RELIGIOUS CALENDAR JANUARY 2026

Pope's 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.

January 1 Thursday of Christmas Season. Psalter Week I

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God -Proper liturgy

Vestment: White

Liturgy	Numb 6:22-27: "They are to call down my name on the sons of Israel and I will bless them." Gal 4: 4-7: "When the appointed time came, God sent his Son born of a woman." Lk 2, 16-21: "They found Mary and Joseph and the baby. When the eighth day came, they gave him the name Jesus."
Birthday	Br Gueradi Tour-Hali Destin (1991) from Chad
Reminder	New Year Day" and "World Day of Prayer for Peace"
Reflection	Apostolic Exhortation Dilexi Te of the Holy Father, Leo XIV to all Christians on love for the poor "I HAVE LOVED YOU" (Rev 3:9), is the foundation of this exhortation, love for the poor. The Lord Jesus speaks these words to a Christian community that, unlike some others, had no influence or resources, and was treated instead with violence and contempt: "You have but little power… I will make them come and bow down before your feet" (Rev 3:8-9). This text reminds us of the words of the canticle of Mary: "He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty" (Lk 1:52-53). (No. 1).
Intentions	For Brother Destin, his family, personal intentions, his community and apostolate in Chad. For peace throughout the world and propagators of peace.

January 2 Friday of Christmas Season. Psalter Week I

MARIST FOUNDATION DAY

Vestment: White

Liturgy	1 Jn 2:22-28: Keep alive in yourselves what you were taught in the beginning." Jn 1:19-28: "One is coming after me who existed before me."
Memorial	Saints Basil and Gregory, bishops and doctors of the Church
Anniversary	In 1817, Father Champagnat founded the Institute of the Marist Brothers in La valla with the first two postulants: Bro Jean-Marie and Bro Louis.
Birthday	Emmanuel T. Bongben (1984) from Cameroon; Br Gregory Oppong (1995) from Ghana
Reflection	Apostolic Exhortation Dilexi Te of the Holy Father, Leo XIV to all Christians on love for the poor The declaration of love, taken from the Book of Revelation, reflects the inexhaustible mystery that the pope reflected upon. There we see how Jesus identifies himself with the lowest ranks of society and how, with his love poured out to the end, he confirms the dignity of every human being, especially when "they are weak, scorned, or suffering." We too are inspired to be more attentive to the sufferings and needs of others. (No. 2).
Intentions	For Brothers Emmanuel and Gregory, their families, their communities and apostolates. For new directions of our Institute, as we live the calls of the 23rd General Chapter.

January 3 Saturday of the Christmas Season (The Most Holy Name of Jesus)
Psalter Week I Vestment: White

Liturgy
1 Jn 2:29 – 3:6: “Anyone who lives in God does not sin.”
Jn 1:29-34: “Look, there is the lamb of God.”

Reflection
Apostolic Exhortation Dilexi Te of the Holy Father, Leo XIV to all Christians on love for the poor

Jesus’ disciples criticized the woman who poured costly perfumed oil on his head. They said: “Why this waste? For this ointment could have been sold for a large sum, and the money given to the poor.” However, the Lord said to them in response: “You always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me” (Mt 26:8-9,11). What comfort that anointing must have brought to Jesus! It was a small gesture, of course, but those who suffer know how great even a small gesture of affection can and how much relief it can bring. Jesus told his disciples, “Wherever this good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her” (Mt 26:13). (No. 4).

Intentions
For the spirit of love to reign in all our communities.
For those who have asked for our prayers.
Marist Saturday: specially dedicated to prayer for vocations.

January 4 (Sunday of The Epiphany of the Lord-Solemnity) Psalter Week II
Vestment: White

Liturgy
Isaiah 60:1-6 “Above you the glory of the Lord appears.”
Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6 “It has now been revealed that pagans share the same inheritance.”
Mathew 2:1-12 “We saw his star and have to do the king homage.”

Anniversary
In 2025, death of Brother Luis Carlos Gutierrez, Vicar General.

Reflection
Apostolic Exhortation Dilexi Te of the Holy Father, Leo XIV to all Christians on love for the poor

The condition of the poor is a cry that, throughout human history, constantly challenges our lives, societies, political and economic systems, and, not least, the Church. On the wounded faces of the poor, we see the suffering of the innocent and, therefore, the suffering of Christ himself. At the same time, we should perhaps speak more correctly of the many faces of the poor and of poverty, since it is a multifaceted phenomenon. (No. 9).

