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# Days of Life, Dignity, Justice and Peace

2023 - 2024

# Calendar

Archdiocese of Santa Fe



Holy Spirit Window, Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi

## Office of Social Justice and Respect Life

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## General Resources

United States Conference of Catholic bishops (USCCB)	<a href="http://www.usccb.org">http://www.usccb.org</a>
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Pro-Life Secretariat	<a href="http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/">http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/</a>
USCCB Justice Peace & Human Development	<a href="https://www.usccb.org/offices/justice-peace-human-development">https://www.usccb.org/offices/justice-peace-human-development</a>
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	<a href="http://www.usccb.org/cchd">http://www.usccb.org/cchd</a>
We are Salt and Light	<a href="http://www.wearesaltandlight.org/">http://www.wearesaltandlight.org/</a>
Justice for Immigrants	<a href="http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org/">http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org/</a>
Archdiocese of Santa Fe	<a href="http://www.archdiosf.org">http://www.archdiosf.org</a>
Catholic Mobilizing Network to End the Use of Death Penalty	<a href="http://www.catholicmobilizing.org/">http://www.catholicmobilizing.org/</a>
Faithful Citizenship	<a href="http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/">http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/</a>
Catholic Relief Services	<a href="http://www.crs.org">http://www.crs.org</a>
Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl	<a href="http://www.crsricebowl.org/">http://www.crsricebowl.org/</a>
Caritas Internationalis	<a href="https://www.caritas.org/">https://www.caritas.org/</a>
Catholic Charities USA	<a href="http://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/">http://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/</a>
Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe	<a href="http://www.ccasfm.org/">http://www.ccasfm.org/</a>
Catholic Rural Life	<a href="https://catholicrurallife.org/">https://catholicrurallife.org/</a>
The Vatican	<a href="http://w2.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html">http://w2.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html</a>
Vatican News	<a href="https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html">https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html</a>
Catholic Climate Covenant	<a href="http://www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/">http://www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/</a>



# 2023

## Yearly Observances

UN: International Year of Indigenous Languages

UN: International Year of Moderation

## August 2023

## Daily Observances

- 2 •Jemez Pueblo Nuestra Señora de Los Angeles Feast Day de Los Persingula
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- 4 • Santo Domingo Pueblo Feast Day honoring St. Dominic
- For more information, contact the Native American ministry 505-831-8104
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- 6 •**Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord**
- Commemoration of the dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima
    - Make use of the USCCB guided discussion: <https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/war-and-peace/nuclear-weapons/upload/catholic-study-guide-for-use-with-nuclear-tipping-point-2010.pdf>
    - On the Movie Nuclear Tipping Point <http://www.nucleartippingpoint.org/>
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- 9 •International day of the World's Indigenous Peoples
- Study the United Nations "Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples" document. <https://social.desa.un.org/issues/indigenous-peoples/united-nations-declaration-on-the-rights-of-indigenous-peoples>
  - Research the work of the Native American Affairs office of the USCCB. <https://www.usccb.org/committees/native-american-affairs>
- Commemoration of the dropping of the atomic bomb on Nagasaki
    - [Mark the Anniversary of Hiroshima and Nagasaki With Prayer: A Renewed Call for Our Day](#) "A world of peace, free from nuclear weapons, is the aspiration of millions ..." - Pope Francis, [Address at Atomic Bomb Hypocenter Park](#) (Nagasaki) November 24, 2019.
    - See USCCB Resources for Prayer and Action here: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/war-and-peace/nuclear-weapons/index.cfm>
    - Read the pastoral letter from Archbishop Wester calling for dialogue on nuclear disarmament called *Living in the Light of Christ's Peace: A Conversation Toward Nuclear Disarmament*. (full letter) [PDF](#) and click [here](#) for the summary of Archbishop Wester's letter.
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- 10 •**Feast of St. Lawrence – Deacon and Martyr**
- Picuris Pueblo Annual Feast Day honoring San Lorenzo
    - For more information, contact the Native American Ministry 505-831-8104.
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- 11 •**Feast of St. Clare of Assisi**
- See how to get involved with the living Franciscan traditions of today. <http://www.franciscanaction.org/>



- 12 •International Youth Day
- Participate in the upcoming International Youth Day events from your local community. <http://asoff.org>

- 14 •Feast of St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr
- Maximilian Kolbe is considered a patron of journalists, families, prisoners, the pro-life movement and the chemically addicted. Learn more about prison ministry in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe at [www.archdiosf.org](http://www.archdiosf.org) and go to the Pastoral Outreach Office.

- 15 •Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Zia Pueblo Feast Day honoring Our Lady of Assumption
  - For more information, contact the Native American ministry 505.831.8104

- 19 •World Humanitarian Day
- Learn about the U.S. Church's humanitarian outreach through Catholic Relief Services. <http://www.crs.org>
  - Archdiocese of Santa Fe Annual Native American Mass, 4pm, Cathedral Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi, Santa Fe
  - For more information, contact the Native American ministry 505.831.8104

- 21 •International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism
- While more countries are affected by terrorism today, the number of victims has largely been concentrated in a small number of Member States.
  - Make use of the USCCB resource regarding War and Peace. <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/war-and-peace/index.cfm>
  - National Senior Citizens Day
  - Learn more about ministry to seniors in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe at [www.archdiosf.org](http://www.archdiosf.org) and go to the Pastoral Outreach Office and go to Catholic Charities at <http://www.ccasfm.org/center-for-community-involvement.html>.

- 23 •International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition
- Research St. Peter Claver and Bartolome de las Casas, outspoken critics of slavery. The Catholic Church has publicly condemned slavery since 1462 (Pope Pius II).
  - Make use of the USCCB resources regarding human trafficking. <http://www.usccb.org/about/anti-trafficking-program/index.cfm>

- 24 •Feast of St. Bartholomew – Apostle

- 26 •Women's Equality Day
- Commemorates the 1920 passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, granting women the right to vote.
  - Read the Church's statements on women. <http://www.usccb.org/about/laity-marriage-family-life-and-youth/womens-issues/from-words-to-deeds.cfm> and <https://www.usccb.org/committees/laity-marriage-family-life-youth> and <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/ecumenical-and-interreligious/ecumenical/reformed/women-in-the-church-documents.cfm>

- 27 • African American Catholic Community Mass (12 noon)
- Join the African American Catholic Community for Mass at St. Joseph on the Rio Grande Catholic Church, 5901 St. Joseph's Drive NW, ABQ. Or you can join us virtually. Mass will be live-streamed and recorded: <https://www.facebook.com/Masses-from-St-Joseph-on-the-Rio-Grande-112836890430507>. For more information, call 505-401-8983 or 505-831-8167. For more information about the AACC, visit <https://archdiosf.org/african-american-catholic-community>.



