

2027 CALENDAR



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Message from the Provincial of the Americas

Dear friends,

We are pleased to present the 2027 calendar of the Missionaries of Africa. As you explore its pages, you will encounter the cultural richness of a continent. The art within reflects African wisdom, with each pattern narrating a story and each color symbolizing hope. This also stands as a testament to the dedication of numerous individuals committed to serving the Gospel.

Each month offers a valuable opportunity for engagement, celebrating cultural diversity and shared aspirations. In the face of ongoing global challenges, this calendar encourages us to promote unity, engage in dialogue, and strengthen solidarity among nations.

May the colors, symbols, and faces depicted in the calendar inspire us to foster a more fraternal world, enriched by cultural diversity and illuminated by the light of the Gospel. May the new year bring us peace and joy.

Happy and prosperous New Year 2027

Father Barthélemy Bazemo, M. Afr



The Missionaries of Africa of the Province of the Americas (AMS)



This logo represents North America without borders, as envisaged by the Province of the Americas. Indeed, it comprises three countries: Canada, the United States and Mexico.

However, its members form a single missionary family, which in turn encompasses all existing cultural and social diversity. We affirm the unity of God's children in the name of Jesus Christ.

The Society of the Missionaries of Africa, historically known as the 'White Fathers', was founded by Mgr Charles Lavigerie in Algiers in 1868. This first foundation was followed the year after by the creation of the Congregation of Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Africa, also known as the 'White Sisters'.

Since then, thousands of men and women have traversed the vast expanses of Africa. The first missionaries came from Europe. It was in the 1920s that Canadians joined this spiritual family, characterized by its international and intercultural composition. Today, the majority of new missionaries come from various African countries.

In the Americas, the province includes Mexico, the United States and Canada. Over the past decade, however, we've seen the arrival of many new missionaries from Africa.

Provincial Council of the Americas 2024 - 2027

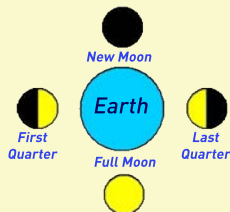


Paul Johnston, Canadian delegate residing in Toronto, **Barthélémy Bazemo**, from Burkina Faso, provincial of the Americas residing in Washington, **Cyriaque Mounkoro**, from Mali, delegate of Mexico residing in Querétaro, **Serge St-Arneault**, Canadian, provincial secretary residing in Montreal and **Antonio Koffi**, from Togo, provincial bursar residing in Washington (not in photo).



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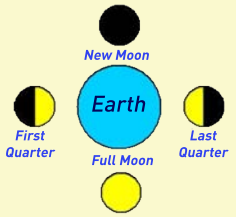
DECEMBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Charles de Foucauld and Anuarite Nengapeta 	2 Bibiana	3 François Xavier	4 John Damascene	5 Gerard
6 2 nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT	7 Ambroise	8 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	9 Juan Diego Cuatlatotzi 	10 Our Lady of Lorretto	11 Damasus	12 Our Lady of Guadalupe Day of Prayer in solidarity with indigenous peoples
13 3 rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT	14 Odile	15 Christiane	16 Alice	17 Yolanda 	18 Gatian	19 Urbain
20 4 th SUNDAY OF ADVENT	21 Pierre Canisius Early Winter	22 Françoise-X. Cabrini	23 John of Kanty	24 Christmas Eve 	25 THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD MERRY CHRISTMAS!	26 Stephen
27 HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS	28 HOLY	29 Thomas Becket	30 New Year's Eve 	31 Sylvester		



Batik. Author: Shilon, Kenya. Missionaries of Africa series, Montreal.