Intentions
For refugee communities suffering the ravages of war.
For the happy repose of the soul of Brother Luis Carlos.

JANUARY 5 Monday after the Epiphany. Psalter Week II
(Saint John Neuman, Bishop, Memorial).
Vestment: White

Liturgy
1John 3:22-4:6 “Test the spirits to see if they come from God.”
Mathew 4:12-17,23-25 The kingdom of heaven is close at hand.”

Reflection
Apostolic Exhortation Dilexi Te of the Holy Father, Leo XIV to all Christians on love for the poor

We must not let our guard down when it comes to poverty. We should be particularly concerned about the serious conditions in which many people find themselves due to lack of food and water. In wealthy countries too, the growing numbers of the poor are equally a source of concern. In Europe, more and more families find themselves unable to make it to the end of the month. In general, we are witnessing an increase in different kinds of poverty, which is no longer a single, uniform reality but now involves multiple

forms of economic and social impoverishment, reflecting the spread of inequality even in largely affluent contexts. (No. 12).

Intentions For our Brothers going through faith crisis.
For our Spiritual Directors.

January 6 Tuesday after the Epiphany. Psalter Week II Vestment: White

Liturgy 1John 4:7-10 “God is love.”
Mark 6:34-44 “By multiplying the loaves Jesus shows that he is a prophet.”

Reflection Apostolic Exhortation Dilexi Te of the Holy Father, Leo XIV to all Christians on love for the poor
The poor are not there by chance or by blind and cruel fate. Nor, for most of them, is poverty a choice. Yet, there are those who still presume to make this claim, thus revealing their own blindness and cruelty. Of course, among the poor there are also those who do not want to work, perhaps because their ancestors, who worked all their lives, died poor. However, there are so many other men and women who nonetheless work from dawn to dusk, perhaps collecting scraps or the like, even though they know that their hard work will only help them to scrape by, but never really improve their lives. (No. 14).

Intentions For all teachers and educators.
For the grace to fulfil our resolutions made at the beginning of the year.

January 7 Wednesday after the Epiphany. Psalter Week II
Vestment: White

Liturgy 1John 4:11-18 “As long as we love one another God will live in us.”
Mark 6:45-52 “They saw him walking on the lake.”

Memorial St Raymond of Penyafort, Dominican priest, Co-founder of the Order of the Redemption of Captives, Promotor of dialogue with Muslims.

Reminder Provincial’s encounter with Temporary Professed Brothers in community at 9:00 A. M. GMT.

Reflection Apostolic Exhortation Dilexi Te of the Holy Father, Leo XIV to all Christians on love for the poor
God is merciful love, and his plan of love, which unfolds and is fulfilled in history, is above all his descent and coming among us in poverty to free us from slavery, fear, sin and the power of death. Precisely in order to share the limitations and fragility of our human nature, he himself became poor and was born in the flesh like us. We came to know him in the smallness of a child laid in a manger and in the extreme humiliation of the cross, where he shared our radical poverty, which is death. It is easy to understand, then, why we can also speak theologically of a preferential option on the part of God for the poor. (No. 16).

Intentions For our Brothers in difficult missions.
For people suffering loss of memory.

January 8 Thursday after the Epiphany. Psalter Week II
Vestment: White

Liturgy 1John 4:19-5:4 “Anyone who loves God must also love his brother.”
Luke 4:14-22 “This text is being fulfilled today.”

Birthday Brother Clovis Ngon (1977), from Cameroon

Reflection Apostolic Exhortation Dilexi Te of the Holy Father, Leo XIV to all Christians on love for the poor
We can now understand the numerous pages of the Old Testament in which God is presented as the friend and liberator of the poor, the one who hears the cry of the poor and intervenes to free them (cf. Ps 34:7). God, the refuge

of the poor, denounces through the prophets — we recall in particular Amos and Isaiah — the injustices committed against the weakest, and exhorts Israel and (us) to renew our worship from within, because one cannot pray and offer sacrifice while oppressing the weakest and poorest. (No. 17).