## 28 •Feast of St. Moses the Black

### 29 • Anniversary of Hurricane Katrina (2005)

- Learn about Catholic Charities USA Disaster Relief.

<https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/our-vision-and-ministry/disaster-relief/>

### •International Day Against Nuclear Testing/ Embrace World Free of Nuclear Weapons

- Take the opportunity to read Church documents on nuclear weapons.

<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/war-and-peace/nuclear-weapons/index.cfm>



# September 2023

## Monthly Observances

Hispanic Heritage Month (Second half of September)

- Read about the Church's roots and ministries in Hispanic communities.  
<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/cultural-diversity/hispanic-latino/index.cfm>
- Learn what is happening in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe in the Office of Hispanic Ministry.  
<http://hispanicministryasf.org/>

## Daily Observances

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- 1 • World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation
- Pope Francis said this day of prayer will be a time for individuals and communities to "reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live."  
<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/pont-messages/2023/documents/20230513-messaggio-giornata-curacreato.html>
  - Read *Laudato Si*, Pope Francis' Encyclical on Care for Creation.  
[http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco\\_20150524\\_enciclica-laudato-si.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html)
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- 2 • Acoma Pueblo Feast Day honoring St. Stephen
- For more information, contact the Native American Ministry 505-831-8104.
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- 4 • Labor Day
- Learn more about the Church's teachings on the dignity of work and the rights of workers.  
<https://www.usccb.org/committees/domestic-justice-and-human-development/labor-and-employment>
  - Isleta Pueblo Feast Day honoring St. Augustine
  - For more information, contact the Native American Ministry 505-831-8104.
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- 5 • International Day of Charity
- Learn more about how you can help your community through Catholic Charities.  
<https://www.ccasfm.org/>
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- 8 • **Feast of the Nativity (Birth) of the Virgin Mary**
- International Literacy Day
  - Read stories about the educational work of Catholic Relief Services.  
<http://www.crs.org/our-work-overseas/program-areas/education>



## 9 •Feast Day of St. Peter Claver

- St. Peter Claver was born at Verdu, Catalonia, Spain, in 1580, of impoverished parents descended from ancient and distinguished families. He studied at the Jesuit college of Barcelona, entered the Jesuit novitiate at Tarragona in 1602 and took his final vows on August 8th, 1604. In 1610, he landed at Cartagena (modern Colombia), the principle slave market of the New World, where a thousand slaves were landed every month. After his ordination in 1616, he dedicated himself by special vow to the service of enslaved people of the African diaspora - a work that was to last for 33 years. He labored unceasingly for the spiritual nourishment of enslaved Africans and the abolition of the slave trade. St. Peter Claver was renowned for his loving nature toward those he served.

<http://www.usccb.org/news/2016/16-143.cfm> and  
<http://www.usccb.org/news/2016/16-095.cfm>

### •U.S. Congress passed the Civil Rights Act (1957)

### •National Day of Prayer for Peace in Our Communities

- In light of recent incidents of violence and racial tension in communities across the United States, the president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has invited all dioceses across the country to unite in a Day of Prayer for Peace in Our Communities. He has also appointed a special task force to support bishops in marking that Day of Prayer, and more broadly, in promoting peace and healing during this time of great strain on civil society. The Day of Prayer for Peace in Our Communities will be celebrated on the feast of St. Peter Claver, September 9. Please consider hosting a holy hour or other prayer service in your parish, school or community. For more information, call the Office of Social Justice and Respect Life, 505-831-8167. <https://www.usccb.org/committees/ad-hoc-committee-against-racism/combating-racism-parish-resources>
- Read Bishop Braxton's (Bishop of Belleville, IL) pastoral letter on Racism, The Racial Divide in the United States along with the study guide: <https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/cultural-diversity/african-american/upload/racial-diversity-study-guide-bish-braxton.pdf>

## 10 •World Suicide Prevention Day

- Read about preventing suicide in young people. [www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/respect-life-program/upload/Sweeney-Losing-a-Child-to-Suicide-2010.pdf](http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/respect-life-program/upload/Sweeney-Losing-a-Child-to-Suicide-2010.pdf)

### •National Grandparents Day

## 11 •Anniversary of the Terrorist Attacks of 2001

- Read the pastoral statement of the U.S. Bishops after the attacks. <http://www.usccb.org/news/2011/11-174.cfm>
- Implement some of the approaches for a better world proposed by the Bishops. <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/september-11/bishops-statements-other-september-11-resources.cfm>

## 14 •Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

### •*Laborem Exercens* (1981)

- [http://www.vatican.va/holy\\_father/john\\_paul\\_ii/encyclicals/documents/hf\\_jp-ii\\_enc\\_14091981\\_laborem-exercens\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/john_paul_ii/encyclicals/documents/hf_jp-ii_enc_14091981_laborem-exercens_en.html)

## 15 •International Day of Democracy

### •National Hispanic Heritage Month begins, ends October 15<sup>th</sup>





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- 16** •International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer
- Learn about the Church's teachings regarding the environment. <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/environment/>
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- 17** •Constitution Day
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- 18-23** •National Migration Week
- National Migration Week takes place September 18-23, and will climax with the Vatican's celebration of the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR), which always falls on the last Sunday of September. Download materials to use and share in your parish and ministries to help overcome fear with hope! <https://justiceformigrants.org/national-migration-week-2023/>.
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- 19** •Laguna Pueblo Feast Day honoring St. Joseph
- For more information contact the Native American Ministry 505-831-8104.
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- 21** •**Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist**
- International Day of Peace
- Learn about the Day of Prayer for Peace hosted by St. John Paul II in 2002 and Pope Francis' 2016 address about peace. [http://www.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/speeches/2002/january/documents/hf\\_jp-ii\\_spe\\_20020124\\_discorso-assisi.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/speeches/2002/january/documents/hf_jp-ii_spe_20020124_discorso-assisi.html) and [http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/speeches/2016/september/documents/papa-francesco\\_20160920\\_assisi-preghiera-pace.html#Address](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/speeches/2016/september/documents/papa-francesco_20160920_assisi-preghiera-pace.html#Address)
  - Learn about CRS's work in Peace Building. <http://www.crs.org/our-work-overseas/program-areas/justice-and-peacebuilding>
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- 22** •National Native American Day
- Learn more about the Native American Ministry by calling 505-831-8104.
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- 24** •109th World Day of Migrants and Refugees
- The Church has been celebrating the World Day of Migrants and Refugees since 1914. It is always an occasion to express concern for many different vulnerable people on the move; to pray for the challenges and increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers. You can read more about Pope Francis' statement here: <https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/migration.index.html#messages>
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- 25** •Laguna Pueblo St. Elizabeth Feast Day, Village of Paguate
- For more information, contact the Native American Ministry 505-831-8104.
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- 26** •International Day for Total Elimination of nuclear weapons
- Read more about this day at <https://www.un.org/en/observances/nuclear-weapons-elimination-day>
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- 27** •**Feast of St. Vincent de Paul**
- Learn about the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Get involved with the work of St. Vincent de Paul in your parish or neighborhood. <http://www.svdpusa.org>
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- 28** •National Good Neighbor Day
- [Read](#) the story of the Good Samaritan. (Luke 10:25-37) and learn how to better love our neighbors!
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- 29** •**Feast of St. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, the Archangels**
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- International Translation Day

- Pay tribute to the work of language professionals. Read more <https://www.un.org/en/events/translationday/index.shtml>

- Taos Pueblo Feast Day honoring San Geronimo

- For more information, contact the Native American Ministry 505-831-8104.



