



# MARIST PROVINCE OF WEST AFRICA

<b>RELIGIOUS CALENDAR MARCH 2025</b>	
<b><u>Pope's intention</u></b>	
Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.	
<b>1<sup>st</sup> MARCH SATURDAY OF THE 7<sup>TH</sup> WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME. YEAR: C(I)</b>	
<b>VESTMENT: GREEN, Psalter Week 3</b>	
Liturgy	<b>Ecclesiasticus.17:1-13.</b> Their ways cannot be hidden from his sight. <b>Mk.10:13-16.</b> It is to such as these little children that the kingdom of God belongs.
Reminder	<b>Canonical visitation to Koumra from the 1-9<sup>th</sup> of March</b>
Anniversaries	1941: Death of Venerable Brother Alfano in Ventimiglia, Italy 1954: First Marist foundation in Angola
Reflection	<b>Rule of Life of the Marist Brothers.</b> "Your call to brotherhood contains an element of mystery. Accept it as a gift. Take on the attitude of a pilgrim each day and discover that the path that you trod, transforms your way of looking at life as well as your understanding of it." <b>No.1</b>
Intention	For the successful canonical visit of the Provincial to Koumra, Chad. For the Marist Mission in Angola.
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. Vestment: GREEN.</b>	
<b>Psalms Week 4</b>	
Liturgy	<b>Ecclesiasticus.27:5-8.</b> The test of a man is in his conversation <b>1Cor.15:54-58.</b> Death is swallowed up in victory. <b>Lk.6:39-45.</b> Can the blind lead the blind?
Anniversary	1911: Departure of the First Brothers for Sri Lanka
Reflection	<b>Rule of Life of the Marist Brothers.</b> "In your vocation as a brother, you are called to live out this gift fully and without reservation. Just as each religious family bears witness to an attribute of Jesus, you and your brothers are asked to make visible in the Church and world Christ's fraternal face." <b>No.2</b>
Intentions	For the success of the Marist Mission in Sri Lanka. For the souls of all the faithful departed.
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> MONDAY OF THE 8<sup>TH</sup> WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME. Psalms: Week 4</b>	
<b>Vestment: Green</b>	
Liturgy	<b>Ecclesiasticus.17:20-28.</b> Return to the Lord and leave sin behind. <b>Mk.10:17-27.</b> Give everything you own to the poor and follow me
Liturgy	<b>Rule of Life of the Marist Brothers.</b>



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	<p>"Let the gift of your vocation inspire you to proclaim with your life the words of Jesus in the synagogue at Nazareth: <i>"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor; he has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to announce a year acceptable to the Lord"</i> (Lk 4:18-19)."<b>No.5</b></p>
Intentions	<p>For the spirit of commitment and hard work in our apostolates. For the spirit of detachment from our positions and wealth. <b>First Monday:</b> We pray for our deceased brothers, relatives and benefactors.</p>
<p><b>4<sup>th</sup> TUESDAY OF THE 8<sup>TH</sup> WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME. Psalms week 4</b> <b>Vestment: Green</b></p>	
Liturgy	<p><b>Ecclesiasticus.35:2-15.</b> Give to the most high as he has given to you. <b>Mk.10:28-31.</b> Whoever has left everything for the sake of the Gospel will be repaid.</p>
Reflection	<p><b>Rule of Life of the Marist Brothers.</b> "BROTHER, look to Mary, the first disciple of Jesus, whenever you need inspiration on your journey of consecration, a pilgrimage marked by love of God and service to others. Like Mary, recognize your doubts and apprehensions and talk with the Lord about them: <i>"How will this come about?"</i> (Lk 1:34); <i>"Do not fear, the Lord is with you"</i> (Lk 1:30)."<b>No.8</b></p>
Intentions	<p>For the management of our Marist schools. For our benefactors and benefactresses.</p>
<p><b>5<sup>th</sup> MARCH, ASH WENESDAY. Psalms: Week 4. Vestment: PURPLE</b></p>	
Liturgy	<p><b>Joel.2.12-18.</b> Let your heart be broken not your garments torn. <b>2Cor.5:20-6:2.</b> Be reconciled to God. <b>Mt.6:1-6,16-18.</b> Your father, who sees all that is done in secret, will reward you.</p>
Reflection	<p><b>MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2024</b> "Lent is the season of grace in which the desert can become once more – in the words of the prophet Hosea – the place of our first love (cf. Hos 2:16-17). God shapes his people; he enables us to leave our slavery behind and experience a Passover from death to life."</p>
Intentions	<p>For the spirit of reconciliation in our communities. For those working in refugee camps.</p>
<p><b>6<sup>th</sup> MARCH, THURSAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY. Psalms week 4</b> <b>Vestment: PURPLE</b></p>	



