

# The Calendar

## Concerning the Calendar

The Calendar of the Saints is a list of those holy men, women, and children whose lives the faithful are drawn to commemorate. A Saint is placed in the Calendar because he or she, by the grace of God, was made *holy*, a devout disciple of our Lord, of the kind that worshiped regularly, obeyed the Scriptures, and sought to lead the moral life of a Christian in witness to the risen Lord. Some gave their lives in witness to their faith. A Calendar should not include persons simply because of national importance or political prominence. Even notable good works are not a measure of holiness. To use the words of Mother Teresa, a Saint is a Christian who did ordinary things extraordinarily well.

The Calendar of *The Anglican Service Book* is structured around the prayer book Calendar of 1979 with the additions that are commonly followed in the Episcopal Church today. All commemorations in *Lesser Feasts & Fasts* are italicized. Additional Saints, commemorated in many places, have been added from other Anglican Calendars, as well as Calendars of various Western and Eastern Churches. Notable events in the life of Our Lord and his Church are also included. Some parishes and individuals may wish to add their own local commemorations.

For the most part, the Saints are celebrated on their "heavenly birthday," that is to say, the day of death; this has been the custom from the earliest days. In a few cases, where that day and the days near it are filled with more ancient or prominent observances, a translation day is kept. In rare cases, still another day is appointed, such as an ordination day.

This Calendar is put forth to provide the Church with a suitable plan for the faithful offering to God of the daily offices and the daily mass, and as a source for the spiritual growth of the faithful in Christ who are among the saints on earth, and members of his body.

# The Calendar of the Church Year

The Church Year consists of two cycles of feasts and holy days: one is dependent upon the movable date of the Sunday of the Resurrection or Easter Day; the other, upon the fixed date of December 25, the Feast of our Lord's Nativity or Christmas Day.

Easter Day is always the first Sunday after the full moon that falls on or after March 21. It cannot occur before March 22 or after April 25.

The sequence of all Sundays of the Church Year depends upon the date of Easter Day. But the Sundays of Advent are always the four Sundays before Christmas Day, whether it occurs on a Sunday or a weekday. The date of Easter also determines the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday, and the feast of the Ascension on a Thursday forty days after Easter Day.

## 1. Principal Feasts

The Principal Feasts observed in this Church are the following:

Easter Day	All Saints' Day, <i>November 1</i>
Ascension Day	Christmas Day, <i>December 25</i>
The Day of Pentecost	The Epiphany, <i>January 6</i>
Trinity Sunday	

These feasts take precedence of any other day or observance. All Saints' Day may always be observed on the Sunday following November 1, in addition to its observance on the fixed date.

## 2. Sundays

All Sundays of the year are feasts of our Lord Jesus Christ. In addition to the dated days listed above, only the following feasts, appointed on fixed days, take precedence of a Sunday:

The Holy Name, *January 1*

The Presentation, *February 2*

The Transfiguration, *August 6*

The feast of the Dedication of a Church, and the feast of its patron or title, may be observed on, or be transferred to, a Sunday, except in the seasons of Advent, Lent, and Easter.

All other Feasts of our Lord, and all other Major Feasts appointed on fixed days in the Calendar, when they occur on a Sunday, are normally transferred to the first convenient open day within the week. When desired, however, the Collect, Preface, and one or more of the Lessons appointed for the Feast may be substituted for those of the Sunday, but not from the Last Sunday after Pentecost through the First Sunday after the Epiphany, or from the Last Sunday after the Epiphany through Trinity Sunday.

With the express permission of the bishop, and for urgent and sufficient reason, some other special occasion may be observed on a Sunday.