# October 2023

## Monthly Observances

### Respect Life Month

- Learn about *Walking with Moms in Need* and find a list of local resources <https://archdiosf.org/walking-with-moms-in-need>
- Get involved with USCCB programs. Your parish should be receiving promotional materials. <http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/respect-life-program/>

### Hispanic Heritage Month (first half of October)

- See Hispanic Heritage Month in September.

### Disabilities Employment Awareness Month

**Principals, teachers, youth ministers, catechists, and adult educators:** Be sure to order your **CRS Rice Bowls** now for Lent 2024 in your classroom! Resources include calendars, rice bowls, and full curriculums on Prayer, Learning, Action and Giving to integrate into religious education and schools and homes! Call the Social Justice and Respect Life Office to place your order: 505-831-8205.

## Daily Observances

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### •Respect Life Sunday

- Learn about and give thanks for the Life and Dignity of the Human person from conception to natural death. Learn more at <http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/respect-life-program/>

### •International Day of Older Persons

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### •International Day of Non-Violence

- Learn about Pax Christi and the movement for a non-violent world. <http://paxchristiusa.org/>
- Check out the website <https://www.nonviolent-conflict.org/resource/a-force-more-powerful/>

### •World Habitat Day

- The purpose of the day is to reflect on the state of our cities and towns and the basic human right to adequate shelter.

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### •*Fratelli Tutti* (2020) *On Fraternity and Social Friendship*

- This new encyclical from Pope Francis invites the Church to live out the call to universal fraternity and social friendship. The third encyclical of his pontificate, *Fratelli Tutti*, offers “a way of life marked by the flavor of the Gospel” (no. 1) and shares a vision for humanity that Pope Francis has emphasized throughout his papacy: “It is my desire that, in this our time, by acknowledging the dignity of each human person, we can contribute to the rebirth of a universal aspiration to fraternity. Brotherhood between all men and women” (no. 8). The Encyclical was inspired by St Francis, as was the Pope’s second Encyclical, *Laudato si’*, on the care of our common home, published in 2015. Read and cyclical here: Read the Encyclical here: [www.fratellitutti.va](http://www.fratellitutti.va). See USCCB study guide and resources here: <https://www.usccb.org/fratelli-tutti>.



- 4 •Feast of St. Francis of Assisi**
- Take the St. Francis/*Laudato Si'* Pledge to care for God's Creation and the poor, and plan activities for your parish or school. <http://www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/pledge> and <http://www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/our-work>
  - Feast of St. Francis of Assisi resources—to plan you St Francis celebrations and to learn more about the Catholic Climate Covenant. <http://www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/> and <http://www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/FOSE>
  - Nambe Pueblo Feast Day honoring San Francisco de Asis
    - For more information, contact the Native American Ministry 505-831-8104.
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- 5 •World Teacher's Day**
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- 9 •Indigenous Peoples' Day (Columbus Day)**
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- 10 •World Mental Health Day**
- World Mental Health Day is observed on 10 October every year, with the overall objective of raising awareness of mental health issues around the world and mobilizing efforts in support of mental health. The Day provides an opportunity for all stakeholders working on mental health issues to talk about their work, and what more needs to be done to make mental health care a reality for people worldwide. [https://www.who.int/mental\\_health/world-mental-health-day/en/](https://www.who.int/mental_health/world-mental-health-day/en/)
  - World Day Against the Death Penalty
    - Get involved with the Catholic Campaign to End the Use of the Death Penalty. <https://www.usccb.org/committees/domestic-justice-and-human-development/death-penalty-capital-punishment>
    - Check out the Catholic Mobilizing Network webpage: <http://www.catholicsmobilizing.org/>
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- 11 •Feast Day of Pope St. John XXIII**
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- 13 •International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction**
- Learn how to get involved with Catholic Relief Services' international response to disasters. <http://www.crs.org/our-work-overseas/program-areas/emergency-response-and-recovery>
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- 15 •International Day for Rural Women**
- Learn about CRS's work in micro-finance to improve the lives and dignity of rural women around the globe. <http://www.crs.org/our-work-overseas/program-areas/microfinance>
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- 16 •World Food Day**
- Learn about food insecurity and agricultural development. [https://www.crs.org/our-work-overseas/program-areas/agriculture?utm\\_source=crs.org-agriculture-redirect&utm\\_medium=referral&utm\\_campaign=pqa-agriculture-general](https://www.crs.org/our-work-overseas/program-areas/agriculture?utm_source=crs.org-agriculture-redirect&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=pqa-agriculture-general)
  - Read the Pope's message for this day. [http://www.vatican.va/holy\\_father/francesco/messages/food/index\\_en.htm](http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/francesco/messages/food/index_en.htm)



- 17 •International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
- Become an advocate in the fight to end poverty. Learn about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development <http://www.usccb.org/cchd> and Catholic Charities USA <https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/advocacy/action-center/>
  - Learn what you can do to eradicate poverty with the resources from the Justice, Peace and Human Development of the USCCB. <http://www.usccb.org/about/justice-peace-and-human-development/upload/jphd-poverty-education-resources.pdf>
  - [Listen](#) to Pope Francis' message on the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
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- 22 •**Feast Day of Pope St. John Paul II**  
•**World Mission Sunday**
- Learn about the Pontifical Mission Society at <http://www.onefamilyinmission.org>
  - Read the Pope's message on this day at: <http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/missions.index.html>
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- 24 •United Nations Day
- Visit <http://www.un.org/en/> and <http://www.un.org/en/events/unday/>
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- 24- •Disarmament Week
- Visit <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/war-and-peace/sowing-weapons-of-war.cfm> to learn more about the Church's teachings on arms control.
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- 28 •Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles
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- 29 •African American Catholic Community Mass (12 noon)
- Join the African American Catholic Community for Mass at St. Joseph on the Rio Grande Catholic Church, 5901 St. Joseph's Drive NW, ABQ. Or you can join us virtually. Mass will be live-streamed and recorded: <https://www.facebook.com/Masses-from-St-Joseph-on-the-Rio-Grande-112836890430507>. For more information, call 505-401-8983 or 505-831-8167. For more information about the AACC, visit <https://archdiosf.org/african-american-catholic-community>.