Intention For Brother Clovis, his intentions, family, and his studies in MIUC.
For our communities and Brothers working in diocesan schools.

January 9 Friday after the Epiphany. Psalter Week II. Vestment: White

Liturgy 1John 5:5-13 “And the leprosy left him at once.”
Luke 5:12-16 “If you want to, you can cure me.”

Anniversary In 1863, approval of our Institute by Pope Pius IX.
It was then he gave us the name Marist Brothers of the Schools-Fratrae Maristae a Schoolis, FMS.

Reflection Apostolic Exhortation Dilexi Te of the Holy Father, Leo XIV to all Christians on love for the poor
The Gospels show us that poverty marked every aspect of Jesus’ life. From the moment he entered the world, Jesus knew the bitter experience of rejection. The Evangelist Luke tells how Joseph and Mary, who was about to give birth, arrived in Bethlehem, and then adds, poignantly, that “there was no place for them in the inn” (Lk 2:7). Jesus was born in humble surroundings and laid in a manger; then, to save him from being killed, they fled to Egypt (cf. Mt 2:13-15). At the dawn of his public ministry, after announcing in the synagogue of Nazareth that the year of grace which would bring joy to the poor was fulfilled in him, he was driven out of town (cf Lk 4:14-30). He died as an outcast, led out of Jerusalem to be crucified (cf. Mk 15:22). Indeed, that is how Jesus’ poverty is best described. (No. 19).

Intentions In thanksgiving to God for the gift of Pope Pius to the Church.
For the success in our schools

January 10 Saturday after the Epiphany. Psalter Week II. Vestment: White

Liturgy 1John 5:14-21 “Whatever we ask, he hears us.”
John 3:22-30 ‘The bridegroom’s friend is glad when he hears the bridegroom’s voice.”

Reminder Arrival of CSAC, African Mission Commission, Provincial Bursars, and Lay Marists arrive in Ghana.

Anniversary In 1949, the Acts of the Diocesan Process concerning Brother Crisanto and his companions martyred in Spain, were taken to Rome.

Reflection Apostolic Exhortation Dilexi Te of the Holy Father, Leo XIV to all Christians on love for the poor
It has become clear, then, that “our faith in Christ, who became poor, and was always close to the poor and the outcast, is the basis of our concern for the integral development of society’s most neglected members.” I often wonder, even though the teaching of Sacred Scripture is so clear about the poor, why many people continue to think that they can safely disregard the poor. For the moment, though, let us pursue our reflection on what the Scriptures have to tell us about our relationship with the poor and their essential place in the people of God. (No. 23).

Intentions For the souls of Brother Crisanto and companions.
For our Brothers on mission to Spain.
Marist Saturday: specially dedicated to prayer for vocations.

January 11 First Sunday in Ordinary Time- The Baptism of the Lord Feast.
Psalter Week I Vestment: White

Liturgy Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7 “Here is my servant in whom my soul delights.”

Acts 10:34-38 “God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit.”
Mt. 3:13-17 “As soon as Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God coming down on him.”

Reflection — Apostolic Exhortation Dilexi Te of the Holy Father, Leo XIV to all Christians on love for the poor

Jesus’ teaching on the primacy of love for God is clearly complemented by his insistence that one cannot love God without extending one’s love to the poor. Love for our neighbor is tangible proof of the authenticity of our love for God, as the Apostle John attests: “No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us… God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them” (1 Jn 4:12,16). The two loves are distinct yet inseparable. (No. 26).

Intentions — For the African Mission Commission and Provincial Bursars meeting in Ghana.
For our Community Bursars.

JANUARY 12 Monday of the First Week in Ordinary. Psalter Week I
Vestment: Green

Liturgy — 1 Sm.1:1-8 “Hannah’s rival would taunt her because the Lord had made her barren.”
Mk1:14-20 “Repent and believe the Good News.”

Anniversary — In 1993, arrival of the first Brothers in Koumra, Chad

Reflection — Apostolic Exhortation Dilexi Te of the Holy Father, Leo XIV to all Christians on love for the poor

In the early Christian community, acts of charity were performed on the basis not of preliminary studies or advance planning, but directly following Jesus’ example as presented in the Gospels. The Letter of James deals at length with the problem of relations between rich and poor, and asks the faithful two questions in order to examine the authenticity of their faith: “What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,’ and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So, faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead” (2:14-17). (No. 29).