JANUARY 2027

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		HAPPY NEW YEAR!			1 MARY, MOTHER OF GOD <i>New Year's Day party and World Peace Day</i>	2 Basil and Gregory
3 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	4	5 John Neumann	6	7 Frère André Bessette 	8 Raymond of Penyafort	9
10 BAPTISM OF THE LORD	11	12 Marguerite Bourgeoys	13 Hilary of Poitiers	14	15 	16
17 2 nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	18 <i>Start of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity</i>	19	20 Fabien and Sebastian	21 Agnes	22 Vincent 	23
24 3 rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	25 The Conversion of Saint Paul <i>End of the week of prayer for Christian unity</i>	26 Timothy and Titus	27 Angela Merici	28 Thomas Aquinas	29	30
31 4 th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME						



Batik by H. Yoni Yempabou, Mali. Missionaries of Africa Collection, Quebec City.

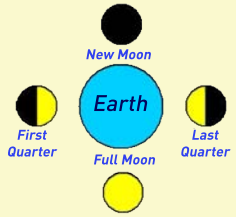
FEBRUARY 2027

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Benedict Daswa	2 PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	3	4 Blase and Ansgar	5 Agatha	6 Paul Miki and companions
7 5 th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	8 Josephine Bakhita	9 Mardi Gras	10 ASH WEDNESDAY Beginning of Lent	11	12 Our Lady of Lourdes World Sick Day	13
14 1 st SUNDAY OF LENT Valentine's Day	15	16	17 Alessio, Bartolomeo, Benedetto, Bonfilio, Geraldino, Giovanni, Ricovero	18	19	20
21 2 nd SUNDAY OF LENT	22 The Chair of Saint Peter	23 Policarp	24	25	26	27 Gregory of Narek
28 3 rd SUNDAY OF LENT						



The Washing of the Feet. Sculpture by Murundi artist Sylvester Sindayigana.
Centre Afrika Collection.

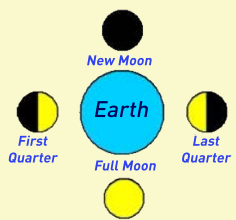
MARCH 2027

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 Casimir	5	6
7 4 th SUNDAY OF LENT	8 John of God International Women's Day 	9 Frances of Rome	10	11	12	13
14 5 th SUNDAY OF LENT 	15 	16	17 Patrick St. Patrick's Day	18 Cyril of Jerusalem	19 JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF MARY Beginning of spring	20
21 PALM SUNDAY	22 	23	24	25 HOLY THURSDAY	26 GOOD FRIDAY	27 HOLY SATURDAY Vigile pascale
28 EASTER RESURRECTION OF THE LORD	29 EASTER MONDAY	30 	31			



Painting. Artist: Chiroto, 1989. Missionaries of Africa Collection, Montreal.

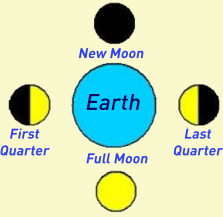
APRIL 2027

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4 2 nd SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY	5	6	7 John Baptist de la Salle 	8	9	10
11 3 rd SUNDAY OF EASTER	12	13 Martin 	14	15	16	17 Kateri Tekakwitha
18 4 th SUNDAY OF EASTER	19	20 	21 Anselm of Canterbury	22	23 George and Adalbert	24 Fidelis of Sigmaringen
25 5 th SUNDAY OF EASTER	26 Our Lady of Good Counsel	27	28 Louis Mary de Montfort 	29 Catherine of Siena	30 Marie of the Incarnation and OUR LADY OF AFRICA	



Giant hands supporting the Holy Family.
Artist: Mc Donald from Malawi. Centre Afrika Collection.