# November 2023

## Monthly Observances

Native American Heritage Month

National Family Caregiver Month

National Home and Hospice Month, National Long-term Care Awareness Month

- Learn about the document “To Live Each Day with Dignity” from the USCCB.  
<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/assisted-suicide/to-live-each-day/>

## Daily Observances

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### •All Saints Day

#### •*Community of Salt and Light* (1993)

- This U.S. bishops' statement is the guiding document for parish social ministry in the United States. See website of the USCCB to explore contemporary social ministry today and resources, best practices, and other materials to aid social ministry in a variety of settings.  
<http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/parish-life/communities-of-salt-and-light.cfm>
- Visit the USCCB page for tips on how to live as people of “salt and light:”  
[www.wearesaltandlight.org](http://www.wearesaltandlight.org)

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### •All Souls Day

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### •World Tsunami Awareness Day

- Tsunamis are rare events, but can be extremely deadly. In the past 100 years, 58 of them have claimed more than 260,000 lives, or an average of 4,600 per disaster, surpassing any other natural hazard. Learn more <https://www.un.org/en/events/tsunamiday/>

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### •International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of Environment in War and Armed Conflict

- Learn about the Church's position on environmental issues. <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/war-and-peace/index.cfm>
- Learn about the Church's position on environmental issues. <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/environment/>

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### •Election Day

- Check out what the Bishops say about our call to Faithful Citizenship.  
<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/>
- As a Church and a nation, we are polarized and divided. Pope Francis challenges us to respond by building a “better kind of politics, one truly at the service of the common good” (Fratelli Tutti, no. 154). Commit to building *A Better Kind of Politics* by pledging charity, clarity, and creativity to promote the common good at [civilizeit.org](http://civilizeit.org).

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### •Birthday of Dorothy Day, founder of the Catholic Worker Movement

- Learn more about the Catholic Worker Movement. <http://www.catholicworker.org/>
- Visit one of the two Catholic Worker Houses in Albuquerque. Trinity Catholic Worker House (505-842-5697) or Casa de las Comunidades (505-265-2371).



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Archdiocese of Santa Fe  
505.831.8167 [aavellone@asfnm.org](mailto:aavellone@asfnm.org)

- 10 •World Science Day for Peace and Development
- World Science Day for Peace and Development highlights the significant role of science in society and the need to engage the wider public in debates on emerging scientific issues. It also underlines the importance and relevance of science in our daily lives. For more information <https://www.un.org/en/events/scienceday/>
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- 11 •Veterans Day
- Find out how the Church provides pastoral care to the armed forces. <http://www.milarch.org>.
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- 12 •*For I was Hungry and You Gave Me Food* (2003)
- Visit the USCCB website. <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/agriculture-nutrition-rural-issues/for-i-was-hungry.cfm>
- Jemez Pueblo Feast Day honoring San Diego
- For more information, contact the Native American Ministry 505-831-8104
- Tesuque Pueblo Feast Day honoring San Diego
- For more information, contact the Native American Ministry 505-831-8104
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- 13 •**Feast of St. Frances Cabrini, Patron Saint of Immigrants**
- A Place at the Table* (2002)
- Visit the USCCB website <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/poverty/place-at-the-table.cfm>
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- 14 •US Bishops Approved “*Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love, A Pastoral Letter Against Racism*”
- Check out the Pastoral letter against racism. <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/racism/upload/open-wide-our-hearts.pdf>
  - Here are resources that you can use to help combat racism. <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/racism/index.cfm>
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- 15 • America Recycles Day
- Put into action Pope Francis’ Encyclical, *Laudato Si’*. See <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/environment/index.cfm>
  - Take the St. Francis/*Laudato Si’* Pledge and learn more about the Catholic Climate Covenant <http://www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/pledge>
- Responsibility, Rehabilitation, and Restoration: A Catholic Perspective on Crime and Criminal Justice* (2000)
- Visit the USCCB website. <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/criminal-justice-restorative-justice/crime-and-criminal-justice.cfm>
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- 16 •Anniversary of the six martyrs in El Salvador (1989)
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- 18 •**St. Rose Philippine Duchesne**
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19 • 7<sup>th</sup> World Day of the Poor: “Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor (Tob 4:7)”

- See Pope Francis’ message here:  
<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/poveri.index.html#messages>
- World Day for the Prevention of Child Abuse
  - See how the Church is responding to issues of Child abuse both inside and outside of the institution. <https://www.usccb.org/committees/protection-children-young-people>
- Catholic Campaign for Human Development National Collection
  - Today your parish is probably taking up the National Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human development. Find out how to promote this collection at <http://www.usccb.org/cchd>. See what CCHD is doing in our [Archdiocese](#).

20 • Universal Children’s Day

- United Nations Universal Children’s Day was established in 1954 and is celebrated on November 20th each year to promote international togetherness, awareness among children worldwide, and improving children's welfare. For more information <https://www.un.org/en/events/childrenday/>

23 • Thanksgiving Day

24 • *Evangelii Gaudium (2003) The Joy of the Gospel*

- This Papal Exhortation of Pope Francis on the proclamation of the Gospel. Pope Francis is calling upon the Church and the world to begin a new chapter in evangelization. The Pope speaks on themes including evangelization, peace, homiletics, social justice, the family, respect for creation, faith and politics, ecumenism, interreligious dialogue, and the role of women and of the laity in the Church.  
[http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost\\_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco\\_esortazione-ap\\_20131124\\_evangelii-gaudium.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20131124_evangelii-gaudium.html)

25 • International Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women

- See how the Church is working to eliminate domestic violence at <https://www.usccb.org/topics/marriage-and-family-life-ministries/domestic-violence>

26 • **Feast of Christ the King**

29 • International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

- Check out the Voices of Peace in the Holy Land resource from CRS  
<http://www.crs.org/resource-center/parish-guide-peace-holy-land>

30 • Day of Remembrance for All Victims of Chemical Warfare

- The Conference of the States Parties at its 20th Session decided that a Memorial Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare would be observed on 30 November each year or, when appropriate, on the first day of the regular session of the Conference. For more information <https://www.un.org/en/events/chemwarfareday/>





# December 2023

## Daily Observances

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### •World AIDS Day

Learn about all the Church does around the world to combat HIV and comfort those with AIDS. <http://crs.org/hiv-aids/>

- Find out how the Church is confronting HIV/AIDS around the globe. <https://www.caritas.org/what-we-do/health-hiv/>

### •Blessed Charles de Foucauld

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### •International Day for the Abolition of Slavery

•Anniversary of the murders of Maura Clarke, Ita Ford, Dorothy Kazel, and Jean Donovan in El Salvador.