## 3. Holy Days

The following Holy Days are regularly observed throughout the year. Unless otherwise ordered in the preceding rules concerning Sundays, they have precedence over all other days of commemoration or of special observance:

### *Other Feasts of our Lord*

The Holy Name	[Corpus Christi]
The Presentation	Saint John the Baptist
The Annunciation	The Transfiguration
The Visitation	Holy Cross Day

### *Other Major Feasts*

All feasts of Apostles	Saint Mary the Virgin
All feasts of Evangelists	Saint Michael and All Angels
Saint Stephen	Saint James of Jerusalem
The Holy Innocents	Independence Day
Saint Joseph	Thanksgiving Day
Saint Mary Magdalene	

### *Fasts*

Ash Wednesday	Good Friday
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Feasts appointed on fixed days in the Calendar are not observed on the days of Holy Week or of Easter Week. Major Feasts falling in these weeks are transferred to the week following the Second Sunday of Easter, in the order of their occurrence.

Feasts appointed on fixed days in the Calendar do not take precedence of Ash Wednesday.

Feasts of our Lord and other Major Feasts appointed on fixed days, which fall upon or are transferred to a weekday, may be observed on any open day within the week. This provision does not apply to Christmas Day, the Epiphany, and All Saints' Day.

#### 4. Days of Special Devotion

The following days are observed by special acts of discipline and self-denial:

Ash Wednesday and the other weekdays of Lent and of Holy Week, except the feast of the Annunciation.

Good Friday and all other Fridays of the year, in commemoration of the Lord's crucifixion, except for Fridays in the Christmas and Easter seasons, and any Feasts of our Lord which occur on a Friday.

#### 5. Days of Optional Observance

Subject to the rules of precedence governing Principal Feasts, Sundays, and Holy Days, the following may be observed with the Collects, Psalms, and Lessons duly authorized by this Church:

Commemorations listed in the Calendar

Other Commemorations, using the Common of Saints

The Ember Days, traditionally observed on the Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays after the First Sunday in Lent, the Day of Pentecost, Holy Cross Day, and December 13

The Rogation days, traditionally observed on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday before Ascension Day

Various Occasions

Provided, that there is no celebration of the Eucharist for any such occasion on Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday; and provided further, that none of the Propers appointed for Various Occasions is used as a substitute for, or as an addition to, the Proper appointed for the Principal Feasts.

## January

- 1 *THE HOLY NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST*  
(The Feast of The Circumcision of Christ)
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- 6 *THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST*
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- 9 *Julia Chester Emery, 1922*
- 10 *Bl. William Laud, Archbp. of Canterbury, B.M., 1645*
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- 12 *St. Aelred of Rievaulx, Abt. C., 1167*
- 13 *St. Hilary of Poitiers, B.C.D., 367*
- 14 *St. Kentigern, B.C., 612*
- 15 *St. Paul of Thebes, First Hermit, C., c. 345*
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- 17 *St. Antony of Egypt, Abt. C, 356*
- 18 *CONFESSION OF SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE*
- 19 *St. Wulfstan, B.C., 1095*
- 20 *St. Fabian, E. 1., 250*
- 21 *St. Agnes, V.M., 304*
- 22 *St. Vincent, Dn.M., 304*
- 23 *Phillips Brooks, Bp. of Massachusetts, 1893*
- 24 *St. Francis de Sales, B.C.D., 1612*
- 25 *CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE*
- 26 *St. Timothy, B.M. (& St. Titus), 1st cent. (see Feb. 6)*
- 27 *St. John Chrysostom, Patr. of Constantinople, B.C.D., 407*
- 28 *St. Thomas Aquinas, Pr.C.D., 1274*
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- 30 *Bl. Charles Stuart, K.M., 1649*
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## February

