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# GENERAL ROMAN CALENDAR

[including the Proper Calendar for the Dioceses  
of the United States of America]

## JANUARY

1. The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord:  
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY  
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2. Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory  
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3. *The Most Holy Name of Jesus\**
4. [USA] St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious Memorial
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20. *St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr*  
*St. Sebastian, Martyr*
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22. [USA] Day of Prayer for the Legal  
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23. [USA] *St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr*
24. [USA] *St. Marianne Cope, Virgin*
24. St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor  
of the Church Memorial
25. THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE Feast
26. Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops Memorial
27. *St. Angela Merici, Virgin*
28. St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor  
of the Church Memorial
- 29.

\*When the rank of the celebration is not indicated, it is an  
Optional Memorial.

\*\*January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday

**COMMUNION ANT.**

Cf. Rev 22:12

**Behold, I am coming soon and my recompense is with me, says the Lord, to bestow a reward according to the deeds of each. ↓**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We implore your mercy, Lord,  
that this divine sustenance  
may cleanse us of our faults  
and prepare us for the coming feasts.  
Through Christ our Lord.

*R*. **Amen.**

→ No. 30, p. 693

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**MONDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT**

*For the Masses from December 17 to 24, see pp. 63-91.*

All authority in heaven and on earth comes from God. He shares it with us since we are his children, made to his image and likeness. Everyone who exercises this authority, however, must be accountable to God.

**ENTRANCE ANT.**

Cf. Jer 31:10; Is 35:4

**Hear the word of the Lord, O nations; declare it to the distant lands: Behold, our Savior will come; you need no longer fear.**

→ No. 2, p. 626

**COLLECT**

Incline a merciful ear to our cry, we pray, O Lord,  
and, casting light on the darkness of our hearts,  
visit us with the grace of your Son.

Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy  
Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever. *R*. **Amen. ↓**

**FIRST READING**

Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a

Balaam foretells what Israel shall do to Moab in the days to come. The stars of Jacob shall prevail and the tribes of Israel shall rise up. Balaam's oracle is wholly and emphatically a blessing on Israel.

A reading from the Book of Numbers

**W**HEN Balaam raised his eyes and saw Israel encamped, tribe by tribe, the spirit of God came upon him, and he gave voice to his oracle:

The utterance of Balaam, son of Beor,  
 the utterance of a man whose eye is true,  
 The utterance of one who hears what God says,  
 and knows what the Most High knows,  
 Of one who sees what the Almighty sees,  
 enraptured, and with eyes unveiled:  
 How goodly are your tents, O Jacob;  
 your encampments, O Israel!  
 They are like gardens beside a stream,  
 like the cedars planted by the LORD.  
 His wells shall yield free-flowing waters,  
 he shall have the sea within reach;  
 His king shall rise higher,  
 and his royalty shall be exalted.

Then Balaam gave voice to his oracle:

The utterance of Balaam, son of Beor,  
 the utterance of the man whose eye is true,  
 The utterance of one who hears what God says,  
 and knows what the Most High knows,  
 Of one who sees what the Almighty sees,  
 enraptured, and with eyes unveiled.  
 I see him, though not now;  
 I behold him, though not near:  
 A star shall advance from Jacob,  
 and a staff shall rise from Israel.

The word of the Lord. *R*. **Thanks be to God.** ↓

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9

*R*. (4) **Teach me your ways, O Lord.**

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me;  
 teach me your paths,  
 Guide me in your truth and teach me,  
 for you are God my savior.—*R*.

Remember that your compassion, O LORD,  
and your kindness are from of old.  
In your kindness remember me,  
because of your goodness, O LORD.—R<sup>l</sup>.  
Good and upright is the LORD;  
thus he shows sinners the way.  
He guides the humble to justice,  
he teaches the humble his way.—R<sup>l</sup>. ↓

**ALLELUIA**

Ps 85:8

R<sup>l</sup>. **Alleluia, alleluia.**  
Show us, LORD, your love,  
and grant us your salvation.  
R<sup>l</sup>. **Alleluia, alleluia.** ↓

**GOSPEL**

Mt 21:23-27

The answer of Jesus to the chief priests is a counter question about the commission of John the Baptist. Jesus' refusal to answer the question about his own commission is a tacit rejection of the authority of his questioners.