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### •First Sunday of Advent

### •Feast of St. Francis Xavier

### •International Day of Persons with Disabilities

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### •World Soil Day

- One third of our global soils are already degraded. Yet we risk losing more due to this hidden danger. Soil pollution can be invisible and seems far away but everyone, everywhere is affected. With a growing population expected to reach 9 billion by 2050, soil pollution is a worldwide problem which degrades our soils, poisons the food we eat, the water we drink and the air we breathe. <https://www.un.org/en/observances/world-soil-day>

### •International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development

- Get involved in your community! Find out what outreach ministries in which your Church is involved.

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### •Feast of St. Nicholas

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### •*Gaudium et Spes* (1965)

- [http://www.vatican.va/archive/hist\\_councils/ii\\_vatican\\_council/documents/vat-ii\\_cons\\_19651207\\_gaudium-et-spes\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/archive/hist_councils/ii_vatican_council/documents/vat-ii_cons_19651207_gaudium-et-spes_en.html)

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### •Feast of the Immaculate Conception

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### •International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of Victims of the Crime of Genocide and of the Prevention of this Crime

- The purpose of the day is to raise awareness of the Genocide Convention and its role in combating and preventing the crime of genocide, as defined in the Convention, and to commemorate and honor its victims. For more information <https://www.un.org/en/events/genocidepreventionday/>



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- 10 •Second Sunday of Advent**
- Thomas Merton (anniversary of death)
  - Human Rights Day
    - Look through the various resources on issues of human life and dignity provided by the USCCB at <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/global-issues/promoting-life-and-dignity-around-the-world-by-margaret-scott.cfm>.

- 12 •Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**
- Pojoaque Pueblo Feast Day honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe
    - For more information contact the Native American Ministry 505-831-8104.

- 14 •St. John of the Cross**

- 15 •United States Bill of Rights Day**

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- 17 •Third Sunday of Advent**

- 18 •International Migrants Day**
- [Read](#) Papal addresses regarding immigrants and refugees.

- 20 •International Human Solidarity Day**
- [Join the Catholics Confront Global Poverty](#) initiative of CRS and the USCCB.

- 21 •Feast of St. Peter Canisius**

- 24 •Fourth Sunday of Advent**

- 25 •Christmas**

- 26 •Feast of St. Stephen**

- 26- •Kwanza**
- Learn more about the Kwanzaa traditions.  
<http://www.officialkwanzaawebsite.org/>

- 27 •Feast of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist**

- 28 •Feast of the Holy Innocents**
- Pray for the unborn children lost to abortion, and pray for healing and reconciliation for post-abortive mothers and fathers.

- Birthday of Sister Thea Bowman, F.S.P.A.**

- Read about her here: <https://www.fsps.org/content/about/sister-thea-bowman>

- 30 •Sollicitudo Rei Socialis (1987)**
- [http://www.vatican.va/holy\\_father/john\\_paul\\_ii/encyclicals/documents/hf\\_jp-ii\\_enc\\_30121987\\_sollicitudo-rei-socialis\\_en.htm](http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/john_paul_ii/encyclicals/documents/hf_jp-ii_enc_30121987_sollicitudo-rei-socialis_en.htm)

- 31 •Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**



- New Year's Eve

Reflect on your past year and the year to come. What can you do to spread the love of Christ more fully in this coming year? How can you reach out?



# 2024

## Yearly Observances

UN: International Year of Plant Health

## January 2024

## Monthly Observances

### Poverty Awareness Month

- Visit <http://usccb.org/about/catholic-campaign-for-human-development/poverty-education/index.cfm> and <http://www.usccb.org/cchd> to become involved with addressing the root causes of poverty in our communities.
- Call our CCHD intern to make a presentation on poverty to your class, religious education group, confirmation group, retreat or youth/young adult group now. To schedule a presentation, call 505-831-8232 or email at [justice2@asfnm.org](mailto:justice2@asfnm.org)!
- National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month

## Daily Observances

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### •Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

•New Year's Day

•World Day of Peace – Vatican

- Read current and past addresses by the Holy Father on the World Day of Peace. Theme for this year to be announced.
- <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2018-02/vatican-council-interreligious-dialogue-day-of-prayer-for-peace.html> and [http://www.vatican.va/holy\\_father/francesco/messages/peace/index\\_en.htm](http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/francesco/messages/peace/index_en.htm) and <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/war-and-peace/world-day-of-peace.cfm>

•Emancipation Proclamation signed (1863)

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•Epiphany

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•Baptism of the Lord

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• *Living in the Light of Christ's Peace: A Conversation Toward Nuclear Disarmament* (2022)

- Read the pastoral letter from Archbishop Wester calling for dialogue on nuclear disarmament called *Living in the Light of Christ's Peace: A Conversation Toward Nuclear Disarmament*. (full letter) [PDF](#) and click [here](#) for the summary of Archbishop Wester's letter.



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14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Martin Luther King Jr. Mass <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Join the African American Catholic Community for Mass at St. Joseph on the Rio Grande Catholic Church, 5901 St. Joseph's Drive NW, ABQ. Or you can join us virtually. Mass will be live-streamed and recorded: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/Masses-from-St-Joseph-on-the-Rio-Grande-112836890430507">https://www.facebook.com/Masses-from-St-Joseph-on-the-Rio-Grande-112836890430507</a>. For more information, call 505-401-8983 or 505-831-8167. For more information about the AACC, visit <a href="https://archdiosf.org/african-american-catholic-community">https://archdiosf.org/african-american-catholic-community</a>.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
15	•Martin Luther King Jr. Day
16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•National Religious Freedom Day <p>Read current statements from the Bishops regarding issues of religious freedom. <a href="http://www.usccb.org/news/2012/12-108.cfm">http://www.usccb.org/news/2012/12-108.cfm</a></p> </li> <li>•2024 New Mexico Legislative Session Begins (Runs through Feb.15) <p>Go to <a href="http://archdiosf.org/">http://archdiosf.org/</a> find "Links" and click on NMCCB for the New Mexico Conference of Catholic Bishops Legislative Agenda, sign up to receive legislative action alerts from the NMCCB and get involved in promoting human life and dignity in our state!</p> </li> </ul>
17	•Sanctity of Life Awareness and Unity Day Mass TBA
18 - 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Prayer Vigil for Life and March for Life <p>Learn more about the March for Life at <a href="http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/resources/">http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/resources/</a> and <a href="http://marchforlife.org/">http://marchforlife.org/</a></p> </li> </ul>
18- 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (Octave for Christian Unity) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attend an ecumenical prayer service in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. Visit the website for the Office of Ecumenical Affairs to find out more. <a href="https://archdiosf.org/ecumenical">https://archdiosf.org/ecumenical</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of <u>Roe v. Wade</u> (Reversed by <u>Dobbs v Jackson</u> on June 24, 2022)</li> <li>•<i>Strangers No Longer: Together on the Journey of Hope</i> (2003) <p>Pastoral letter concerning migration from the Catholic Bishops of Mexico and the United States. <a href="http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/immigration/strangers-no-longer-together-on-the-journey-of-hope.cfm">http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/immigration/strangers-no-longer-together-on-the-journey-of-hope.cfm</a></p> </li> <li>• Beatification of Fr. Rutilio Grande of El Salvador</li> </ul>
23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•San Ildefonso Pueblo Feast Day honoring San Ildefonso <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For more information, contact the Native American Ministry 505-831-8104.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
28	•World Day of Leprosy
28- Feb.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Catholic Schools Week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support a Catholic school in your area. Visit <a href="https://www.asfcatholicschools.org/">https://www.asfcatholicschools.org/</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>