MAY 2027

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Joseph the Worker
2 6 th SUNDAY OF EASTER	3 SAINT PHILIP, SAINT JAMES, APOSTLES	4 Sylvain and Marie-Léonie Paradis	5	6 François de Montmorency de Laval	7	8 Catherine of St Augustine
9 ASCENSION OF THE LORD Mother's Day	10 John of Avila	11	12 Nereus and Achilleus	13 Our Lady of Fatima	14 SAINT MATTHIAS, APOSTLE	15
16 PENTECOST	17 MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH	18	19	20 Bernardine of Siena	21 Eugene of Mazenod	22 Rita of Cascia
23 MOST HOLY TRINITY	24 National Patriots' Day / Queen Victoria Day	25	26 Philip Neri	27 Augustine of Canterbury	28	29 Paul VI
30 MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST	31 THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY					



Batik. Author: J. Coco.
Missionnaires d'Afrique Collection, Quebec.

JUNE 2027

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

		1 Justin	2 Blandine and Marcellinus	3 Charles Lwanga and Martyrs of Uganda	4 SACRED HEART OF JESUS	5 The Immaculate Heart of Mary
6 10 th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	7	8	9 Ephrem of Syria	10	11 Barnabas, Apostle	12
13 11 th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	14	15	16	17	18	19 Romuald
20 11 th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME <i>Father' Day</i>	21 Louis de Gonzague <i>Beginning of summer</i>	22 John Fisher and Thomas More	23	24 Birth of Saint John the Baptist <i>Quebec National Day</i>	25	26
27 13 th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	28 Irenaeus	29 PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES	30 The first martyrs of the Church of Rome			



Splayed copper. Artist: Tambwe, Zambia.
Missionnaires d'Afrique Collection, Montreal.

JULY 2027

SUNDAY

MONDAY

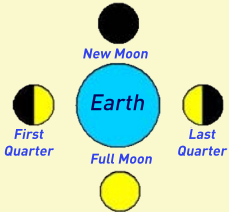
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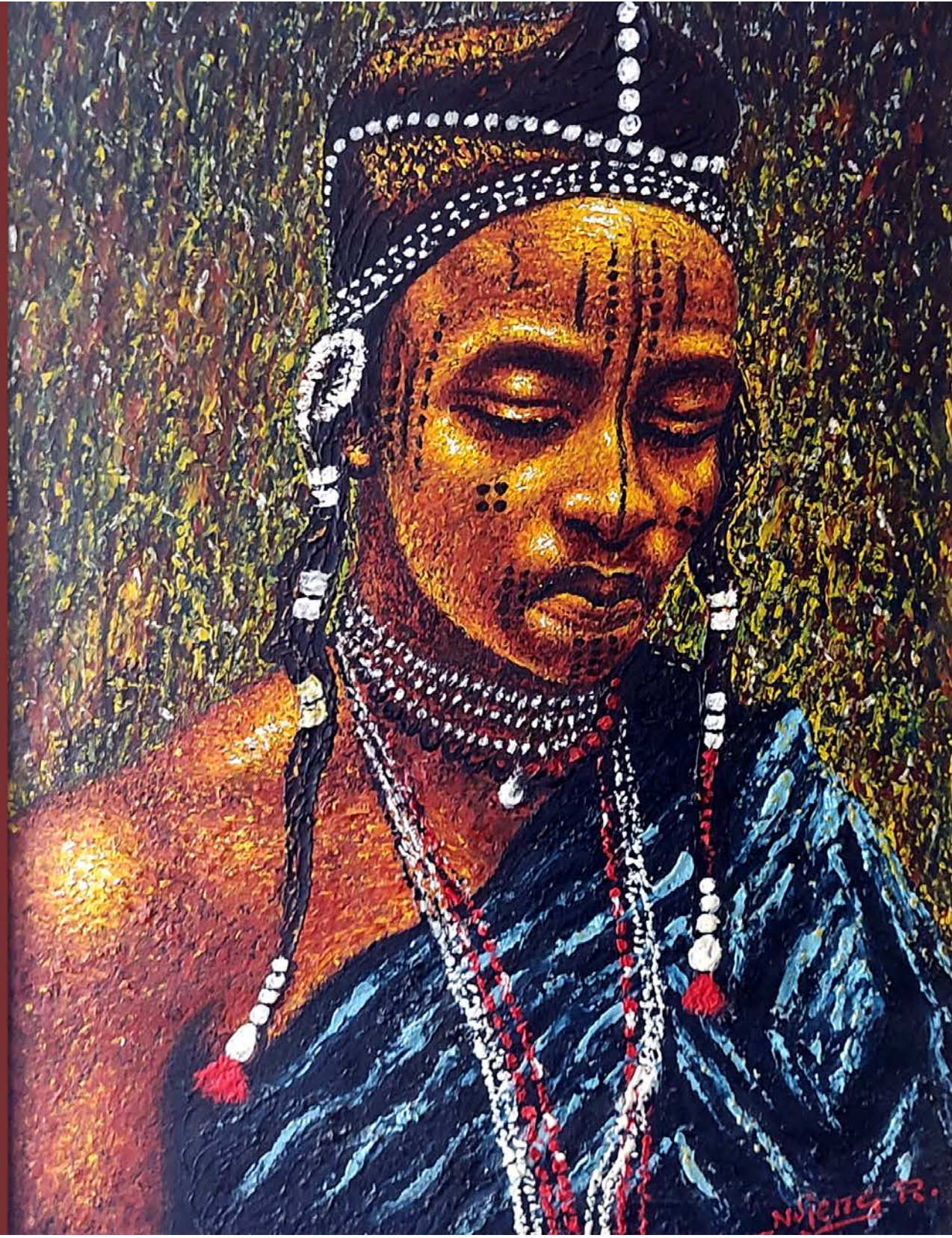
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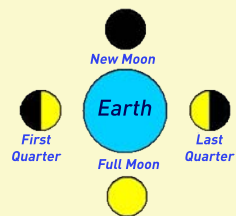
SATURDAY

