MARIST PROVINCE OF WEST AFRICA

RELIGIOUS CALENDAR: DECEMBER 2025

Pope's Intentions

For Christians in areas of conflict.

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

December 1 Monday of the 1st week of Advent — Psalm Week 1

Vestment: Violet

Liturgy	Is 4:2-6 "There will be joy for those who are saved." Mt 8:5-11 "Many will come from east and west and sit at table in the kingdom of heaven."
Reflection	**WATER FROM THE ROCK** Christian families and communities are united in Christ. In him we find our communion with each other, and with all of creation. In this unity with each other we strengthen our being one with Christ. (74)
Reminder	World Day of Fighting against AIDS
Intentions	For those suffering from AIDS and HIV. For Superior General and his intentions.

December 2 Tuesday of the 1st week of Advent — Psalm Week 1

Vestment: Violet

Liturgy	Is 11:1-10 "The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him." Lk 10:21-24 "Jesus rejoice in the Holy Spirit."
Reflection	**WATER FROM THE ROCK** Our spirituality draws us to deepen our relationship with Christ and in trust to give ourselves in service in community living and mission. (90)
Reminder	International Day for the Abolition of Slavery.
Intentions	For all those who are victims of modern forms of slavery. For the Marist community of Provincial House, Accra.

December 3 Wednesday of the 1st week of Advent — Psalm Week 1 — Vestment: Violet

Memorial	St Francis Xavier, Jesuit, one of the greatest of all Christian missionaries, 16th century.
Reminder	International Day of Disabled Persons
Liturgy	Is 25:6-10a "The Lord God invites us to his feast, and wipes away tears from all faces." Mt 15:29-37 "Jesus heals many and multiples the bread."
Reflection	**WATER FROM THE ROCK** The table of the Lord has since become a central symbol of communion and self-giving for Christianity. (91)
Intentions	For all missionaries, priests, religious and lay, throughout the world. For the Marist Community of Ashalaja
December 4 Thursday of the 1st week of Advent Psalm Week 1 **Vestment: Violet**	
Liturgy	Is 26:1-6 "Let the righteous nation which keeps faith enter in." Mt 7:21, 24-27 "He who does the will of the Father shall enter the kingdom of heaven."
Reflection	**WATER FROM THE ROCK** For the community today that Marcellin created, the table at La Valla is also a powerful symbol of family and service. (92)
Intentions	For all those involved in the Vocations Ministry. For the Marist community of Odeneho Kwadaso.
December 5 Friday of the 1st week of Advent Psalm Week 1 **Vestment: Violet**	
Liturgy	Is 29:17-24 "In that day, the eyes of the blind shall see." Mt 9:27-31 "Believing in Jesus, two blind men are healed."
Reflection	**WATER FROM THE ROCK** Christian families and communities are united in Christ. In him we find our communion with each other, and with all of creation. In this unity with each other we strengthen our being one with Christ. (94)

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Reminder	International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development.
Intention	For all the Novices and formators at Sabin-Akrofrom. For farmers and all those who till the land.
December 6 Saturday of the 1st week of Advent Psalm Week 1 Vestment: Violet	
Liturgy	Saint Nicholas, Bishop] Is 30:19-21, 23-26 "He will surely be gracious to you at the sound of your cry." Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8 "When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them."
Reflection	**WATER FROM THE ROCK** Jesus' message is simple but challenging: Love one another as I have loved you. Jesus not only preaches communion, he lives it. (95)
Intention	For all the brothers involved in ongoing formation programs. For Brother Provincial Superior and his Council. =Marist Saturday: day of prayers for the Marist Family.
December 7 Sunday 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR A) Psalms: Week 2 1 Vestment: Violet	
Liturgy	Is 11:1-10 "With righteousness he will judge the poor." Rom 15:4-9 "Christ saves all men." Mt 3:1-12 "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."
Reflection	**WATER FROM THE ROCK** Marcellin shows us how we are to form and live-in communities of mission. In the very name he chose, Little Brothers of Mary, Marcellin summaries the fundamental identity of his community: the gospel virtue of simplicity, the call to fraternity, and the contemplation of the person of Mary. (98)
Intention	For unity in the plurality of cultures of our Institute. For the Marist community of Monrovia
December 8 Monday SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	

