JANUARY 23

Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin

Optional Memorial [517A]

Born in Darmstadt, Germany, St. Marianne (1838–1918) entered the Sisters of Saint Francis in Syracuse, New York, in 1862 after having postponed her entrance nine years in order to fulfill family obligations. She was instrumental in the founding of several schools and hospitals for immigrants. In 1883 she led a group of sisters to the Hawaiian Islands to care for the poor, especially those suffering from leprosy. In 1888 she went to Moloka‘i, where she set up a home for girls with leprosy. After the death of St. Damien de Veuster, she also took over the home he built for boys.

From the Common of Virgins: For One Virgin (p. 2087), or from the Common of Holy Men and Women: For Those Who Practiced Works of Mercy (p. 2096).

COLLECT

O God, who called us to serve your Son in the least of our brothers and sisters, grant, we pray, that by the example and intercession of the Virgin Saint Marianne Cope, we may burn with love for you and for those who suffer. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
May 29

MAY 29

Saint Paul VI, Pope Optional Memorial [571A]
Born in Italy, St. Paul VI (1897–1978) spent his papacy traveling the world, following the example of the Apostle whose name he took. St. Paul VI spent his life for Christ’s Gospel, crossing new boundaries and becoming its witness in proclamation and in dialogue, a prophet of a Church turned outwards, looking to those far away, and taking care of the poor. Even in the midst of tiredness and misunderstanding, St. Paul VI bore witness in a passionate way to the beauty and the joy of following Christ totally.

From the Common of Pastors: For a Pope (p. 2069).

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FIRST READING p. 1425 [441 (Short Form ▲▼)] 1 Cor 9:16–19, 22–23
RESPONSORIAL PSALM p. 2241 [874] Ps 96: 1–2a, 2b–3, 7–8a, 10
GOSPEL p. 1853 [591] Mt 16:13–19
Monday after Pentecost

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church Memorial [572A]
The Blessed Virgin Mary carried and gave birth to our Savior, the Son of God. She is the Mother of God and our mother, the Mother of the Church. She is the supreme manifestation of the love, holiness, and faithful obedience that characterizes the one Church established by her Son; she is “the image and beginning of the Church as it is to be perfected in the world to come” (Lumen Gentium, 68). Above all other avenues, the person of Mary enables us to understand and come to love the mystery of the Church. This celebration grew out of Bl. Paul VI’s emphasis on Our Lady’s maternal role in the Church.

From the Votive Masses: 10. Blessed Virgin Mary, B. Our Lady, Mother of the Church (p.2165).

COLLECT
O God, Father of mercies, whose Only Begotten Son, as he hung upon the Cross, chose the Blessed Virgin Mary, his Mother, to be our Mother also, grant, we pray, that with her loving help your Church may be more fruitful day by day and, exulting in the holiness of her children, may draw to her embrace all the families of the peoples. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

The readings for this memorial are proper.

First reading (1st Option) – p.2013 [689]  
Gn 3:9–15, 20

First reading (2nd Option) – p.666 [59]  
Acts 1:12–14

Responsorial Psalm  
Ps 87:1–2, 3 and 5, 6–7

Gloriósadicta sunt de te, cívitas Dei!

R. (3) Glorious things are told of you, O city of God.

His foundation upon the holy mountains 
the LORD loves:
The gates of Zion, 
more than any dwelling of Jacob.  
R.

Glorious things are said of you, 
O city of God!
And of Zion they shall say: 
“One and all were born in her;
Monday after Pentecost

And he who has established her
is the Most High LORD.” R.

They shall note, when the peoples are enrolled:
“This man was born there.”
And all shall sing, in their festive dance:
“My home is within you.” R.

ALLELUIA

O felix Virgo, quæ Dóminum genuísti; | o beáta Mater Ecclésiæ, | quæ in nobis foves Spiritum | Filii tui Iesu Christi!

R. Alleluia, alleluia. O happy Virgin, you gave birth to the Lord; | O blessed mother of the Church, | you warm our hearts with the Spirit of your Son Jesus Christ. R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother | and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, | and Mary of Magdala. | When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, | he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son.” Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother.” | And from that hour the disciple took her into his home. After this, aware that everything was now finished, | in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled, | Jesus said, “I thirst.” | There was a vessel filled with common wine. | So they put a sponge soaked in wine on a sprig of hyssop | and put it up to his mouth. | When Jesus had taken the wine, he said, “It is finished.” | And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit.