Intentions — For the Patrimony Team.
For our Brothers working in Chad.

January 13 Tuesday of the First Week in Ordinary Time. Psalter Week I
Vestment: Green/White

Liturgy — 1 Sm.1:9-20 “The Lord was mindful of Hannah and she gave birth to Samuel.”
Mk1:21-28 “He taught them with authority.”

Memorial — St. Hillary, bishop and doctor of the Church. He was converted to the Christian faith by reading the Prologue to the Fourth Gospel.

Reflection — Apostolic Exhortation Dilexi Te of the Holy Father, Leo XIV to all Christians on love for the poor

When Paul went to Jerusalem to consult the Apostles lest somehow, he “should be running or had run in vain” (Gal 2:2), he was asked not to forget the poor (cf. Gal 2:10). Therefore, he organized various collections in order to help the poor communities. Among the reasons for which Paul makes this gesture, the following stands out: “God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Cor 9:7). The word of God reminds those of us not normally prone to benevolent and

disinterested gestures, that generosity to the poor actually benefits those who exercise it: God has a special love for them. (No. 33).

Intentions For greater understanding and appreciation of the Brothers' vocation in the Church.
For all the African Provincial Superiors and their intentions.

January 14 Wednesday of the First Week in Ordinary Time. Psalter Week I
Vestment: Green

Liturgy 1 Sm.3:1-10,19-20 "Speak Lord, your servant is listening."
Mk1:29-39 "He cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another."

Reflection Apostolic Exhortation Dilexi Te of the Holy Father, Leo XIV to all Christians on love for the poor
From the first centuries, the Fathers of the Church recognized in the poor a privileged way to reach God, a special way to meet him. Charity shown to those in need was not only seen as a moral virtue, but a concrete expression of faith in the incarnate Word. The community of the faithful, sustained by the strength of the Holy Spirit, was rooted in being close to the poor, whom they considered not just an "appendage," but an essential part of Christ's living body. For example, while he was on his way to face martyrdom, Saint Ignatius of Antioch exhorted the community of Smyrna not to neglect the duty to carry out acts of charity for those most in need. (No. 39).

Anniversary In 2012, death of Brother Charles Howard, 10th Superior General.

Intentions For people suffering from famine and drought.
For all the Marist laity and their apostolates as they meet in Ghana.

January 15 Thursday of the First Week in Ordinary Time. Psalter Week I
Vestment: Green

Liturgy 1 Sm.4:1-11 "Israel was defeated and the ark of God was captured."
Mk1:40-45 "The leprosy left him and he was cured."

Anniversary In 1925, Marist work begun in Venezuela

Reflection Apostolic Exhortation Dilexi Te of the Holy Father, Leo XIV to all Christians on love for the poor
Among the Eastern Fathers, perhaps the most ardent preacher on social justice was Saint John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople from the late 300s to the early 400s. In his homilies, he exhorted the faithful to recognize Christ in the needy: "Do you wish to honor the body of Christ? Do not allow it to be despised in its members, that is, in the poor, who have no clothes to cover themselves. Do not honor Christ's body here in church with silk fabrics, while outside you neglect it when it suffers from cold and nakedness… (No. 41).

Intentions For our Marist works in Venezuela.
For our Brothers working in Formation Houses.

January 16 Friday of the First Week in Ordinary Time. Psalter Week I
Vestment: Green

Liturgy 1 Sm.8:4-7,10-22 "You will cry out on account of the king you have chosen for yourselves, but God will not answer you."
Mk2:1-12 "The son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins."

Reflection Apostolic Exhortation Dilexi Te of the Holy Father, Leo XIV to all Christians on love for the poor
Christian compassion has manifested itself in a particular way in the care of the sick and suffering. Based on the signs present in Jesus' public ministry — the healing of the blind, lepers and paralytics — the Church understands

that caring for the sick, in whom she readily recognizes the crucified Lord, is an important part of her mission. During a plague in the city of Carthage, where he was Bishop, Saint Cyprian reminded Christians of the importance of caring for the sick: “This pestilence and plague, which seems so horrible and deadly, searches out the righteousness of each one, and examines the minds of the human race, to see whether the healthy serve the sick; whether relatives love each other with sincerity; whether masters have pity on their sick servants; whether doctors do not abandon the sick who beg for help.” (No. 49).