- 1 St. Bridget of Kildare, V.Abs., c. 523
- 2 *PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE* (or the Purification of the B.V.M., or Candlemas)
- 3 *St. Anskar, B.C., 865*  
St. Blaise, B.M., 4th cent.
- 4 *St. Cornelius the Centurion (prob. B.) C., 1st cent.*
- 5 St. Agatha, V.M., c. 250  
*Martyrs of Japan, 1597*
- 6 St. Titus, B.C., 1st cent. (see Jan. 26)
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- 10 St. Scholastica, V., 543
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- 13 *Absalom Jones, Pr. of Philadelphia, 1818*
- 14 *Ss. Cyril, Mk., & Methodius, B., CC., 9th cent.*
- 15 *Bl. Thomas Bray, Pr.C., 1730*
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- 18 St. Simeon of Jerusalem, B.M., 1st cent.
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- 21 St. Peter Damian, B.C.D., 1072
- 22 St. Peter's Chair at Antioch
- 23 *St. Polycarp, B.M., 156*
- 24 *SAINTE MATTHIAS, Ap.M., 1st cent. (see May 14)*
- 25 St. Ethelbert, K.C., 616
- 26
- 27 *Bl. George Herbert, Pr.C., 1633*
- 28 St. Oswald of York, B.Abt., C., 992
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## March

- 1 *St. David of Wales, B.C., 544*
- 2 *St. Chad, B.C., 672*
- 3 *John and Charles Wesley, Prr., 1791, 1788*
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- 7 *St. Perpetua, W.M. & Compp. MM., 202*
- 8 *Bl. Edward King, of Lincoln, B.C., 1910*
- 9 *St. Gregory of Nyssa, B.C., 394*
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- 12 *St. Gregory the Great, B.C.D., 604*
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- 17 *St. Patrick, B.C., c. 461*
- 18 *St. Cyril of Jerusalem, B.C.D., 386*
- 19 *SAINT JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE B.V.M.*
- 20 *St. Cuthbert of Lindisfarne, B.C., 687*
- 21 *Bl. Thomas Ken, B.C., 1711*
- 22 *Bl. James DeKoven, Pr.C., 1879*
- 23 *St. Gregory the Illuminator, of Armenia, B.C., 332*
- 24 *St. Gabriel the Archangel*
- 25 *ANNUNCIATION OF THE B.V.M.*
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- 27 *Charles Henry Brent, B.C., 1929*
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- 29 *Bl. John Keble, Pr.C., 1866*
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- 31 *Bl. John Donne, Pr.C., 1631*

## April

- 1 *Bl. Frederick Denison Maurice, Pr., 1872*
- 2 *Bl. James Lloyd Breck, Dn. C., 1876*
- 3 *St. Richard of Chicester, B. C., 1253*
- 4 *St. Isidore of Seville, B. C. D., 636*
- 5 *St. Vincent Ferrer, Pr. C., 1419*
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- 7 *St. John Baptiste de la Salle, C., 1719*
- 8 *Bl. William Augustus Muhlenberg, Pr. C., 1877*
- 9 *Bl. William Law, Pr. C., 1761*
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- 11 *Bl. George Augustus Selwyn, B. C., 1878*
- 12 *St. Zeno of Verona, B. C., 371*
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- 19 *St. Alphege, Archbp. of Canterbury, B. M., 1012*
- 20
- 21 *St. Anselm, B. C. D., 1109*
- 22
- 23 *St. George, M. 303*
- 24 *St. Mellitus, First B. of London, B. C., 624*
- 25 *SAINT MARK, Ev. M.*
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- 29 *St. Catherine of Siena, V. D., 1380*
- 30 *Ss. Abbt. of Cluny, 10-11th cent.*

## May

- 1 *SAINT PHILIP AND SAINT JAMES, App. Mm., 1st cent.*
- 2 *St. Athanasius, B.C.D., 373*
- 3 Finding of the Holy Cross, 335
- 4 *St. Monnica, W., 387*
- 5 Conversion of St. Augustine
- 6 St. John Before the Latin Gate
- 7 St. John of Beverley, B.C., 721
- 8 *Bl. Dame Julian of Norwich, V., c. 1417*
- 9 *St. Gregory of Nazianzus, B.C.D., 389*
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- 14 St. Pachomius, Abt.C., 346
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- 19 *St. Dunstan, Archbp. Canterbury, B.C., 988*
- 20 *St. Alcuin, Dn.Abt.C., 804*
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- 23 St. Vincent of Lerins, Pr.C., 450
- 24 *Bl. Jackson Kemper, B.C., 1870*
- 25 *Venerable St. Bede, Pr.C.D., 735*
- 26 *St. Augustine of Canterbury, B. C., 605*
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- 31 *VISITATION OF THE B.V.M.*