V. The Lord be with you. R<sup>l</sup>. **And with your spirit.**  
✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.  
R<sup>l</sup>. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**W**HEN Jesus had come into the temple area, the chief priests and the elders of the people approached him as he was teaching and said, "By what authority are you doing these things? And who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them in reply, "I shall ask you one question, and if you answer it for me, then I shall tell you by what authority I do these things. Where was John's baptism from? Was it of heavenly or of human origin?" They discussed this among themselves and said, "If we say 'Of heavenly origin,' he will say to us, 'Then why did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we fear the crowd, for they all regard John as a prophet." So they said to Jesus in reply, "We do not know." He himself said to them, "Neither shall I tell you by what authority I



do these things.”—The Gospel of the Lord. *R.* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.** → No. 16, p. 635

### **PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make,  
gathered from among your gifts to us,  
and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here  
below

gain for us the prize of eternal redemption.

Through Christ our Lord.

*R.* **Amen.**

→ No. 21, p. 638 (Pref. P 1)

### **COMMUNION ANT.**

Cf. Ps 106 (105):4-5; Is 38:3

**Come, O Lord, visit us in peace, that we may rejoice  
before you with a blameless heart. ↓**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

May these mysteries, O Lord,  
in which we have participated,  
profit us, we pray,  
for even now, as we walk amid passing things,  
you teach us by them  
to love the things of heaven  
and hold fast to what endures.

Through Christ our Lord.

*R.* **Amen.**

→ No. 30, p. 693

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## **TUESDAY OF THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT**

*For the Masses from December 17 to 24, see pp. 63-91.*

“The LORD is good to all and compassionate toward all his works” (Ps 145:9). His ways differ from ours since we are more like the proud Pharisees. Jesus helps us become aware of our frailty and weakness. We must have sorrow for our sins.

### **ENTRANCE ANT.**

Cf. Zec 14:5, 7

**Behold, the Lord will come, and all his holy ones with  
him; and on that day there will be a great light.**

→ No. 2, p. 626

**TUESDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT**

Lent is for special graces; marvelous things happen during this sacred time. We ourselves do not lay down the conditions for our salvation. God does that. When we pray, we should mean what we say and keep our mind on what we are doing. Glorify God, adore him, praise him—then ask!

**ENTRANCE ANT.**

Cf. Ps 90 (89):1-2

**O Lord, you have been our refuge, from generation to generation; from age to age, you are.** → No. 2, p. 626

**COLLECT**

Look upon your family, Lord,  
that, through the chastening effects of bodily discipline,  
our minds may be radiant in your presence  
with the strength of our yearning for you.  
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. *R*. **Amen.** ↓

**FIRST READING**

Is 55:10-11

Isaiah directs his hearers to come to the Lord, especially when in need. It is necessary to seek the Lord while he may be found. God alone lays down the conditions for salvation.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

**T**HUS says the LORD:  
Just as from the heavens  
the rain and snow come down  
And do not return there  
till they have watered the earth,  
making it fertile and fruitful,  
Giving seed to the one who sows  
and bread to the one who eats,  
So shall my word be  
that goes forth from my mouth;  
It shall not return to me void,  
but shall do my will,

achieving the end for which I sent it.  
The word of the Lord. R/. **Thanks be to God.** ↓

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19

R/. (18b) **From all their distress God rescues the just.**

Glorify the LORD with me,  
let us together extol his name.  
I sought the LORD, and he answered me  
and delivered me from all my fears.—R/.

Look to him that you may be radiant with joy,  
and your faces may not blush with shame.  
When the poor one called out, the LORD heard,  
and from all his distress he saved him.—R/.