Intentions For all our brothers working in finance and sector of our province.
For the grace to always do the will of God.

January 17 Saturday of the First Week in Ordinary Time. Psalter Week I
Vestment: White

Liturgy 1 Sm.9:1-4,17-19,10:1 The Lord told Samuel, “That is the man of whom I told you; Saul shall rule my people.”
Mk2:13-17 “I did not come to call the virtuous, but sinners.”

African saint St Anthony, abbot, founder of monastic life in the desert of Egypt (4th century). He was a young man of 20 when he heard these words in the church: “If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you want, give it to the poor...” He took them to heart, went to the desert where he lived for over a century.

Anniversary In 1838, Fr Champagnat travelled to Paris to obtain legal authorization for his Congregation.

Reflection Apostolic Exhortation Dilexi Te of the Holy Father, Leo XIV to all Christians on love for the poor
In the sixteenth century, Saint John of God founded the Hospitaller Order that bears his name, creating model hospitals that welcomed everyone, regardless of social or economic status. His famous expression, “Do good, my brothers!” became a motto for active charity towards the sick. At the same time, Saint Camillus de Lellis founded the Order of Ministers of the Sick — the Camillians — taking on the mission of serving the sick with total dedication. His rule commands: “Each person should ask the Lord for a motherly affection for their neighbor so that we may serve them with all charity, both in soul and body, because we desire, with the grace of God, to serve all the sick with the affection that a loving mother has for her only sick child.” (No. 50).

Reminder End of CSAC, African Mission Commission, Provincial Bursars & Lay Marists meeting in Ghana

Intentions For our new General Administration.
For our student brothers.
Marist Saturday: specially dedicated to prayer for vocations.

January 18 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. Psalter Week II
Vestment: Green

Liturgy Is 49:3,5-6 “I will make you the light of the nations, so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.”
1Cor 1:1-3 “May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.”
Jn 1:29-34 (Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world.”

Birthday Br Cyprian Gandeebo (1961) from Ghana (Provincial leader)

Reflection Apostolic Exhortation Dilexi Te of the Holy Father, Leo XIV to all Christians on love for the poor

Today, this legacy continues in Catholic hospitals, healthcare facilities in remote areas, clinics operating in jungles, shelters for drug addicts and in field hospitals in war zones. The Christian presence among the sick reveals that salvation is not an abstract idea, but concrete action. In the act of healing a wound, the Church proclaims that the Kingdom of God begins among the most vulnerable. In doing so, she remains faithful to the One who said, "I was sick and you visited me" (Mt 25:36). When the Church kneels beside a leper, a malnourished child or an anonymous dying person, she fulfils her deepest vocation: to love the Lord where he is most disfigured. (No. 52).

Intentions In thanksgiving to God for Bro Cyprian, his vocation, family and his mission.

For our Assistant Province Secretary.

January 19 Monday of the Second Week in Ordinary Time. Psalter Week II

Vestment: Green

Liturgy 1 Sm.15:16-23 "Obedience is better than sacrifice. The Lord has rejected you as king."

Mk2:18-22 "The bridegroom is with them."

Anniversary In 1959, first Marist foundation in Papua New Guinea, Pacific

Reflection Apostolic Exhortation Dilexi Te of the Holy Father, Leo XIV to all Christians on love for the poor

Addressing educators, Pope Francis recalled that education has always been one of the highest expressions of Christian charity: "Yours is a mission full of obstacles as well as joys... A mission of love, because you cannot teach without loving." In this sense, since ancient times, Christians have understood that knowledge liberates, gives dignity, and brings us closer to the truth. For the Church, teaching the poor was an act of justice and faith. Inspired by the example of the Master who taught people divine and human truths, she took on the mission of forming children and young people, especially the poorest, in truth and love. This mission took shape with the founding of congregations dedicated to education. (No.68).

Intentions For peace in all African countries.

For our brothers and works in Cote d'Ivoire

January 20 TUESDAY of the Second Week in Ordinary Time. Psalter Week II

Green/Red

Liturgy 1 Sm.16:1-13 "Samuel anointed David where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David."

