy (cf Acts 6:2). Their service was such a powerful preaching about the Reign of God that some wanted it silenced (cf Acts 6:8-11). Stephen and many of his fellow deacons were among the first to follow Jesus to the end of the cross (cf Acts 7:54-60).



24 SATURDAY Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (Memorial)

Birthday:

Rev. Brother Emili Turu, Former Superior General

Anniversary:

Bro. Michael O'Keefe (1988)

Marist Anniversary:

(1810) Death of Marie Thérèse Chirat, Mother of Saint Marcellin Champagnat at the age of 64.



Intention:

For hearts filled with gentleness and humility. May the wisdom and kindness of Saint Francis de Sales inspire us to live our faith with patience, understanding, and love for all.

Reflection: *Wherever You Go (2019)*

Christ's compassion makes it clear that brotherhood is an important dimension of the divine mission; God does not save us in isolation from others. When you are truly a brother to those who are poor and powerless, you manifest the fraternal dimension of God's saving power (Mt 25:40.45; Mk 10:14-16).

25 SUNDAY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Intention:

For our Brothers, Laypeople, and ministries throughout the Arco Norte Region.

Reflection: *Wherever You Go (2019)*

May your brotherhood move you to commit yourself to the causes of those who are the least, the last and the lost. In that way, you carry on the liberating action of Christ and make it evident in today's world (1Jn 1:1-2).

26 MONDAY Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops (Memorial)

Anniversary:

Bro. Hippolyte (1959)

Intention:

For all who guide and nurture others in faith, that the friendship of Saints Timothy and Titus may inspire us to strengthen one another in hope and to share the Gospel with courage and joy. For the school board of Central Catholic High School, which meets tonight in Lawrence, MA.



Reflection: *Wherever You Go (2019)*

Your chief contribution to the life of the Church is to be on mission as brother. Your vocation itself is a ministry within the Church; a reminder to the wider community about the importance of fraternity and our fundamental call to be a community of brothers and sisters in service (diakonia).

**27 TUESDAY International Holocaust Remembrance Day
Saint Angela Merici, Virgin**

Anniversary:

Bro. Vincent Xavier (2012)

Intention:

That we may faithfully remember the 6 million Jewish and 5 million non-Jewish victims killed during the Holocaust from 1933-1945 — may the people of the world never again permit such an atrocity. For the Central Catholic school board meeting taking place this evening.



Reflection: *In a Speech Given by Pope Francis, Jan. 27, 2020*

"If we lose our memory, we destroy our future. May the anniversary of the unspeakable cruelty that humanity learned of 75 years ago serve as a summons to pause, to be still and to remember. We need to do this, lest we become indifferent."

28 WEDNESDAY Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church (*Memorial*)

Anniversary:

Bro. Cerin (1926)

Bro. Norman Cyril Roy (1992)

Bro. Daniel Michael Sullivan (1993)

Marist Anniversary:

(1947) Marist work began in Portugal.

Intention:

For all who seek wisdom and understanding in faith. May the brilliance and humility of Saint Thomas Aquinas inspire us to love God with both heart and mind, and to use knowledge in the service of truth and goodness.

Reflection: *Wherever You Go (2019)*

At the banquet in the Reign of God, a brother takes his place as one who serves the table, caring especially for those thought to be most insignificant. By putting on the apron of brotherhood, your only necessary vestment in the liturgy of life, you join your service to the mission of God.



29 THURSDAY *Third Week in Ordinary Time*

Anniversary:

Bro. Basilicus (1924)

Bro. Francis Borgia, (1942), Assistant General (1929-1942)

Bro. Joseph Bonaventure (1948)

Fr. John Lawrence O'Shea, SM (1977), Provincial (1959-1965)

Bro. Clement Legare (2003)

Marist Anniversary:

(1939) Martyrdom of Blessed Bro. Pablo Daniel at the border between Spain and France.

(1992) Marist work began in Honduras.

Intention:

For our families, friends, and benefactors. For the school board of Archbishop Molloy High School, which meets tonight in Briarwood, NY.

Reflection: *Wherever You Go (2019)*

May the story of your life be a "living parable of brotherhood," that makes known the Reign of God among your sisters and brothers. Live your brotherhood with simplicity. Your primary mission is to be a brother and to promote brotherhood.

30 FRIDAY **Third Week in Ordinary Time**

Anniversary:

Bro. Thomas Lee (2016)

Intention:

In thanksgiving for our lives and for all of all God's blessings, especially for our vocations as Marists. For everyone participating in the Marist Youth Mission Conference in West Palm Beach this weekend.

Reflection: *Wherever You Go (2019)*

Be inspired by Jesus of Nazareth, a mighty prophet of word and deed (Lk 24:19). Because he lived what he preached, his authority went unquestioned (Mk 1:22.27; Mt 23:2-3; Lk 4:32-36). A herald of God's mercy, his entire life became a visible parable of God's Reign.

31 SATURDAY **Feast of St. John Bosco, Priest**

Anniversary:

Bro. Vincent Dominic (1973)

Intention:

For all who work to guide and educate the young. May the joy, faith, and dedication of Saint John Bosco inspire us to see Christ in every young person and to lead with kindness, patience, and hope.

Reflection: *A Prayer to St. John Bosco*

O glorious Saint John Bosco, who in order to lead young people to the feet of the divine Master and to mould them in the light of faith and Christian morality didst heroically sacrifice thyself to the very end of thy life and didn't set up a proper religious Institute destined to endure and to bring to the farthest boundaries of the earth thy glorious work, obtain also for us from Our Lord a holy love for young people who are exposed to so many seductions in order that we may generously spend ourselves in supporting them against the snares of the devil, in keeping them safe from the dangers of the world, and in guiding them, pure and holy, in the path that leads to God. *Amen.*