The LORD has eyes for the just,  
and ears for their cry.  
The LORD confronts the evildoers,  
to destroy remembrance of them from the earth.—R/.

When the just cry out, the LORD hears them,  
and from all their distress he rescues them.  
The LORD is close to the brokenhearted;  
and those who are crushed in spirit he saves.—R/. ↓

**VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL** Mt 4:4b

R/. **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ, Wisdom of God the Father!\***

One does not live on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of  
God.

R/. **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ, Wisdom of God the Father!** ↓

**GOSPEL** Mt 6:7-15

Jesus gives advice about prayer. He notes that sincerity and attention are required. Then he gives an example of how to pray. God forgives those who forgive others' faults.

\* See p. 632 for other Gospel Acclamations.

℣. The Lord be with you. ℞. **And with your spirit.**

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

℞. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**J**ESUS said to his disciples: “In praying, do not babble like the pagans, who think that they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them. Your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

“This is how you are to pray:

Our Father who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy Kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

“If you forgive men their transgressions, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you do not forgive men, neither will your Father forgive your transgressions.”—The Gospel of the Lord. ℞. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

→ No. 16, p. 635

### **PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Receive, O Creator, almighty God,  
what we bring from your bountiful goodness,

and be pleased to transform

this temporal sustenance you have given us,

that it may bring us eternal life.

Through Christ our Lord.

℞. **Amen.**

→ No. 21, p. 638 (Pref. P 8-11)

### **COMMUNION ANT.**

Cf. Ps 4:2

**When I called, the God of justice gave me answer; from anguish you released me; have mercy, O Lord, and hear my prayer! ↓**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Grant us through these mysteries, Lord,  
that by moderating earthly desires  
we may learn to love the things of heaven.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
R/. **Amen.** ↓

**PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE**

*for optional use*

May your faithful be strengthened,  
O God, by your blessing:  
in grief, may you be their consolation,  
in tribulation, their power to endure,  
and in peril, their protection.  
Through Christ our Lord.  
R/. **Amen.**

→ No. 32, p. 693

**WEDNESDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT**

Many of those now separated from God will again one day hear the voice of God as did the people of Nineveh. This should help us reflect on the tremendous love God has for his people. Let us consider Jesus' great love for us, and we shall be led to offer him our love in return. Our Divine Master shows his love by his sufferings for us.

**ENTRANCE ANT.**

Cf. Ps 25 (24):6, 2, 22

**Remember your compassion, O Lord, and your merciful love, for they are from of old. Let not our enemies exult over us. Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress.**

→ No. 2, p. 626

**COLLECT**

Look kindly, Lord, we pray,  
on the devotion of your people,  
that those who by self-denial are restrained in body  
may by the fruit of good works be renewed in mind.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

**15 PROFESSION OF FAITH (CREED) STAND**

As a people we express our acceptance of God's message in the Scriptures and Homily. We summarize our faith by proclaiming a creed handed down from the early Church.

*All say the Profession of Faith on Sundays.*

**THE NICENE CREED**

**I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.**

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin }*bow*  
Mary,  
and became man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**OR** ————— **APOSTLES' CREED** —————

*Especially during Lent and Easter Time, the Apostles' Creed may be said after the Homily.*

I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, } *bow*  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he descended into hell;  
on the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting. Amen.

**16 UNIVERSAL PRAYER**

(Prayer of the Faithful)

As a priestly people we unite with one another to pray for today's needs in the Church and the world.

*After the Priest gives the introduction the Deacon or other minister sings or says the invocations.*

**PEOPLE:** Lord, hear our prayer.

*(or other response, according to local custom)*

*At the end the Priest says the concluding prayer:*

**PEOPLE:** Amen.



## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### 17 PRESENTATION AND PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS **SIT**

*While the people's gifts are brought forward to the Priest and are placed on the altar, the Offertory Chant is sung.*

*Before placing the bread on the altar, the Priest says inaudibly:*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,  
for through your goodness we have received  
the bread we offer you:  
fruit of the earth and work of human hands,  
it will become for us the bread of life.