Now since it was preparation day, | in order that the bodies might not remain on the cross on the sabbath, for the sabbath day of that week was a solemn one, | the Jews asked Pilate that their legs be broken | and they be taken down. | So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first | and then of the other one who was crucified with Jesus. | But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs, | but one soldier thrust his lance into his side, | and immediately Blood and water flowed out.
JULY 22

SAINT MARY MAGDALENE  
Feast [603]

The celebration of St. Mary Magdalene has been upgraded to a Feast. Christ cast seven devils out of St. Mary; she ministered to him in Galilee, was one of the few who remained with Christ during his Agony on the Cross, and with two other women visited his tomb and found it empty. Our Lord first appeared to her after his Resurrection, asking her to announce his Resurrection to the Apostles.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON  
Jn 20: 17
The Lord said to Mary Magdalene: Go to my brothers and tell them: I am going to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

COLLECT

O God, whose Only Begotten Son entrusted Mary Magdalene before all others with announcing the great joy of the Resurrection, grant, we pray, that through her intercession and example we may proclaim the living Christ and come to see him reigning in your glory. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

The readings for this feast are proper.

FIRST READING (1st Option)  — p. 2203 [603]  
Sg 3: 1–4b

FIRST READING (2nd Option)  — p. 1119 [95]  
2 Cor 5: 14–17

RESPONSORIAL PSALM  — p. 1121 [96]  
Ps 63: 2, 3–4, 5–6, 8–9

ALLELUIA

R. Alleluia, alleluia. Tell us Mary, what did you see on the way? I saw the glory of the risen Christ, I saw his empty tomb.  
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL  
Jn 20: 1–2, 11–18

Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
On the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed
OCTOBER 5

[In the Dioceses of the United States]

Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest Optional Memorial [651A]

Born in Fussen, Germany, Bl. Francis (1819–1867) entered the diocesan seminary, and, coming to know the charism of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, joined it and was sent to North America. He began his pastoral ministry in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as assistant pastor of his confrere St. John Neumann, serving also as Master of Novices and dedicating himself to preaching. He became a full-time itinerant missionary preacher, preaching in both English and German in a number of different states.

From the Common of Pastors: For Missionaries (p. 2078).

COLLECT

O God, who made your Priest Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos outstanding in love, that he might proclaim the mysteries of redemption and comfort those in affliction, grant, by his intercession, that we may work zealously for your glory and for the salvation of mankind. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
OCTOBER 11

Saint John XXIII, Pope

Optional Memorial

Born in Lombardy, St. John XXIII (1881–1963) served as the secretary for the bishop and spiritual director of the seminary. He was later named Italian president of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. In 1925 he was named archbishop and appointed apostolic visitor to Bulgaria, apostolic delegate to Greece and Turkey, and papal nuncio in France. As an archbishop he was known for his pastoral zeal and for his support of the Church’s missionary work. In 1953 he was made a cardinal and named Patriarch of Venice. Following his election as Pope, he convened the Second Vatican Council and published several notable encyclicals.

From the Common of Pastors: For a Pope (p. 2069).

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FIRST READING  p. 1720 [172]  Ez 34:11–16
RESPONSORIAL PSALM  p. 1229 [107]  Ps 23:1–3, 3–4, 5, 6
ALLELUIA  p. 1721 [172]  Jn 10:14
GOSPEL  p. 685 [301 (Short Form ▲▼)]  Jn 21:15–17
OCTOBER 22

Saint John Paul II, Pope

St. John Paul II (1920–2005) a native of Poland, pursued advanced studies in philosophy and theology. In 1958 he was named an auxiliary bishop and in 1964 became the Archbishop of Krakow. He actively participated in the Second Vatican Council, especially in the drafting of the Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World and the Declaration on Religious Freedom. Following his election as Pope, he taught by word and example how to overcome the secular humanism that gives rise to a “culture of death.” He made more than 100 pastoral visits around the world, wrote fourteen encyclicals, and began the tradition of World Youth Day. He gave the Church immense gifts in a revised Code of Canon Law and the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

From the Common of Pastors: For a Pope (p. 2069).

COLLECT

O God, who are rich in mercy and who willed that Saint John Paul the Second should preside as Pope over your universal Church, grant, we pray, that instructed by his teaching, we may open our hearts to the saving grace of Christ, the sole Redeemer of mankind. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING  ⇒ p. 115 [16]  Is 52:7–10
RESPONSORIAL PSALM  ⇒ p. 2241 [874]  Ps 96:1–2a, 2b–3, 7–8a, 10
ALLELUIA  ⇒ p. 1721 [172]  Jn 10:14
GOSPEL  ⇒ p. 685 [301 (Short Form ▲▼)]  Jn 21:15–17
DECEMBER 10

Our Lady of Loreto

The Holy House of Nazareth in the Basilica at Loreto, Italy, is a treasured shrine of Our Lady. The little house, in its original location in Nazareth, had been a site of worship and pilgrimage since the early days of Christianity, and a basilica was built over it in the fourth century. In the thirteenth century the Holy House was moved from Nazareth to its present location inside the church. Many miracles have been verified in association with the Holy House, and the Litany of Loreto (p. 2413) is a popular devotion in the prayer life of the Church.

From the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary: II. In Advent (p. 2051).

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FIRST READING  ⇒ p. 87 [196]  Is 7:10–14


ALLELUIA  ⇒ p. 2015 [689]  Cf. Lk 1:28

GOSPEL  ⇒ p. 2015 [689]  Lk 1:26–38