## June

- 1 *St. Justin, M., c. 167*
- 2 *Martyrs of Lyons, 177*
- 3 *Martyrs of Uganda, 1886*
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- 5 *St. Boniface of Mainz, B.M., 754*
- 6 *St. Norbert, Archbp. of Magdeburg, B.C., 1134*
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- 8 *St. William, Archbp. of York, B.C., 1154*
- 9 *St. Columba of Iona, Abt. C., 597*
- 10 *St. Ephrem of Edessa, Dn. C.D., 373*
- 11 *SAINT BARNABAS, Ap.M., 1st cent.*
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- 13 *St. Antony of Padua, Pr.C.D., 1231*
- 14 *St. Basil the Great, B.C.D., 379*
- 15 *Bl. Evelyn Underhill, Mat., 1941*
- 16 *Bl. Joseph Butler, B.C., 1752*
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- 18 *Bl. Bernard Mizeki, Catechist M., 1896*
- 19
- 20 *Trans. St. Edward, K.M., 980*
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- 22 *St. Alban, Protomartyr of England, 209*
- 23 *St. Etheldreda, Q.V.Abs., 679*
- 24 *NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST*
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- 27 *St. Cyril of Alexandria, B.C.D., 444*
- 28 *St. Irenaeus of Lyons, B.M., 202*
- 29 *SAINT PETER AND SAINT PAUL, App.MM., 1st cent.*
- 30 *Protomartyrs of the Church of Rome, 1st cent.*

## July

- 1 Most Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ
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- 4 *INDEPENDENCE DAY, 1776*
- 5 St. Vladimir of Kiev, K.C., 1015
- 6 St. Sexburga, Q.W.Abs., 679
- 7 St. Paladius, Apostle of Ireland, B.C., 5th cent.
- 8 Ss. Aquila, C., & Priscilla, Mat., 1st cent.
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- 11 *St. Benedict, Abt. of Monte Casino, C., c. 540*
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- 13 St. Silas, M., 1st cent.
- 14 St. Bonaventure, B.C.D., 1274
- 15 Trans. St. Swithun, B.C., 862
- 16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel
- 17 *William White, Bp. of Pennsylvania, 1836*
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- 22 *SAINT MARY MAGDALENE, Penit., 1st cent.*
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- 24 *Bl. Thomas a Kempis, Pr. C., 1471*
- 25 *SAINT JAMES THE GREAT, Ap.M., 44*
- 26 *Parents of B.V.M. (Ss. Joachim & Anne), 1st cent.*
- 27 *Bl. William Reed Huntington, Pr. C., 1909*
- 28 St. Samson of Dol, B.Abt.C., 565
- 29 *Ss. Martha & Mary of Bethany, VV., 1st cent.*
- 30 *Bl. William Wilberforce, C., 1833*
- 31 *St. Joseph of Arimathea, C., 1st cent.*