Office: Proper **Vestment: White**	
Liturgy	Gn. 3:9-15, 20 "I will put enmity between your seed and her seed." Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 "God chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world." Lk 1:26-38 "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you."
Anniversary	In 1842, consecration of the Institute to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
Reflection	**WATER FROM THE ROCK** Marist spirituality inspires our understanding of how we are to live what Jesus commands us and what Champagnat dreams for us. At the same time it grows and develops as we love one another, honestly and simply, in our families and communities. (103)
Intention	For the grace to keep alive the devotion to the Mary. For the Marist Community of Buokrom.
December 9 Tuesday 2nd Week of Advent Psalms: Week 2 **Vestment: Violet**	
Liturgy	Is 40:1-11 "God confronts his people." Mt 18:12-14 "God does not will that the little ones should perish."
Anniversary	In 1879, death of Bro Louis-Marie, 2nd Superior General (from 1860 to 1879)
Reflection	**WATER FROM THE ROCK** Living the Eucharist is at the heart of our community life and our way of relating. In many different places and with many different people we find ourselves, throughout our days gathered, blessed, broken and shared. (104)
Intention	For the implementation of our Personal and Community Life Projects For the brothers and works in Cameroon.
December 10 Wednesday 2nd Week of Advent Psalms: Week 2. **Vestment: Violet**	
Liturgy	Is 40:25-31 "Lord is strong in power and gives power to the faint." Mt 11:28-30 "Come to me, all who labor."
Anniversary	In 1984 arrival of the first Brothers to Kenya (Lake Victoria, Roo)

	In 1984, Desmond Tutu is awarded with the Nobel Prize of Peace
Reminder	Human Rights Day
Reflection	**WATER FROM THE ROCK** Our spirituality is communal, best expressed and lived when we are gathered as family and community. (105)
Intention	For our brothers in the Province of Africa Central East. For our students and their families.
December 11 Thursday 2nd Week of Advent Psalms: Week 2 Vestment: Violet	
Liturgy	Is 41:13-20 "I am your redeemer; the Holy One of Israel." Mt 11:11-15 "No one greater than the John the Baptist has risen."
Memorial	Pope St. Damasus I (304-384)
Reflection	**WATER FROM THE ROCK** Life together supports and challenges us to be a community of mission. We listen to the invitations of God that flow through our shared life and discern our shared response. (107)
Intention	For continual conversion to the Lord. For the Marist mission in Chad.
December 12 Friday 2nd Week of Advent Psalms: Week 2 Vestment: Violet	
Liturgy	Is. 48:17-19 "O that you had listened to my commandment." Mt. 11:16-19 "They listened neither to John nor the Son of Man."
Birthday	Mantobaye Kimingar François, (1989) from Chad
Memorial	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Anniversary	In 1964, Martin Luther King is awarded with the Nobel Prize of Peace
Reflection	**WATER FROM THE ROCK** Based on a common trust in God, we offer our lives in service. In ministry we find ourselves, like Jesus, broken open for our brothers and sisters. Truly, we are bread of life for others as Jesus has been for us. (107)

Intention	For all those working for peace and justice in our troubled world. For Brother François, his vocation, family, personal intentions and his apostolates in Ivory Coast.
December 13 Saturday 2nd Week of Advent Psalms: Week 2 Vestment: Violet	
Memorial	Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
Liturgy	Sir 48:1-4, 9-1 "Elijah will come." Mt 17:10-13 "Elijah has already come and they did not know him."
Reflection	**WATER FROM THE ROCK** By giving and receiving love, we are challenged to fight our tendency to individualism, self-preoccupation and diminishing generosity. (108)
Intention	For a better understanding of our identity and our vocation For the Provincial Council
December 14 Sunday 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR A) Psalms: Week 3 Vestment: Violet	
Liturgy	Is 35:1-6a, 10 "God himself will come and save you." Jas 5:7-10 "Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand." Mt 11:2-11 "Are you he who is come, or shall we look for another?"
Reflection	**WATER FROM THE ROCK** The building up of family spirit is demanding. We need to be present to others: attentive to them, able to listen, and give of our time. In this area, young and old are equal since, in the gift of self, one does not age. (108)
Intention	For a life of simplicity among our brothers. For the Marist community of MIC, Nairobi.
December 15 Monday of 3rd Week of Advent. Psalms: Week 3 Vestment: Violet	
Liturgy	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a "A star shall come forth out of Jacob."

	Mt 21:23-27 "The Baptism of John, where was it from?"
Birthday	Franklin Dingamadji, 1997
Anniversary	In 1949, first Marist foundation in Nigeria
Reflection	**WATER FROM THE ROCK** The relationship of Jesus with his disciples and friends shows us the Christian way to meaningful and mature intimacy and friendship. (109)
Intention	For Brother Franklin's intention, his family, vocation, and community. For Brothers and works in the Province of Nigeria.
December 16 Tuesday 3rd Week of Advent Psalms: Week 3 Vestment: Violet	
Liturgy	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 "Messianic salvation is promised to all the poor." Mt 21:28-32 "John came and sinners believed in him."
Reflection	**WATER FROM THE ROCK** As Brothers and Lay Marist's, we try to develop a quality of communion that allows families, religious communities and other forms of community living to become homes. (110)
Intention	For sick people and those who caring for them. For all the brothers and laypersons working in Marist schools.
December 17th Wednesday 3rd Week of Advent Psalms: Week 3 Vestment: Violet	
Liturgy	Gn. 49:2, 8-10 "The scepter shall not depart from Judah." Mt 1:1-17 "The genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David."
Reflection	**WATER FROM THE ROCK** Where the young are helped to mature, where we take care of those aging, and are especially kind to the weak; places where we forgive one another and heal wounds, where we joyfully celebrate the life, we share together. (110)
Intention	For children who are abused or orphaned in our schools. For Brothers and works of the Marist Province of Southern Africa.
December 18th Thursday 3rd Week of Advent Psalms: Week3 Vestment: Violet	