*If there is no singing, the Priest may say this prayer aloud, and the people may respond:*

**PEOPLE: Blessed be God for ever.**

*When he pours wine and a little water into the chalice, the Deacon (or the Priest) says inaudibly:*

By the mystery of this water and wine  
may we come to share in the divinity of Christ  
who humbled himself to share in our humanity.

*Before placing the chalice on the altar, he says:*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,  
for through your goodness we have received  
the wine we offer you:  
fruit of the vine and work of human hands,  
it will become our spiritual drink.

*If there is no singing, the Priest may say this prayer aloud, and the people may respond:*



**PEOPLE:** Blessed be God for ever.

*The Priest says inaudibly:*

With humble spirit and contrite heart  
may we be accepted by you, O Lord,  
and may our sacrifice in your sight this day  
be pleasing to you, Lord God.

*Then he washes his hands, saying:*

Wash me, O Lord, from my iniquity  
and cleanse me from my sin.

## 18 INVITATION TO PRAYER

**Priest:** Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters),  
that my sacrifice and yours  
may be acceptable to God,  
the almighty Father.

**STAND**

**PEOPLE:**

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands  
for the praise and glory of his name,  
for our good  
and the good of all his holy Church.

## 19 PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

*The Priest, speaking in our name, asks the Father to bless  
and accept these gifts.*

→ **Turn to Today's Mass**

*At the end,* **PEOPLE:** Amen.



## 20 EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

We begin the eucharistic service of praise and thanksgiving, the center of the entire celebration, the central prayer of worship. We lift our hearts to God, and offer praise and thanks as the Priest addresses this prayer to the Father through Jesus Christ. Together we join Christ in his sacrifice, celebrating his memorial in the holy meal and acknowledging with him the wonderful works of God in our lives.

## 21 PREFACE DIALOGUE

**Priest:** The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE:** And with your spirit.

**Priest:** Lift up your hearts.

**PEOPLE:** We lift them up to the Lord.

**Priest:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**PEOPLE:** It is right and just.

## 22 PREFACE

*As indicated in the individual Masses of this Missal, the Priest may say one of the following Prefaces (listed in numerical order).*

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## 23 PREFACE ACCLAMATION

**Priest and PEOPLE:**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**KNEEL**

*Then the Priest continues with one of the following Eucharistic Prayers.*

### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER ..... Choice of ten**

- |           |   |
|-----------|---|
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**The Roman Canon**

*(This Eucharistic Prayer is especially suitable for Sundays and Masses with proper Communicantes and Hanc igitur.)*

[The words within parentheses may be omitted.]

**T**o you, therefore, most merciful Father,  
we make humble prayer and petition  
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord:  
that you accept  
and bless ✠ these gifts, these offerings,  
these holy and unblemished sacrifices,  
which we offer you firstly  
for your holy catholic Church.  
Be pleased to grant her peace,  
to guard, unite and govern her  
throughout the whole world,  
together with your servant **N.** our Pope,  
and **N.** our Bishop,  
and all those who, holding to the truth,  
hand on the catholic and apostolic faith.

**R**emember, Lord, your servants **N.** and **N.**  
and all gathered here,  
whose faith and devotion are known to you.  
For them, we offer you this sacrifice of praise  
or they offer it for themselves  
and all who are dear to them:  
for the redemption of their souls,  
in hope of health and well-being,  
and paying their homage to you,  
the eternal God, living and true.

**I**n communion with those whose memory we venerate,  
especially the glorious ever-Virgin Mary,  
Mother of our God and Lord, Jesus Christ,  
† and blessed Joseph, her Spouse,  
your blessed Apostles and Martyrs  
Peter and Paul, Andrew,  
(James, John,  
Thomas, James, Philip,  
Bartholomew, Matthew,  
Simon and Jude;  
Linus, Cletus, Clement, Sixtus,  
Cornelius, Cyprian,  
Lawrence, Chrysogonus,  
John and Paul,  
Cosmas and Damian)  
and all your Saints;  
we ask that through their merits and prayers,  
in all things we may be defended  
by your protecting help.  
(Through Christ our Lord. Amen.)