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Liturgy	<b>Deut.30:15-20.</b> I said before you today, life or death, blessing or curse. <b>Lk.9:22-25.</b> Whoever loses his life for my sake will save it.
Anniversaries	In 1926, death of Brother Stratonique, 5 <sup>th</sup> Superior General. In 1957: Independence Day of Ghana.
Reflection	<b>MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2024</b> "Like a bridegroom, the Lord draws us once more to himself, whispering words of love to our hearts. The exodus from slavery to freedom is no abstract journey".
Intentions	For all our Brothers working in Ghana. For peace and joy in Ghana as she celebrate her Independence Day.
<b>7<sup>th</sup> MARCH, FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY. Psalms week: 4</b> <b>Vestment: PURPLE</b>	
Memorial	<b>Saints. Perpetua and Felicity</b>
Liturgy	<b>Is.58:1-9.</b> The sort of fast that pleases me. <b>Mt.9:14-50.</b> When the bridegroom is taken from them, then they will fast.
Reflection	<b>MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2024</b> "If our celebration of Lent is to be concrete, the first step is to desire to <i>open our eyes to reality</i> . When the Lord calls out to Moses from the burning bush, he immediately shows that he is a God who sees and, above all, hears: "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey" ( <i>Ex 3:7-8</i> )."
Intentions	For the peaceful repose of all the Marist Brothers who have gone before us. For the grace to fast from habits that hinder our growth.
<b>8<sup>th</sup> MARCH, SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY. Psalms Week 4</b> <b>Vestment: PURPLE</b>	
Memorial	<b>St John of God</b>
Liturgy	<b>Is.58:9-14.</b> You will be like a spring whose water never runs dry. <b>Lk.5:27-32.</b> Jesus comes not to call the virtuous but sinners to repentance.
Anniversary	1891: Departure of the first Brothers for China. All six were young French Brothers.
Reflection	MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2024



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	<p>"Today too, the cry of so many of our oppressed brothers and sisters rises to heaven. Let us ask ourselves: Do we hear that cry? Does it trouble us? Does it move us? All too many things keep us apart from each other, denying the fraternity that, from the beginning, binds us to one another."</p>
Intentions	<p>For the return of peace in war-torn countries. For our Brothers working in China.</p>
<p><b>9<sup>th</sup> MARCH, FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT. Psalms Week 1. Vestment: PURPLE</b></p>	
Liturgy	<p><b>Deut.26:4-10.</b> The creed of the chosen people. <b>Rom.10:8-13.</b> The creed of the Christians. <b>Lk.4:1-13.</b> The temptations in the wilderness.</p>
Reflection	<p><b>MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2024</b> "The call to freedom is a demanding one. It is not answered straightaway; it has to mature as part of a journey. Just as Israel in the desert still clung to Egypt – often longing for the past and grumbling against the Lord and Moses today too, God's people can cling to an oppressive bondage that it is called to leave behind".</p>
Intentions	<p>For the grace to overcome our daily temptations of life. For our Brothers living and working in Chad.</p>
<p><b>10<sup>th</sup> MARCH, MONDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT. Psalms Week 1 Vestment: Purple</b></p>	
Liturgy	<p><b>Lev.19:1-2, 11-18.</b> Only pass judgment on your neighbor according to justice. <b>Mt.25:31-46.</b> I was naked and you clothed me; sick, and you visited me.</p>
Anniversary	<p>In 1880, the election of Brother Nestor, 3<sup>rd</sup> Superior General.</p>
Reminder	<p><b>Meeting of the Conference of Major superiors of Ghana. (10<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>).</b></p>
Reflection	<p><b>MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2024</b> "During my visit to Lampedusa, as a way of countering the globalization of indifference, I asked two questions, which have become more and more pressing: "Where are you?" (<i>Gen 3:9</i>) and "Where is your brother?" (<i>Gen 4:9</i>). Our Lenten journey will be concrete if, by listening once more to those two questions, we realize that even today we remain under the rule of Pharaoh. A rule that makes us weary and indifferent. A model of growth that divides and robs us of a future."</p>



