

JANUARY 23**[In the Dioceses of the United States]*****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,
 God, for ever and ever.

FEBRUARY 27***Saint Gregory of Narek,
Abbot and Doctor of the Church*****Optional Memorial [536/1]**

St. Gregory of Narek (ca. 950–1003) was a monk, priest, poet, mystical philosopher, and theologian. He and his two brothers entered monastic life at an early age. In the monasteries of Narek, he taught school. He wrote a number of famous letters, liturgical chants, odes, melodies, commentaries, and church writings that are famous for their clarity of thought and excellence of theological presentation. St. Gregory is considered the greatest Armenian poet and her greatest mystic.

From the Common of Doctors of the Church (p. 2082), or from the Common of Holy Men and Women: For an Abbot (p. 2093).

COLLECT

Until there is an approved English text, continue to use one of the Collects from one of the Commons.

FIRST READING	➔ p. 2204 [725]	Wis 7: 7–10, 15–16
RESPONSORIAL PSALM	➔ p. 2237 [727]	Ps 37: 3–4, 5–6, 30–31
ALLELUIA	➔ p. 1446 [445]	Cf. Jn 6: 63c, 68c
GOSPEL	➔ p. 1135 [374]	Mt 7: 21–29

MAY 10***Saint John of Avila,
Priest and Doctor of the Church*****Optional Memorial**

St. John of Avila (1499 / 1500–1569) was born near Toledo, Spain, and was canonized in 1970. He was a reformer, one of the greatest preachers of his time, an author, and a spiritual director. He is called the "Apostle of Andalusia."

From the Common of Pastors: For One Pastor (p.2074), or from the Common of Doctors of the Church (p.2082).

COLLECT

Until there is an approved English text, continue to use one of the Collects from one of the Commons.

FIRST READING	➔ p. 604 [284 (Short Form ▼▲)]	Acts 13:46–49
RESPONSORIAL PSALM	➔ p. 2234 [1013]	Ps 23:1–3a, 4, 5, 6
ALLELUIA	➔ p. 1464 [449]	Mt 5:16
GOSPEL	➔ p. 2253 [730]	Mt 5:13–19

MAY 29

Saint Paul VI, Pope

Optional Memorial [571A]

Born in Concesio, 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 outward, 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, most notably in the encyclical *Humanae Vitæ* ("On Human Life").

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

COLLECT

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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

ALLELUIA ➔ p. 1962 [655] Mk 1:17

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,
 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

Gloriosa dicta sunt de te, civitas 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;

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 Ecclesiæ, | 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

Jn 19:25–34

Behold, your Son. Behold, your mother.

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

Dixit Dóminus Mariæ Magdalénæ: Vade ad fratres meos, et dic eis: Ascéndo ad Patrem meum et Patrem vestrum, Deum meum et Deum vestrum.

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, 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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Receive, we pray, O Lord,
 these offerings of our homage,
 and grant that we may merit a share in the same blessing
 which you promised to Abraham and his descendants.
 Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON**Cf. Ps 24(23):5**

Accepérunt benedictiónem a Dómino, et misericórdiam a Deo salutári suo.
**They received blessings from the Lord | and mercy from God
 their Savior.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, who willed that your Only Begotten Son
 should be born from among humanity
 so that by a wonderful mystery
 humanity might be born again from you,
 we pray that, in your kindness,
 you may sanctify by the spirit of adoption
 those you have fed with the Bread you give your children.
 Through Christ our Lord.

JULY 29**Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus****Memorial [607]**

Our Lord frequented the home of Sts. Martha, her brother Lazarus, and her sister Mary. As his friends in Bethany, they took loving care of Christ.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**Cf. Lk 10:38**

Intrávit Iesus in quoddam castéllum, et múlier quædam Martha nómine
 excépit illum in domum suam.

**Jesus entered a village, | where a woman named Martha wel-
 comed him into her home.**

COLLECT

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
 that the example of your Saints may spur us on to a better life,
 so that we, who celebrate the memory
 of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus,
 may also imitate without ceasing their deeds.
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 God, for ever and ever.

Another Collect from the Common of Holy Men and Women may be used.

The Gospel for this memorial is proper.