Mk2:23-28 "The sabbath was made for man, not man for the sabbath."

Memorial the Pope St Fabian, martyr (3rd century) and of St Sebastian, a soldier who chose Christ over the emperor (4th century).

Reflection Apostolic Exhortation Dilexi Te of the Holy Father, Leo XIV to all Christians on love for the poor

In the sixteenth century, Saint Joseph Calasanz, struck by the lack of education and training among the poor young people of Rome, established Europe's first free public school in some rooms adjacent to the church of Santa Dorotea in Trastevere. This was the seed from which the Poor Clerics Regular of the Mother of God of the Pious Schools, known as the Piarists, would later emerge and develop, though not without difficulty. Their goal was that of transmitting to young people "not only secular knowledge but also the

wisdom of the Gospel, teaching them to recognize, in their personal lives and in history, the loving action of God the Creator and Redeemer." (69).

Intentions For our Provincial Accountant.
For our donor agencies.

January 21 Wednesday of the Second Week in Ordinary Time. Psalter Week II
Vestment: Red

Liturgy 1 Sm. 17:32-33,37,40-51 "David triumphed over the Philistine with a sling and a stone."
Mk3:1-6 "Is it against the law on the sabbath day to save life?"

Memorial St Agnes, virgin and martyr. The martyrdom of this young girl aged between 13 and 15, has been an inspiration ever since her death in the 4th century.

Anniversary In 1952, Marist work started in Rwanda
In 1996, death of Brother Basilio Rueda, 9th Superior General (1967-1985). The cause of beatification is underway.

Reflection Apostolic Exhortation Dilexi Te of the Holy Father, Leo XIV to all Christians on love for the poor
In the nineteenth century, also in France, Saint Marcellin Champagnat founded the Institute of the Marist Brothers of the Schools. "He was sensitive to the spiritual and educational needs of his time, especially to religious ignorance and the situation of neglect experienced in a particular way by the young." He dedicated himself wholeheartedly to the mission of educating and evangelizing children and young people, especially those most in need, during a period when access to education continued to be the privilege of a few. (70).

Intentions In thanksgiving to God for the gift of Bro Basilio to our Institute.
For all our Marist works in Rwanda.

January 22 Thursday of the Second Week in Ordinary. Time Psalter Week II
Vestment: White/Voilet

Liturgy 1 Sm. 18:6-9,19:1-7 "My father Saul is looking for a way to kill you."
Mk3:7-12 The unclean spirits would shout, "You are the son of God!" But he warned them strongly not to make him known."

Anniversary In 1881, death of Brother François Rivat, 1st Superior General.

Reflection Apostolic Exhortation Dilexi Te of the Holy Father, Leo XIV to all Christians on love for the poor
For the Christian faith, the education of the poor is not a favor but a duty. Children have a right to knowledge as a fundamental requirement for the recognition of human dignity. Teaching them affirms their value, giving them the tools to transform their reality. Christian tradition considers knowledge a gift from God and a community responsibility. Christian education does not only form professionals, but also people open to goodness, beauty and truth. Catholic schools, therefore, when they are faithful to their name, are places of inclusion, integral formation and human development. By combining faith and culture, they sow the seeds of the future, honor the image of God and build a better society. (72).

Intentions In thanksgiving to God for the gift of Bro François to our Institute.
For our brothers studying in MIC, Nairobi.

January 23 Friday of the Second Week in Ordinary Time. Psalter Week II
Vestment: Green/Red/White

Liturgy 1 Sm. 24:3-21 "I will not raise my hand against him, for he is the anointed of the Lord."
Mk3:13-19 "He summoned those he wanted to be his companions."

Memorial St Vincent, deacon and martyr. Together with deacons Stephen and Lawrence, they are the noble ancestors of our present permanent deacons and catechists.

Anniversary In 2015, death of Brother Blaise Beguerem from Chad.

Reflection Apostolic Exhortation Dilexi Te of the Holy Father, Leo XIV to all Christians on love for the poor

Christian holiness often flourishes in the most forgotten and wounded places of humanity. The poorest of the poor — those who lack not only material goods but also a voice and the recognition of their dignity — have a special place in God's heart. They are the beloved of the Gospel, the heirs to the Kingdom (cf. Lk 6:20). It is in them that Christ continues to suffer and rise again. It is in them that the Church rediscovers her call to show her most authentic self. (76).