**T**herefore, Lord, we pray:\*  
graciously accept this oblation of our service,  
that of your whole family;  
order our days in your peace,  
and command that we be delivered from eternal  
damnation  
and counted among the flock of those you have  
chosen.  
(Through Christ our Lord. Amen.)

**B**e pleased, O God, we pray,  
to bless, acknowledge,  
and approve this offering in every respect;

† \* See p. 706 for proper Communicantes.

**1** make it spiritual and acceptable,  
so that it may become for us  
the Body and Blood of your most beloved Son,  
our Lord Jesus Christ.

**O**n the day before he was to suffer,  
he took bread in his holy and venerable hands,  
and with eyes raised to heaven  
to you, O God, his almighty Father,  
giving you thanks, he said the blessing,  
broke the bread  
and gave it to his disciples, saying:

*Take this, all of you, and eat of it,  
for this is my Body,  
which will be given up for you.*

**I**n a similar way when supper was ended,  
he took this precious chalice  
in his holy and venerable hands,  
and once more giving you thanks, he said the  
blessing  
and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

*Take this, all of you, and drink from it,  
for this is the chalice of my Blood,  
the Blood of the new and eternal covenant,  
which will be poured out for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.*

*Do this in memory of me.*

**Priest:** The mystery of faith. (*Memorial Acclamation*)

**PEOPLE:**

**A** We proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
and profess your Resurrection  
until you come again.

**B** When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,  
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,  
until you come again.

**C** Save us, Savior of the world,  
for by your Cross and Resurrection  
you have set us free.

**T**herefore, O Lord,  
as we celebrate the memorial of the blessed Passion,  
the Resurrection from the dead,  
and the glorious Ascension into heaven  
of Christ, your Son, our Lord,  
we, your servants and your holy people,  
offer to your glorious majesty  
from the gifts that you have given us,  
this pure victim,  
this holy victim,  
this spotless victim,  
the holy Bread of eternal life  
and the Chalice of everlasting salvation.

**B**e pleased to look upon these offerings  
with a serene and kindly countenance,  
and to accept them,  
as once you were pleased to accept  
the gifts of your servant Abel the just,  
the sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith,  
and the offering of your high priest Melchizedek,  
a holy sacrifice, a spotless victim.

**I**n humble prayer we ask you, almighty God:  
command that these gifts be borne  
by the hands of your holy Angel  
to your altar on high

## APPENDIX: SELECTED MASSES AND PRAYERS

This section contains excerpts of selected Masses and Prayers that the celebrant may use on certain days. For convenient reference the numbers attached to these Masses and Prayers in the *Roman Missal* have been retained. It is always preferable to use *Weekday Readings*, as indicated herein.

### MASSES AND PRAYERS FOR VARIOUS NEEDS AND OCCASIONS

On Weekdays of Ordinary Time and certain other occasions, the complete Mass formulary found in the *Roman Missal* (processional chants and presidential prayers) or only the Collect may be taken from the following Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions. (See Introduction to Proper of Saints, pp. 941ff.)

#### I. FOR HOLY CHURCH

##### 1. FOR THE CHURCH

###### ENTRANCE ANT.

Cf. Eph 1:9-10

**God has made known to us the mystery of his will, to bring together all things in Christ, all things in heaven and on earth in him.**

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###### COLLECT

O God, who in your wonderful providence decreed that Christ's Kingdom should be extended throughout the earth and that all should become partakers of his saving redemption,  
grant, we pray, that your Church may be the universal sacrament of salvation and that Christ may be revealed to all as the hope of the nations and their Savior.  
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **R/. Amen.**