Liturgy	Jer 23:5-8 "I will raise up for David a righteous branch." Mt 1:18-25 "Jesus was born of Mary, the betrothed of Joseph, a son of David."
Reflection	**WATER FROM THE ROCK** Through our time together, we connect our personal story and the story of our shared journey. (111)
Reminder	International Migrants Day
Intention	For Pope Leo XIV and his intentions. For Brothers and works of the Marist Province of Madagascar.
December 19th Friday 3rd Week of Advent Psalms: Week 3 Vestment : Violet	
Liturgy	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a "The birth of Samson is announced by an angel." Lk 1:5-25 "The birth of John the Baptist is announced by Gabriel."
Anniversary	In 1886, arrival of the first Brothers to Spain.
Reflection	**WATER FROM THE ROCK** A sense of humor is a wonderful gift. It helps us to bear with ourselves and companions lightly and to face the ups and downs of life together with a joyful spirit. (112)
Intention	For appreciation of Mary in our Institute. For the brothers and works in all the Provinces in Spain
December 20th Saturday 3rd Week of Advent Psalms: Week 3 Vestment: Violet	
Liturgy	Is 7:10-14 "Behold, a virgin shall conceive." Lk 1:26-38 "You will conceive in your womb and bear a son."
Reminder	Perpetual Profession of Vows of Brothers Norbert Ndilon and Leonard Buhven
Reflection	**WATER FROM THE ROCK** Our way of life is meant to make people happy. Not in the sense of hilarity, but in that deep feel- ing of contentment experienced by people who have meaning and purpose in their life and marvellous companions with whom to share that life. (112)

Intention	For Brothers Norbert and Leonard that their commitment may be rooted in love for God and the Church. Marist Saturday: day for prayer for Marist Vocation in our Province.
December 21st Sunday 4th Week of Advent Psalms: Week 4 Vestment: Violet	
Liturgy	Is 7:10-14 "Behold, a virgin shall conceive." Rom 1:1-7 "Jesus Christ, descended from David, is the Son of God." Mt 1:18-24 "Jesus was born of Mary who was betrothed to Joseph, the son of David."
Reflection	**WATER FROM THE ROCK** As for Marcellin and the first Brothers so also for us, Mary in- spires the style of our fraternal relationships. At the marriage of Cana, Mary is sensitive to the need that has arisen, and with discretion arranges what is required. She encourages us to exercise authority in a spirit of service to our community, and demonstrates that our actions can spark an increase in the faith of others. (113)
Anniversary	In 1915, Marist foundation in Morocco. The brothers stayed the until 1975.
Intention	For students in all our schools For Marist community of Ahwiren.
December 22nd Monday 4th Week of Advent Psalms: Week4 Vestment: Violet	
Liturgy	I Sm. 1:24-28 "Hannah gives thanks for the birth of Samuel." Lk 1:46-56 He who is mighty has done great things for him."
Birthday	Brother Norbert Afoni Ndilon.(1988) From Cameron.
Anniversary	In 1988, blessing of the Marist School in Korhogo, Cote d'Ivoire.
Reflection	**WATER FROM THE ROCK** Mary inspired in the first Marists a new vision of being Church which was modelled on that of the first Christians. This Marian Church has the heart of a

	mother: no one is abandoned. A mother believes in the goodness at the core of a person, and forgives readily. (114)
Intention	For all the brothers and lay people working in the Marist School, Korhogo. For Brother Norbert, vocation, family, personal intention and his community.
December 23rd Tuesday 4th Week of Advent Psalms: Week 4 Vestment : Violet	
Liturgy	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the day of the Lord comes." Lk 1:57-66 "The birth of John the Baptist."
Reflection	**WATER FROM THE ROCK** We are respectful of each one's person- al journey. There is a place for those with doubts and spiritual uncertainty, a place for all. There is listening and dialogue. Challenge and confrontation are done with honesty and openness. (114)
Intention	For peace in African countries. For Bishop, and clergy in the diocese where we work.
December 24th Wednesday 4th Week of Advent Psalms: Week 4 Vestment: Violet	
Liturgy	2 Sm. 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 "The Kingdom of David shall be made sure for ever before the Lord." Lk 1:67-79 "The day shall dawn upon us from on high."
Reliction	**WATER FROM THE ROCK** Those who share in Champagnat's spirituality are practical, down-to-earth people. We are well aware that living in a family or a community is not always smooth sailing. From time to time, we experience our fragility, our limits, our differences and we get hurt and wounded. We may also feel angry towards our-selves and others, or become lonely and bitter. (115)
Intention	For our parents, and relatives as they prepare themselves for Christmas. For all the Marist Brothers around the world.