Intention For our Brothers in Chad.

For our Brother in the Council General.

January 24 Saturday of the Second Week in Ordinary Time. Psalter Week II

Vestment: White

Liturgy 2Sm.1:1-4,11-12,19,23-27 "How did the heroes fall in the thick of the battle?"

Mk3:20-21 "His relatives said he was out of his mind."

Memorial St Francis de Sales, bishop and doctor. He related well to Protestants and Catholics and gave much spiritual guidance to the laity.

Birthday Brother Emili Turú, former Superior General

Anniversary In 1923, Marist work began in El Salvador

Reflection Apostolic Exhortation Dilexi Te of the Holy Father, Leo XIV to all Christians on love for the poor

We must also recognize that, throughout centuries of Christian history, helping the poor and advocating for their rights has not only involved individuals, families, institutions, or religious communities. There have been, and still are, various popular movements made up of lay people and led by popular leaders, who have often been viewed with suspicion and even persecuted. I am referring to "all those persons who journey, not as individuals, but as a closely-bound community of all and for all, one that refuses to leave the poor and vulnerable behind... 'Popular' leaders, then, are those able to involve everyone... They do not shun or fear those young people who have experienced hurt or borne the weight of the cross." (80).

Intentions In thanksgiving for the gift of Bro Emili Turú to our Institute.

For all our Marist works in El Salvador.

Marist Saturday: specially dedicated to prayer for vocations.

January 25 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. Psalter Week III

Vestment: Green

Liturgy Is 8:23-9:3 "In Galilee of the nations the people have seen a great light."

1Cor 1:10-13,17 "Make up the differences between you instead of disagreeing among yourselves."

Mt. 4:12-23 or 4:12-17 "He went and settled in Capernaum: in this way, the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled."

Reflection Apostolic Exhortation Dilexi Te of the Holy Father, Leo XIV to all Christians on love for the poor

The acceleration of technological and social change in the past two centuries, with all its contradictions and conflicts, not only had an impact on the lives of the poor but also became the object of debate and reflection on

their part. The Church's social doctrine also emerged from this matrix. Its analysis of Christian revelation in the context of modern social, labor, economic and cultural issues would not have been possible without the contribution of the laity, men and women alike, who grappled with the great issues of their time. (82).

Intentions For all the formators in our formation houses.
For all students in our schools.

January 26 Monday of the Third Week in Ordinary Time. Psalter Week III
Vestment: White

Liturgy 2Sm 5:1-7;10 "You shall be shepherd of my people Israel."
Mk3:22-30 "It is the end of satan."

Reflection Apostolic Exhortation Dilexi Te of the Holy Father, Leo XIV to all Christians on love for the poor
The epochal change we are now undergoing makes even more necessary a constant interaction between the faithful and the Church's Magisterium, between ordinary citizens and experts, between individuals and institutions. Here too, it needs to be acknowledged once more that reality is best viewed from the sidelines, and that the poor are possessed of unique insights indispensable to the Church and to humanity as a whole. (82).

Intentions For those with technological ideas behind our Accounting procedures.
For our biological families.

January 27 Tuesday of the Third Week in Ordinary Time. Psalter Week III
Vestment: Green/White

Liturgy 2Sm.6:12b-15,17-19 "David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with acclaim."
Mk3:31-35 "Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother."

Memorial St. Angela Merici, foundress of the Ursuline Sisters in the 16th century. She is one of the pioneers in girls' education.
Apostolic Exhortation Dilexi Te of the Holy Father, Leo XIV to all Christians on love for the poor
The Second Vatican Council represented a milestone in the Church's understanding of the poor in God's saving plan. Although this theme remained marginal in the preparatory documents, Saint John XXIII, in his Radio Message of 11 September 1962, a month before the opening of the Council, called attention to the issue. In his memorable words, "the Church presents herself as she is and as she wishes to be: the Church of all and in particular the Church of the poor." The intense efforts of bishops, theologians and experts concerned with the renewal of the Church — with the support of Saint John XXIII himself — gave the Council a new direction. (84).

Intentions For promoters of girls and women's education around the world.
For those running orphanages.