## August

- 1 St. Peter's Chains  
(Lammas Day)
- 2
- 3 St. Nicodemus, C., 1st cent.
- 4 St. John Vianney, Pr.C., 1859
- 5 St. Oswald of Northumbria, K.M., 642
- 6 *TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST*
- 7 *Bl. John Mason Neale, Pr.C., 1866*
- 8 *St. Dominic, Pr.C., 1221*
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- 10 *St. Laurence of Rome, Dn.M., 258*
- 11 *St. Clare of Assisi, V.Abs., 1253*
- 12 St. Hippolytus, B.M., 235
- 13 *Bl. Jeremy Taylor, B.C.D., 1667*
- 14 Bl. Maximillian Kolbe, Pr.M., 1941
- 15 *B.V.M. IN GLORY (or Assumption)*
- 16 St. Stephen of Hungary, K.C., 1038
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- 18 St. Helena, Q.W., 330  
*Bl. William Porcher DuBose, Pr., 1918*
- 19
- 20 *St. Bernard of Clairvaux, Abt. C.D., 1153*
- 21 St. Abraham of Smolensk, Pr. Abt.C., 1221
- 22 Queenship B.V.M.
- 23 St. Rose of Lima, V., 1617
- 24 *SAINT BARTHOLOMEW, Ap.M., 1st cent.*
- 25 *St. Louis of France, K.C., 1270*
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- 27 *Thomas Gallaudet & Henry Winter Syle, Prr., 1902, 1890*
- 28 *St. Augustine of Hippo, B.C.D., 430*
- 29 *BEHEADING OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST, 1st cent.*
- 30 Bl. Charles Chapman Grafton, B.C., 1912
- 31 *St. Aidan of Lindisfarne, B.C., 651*

## September

- 1 St. Giles, Abt.C., c. 708  
*Bl. David Pendleton Oakerhater, Dn.C., 1931*
- 2 *Martrys of New Guinea, 1942*
- 3 St. Phoebe, V.Dns., 1st cent.
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- 5 Ss. Boris & Gleb (Romanus & David), Princes MM., 1015
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- 8 NATIVITY OF B.V.M.
- 9 Bl. Constance of Memphis, V. & Compp. MM., 1878
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- 12 *Bl. John Henry Hobart, B.C., 1830*
- 13 *St. Cyprian of Carthage, B.M., 258*
- 14 EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
- 15 Seven Sorrows of the B.V.M.
- 16 *St. Ninian, B.C., c. 430*
- 17 St. Lambert of Maastricht, B.M., c. 705
- 18 *Bl. Edward Bouverie Pusey, Pr.C., 1882*
- 19 *St. Theodore of Tarsus, Archbp. of Canterbury, B.C., 690*
- 20 *Bl. John Coleridge Patteson, B. of Melanesia, M., & Compp. MM., 1871*
- 21 SAINT MATTHEW, Ap.Ev.M., 1st cent.
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- 25 *St. Sergius of Moscow, Abt.C., 1392*
- 26 *Bl. Lancelot Andrewes of Winchester, B.C., 1626*
- 27 St. Vincent de Paul, Pr.C., 1660
- 28 St. Wenceslaus of Bohemia, Duke M., 929  
St. Lioba of Bischofsheim, V.Abs., 782
- 29 SAINT MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS
- 30 *St. Jerome, Pr.C.D., 420*

## October

- 1 *Bl. Remigius, Apostle of the Franks, B.C., c. 530*
- 2 Holy Guardian Angels
- 3 St. Therese of Lisieux, V., 1897
- 4 *St. Francis of Assisi, C., 1226*
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- 6 St. Bruno, Pr.Abt.C., 1101  
*William Tyndale, Pr., 1536*
- 7 Holy Rosary B.V.M.
- 8
- 9 *Bl. Robert Grosseteste, B.C., 1253*
- 10 St. Paulinus of York, B.C., 644
- 11 Motherhood of the B.V.M.  
St. Philip the Evangelist, Dn.C., 1st cent.
- 12 St. Wilfred, B.C., 709
- 13 Trans. St. Edward, K.C.
- 14 St. Teresa of Avila, V.D., 1582 (from Oct. 15th)
- 15 Our Lady of Walsingham  
*Bl. Samuel Isaac Joseph Schereschewsky, B.C., 1906*
- 16 St. Gall, Her. C., 630  
*H. Latimer, B., 1555; N. Ridley, B., 1555; T. Cranmer, Archbp., 1556*
- 17 *St. Ignatius of Antioch, B.M., c. 115*  
St. Frideswide of Oxford, V.Abs., 735
- 18 *SAINT LUKE, Ev.M., 1st cent.*
- 19 *Bl. Henry Martyn, Pr.C., 1812*
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- 23 *SAINT JAMES OF JERUSALEM, "THE JUST",  
KINSMAN OF OUR LORD, B.M., c. 62*
- 24 St. Raphael the Archangel
- 25
- 26 *St. Alfred, K.C., 899*