FIRST READING ➔ p. 1716 [170] 1 Jn 4:7-16

RESPONSORIAL PSALM ➔ p. 2237 [978] Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11

ALLELUIA ➔ p. 1301 [411] Mt 5:10

GOSPEL (1st Option) Jn 11:19-27

I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary | to comfort them about their brother [Lazarus, who had died]. | When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, | she went to meet him; | but Mary sat at home. | ▼ Martha said to Jesus, | "Lord, if you had been here, | my brother would not have died. | But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, | God will give you." | Jesus said to her, | "Your brother will rise." | Martha said to him, | "I know he will rise, | in the resurrection on the last day." | Jesus told her, | "I am the resurrection and the life; | whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, | and anyone who lives and believes in me will never die. | Do you believe this?" | She said to him, "Yes, Lord. | I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, | the one who is coming into the world." ▲

GOSPEL (2nd Option) ➔ p. 1518 [462] Lk 10:38-42

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

As we proclaim your wonders in your Saints, O Lord,
we humbly implore your majesty,
that, as their homage of love was pleasing to you,
so, too, our dutiful service may find favor in your sight.
Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Jn 11:27

Dixit Martha ad Iesum: Tu es Christus, Filius Dei vivi, qui in hunc mundum venisti.

Martha said to Jesus: | You are the Christ, the Son of God, | who is coming into this world.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the holy reception of the Body and Blood
of your Only Begotten Son, O Lord,
turn us away from the cares of this fallen world,
so that, following the example of Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus,
we may grow in sincere love for you on earth
and rejoice to behold you for eternity in heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.

SEPTEMBER 17

*Saint Hildegard of Bingen,
Virgin and Doctor of the Church*

Optional Memorial

St. Hildegard of Bingen (ca. 1098–1179) was a Benedictine nun who became an influential writer, scholar, and mystic. Her theological texts covered the Church, angels, the Trinity, and the end of the world. She also wrote on natural subjects and was a composer.

From the Common of Virgins: For One Virgin (p. 2087), or from the Common of Holy Men and Women: For a Nun.

COLLECT

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FIRST READING ➔ p. 2203 [731] Sg 8: 6–7

RESPONSORIAL PSALM ➔ p. 1420 [439] Ps 45: 11–12, 14–15, 16–17

ALLELUIA Mt 5: 8 [741]

R. Alleluia, alleluia. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. **R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

GOSPEL ➔ p. 1625 [154] Mt 25: 1–13

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,
 God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING ➔ p. 1569 [476 (Short Form ▲▼)] Eph 3:14–19

RESPONSORIAL PSALM ➔ p. 2243 [739] Ps 103:1bc–2, 3–4, 8–9, 13–14, 17–18a

ALLELUIA ➔ p. 1977 [667] Mt 11:28

GOSPEL ➔ p. 1717 [170] Mt 11:25–30

OCTOBER 5***Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin*** **Optional Memorial [651B]**

St. Faustina Kowalska was a simple, humble Polish nun. She was often assigned “the lowest” tasks: working in the kitchen or garden or serving as a porter. However, God chose her to receive his wonderful message of mercy for all people; this message even inspired the Second Sunday of Easter to be celebrated in honor of Divine Mercy.

From the *Common of Virgins: For One Virgin* (p.2087), or the *Common of Holy Men and Women: For Religious* (p.2094).

COLLECT

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FIRST READING ➔ p. 1569 [476 (Short Form ▲▼)] Eph 3:14–19

RESPONSORIAL PSALM ➔ p. 2243 [739] Ps 103:1bc–2, 3–4, 8–9, 13–14, 17–18a

ALLELUIA ➔ p. 1977 [667] Mt 11:28

GOSPEL ➔ p. 1717 [170] Mt 11:25–30

OCTOBER 11***Saint John XXIII, Pope*****Optional Memorial [655A]**

Born in Bergamo, Italy, 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 and cardinal he was known for his pastoral zeal and for his support of the Church's missionary work. Following his election as Pope, he convened the Second Vatican Council (1962–1965) to help the Church thrive in the modern world and published several notable encyclicals.

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

COLLECT

Almighty ever-living God,
 who in Pope Saint John the Twenty-Third
 have given a living example of Christ, the Good Shepherd,
 to shine throughout the whole world,
 grant us, we pray,
 that, through his intercession,
 we may joyfully pour out
 an abundance of Christian charity.
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING	➔ p. 1720 [172]	Ez 34:11–16
RESPONSORIAL PSALM	➔ p. 1229 [107]	Ps 23:1–3a, 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*****Optional Memorial [663A]**

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,
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*****Optional Memorial [689B]**

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 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. This memorial was added to the universal calendar in 2019.

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

COLLECT

O God, who, fulfilling the promise made to our Fathers,
 chose the Blessed Virgin Mary
 to become the Mother of the Savior,
 grant that we may follow her example,
 for her humility was pleasing to you
 and her obedience profitable to us.
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 God, for ever and ever.

FIRST READING ➔ p. 1786 [545] Is 7:10–14; 8:10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM ➔ p. 2249 [1002] Lk 1:46–47, 48–49, 50–51, 52–53, 54–55

ALLELUIA ➔ p. 2015 [689] Cf. Lk 1:28

GOSPEL ➔ p. 2015 [689] Lk 1:26–38