January 28 Wednesday of the Third Week in Ordinary. Time Psalter Week III
Vestment: White

Liturgy 2Sm.7:4-17 "Your house and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me."
Mk 4:1-20 "Imagine a sower going out to sow."

Memorial St Thomas Aquinas, Dominican priest and doctor. He dedicated his brilliant talents to investigating the sublime truth of God in the light of faith and the human intellect. He is patron of all Catholic schools.

Anniversary In 1947, Marist work begun in Portugal

Birthday Brother Ndim Gilbert Ndzichia (1979) from Cameroon

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The centrality of Christ in these considerations both on a doctrinal and social level would prove fundamental. Many Council Fathers supported this approach, as eloquently expressed by Cardinal Lercaro in his intervention of 6 December 1962: “The mystery of Christ in the Church has always been and today is, in a particular way, the mystery of Christ in the poor.” He went on to say that, “this is not simply one theme among others, but in some sense the only theme of the Council as a whole.” (84).

Intentions For Brother Gilbert, his family, personal intentions and his community of Ahwiren Postulancy, Ghana.

For the Brothers of Compostela Province

January 29 Thursday of the Third Week in Ordinary Time. Psalter Week III

Vestment: Green

Liturgy 2Sm.7:18-19,24-29 “Who am I Lord, and what is my house?”

Mk 4:21-25 “A lamp is to be put on a lamp-stand. The amount you measure out is the amount you will be given.”

Anniversary In 1992, Marist work started in Honduras, Central America

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The Archbishop of Bologna, in preparing the text for this intervention, noted the following: “This is the hour of the poor, of the millions of the poor throughout the world. This is the hour of the mystery of the Church as mother of the poor. This is the hour of the mystery of Christ, present especially in the poor.” There was a growing sense of the need for a new image of Church, one simpler and more sober, embracing the entire people of God and its presence in history. A Church more closely resembling her Lord than worldly powers and working to foster a concrete commitment on the part of all humanity to solving the immense problem of poverty in the world. (84).

Intentions For all our Marist works in Honduras.

For political, and economic stability in African Countries.

January 30 Friday of the Third Week in Ordinary. Time Psalter Week III

Vestment: Green

Liturgy 2Sm.11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17 “You have shown contempt for me and taken the wife of Uriah to be your wife.”

Mk 4:26-34 “A man throws seed on the land. While he sleeps the seed is growing; how, he does not know.”

Reminder Beginning of the 34th Provincial Council Meeting.

Reflection Apostolic Exhortation Dilexi Te of the Holy Father, Leo XIV to all Christians on love for the poor

At the opening of the second session of the Council, Saint Paul VI took up this concern voiced by his predecessor, namely that the Church looks with particular attention “to the poor, the needy, the afflicted, the hungry, the suffering, the imprisoned, that is, she looks to all humanity that suffers and weeps: she is part of them by evangelical right.” In his General Audience of 11 November 1964, he pointed out that “the poor are representatives of Christ.” (85).

Intentions For the Brothers and Marist Province of Nigeria.

For all the Brothers working at Marist International University College, Nairobi.

January 31 Saturday of the Third Week in Ordinary Time. Psalter Week III
Vestment: White

Liturgy	2Sm.12:1-7,10-17 “I have sinned against the Lord.” Mk 4:35-41 “Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.”
Memorial	St John Bosco, priest in Northern Italy in the 19th century. A born educator, effective organizer, prolific writer, he trusted in God and Mary and accomplished wonders. He founded the Salesians men and women to care for the young.
Birthday	Keafoon Alvin (1995), from Cameroon
Reminder	End of the 34th Provincial Council Meeting
Reflection	Apostolic Exhortation Dilexi Te of the Holy Father, Leo XIV to all Christians on love for the poor The Pastoral Constitution Gaudium et Spes, building on the teachings of the Church Fathers, forcefully reaffirms the universal destination of earthly goods and the social function of property that derives from it. The Constitution states that “God destined the earth and all it contains for all people and nations so that all created things would be shared fairly by all humankind under the guidance of justice tempered by charity… 86.
Intentions	For Brother Keafon Alvin, his intentions, family, vocation and his studies in MIUC. For the domestic workers in our communities. Marist Saturday: specially dedicated to prayer for vocations.