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28 *SAINT SIMON AND SAINT JUDE, App.MM., 1st cent.*  
29 *Bl. James Hannington, B.M. & Compp.MM., 1885*  
30  
31 Vigil of All Saints

## November

- 1 *ALL SAINTS' DAY*  
2 *All Souls' Day*  
3 *Bl. Richard Hooker, Pr.C.D., 1600*  
4 *St. Charles Borromeo, Archbp. of Milan, B.C., 1584*  
5 *Ss. Elizabeth, Mat., & Zechariah, C., 1st cent.*  
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7 *St. Willibrord, Apostle of Frisia, B.C., 739*  
8 *Saints & Martyrs of the Anglican Communion*  
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10 *St. Leo the Great, B.C.D., 461*  
11 *St. Martin of Tours, B.C., 397*  
12 *Bl. Charles Simeon, Pr.C., 1836*  
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14 *Bestowal of the American Episcopate, 1784*  
15 *St. Albert the Great, B.C.D., 1280*  
16 *St. Margaret of Scotland, Q.W., 1093*  
17 *St. Hugh of Lincoln, B.C., 1200*  
18 *St. Hilda of Whitby, V.Abs., 680*  
19 *St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Q.W., 1231*  
20 *St. Edmund, King of East Anglia, M., 870*  
21 *Presentation B.V.M.*  
22 *St. Cecilia, V.M., c. 230*  
23 *St. Clement of Rome, B.M., c. 100*  
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25 *Bl. James Otis Sargent Huntington, Pr.Abt.C., 1935*  
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28 *Bl. Emma of Hawaii, Q.W., 1885*

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30 *SAINT ANDREW, Ap.M.*

## December

1 *Bl. Nicholas Ferrar, Dn.C., & Compp., 1637*

2 *Channing Moore Williams, B., 1910*

3 *St. Francis Xavier, Pr.C., 1552*

4 *St. John of Damascus, Pr.C.D., c. 760*

5 *St. Clement of Alexandria, Pr.C.D., c. 210*

6 *St. Nicholas of Myra, B.C., c. 342*

7 *St. Ambrose of Milan, B.C.D., 397*

8 *CONCEPTION OF THE B.V.M.*

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12 *St. Jane Frances de Chantal, W., 1641*

13 *St. Lucy of Syracuse, V.M., 304*

14 *St. John of the Cross, Pr.C.D., 1591*

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16 *O Sapientia*

17 *Raising of St. Lazarus, C., 1st cent. (or Sept. 2)*

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21 *SAINT THOMAS, Ap.M., 1st cent.*

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25 *NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST (Christmas)*

26 *SAINT STEPHEN, Dn.M., 1st cent.*

27 *SAINT JOHN, Ap.Ev., 1st cent.*

26 *Calendar*

- 28 *HOLY INNOCENTS, Martyrs, 1st cent.*  
29 St. Thomas of Canterbury, B.M., 1170  
30 Bl. Josephine Elizabeth Butler, Mat., 1906  
31 St. Sylvester, B.C., 335

Note: The Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ is observed on the First Sunday after the Feast of the Epiphany. The Feast of Corpus Christi is observed on the Thursday following Trinity Sunday; the Feast of the Sacred Heart is observed on the Friday of the following week.

### Key to Abbreviations

Abs.	abbess
Abt.	abbot
Ap.	Apostle
Archbp.	Archbishop
B.	Bishop
B.V.M.	Blessed Virgin Mary
C.	Confessor
Compp.	Companions
D.	Doctor
Dn.	Deacon
Dns.	Deaconess
Ev.	Evangelist
Her.	Hermit
K.	King
M.	Martyr
MM.	Martyrs
Mat.	Matron
Pr.	Priest
Q.	Queen
V.	Virgin
W.	Widow