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Intentions	For a successful Meeting of Conference of the Major Superiors in Ghana. For God's guidance of the Provincial and his Council.
<b>11<sup>th</sup> MARCH, TUESDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT. Psalms Week 1</b> <b>Vestment: PURPLE</b>	
Liturgy	<b>Is.55:10-11.</b> The word that goes out from my mouth does not return to me empty. <b>Mt.6:7-15.</b> How to Pray.
Anniversaries	1836: The Decree of Approval for the Priests of the Society of Mary was granted by Rome. 1891: First Marist Foundation in Algeria. After the killing of Brother Henri Verges, a new community was opened in this country in 2002.
Reflections	<b>MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2024</b> "Earth, air and water are polluted, but so are our souls. True, Baptism has begun our process of liberation, yet there remains in us an inexplicable longing for slavery. A kind of attraction to the security of familiar things, to the detriment of our freedom".
Intentions	For the spirit of sacrifice in our schools. For the success of all the ongoing projects in our province.
<b>12<sup>th</sup> MARCH, WEDNESDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT. Psalms week: 1</b> <b>Vestment: PURPLE</b>	
Liturgy	<b>Jonah.3:1-10.</b> The Ninevites repent, and God spares them. <b>Lk.11:29-32.</b> As Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so will the son of man be a sign.
Anniversary	In 1808 birth of Brother François in Maisonettes, a hamlet near Lavalla.
Birthdays	Br.Eyong Mbiatem Br. Nsom Clovis Njini (1996), from Cameroon.
Reflection	<b>MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2024</b> "In the Exodus account, there is a significant detail: it is God who sees, is moved and brings freedom; Israel does not ask for this. Pharaoh stifles dream, blocks the view of heaven, makes it appear that this world, in which human dignity is trampled upon and authentic bonds are denied, can never change. He puts everything in bondage to himself".



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Intentions	In thanksgiving to God for the gift of Brothers Eyong and Clovis to our Institute, their vocation and their studies. For Brother passing through difficult times.
<b>13<sup>th</sup> MARCH, TUESDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT. Psalter: I</b> <b>Vestment: PURPLE</b>	
Liturgy	<b>Esther.4:17.</b> I am alone, Lord, and have no one but you. <b>Mt.7:7-12.</b> Ask and it will be given to you; search and you will find.
Birthdays	Brother Simon Kanjam (1971), from Cameroon Brother Lawrence Doe (1987) from Liberia
Reflection	<b>MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2025</b> This Lent, God is asking us to examine whether in our lives, in our families, in the places where we work and spend our time, we are capable of walking together with others, listening to them, resisting the temptation to become self-absorbed and to think only of our own needs. Let us ask ourselves in the presence of the Lord whether, as bishops, priests, consecrated persons and laity in the service of the Kingdom of God, we cooperate with others. Whether we show ourselves welcoming, with concrete gestures, to those both near and far.
Intentions	For God's blessings and guidance on Brothers Simon and Lawrence as they celebrate their birthdays. For the Brothers working in Liberia.
<b>14<sup>th</sup> MARCH, FRIDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT. Psalm Week. 1</b> <b>Vestment: PURPLE</b>	
Liturgy	<b>Ezek.18:21-28.</b> I prefer to see the wicked man renounce his wickedness and live. <b>Mt.5:20-26.</b> Anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it.
Birthday	Brother Pedro Arrondo (1927), who worked for many years in Congo, and in Côte d'Ivoire
Reflection	<b>MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2024</b> "The witness of many of my brother bishops and a great number of those who work for peace and justice has increasingly convinced me that we need to combat a deficit of hope that stifles dreams and the silent cry that reaches to heaven and moves the heart of God."
Intentions	For the grace to be tolerant of others. For Br Pedro Arrondo, his vocation and family.