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December 25th Thursday THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (Christmas Day) **Vestment: White**	
Liturgy	Is 52:7-10 "All the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God." Heb 1:1-6 "God has spoken to us by a Son." Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14 "The word become fresh and dwelt among us."
Reliction	**WATER FROM THE ROCK** I came that you may have life, and have it abundantly. Like Jesus we recognize the urgings of the Spirit within, calling us to witness to this Good News. Out of these inner promptings, the mission of the Church is born: to proclaim the Kingdom of God as a new way of living for humanity, a new way to relate with God. (124)
Intention	For Brother Superior General and General Councilors. For the grace to experience the peace and joy of Christmas.
December 26th Friday – Feast of St. Stephen, First Martyr **Vestment: Red**	
Liturgy	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Mt 10:17-22 "You will be hated on account of my name."
Reminder	Marist Brothers Family Feast Day – we celebrate together in Community
Birthday	Brother Stephen Tano Pokou Komenan, (1980) from Cote d'Ivoire
Reflection	**WATER FROM THE ROCK** To sustain the life of our fraternity we need to live an on- going process of reconciliation. This process enables us to return to the centre of our community, Jesus. We can know ourselves as loved and empowered to grow through difficulties. Through God's mercy and forgiveness we can find the energy and grace to work for reconciliation (116)
Intention	For those who are persecuted for their faith. For Brother Tano, his vocation, family, personal intention and community of Bouake.
December 27th Saturday Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist	

John is the "beloved" disciple referred to in the gospel, and the author of the 4th Gospel, the Apocalypse and the three letters. He was son of Zebedee and one of the three who were closet to the Lord, present at the important moment of his life.	
Liturgy	1 Jn 1:1-4 "That which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you." Jn 20:2-8 "The blood of Jesus cleanse us from all sin."
Reflection	**WATER FROM THE ROCK** 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. (131)
Intention	For all domestic workers in our communities. For community leaders in our province.
December 28th THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH	
Liturgy	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 "He who fears the Lord honours his parents." Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 "Concerning the Christian life in the family." Mt 2:13-15, 19-23 "Take the child and his mother; and flee to Egypt."
Reflection	**WATER FROM THE ROCK** For the community today that Marcellin created, the table at La Valla is also a powerful symbol of family and service. (92)
Intention	For all couples
December 29th Monday Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord. Vestment: White	
Liturgy	1 Jn 2:3-11 "He who loves his brother abides in the light." Lk 2:22-35 "A light for revelation."
Memorial	Thomas Becket, Bishop of Canterbury. He defended the right of the Church and was murdered by the King of England.
Reflection	**WATER FROM THE ROCK** Mary, as a sensitive and compassionate disciple, goes "in haste," responding quickly to those who need her.102 She goes "in haste" to joyfully announce the

	news of a God who loves, and the sure promise that a reign of justice and faithfulness is at hand. (133)
Intention	For different commissions and teams in our province. For the intentions provincial and his council.
December 30th Tuesday Six Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord Vestment: White	
Liturgy	1 Jn 2:12-17 "He who does the will of God abides forever." Lk 2:36-40 "She spoke of him to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem."
Birthday	Br. Evaristus Mbiydzenyuy (1983) from Cameroon
Reflection	**WATER FROM THE ROCK** All Marists share the same mission: to make Jesus known and loved. As apostles we passionately Centre our lives in Jesus.106 We allow ourselves to be captivated by him and his gospel. (135)
Intention	For peace in the countries of war and conflict. For Brother Evaristus, his vocation, family, friends and of his mission in Spain.
December 31st Tuesday Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord. Vestment: White	
Memorial	St. Sylvester I, Pope.
Birthday	Br Alex Bertrand (1989) from Cote d'Ivoire
Anniversary	In 1852, first Marist foundation in London.
Liturgy	1 Jn 2:18-21 "You have been anointed by the Holy One, and you all know." Jn 1:1-18 "The word became flesh."
Reflection	**WATER FROM THE ROCK** Marcellin chose to call the first Marists at La Valla "Brothers." He believes in the strength of love that builds fraternity and heals wounds. (138)
Intention	For Br Bertrand, his intentions, his vocation and his studies In thanksgiving to the Lord for everything we received during this year.



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