				1  Canada DAY	2	3 THOMAS, APOSTEL
4 14 th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 	5 Antoine-Marie Zaccaria	6 Maria Goretti	7	8	9 Augustine Zhao Rong and companions	10 
11 15 th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	12	13 Henri	14 Camillus de Lellis	15 Bonaventure	16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel	17
18 16 th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 	19	20 Marina and Apollinaris	21 Lawrence of Brindisi	22 Mary Magdalene	23 Birgitta	24 Sharbel Makhlouf
25 17 th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	26 Anne and Joachim, the parents of the Virgin Mary 	27	28	29 Martha, Mary and Lazarus	30 Peter Chrysologus	31 Ignatius of Loyola



Painting, artist: Ndjeme R., West Africa.
Missionnaires d'Afrique Collection, Montreal.

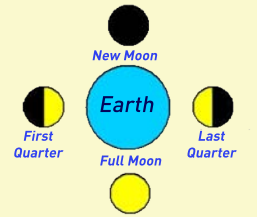
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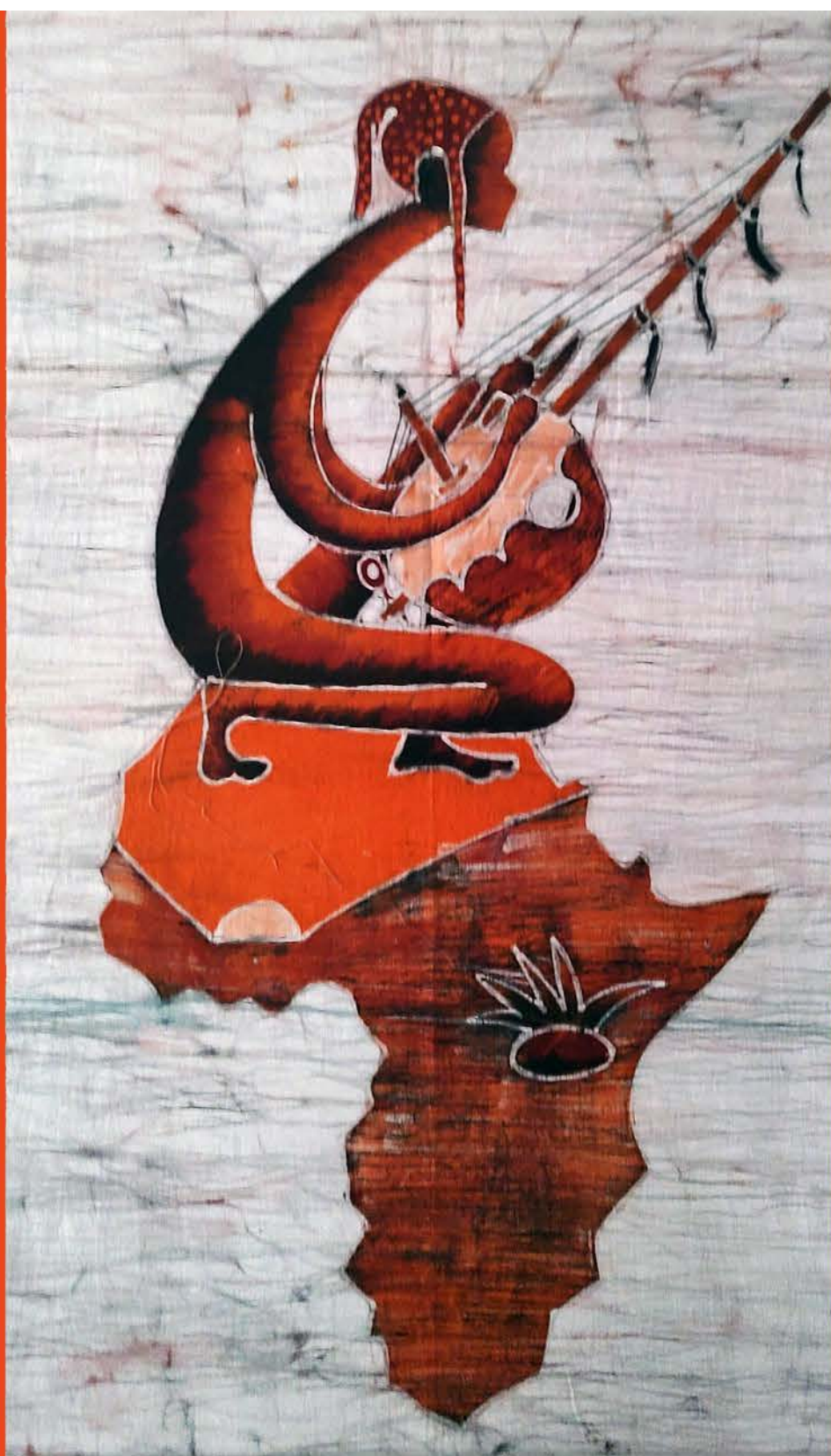
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1 18 th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	2 Eusebius of Vercelli and Pierre-Julien Eymard 	3	4 John Vianney	5 Frédéric Janssoone	6 TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	7 Cajetan and Gaetan
8 19 th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	9 Thérèse-Bénédict de la Croix 	10 Lawrence	11 Claire	12 Isidore Bakanja	13 Pontian and Hippolytus	14 Maximilian Kolbe
15 ASSUMPTION OF MARY Acadian National Day	16 Stephen of Hungary	17 	18	19 Jean Eudes	20 Bernard	21 Pius X
22 21 th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	23 Rose of Lima	24	25 	26 Louis of France	27 Monica	28 Augustine of Hippo
29 22 th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	30	31 				



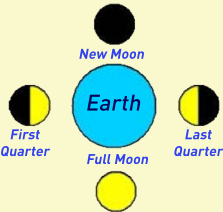
Wall painting, artist unknown, West Africa.
Missionaries of Africa Collection, Guadalajara, Mexico.