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<b>15<sup>th</sup> MARCH, SATURDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT. Psalms Week 1</b> <b>Vestment: PURPLE</b>	
Liturgy	<b>Deut.26:16-19.</b> You will be a people consecrated to the Lord. <b>Mt.5:43-48.</b> Pray for those who persecute you.
Reminder	Online meeting with the temporary professed Brothers in communities at 9:00am.
Reflection	<b>MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2024</b> "This deficit of hope is not unlike the nostalgia for slavery that paralyzed Israel in the desert and prevented it from moving forward. An exodus can be interrupted: how else can we explain the fact that humanity has arrived at the threshold of universal fraternity and at levels of scientific, technical, cultural, and juridical development capable of guaranteeing dignity to all, yet gropes about in the darkness of inequality and conflict."
Intentions	For all the temporary professed Brothers in our province. For the successful meeting of the Provincial with the temporary professed Brothers.
<b>16<sup>th</sup> MARCH, SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT. Psalms Week II</b> <b>Vestment: PURPLE</b>	
Liturgy	<b>Gen.15:5-12, 17-18.</b> God enters into a covenant with Abraham, the man of faith. <b>Phili.3:17-4:1.</b> Our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes Christ to transfigure us. <b>Lk.9:28-36.</b> Jesus is transfigured before them.
Reflection	<b>MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2024</b> "God has not grown weary of us. Let us welcome Lent as the great season in which he reminds us: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery" ( <i>Ex 20:2</i> ). Lent is <i>a season of conversion, a time of freedom</i> "
Birthday	Brother Arnaud Ulrich (1997), from the Ivory Coast.
Intentions	For Brother Ulrich, his intentions, vocation, family, and community. For peace in the world.
<b>17<sup>th</sup> MARCH, MONDAY OF THE SECOND WEEK OF LENT. Psalms Week. II</b> <b>Vestment: PURPLE</b>	
Memorial	<b>of ST PATRICK</b>



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Liturgy	<b>Dan.9:4-10.</b> Yours is integrity, Lord; ours the shame. <b>Lk.6:36-38.</b> Grant pardon and you will be pardoned.
Anniversary	1984: Death of Brother Charles Raphael, 8th Superior General (1958-1967)
Reflection	<b>MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2024</b> "Jesus himself, as we recall each year on the first Sunday of Lent, was driven into the desert by the Spirit in order to be tempted in freedom. For forty days, he will stand before us and with us: the incarnate Son. Unlike Pharaoh, God does not want subjects, but sons and daughters. The desert is the place where our freedom can mature in a personal decision not to fall back into slavery".
Intentions	For the peaceful repose of the soul of Br Charles Raphael in the Lord. For all those who mourn their loved ones.
<b>18<sup>th</sup> MARCH, TUESDAY OF THE 2<sup>ND</sup> WEEK OF LENT. Psalms Week. II</b> <b>Vestment: Purple</b>	
Opt.Memorial	<b>St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor</b>
Liturgy	<b>Is.1:10, 16-20.</b> Cease to do evil; learn to do good. <b>Mt.23:1-12.</b> They do not practice what they preach.
Anniversary	In 1843, birth of Brother Stratonique, 5 <sup>th</sup> Superior General (1907-1920).
Reflection	<b>MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2024</b> "In Lent, we find new criteria of justice and a community with which we can press forward on a road not yet taken. This, however, entails a struggle, as the book of Exodus and the temptations of Jesus in the desert make clear to us. The voice of God, who says, "You are my Son, the Beloved" (Mk 1:11), and "You shall have no other gods before me" (Ex 20:3) is opposed by the enemy and his lies".
Intentions	For the grace to practice what we preach For justice and peace in our world.
<b>19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, WENESDAY OF THE 2<sup>ND</sup> WEEK OF LENT. Vestment: White</b>	
<b>Solemnity</b>	<b>Of St. Joseph, husband of the blessed Virgin Mary</b>
Liturgy	<b>2Sam.7:4-5,12-14, 16.</b> The lord will give him the throne of his ancestor David. <b>Rom.4:13,16-18,22.</b> Abraham hoped, and he believed. <b>Mt.1:16, 18-21,24.</b> How Jesus Christ came to be born.
Reflection	<b>MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2024</b>