# February 2024

## Monthly Observances

### African American History Month

- Learn about Fr. Augustus Tolton and the many contributions of African Americans to the Catholic Church in the United States. <https://tolton.archchicago.org/the-cause> and <http://nbccongress.org/>
- Read Bishop Braxton's (Bishop of Belleville, IL) pastoral on Racism, The Racial Divide in the United States along with the study guide: <https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/cultural-diversity/african-american/upload/racial-diversity-study-guide-bish-braxton.pdf>
- Learn about the Black Catholic Congress, which represents African American Roman Catholics, working in collaboration with National Roman Catholic organizations. <http://nbccongress.org/>
- Read the US Bishops Pastoral on Racism, Brothers and Sisters to Us <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/cultural-diversity/african-american/brothers-and-sisters-to-us.cfm>

### Lent Begins this Month

- Be sure to use your CRS Rice Bowl Material for Praying, Learning, Acting and Giving! <http://www.csricebowl.org/>

## Daily Observances

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| 1-7 | •World Interfaith Harmony Week<br><a href="https://www.un.org/en/observances/interfaith-harmony-week">https://www.un.org/en/observances/interfaith-harmony-week</a>   |
| 3   | • Anniversary of the death of Venerable Mary Lange <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Read her story here: <a href="https://educationforjustice.org/events/anniversary-of-the-death-of-venerable-mary-lange/">https://educationforjustice.org/events/anniversary-of-the-death-of-venerable-mary-lange/</a></li></ul>   |
| 4   | •World Cancer Day<br>•Birthday of Rosa Parks (1913-2005)  |
| 8   | • <b>Feast Day of St. Josephine Bakhita</b> , patron saint of victims of modern slavery and human trafficking.<br>•World Day of Prayer, Reflection and Action Against Human Trafficking   |
| 11  | • <b>Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes</b><br>•World Day of the Sick <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Read the Holy Father's message for today.<br/><a href="http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/francesco/messages/sick/index_en.htm">http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/francesco/messages/sick/index_en.htm</a></li></ul> |
| 13  | •Fat Tuesday  |
| 14  | •Valentine's Day<br>• <b>Ash Wednesday</b><br>Lent begins today. Remember to make use of the Catholic Relief Service Rice Bowl materials for your Lenten Journey! More information at <a href="http://www.csricebowl.org/">http://www.csricebowl.org/</a>   |
| 15  | • New Mexico Legislative Session Ends   |



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•**First Sunday of Lent**

[Read](#) the Holy Father's message for Lent.

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•**Presidents' Day**

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•**World Day of Social Justice**

Launched in 2009, the United Nations recognizes February 20 as World Day of Social Justice. As recognized by the World Summit, social development aims at social justice, solidarity, harmony and equality within and among countries and social justice, equality and equity constitute the fundamental values of all societies. To achieve "a society for all" governments made a commitment to the creation of a framework for action to promote social justice at national, regional and international levels. They also pledged to promote the equitable distribution of income and greater access to resources through equity and equality and opportunity for all. The governments recognized as well that economic growth should promote equity and social justice and that "a society for all" must be based on social justice and respect for all human rights and fundamental freedoms. The observance of the day should contribute to the further consolidation of the efforts of the international community in poverty eradication, promotion of full employment and decent work, gender equity and access to social well-being and justice for all.

Learn more here: <https://www.un.org/development/desa/dspd/international-days/world-day-of-social-justice.html>

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•**Second Sunday of Lent**

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# March 2024

## Monthly Observances

### Women's History Month

- Research the impact women religious communities have had in the United States.

Visit: <http://www.lcwr.org/>

## Daily Observances

### 3 •Third Sunday of Lent

### 8 •International Women's Day

- Get involved with the development of women around the globe.

<http://www.thousanddays.org/>

### 10 •Fourth Sunday of Lent

- CRS Collection: The CRS Collection is taken up in most dioceses on Laetare (or "Rejoice") Sunday, the 4th Sunday of Lent. CRS Collection: This collection during Lent serves Jesus in the guise of the poor and vulnerable in some of the most marginalized communities in our world. Contributions to The Catholic Relief Services Collection are distributed to these six organizations:
- [Catholic Relief Services](#) for international relief and development.
- [Migration and Refugee Services](#) for refugee resettlement.
- [Catholic Legal Immigration Network Inc.](#) (CLINIC) for immigration legal services.
- [Department of Justice, Peace, and Human Development](#) for advocacy.
- Holy Father's Relief Fund for emergency relief. [Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church](#) for evangelization and ministry.

By supporting The Catholic Relief Services Collection, you help these organizations build richer lives for faithful around the world. Learn more: <https://www.usccb.org/national-collection/catholic-relief-services-collection>.

### 17 •St. Patrick's Day •Fifth Sunday of Lent

### 19 •Feast of St. Joseph

### 21 •International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

### 21- •Week of Solidarity with the Peoples Struggling against Racism and Racial Discrimination

- See how Catholic Charities is confronting racism and discrimination at <https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Policy-Paper-Poverty-and-Racism-1.pdf>
- Read the U.S Bishop's Pastoral on Racism, Open Wide Our Hearts, The Enduring Call to Love. <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/racism/>



- Learn about Fr. Augustus Tolton and the many contributions of African Americans to the Catholic Church in the United States. <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/cultural-diversity/african-american>, <https://tolton.archchicago.org/> and <http://nbcongress.org/>
- Read Bishop Braxton's (Bishop of Belleville, IL) pastoral on Racism, The Racial Divide in the United States along with the study guide: <https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/cultural-diversity/african-american/upload/racial-diversity-study-guide-bish-braxton.pdf>

## 22 •World Water Day

See what CRS is doing around the globe. <http://www.crsprogramquality.org/water-and-sanitation/>

## 24 •Palm Sunday

### •Feast Day of Saint Archbishop Oscar Romero, 1980

## 25 •Annunciation of the Lord

•International Day for the Commemoration of the Anniversary of the Abolition of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade

## 26 •Popularum Progressio (1967)

- [http://www.vatican.va/content/paul-vi/en/encyclicals/documents/hf\\_p-vi\\_enc\\_26031967\\_populorum.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/paul-vi/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_p-vi_enc_26031967_populorum.html)

## 28 •Holy Thursday

## 29 •Good Friday

## 30 •Holy Saturday

## 31 •Easter Sunday

Don't forget to turn in your Catholic Relief Service Rice Bowl to your parish or school! Turn in your Rice Bowls to your parish, or contribute online here: <https://archdiocesasantafegiving.org/virtual-crs-rice-bowl> or mail in a check to: Archdiocese of Santa Fe Social Justice and Respect Life Office – 4000 St. Joseph Pl. NW Albuquerque, NM 87120. Please make the check out to Archdiocese of Santa Fe and put "CRS Rice Bowl" in the memo line.