SEPTEMBER 2027

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 André Grasset	3 Gregory the Great	4 Dina Bélanger
5 23 th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	6 Labour Day	7	8 THE NATIVITY OF THE VIRGIN MARY	9 Peter Claver	10	11
12 24 th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	13 John Chrysostome	14	15 Our Lady of Sorrows	16 Cornelius and Cyprian	17 Robert Bellarmine	18
19 25 th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	20 Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang and companions	21 MATTHIEW, APOSTLE	22 Beginning of autumn	23 Padre Pio of Pietrelcina	24 Emily Tavernier-Gamelin	25 Cosmas and Damian
26 26 th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	27 Vincent de Paul	28 Wenceslaus	29 Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, archangels	30 Jerome National Day of Truth and Reconciliation		



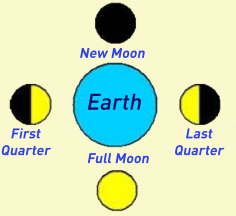
OCTOBER 2027

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Therese of Lisieux	2 Guardian Angels
3 27 th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	4 Francis of Assisi	5 Faustyna Kowalska	6 Marie-Rose Durocher	7 Our Lady of the Rosary	8	9 Denis and John Leonardi
10 28 th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	11 Thanksgiving Day	12	13	14 Callistus	15 Teresa of Avila	16 Marguerite d'Youville
17 29 th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME World Mission Sunday	18 LUKE THE EVANGELIST	19 Paul of the Cross	20 Marguerite-Marie Alacoque	21	22 Salome and John Paul II	23 John of Capistrano
24 30 th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	25	26	27	28 SIMON and JUDE, APOSTLES	29	30
31 31 st SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME						



Batik, artist unknown, West Africa. Missionaries of Africa Collection, Montreal.

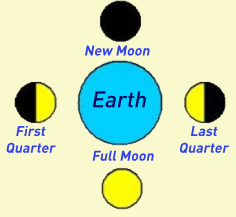
NOVEMBER 2027

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 ALL SAINTS	2 ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED	3 Martin de Porrès	4 Charles Borromeo	5	6 
7 32 th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 	8	9 DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA IN ROME	10 Leo the Great	11 Martin of Tours Remembrance Day	12 Josaphat and Christian	13
14 33 th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 	15 Albert the Great	16 Gertrude	17 Elisabeth of Hungary	18 Dedication of Saint Peter and Saint Paul Basilicas	19	20
21 CHRIST THE KING 	22 Cécile	23 Clement and Columban	24 Andrew Dũng-Lac and companions	25 Catherine of Alexandria	26 Cardinal Lavigerie, Founder of the Missionaries of Africa	27
28 1 st SUNDAY OF ADVENT 	29	30 ANDREW, APOSTLE				



Toile. Artiste : Paulino A., Soudan. Collection Centre Afrika.

DECEMBER 2027

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			1 Charles de Foucauld and Anuarite Nengapeta	2	3 François Xavier	4 John Damascene
5 2 nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT	6 Nicolas	7 Ambroise	8 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Feast of the Missionaries of Africa	9 Juan Diego Cuautlatoatzí	10 Our Lady of Loreto	11 Damasus
12 3 rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT	13 Lucie	14 John of the Cross	15	16	17	18
19 4 th SUNDAY OF ADVENT	20	21 Peter Canisius	22	23 John of Kenty	24	25 NATIVITY OF JESUS MERRY CHRISTMAS!
26 HOLY FAMILY	27 SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST	28 HOLY INNOCENTS	29 Thomas Becket	30	31 Sylvester	New Year's Eve

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International website in Rome:

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Mexican website in Guadalajara:

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Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Afrika website in Rome:

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We live in intercultural communities, reflecting a world where people of different origins rub shoulders on a daily basis. Our two Missionary Societies are made up of around 400 sisters, 1000 priests and brothers and lay associates, from 36 different nationalities.

Our houses of formation welcome many young people from various African countries, India and the Philippines, along with a few candidates from Europe and the Americas.

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