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	<p>“Even more to be feared than Pharaoh are the idols that we set up for ourselves; we can consider them as his voice speaking within us. To be all-powerful, to be looked up to by all, to domineer over others: every human being is aware of how deeply seductive that lie can be. It is a road well-travelled”.</p>
Reminder	Beginning of virtual Provincial Council meeting.
Intentions	For the success of the Provincial council meeting. For all those who have not yet accepted Christ in their lives.
<p><b>20<sup>th</sup> MARCH, THURSDAY OF THE 2<sup>ND</sup> WEEK OF LENT. Psalms Week II</b> <b>Vestment: PURPLE</b></p>	
Liturgy	<p><b>Jer.17:5-10.</b> A curse on the man who puts his trust in man and turns from the Lord. <b>Lk.16:19-31.</b> The Rich man and Lazarus</p>
Anniversary	1924, exhumation and identification of the body of Brother François at the Hermitage.
Reflection	<p><b>MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2024</b> We can become attached to money, to certain projects, ideas or goals, to our position, to tradition, even to certain individuals. Instead of making us move forward, they paralyze us. Instead of encounter, they create conflict. Yet, there is also a new humanity, a people of the little ones and of the humble who have not yielded to the allure of the lie.</p>
Reminder	End of Provincial Council meeting
Intentions	For the grace to detach ourselves from earthly vanities. For our aspirants and postulants.
<p><b>21<sup>st</sup> MARCH, FRIDAY OF THE 2<sup>ND</sup> WEEK OF LENT. Psalms Week II</b> <b>Vestment: PURPLE</b></p>	
Liturgy	<p><b>Gen.37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28.</b> Let us kill him: then we shall see what becomes of his dreams. <b>Mt.21:33-43, 45-46.</b> This is the landlord’s heir: come let us kill him.</p>
Anniversary	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
Reflection	<p><b>MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2024</b> “Whereas those who serve idols become like them, mute, blind, deaf and immobile (cf. <i>Ps</i> 114:4), the poor of spirit are open and ready: a silent force of good that heals and sustains the world”.</p>