# April 2024

## Daily Observances

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- 2 • Anniversary of the death of Pope St. John Paul II (1920-2005)
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- 4 • International Day of Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action
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- 7 • **Divine Mercy Sunday**  
• World Health Day
- Learn about the work of Catholic Relief Services in addressing global health concerns.  
<http://www.crs.org/our-work-overseas/research-publications/water-and-sanitation/>
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- 22 • Earth Day
- Read Climate Justice: Seeking a Global Ethic at:  
<https://www.caritas.org/?s=Climate+Justice%3A+Seeking+a+global+ethic>
  - Read ways you can care for the earth <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/environment/index.cfm>
  - Download and Read the *Laudato Si* Encyclical here:  
[http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco\\_20150524\\_enciclica-laudato-si.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html)
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- 23 • Death of Cesar Chavez, (1927-1993)
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- 25 • **Feast Day of St. Mark, Evangelist**
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- 26 • Arbor Day
- Learn about the Church's call for environmental sustainability  
<https://catholicrurallife.org/category/stewardship/>
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- 28 • African American Catholic Community Anniversary Mass (12 noon)  
Join the African American Catholic Community for Mass at St. Joseph on the Rio Grande Catholic Church, 5901 St. Joseph's Drive NW, ABQ. Check with parish for current health guidelines. Or you can join us virtually. Mass will be live-streamed and recorded:  
<https://www.facebook.com/Masses-from-St-Joseph-on-the-Rio-Grande-112836890430507>. For more information, call 505-401-8983 or 505-831-8167. For more information about the AACC, visit <https://archdiosf.org/african-american-catholic-community>.



# May 2024

## Monthly Observances

### Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

- Learn about the contributions Asian American and Pacific Islanders have made to the fabric of the US Catholic Church. <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/cultural-diversity/asian-pacific-islander/>

## Daily Observances

### 1 •St. Joseph the Worker

- Learn about the dignity of work and labor. <https://catholicrurallife.org/>
- San Felipe Pueblo Feast Day honoring St. Phillip
  - For more information, contact the Native American Ministry 505-831-8104.

### 2 •National Day of Prayer

### 3 •World Press Freedom Day

- Check out the Vatican News Page. <http://www.news.va>
- *The Challenge of Peace* (1983)
  - <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/war-and-peace/nuclear-weapons/upload/statement-the-challenge-of-peace-1983-05-03.pdf>

### 8 •World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day

- Learn about the work of the Red Cross and Red Crescent at <http://www.ifrc.org/>

### 9 •Ascension of the Lord

### 11 •World Fair Trade Day

- Take time to learn more about fair trade practices. <https://www.crs.org/get-involved-topics/fair-trade>

### 12 •Mother's Day

- Learn about *Walking with Moms in Need* and find a list of local resources <https://archdiosf.org/walking-with-moms-in-need>
- See how Catholic Charities is strengthening families by supporting mothers. <https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/our-ministry/> and <https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/our-ministry/foundational-services/>

### •World Communication Day

- Read the Papal messages for today. <http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/communications.index.html>

### 14 • Octogesima Adveniens (1971)

- [http://w2.vatican.va/content/paul-vi/en/apost\\_letters/documents/hf\\_p-vi\\_apl\\_19710514\\_octogesima-adveniens.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/paul-vi/en/apost_letters/documents/hf_p-vi_apl_19710514_octogesima-adveniens.html)



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## 15 •San Ysidro and Santa Maria Torribia (St. Isidore and St. Maria Torribia)

San Ysidro is the patron saint of farmers and laborers. Visit the Catholic Rural Life website for more information on the dignity of farming.

<https://catholicrurallife.org/category/rural-outreach/> and  
[http://w2.vatican.va/content/leo-xiii/en/encyclicals/documents/hf\\_l-xiii\\_enc\\_15051891\\_rerum-novarum.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/leo-xiii/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_l-xiii_enc_15051891_rerum-novarum.html)

### •International Conscientious Objectors' Day

- Learn about our Church's response to conscientious objection at:  
<http://www.catholicpeacefellowship.org/>
- Read specific statements by the Bishops at: <http://usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/military/conscientious-objection.cfm>

### •International Day of Families

- Check out the resources offered by the Family Life Office of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe.  
<https://www.familylifefnm.org/>

### •Rerum Novarum (1891)

- [http://w2.vatican.va/content/leo-xiii/en/encyclicals/documents/hf\\_l-xiii\\_enc\\_15051891\\_rerum-novarum.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/leo-xiii/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_l-xiii_enc_15051891_rerum-novarum.html)

### •Quadragesimo Anno (1931)

- [http://w2.vatican.va/content/pius-xi/en/encyclicals/documents/hf\\_p-xi\\_enc\\_19310515\\_quadragesimo-anno.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/pius-xi/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_p-xi_enc_19310515_quadragesimo-anno.html)

### •Mater et Magistra (1961)

- [http://w2.vatican.va/content/john-xxiii/en/encyclicals/documents/hf\\_j-xxiii\\_enc\\_15051961\\_mater.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/john-xxiii/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_j-xxiii_enc_15051961_mater.html)
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## 19 •Pentecost Sunday

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## 20 •Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

- For more information <https://www.usccb.org/resources/mass-readings-memorial-blessed-virgin-mary-mother-church>
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## 21 •World Day of Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development

- Learn about the U.S. Bishop's priority to celebrate diversity. Visit  
<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/cultural-diversity/index.cfm>
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## 22 •International Day for Biological Diversity

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## 24 •Laudato Si' / (2015) On Care for our Common Home

- Download and Read the Encyclical here:  
[http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco\\_20150524\\_enciclica-laudato-si.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html)
  - Explore some of the study, reflection and prayer materials here:  
<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/environment/index.cfm>
  - Take the St. Francis/Laudato Si' Pledge and learn more about the Catholic Climate Covenant <http://www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/pledge>
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## 25- •Week of Solidarity with the People of Non-Self-Governing Territories