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Intentions	For an end to racial discrimination in the world. For all those suffering from racial discrimination in the world today.
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> MARCH, SATURDAY OF THE 2<sup>ND</sup> WEEK OF LENT: Psalms Week II</b> <b>Vestment: PURPLE</b>	
liturgy	<b>Micah.7:14-15,18-20.</b> Have pity on us one more time. <b>Lk.15:1-3, 11-32.</b> The prodigal son.
Reflection	<b>MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2024</b> "It is time to act, and in Lent, <i>to act also means to pause.</i> To pause <i>in prayer,</i> in order to receive the word of God, to pause like the Samaritan <i>in the presence of a wounded brother or sister.</i> Love of God and love of neighbor are one love".
Reminder	<b>World Day for Water</b>
Intentions	For the grace to forgive those who have hurt us. For the spirit of taking good care of nature, especially water.
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> MARCH, 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT: Psalms Week III. Vestment: PURPLE</b>	
Liturgy	<b>Ex.3:1-8, 13-15.</b> I am has sent me to you. <b>1Cor.10:1-6, 10-12.</b> The life of the people under Moses in the desert was written down to be a lesson for us. <b>Lk.13:1-9.</b> Leave the fig tree one more year.
Anniversary	In 1994, death of Brother Janvier Goni, one of the founders of the Marist mission in the Ivory Coast.
Reflection	<b>MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2024</b> "Not to have other gods is to pause in the presence of God beside the flesh of our neighbour. For this reason, prayer, almsgiving and fasting are not three unrelated acts, but a single movement of openness and self-emptying, in which we cast out the idols that weigh us down, the attachments that imprison us. Then the atrophied and isolated heart will revive. Slow down, then, and pause!"
Intentions	For Brothers working in the various commission and teams in our Province. For farmers and those who till the land.
<b>24<sup>th</sup> MARCH, MONDAY OF THE 3<sup>RD</sup> WEEK OF LENT: Psalms Week III</b> <b>Vestment: PURPLE</b>	
Liturgy	<b>2Kgs.5:1-15.</b> There were many lepers in Israel but only Naaman, the Syrian, was cured. <b>Lk.4:24-30.</b> No prophet is ever accepted in his own country.



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Birthday	Brother Tansam Yuonji (1985), from Cameroon.
Reflection	<b>MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2024</b> “The contemplative dimension of life that Lent helps us to rediscover will release new energies. In the presence of God, we become brothers and sisters, more sensitive to one another: in place of threats and enemies, we discover companions and fellow travelers. This is God’s dream, the promised land to which we journey once we have left our slavery behind”.
Intentions	For Brother Tansam, his intentions, vocation, family, and community. For a fruitful and successful course on servant leadership.
<b>25<sup>th</sup> MARCH, TUESDAY OF THE 3<sup>RD</sup> WEEK OF LENT. Psalms Week III</b> <b>Vestment. WHITE</b>	
Solemnity	<b>Annunciation of the Lord</b>
Liturgy	<b>Is.7:10-14, 8:10.</b> The maiden is with a child. <b>Heb.10:4-10.</b> God’s will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ. <b>Lk.1:26-38.</b> I am the handmaid of the Lord.
Reflection	<b>MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2024</b> “The Church’s synodal form, which in these years we are rediscovering and cultivating, suggests that Lent is also <i>a time of communitarian decisions</i> , of decisions, small and large, that are countercurrent. Decisions capable of altering the daily lives of individuals and entire neighborhoods, such as the ways we acquire goods, care for creation, and strive to include those who go unseen or are looked down upon”.
Intentions	For the spirit of listening to the voice of God within us. For all Marian Congregations and institutions in the world.
<b>26<sup>th</sup> MARCH, WEDNESDAY OF THE 3<sup>RD</sup> WEEK OF LENT: Psalms Week III</b> <b>Vestment. PURPLE</b>	
Liturgy	<b>Deut.4:1, 5-9.</b> Keep these laws and observe them. <b>Mt.5:17-19.</b> I have not come to abolish the law and the prophets but to complete them.
Reflection	<b>MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2024</b> “I invite every Christian community to do just this: to offer its members moments set aside to rethink their lifestyles, times to