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## 26 •Trinity Sunday

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- 27 •Memorial Day
- Find out how the Church provides pastoral care to the members of the armed forces.  
<http://www.milarch.org>
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- 29 •International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers
- Learn about the role of UN Peacekeepers at <http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/>  
Find out how Catholic Relief Services is taking this a step farther to start building lasting peace.  
<http://www.crs.org/justice-and-peacebuilding>
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- 30 •**Feast of Corpus Christi**
- Check out the resources for connecting the Eucharist to Catholic Social Teaching at  
<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/church-teaching/theological-reflections-tf-bishops-politicians-2004-06-13.cfm> or <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/catechesis/catechetical-sunday/eucharist/index.cfm>
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# June 2024

## Monthly Observances

### Torture Awareness Month

- Check out the “Torture is a Moral Issue: A Catholic Study Guide” by visiting: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/torture/torture-is-a-moral-issue.cfm>
- Check out the National Religious Campaign Against Torture to learn more. <http://www.nrcat.org/index.php>

### 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of June

- Tesuque Pueblo Blessing of the Fields

## Daily Observances

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- 4 •International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression  
•Anniversary of Tiananmen Square Massacre, 1989
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- 5 •World Environment Day
- Find out what Catholics are doing about climate change. <http://www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/> and <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/environment/index.cfm>
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- 7 •The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
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- 12 •World Day Against Child Labor
- Review Pope Leo XVI’s *Rerum Novarum* on the issue of child labor. [http://w2.vatican.va/content/leo-xiii/en/encyclicals/documents/hf\\_l-xiii\\_enc\\_15051891\\_rerum-novarum.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/leo-xiii/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_l-xiii_enc_15051891_rerum-novarum.html)
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- 13 •Sandia Pueblo Feast Day honoring St. Anthony
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- 16 •Father’s Day
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- 17 •World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought
- Learn how shifting climate patterns are related to poverty at <http://catholicclimatecovenant.org/> and <http://www.crs.org/climate-change?gclid=CNyqp-ifgM4CFQotaQod2W4Dkw>
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- 19 •*Sharing Catholic Social Teaching (1998)*
- <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/index.cfm>
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- 19 • Juneteenth, commemoration of the end of slavery in the United States
- <http://www.juneteenth.com/history.htm>
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- 20 •World Refugee Day
- Learn about the work done by the Church nationally to respond to the needs of refugees at <http://www.usccb.org/about/migration-and-refugee-services/>
  - Get involved with refugee resettlement programs in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. Find out more by <http://www.ccasfm.org/center-for-refugee-support.html>
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- 24 • Ohkay Owingeh (San Juan) Pueblo Feast Day honoring St. John the Baptist
- For more information contact the Native American Ministry 505-831-8104.
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- 26 • International Day in Support of Victims of Torture
- See Torture Awareness Month above.
- International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking
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- 29 • Santa Ana and Santo Domingo Pueblos Feast Day in honor of Sts. Peter and Paul
- For more information, contact the Native American Ministry 505-831-8104
- *Caritas in Veritate* (2009)
- [http://w2.vatican.va/content/benedict-xvi/en/encyclicals/documents/hf\\_ben-xvi\\_enc\\_20090629\\_caritas-in-veritate.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/benedict-xvi/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_ben-xvi_enc_20090629_caritas-in-veritate.html)
- *Lumen Fidei* (2013): Download and Read the Encyclical here:
- [http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco\\_20130629\\_enciclica-lumen-fidei.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20130629_enciclica-lumen-fidei.html)
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- 30 • African American Catholic Community Fr. Rollins Lambert Mass
- Join the African American Catholic Community for Mass at St. Joseph on the Rio Grande Catholic Church, 5901 St. Joseph's Drive NW, ABQ. Check with parish for current health guidelines. Or you can join us virtually. Mass will be live-streamed and recorded:
- <https://www.facebook.com/Masses-from-St-Joseph-on-the-Rio-Grande-112836890430507>. For more information, call 505-401-8983 or 505-831-8167. For more information about the AACC, visit <https://archdiosf.org/african-american-catholic-community>.



# July 2024

## Daily Observances

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| 2  | •Civil Rights Act (1964) signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson   |
| 4  | •Independence Day in the United States  |
| 11 | •Anniversary of Srebrenica Slaughter in Bosnia, 1995 Massacre   |
| 14 | • <b>Feast of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Kateri Tekakwitha will be the first Native American saint in the church. Learn about her cause for canonization.</li></ul>  |
| 16 | •Commemoration of the Trinity Test (1945)<br>Commemoration of the Trinity Test, the testing of the Atomic Bomb in New Mexico. Read more about the effects on the “Downwinders” who are the unknowing, unwilling and uncompensated victims of the Trinity Test in South Central New Mexico and what they are doing to seek justice: <a href="https://www.trinitydownwinders.com/">https://www.trinitydownwinders.com/</a>  |
| 18 | •Birthday of Nelson Mandela (1918-2013) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nelson Mandela has spent his life fighting for justice through non-violence. Learn about his legacy and his impact on our global community. <a href="http://www.nelsonmandela.org/">http://www.nelsonmandela.org/</a></li></ul>   |
| 22 | • <b>Feast of St. Mary of Magdalene – Apostle to the Apostles</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Facts about St. <a href="#">#MaryMagdalene</a> on her Feast Day: 1) She never abandoned Jesus, as many disciples did. 2) In John's Gospel, it is to her that the Risen Christ appears first. 3) In the time between the Risen One appearing to her and her proclaiming the Resurrection to the other disciples, Mary Magdalene was the church on earth, for only to her had been revealed the full Paschal Mystery. She is a model of women's roles in the church. 4) She is known as the "Apostle to the Apostles." 5) She was NOT a prostitute.</li></ul> |
| 23 | • <b>Feast of St. Bridget of Sweden</b>   |
| 26 | •Santa Ana Feast Day honoring St. Anne<br>For more information, contact the Native American Ministry 505-831-8104.  |
| 28 | •World Day for Grandparents and Elderly<br>The Dicastery for the Laity, Family and Life will post information at <a href="http://www.amorislaetitia.va">www.amorislaetitia.va</a> .   |
| 30 | •World Day Against Trafficking in Persons <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• For more information <a href="http://www.un.org/en/events/humantrafficking/">http://www.un.org/en/events/humantrafficking/</a></li></ul>  |
| 31 | • <b>Feast Day of St. Ignatius of Loyola</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• St. Ignatius is the founder of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits). Learn how Jesuits are working today to build the kingdom of God! <a href="http://jrsusa.org/">http://jrsusa.org/</a>, and <a href="http://www.jesuitvolunteers.org/">http://www.jesuitvolunteers.org/</a> and how you can get involved.</li></ul>   |