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	examine their presence in society and the contribution they make to its betterment”.
Intention	For all law and policy makers in our countries. For the successful preparation for our 23rd General Chapter.
<b>27<sup>th</sup> MARCH, THURSDAY OF THE 3<sup>RD</sup> WEEK OF LENT: Psalms Week III</b> <b>Vestment: PURPLE</b>	
Liturgy	<b>Jer.7:23-28.</b> Here is the nation that will not listen to the voice of the Lord its God. <b>Lk.11:14-23.</b> Know that the kingdom of God has overtaken you.
Reflection	<b>MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2024</b> “Allow me to repeat what I told the young people whom I met in Lisbon last summer: “Keep seeking and be ready to take risks”.
Anniversary	In 1822, Brother Jean Baptiste and 7 other postulants entered the Novitiate of La Valla.
Birthday	Brother Mbiyiwoh Celestine Tanniyokwi (1996), from Cameroon.
Intentions	For Brother Celestine, his intentions, vocation, family, and community. For the spirit of collaboration in our communities and our institutions.
<b>28<sup>th</sup> MARCH, FRIDAY OF THE 3<sup>RD</sup> WEEK OF LENT. Psalms Week III</b> <b>Vestment: PURPLE</b>	
Liturgy	<b>Hosea.14:2-10.</b> A call to conversion and promise of safety. <b>Mk.12:28-34.</b> You are not far from the kingdom of God.
Reflection	<b>MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2024</b> “At this moment in time, we face enormous risks; we hear the painful plea of so many people. Indeed, we are experiencing a third world war fought for piecemeal”.
Intentions	For the conversion of heart among Christians. For religious tolerance in the world.
<b>29<sup>th</sup> MARCH, SATURDAY OF THE 3<sup>RD</sup> WEEK OF LENT. Psalms Week III</b> <b>Vestment: PURPLE</b>	
Liturgy	<b>Hosea.5:15-6:6.</b> What I want is love, not sacrifice and holocausts. <b>Lk.18:9-14.</b> The tax collector, not the Pharisee, went home justified.
Anniversaries	In 1825, death of Brother Jean Pierre, the first brother to die in the Institute. So much did the pupils love him that the parents of one of the pupils who died on the same day as Brother Jean Pierre, begged the Brothers earnestly for their child to be buried in the same grave as Brother Jean Pierre.



# MARIST PROVINCE OF WEST AFRICA

	In 1954, beginning of the first Marist mission in Zambia, now in the Province of Southern Africa.
Birthday	Br. Wiysenyuy Habib (1993) from Cameroon.
Reflection	<b>MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2024</b> "Yet, let us find the courage to see our world, not as being in its death throes but in a process of giving birth, not at the end but at the beginning of a great new chapter of history".
Intentions	For Brother Habib, his intentions, vocation, family, and community. For the Brothers and works in South Sudan.
<b>30<sup>th</sup> MARCH 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT. Psalms Week IV (Laetare Sunday) Vestment: PURPLE</b>	
Liturgy	<b>Joshua.5:9-12.</b> The Israelites celebrate their first Passover in the Promised Land. <b>2Cor.5:17-21.</b> God reconciled himself to us through Christ. <b>Lk.15:1-3, 11-32.</b> The prodigal son.
Reflection	<b>MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2024</b> "Woe to us if our Christian penance were to resemble the kind of penance that so dismayed Jesus. To us too, he says: "Whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting" (Mt 6:16). Instead, let others see joyful faces, catch the scent of freedom and experience the love that makes all things new, beginning with the smallest and those nearest to us. This can happen in every one of our Christian communities".
Intentions	For genuine reconciliation in our communities. For all political and religious leaders in the countries in the world.
<b>31<sup>st</sup> MARCH, MONDAY OF THE 4<sup>TH</sup> WEEK OF LENT. Psalms week IV Vestment: PURPLE</b>	
Liturgy	<b>Is.65:17-21.</b> Be glad and rejoice forever at what I am creating. <b>Jn.4:43-54.</b> Go home: your son will live.
Anniversary	In 1842, union of the Brothers of St. Paul-Trois-Chateaux with the Institute.
Reflection	<b>MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2024</b> "Such is the courage of conversion, born of coming up from slavery. For faith and charity, take hope, this small child, by the hand. They teach her to walk, and at the same time, she leads them forward."



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Intentions	For an increase in faith in our lives. In thanksgiving to God for the graces received in this month.
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