



MARIST PROVINCE OF WEST AFRICA

RELIGIOUS CALENDAR APRIL 2025

Pope's Intention

“Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times”.

**1st APRIL TUESDAY OF THE 4TH WEEK OF LENT YEAR: C(I) Psalter: IV
VESTMENT: PURPLE**

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| Liturgy | Ezek.47:1-9, 12. Where ever the water flows, it will bring life and health. Jn.5:1-3, 5-16. The healing at the pool of Bethesda. |
| Reflection | <u>The Holy Father Francis' Message for Lent 2025</u> “The Church, our mother and teacher, invites us to open our hearts to God’s grace, so that we can celebrate with great joy the paschal victory of Christ the Lord over sin and death, which led Saint Paul to exclaim: “Death has been swallowed up in victory. Where, O death is your victory? Where, O death is your sting?” (<i>1 Cor15:5455</i>)”. |
| Intentions | For the peaceful repose of all our deceased Brothers. For peace to reign in Countries affected by war. |

**2nd APRIL WEDNESDAY 4th WEEK OF LENT YEAR: C(1). Psalter: IV
(Memorial of St Francis of Paola) Vestment: PURPLE**

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| Liturgy | Is.49:8-15. On the day of salvation, I will help you. Jn. 5:17-30. The dead will hear the voice of the son of God, and all who hear it will live. |
| Birthday | Brother Francis Lukong (1963), from Cameroon. |
| Reflection | <u>The Holy Father Francis' Message for Lent 2025</u> “This Lent, as we share in the grace of the Jubilee Year, I would like to propose a few reflections on what it means to <i>journey together in hope</i> , and on the summons to conversion that God in his mercy addresses to all of us, as individuals and as a community”. |
| Intentions | For Br Francis Lukong and his intentions at Marist International Center, Nairobi, Kenya. For all our deceased family members. |

**3rd APRIL THURSDAY OF THE 4th WEEK OF LENT. Psalter: IV
Vestment: PURPLE**

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| Liturgy | Exodus.32:7-14. Moses pleads with the Lord his God to spare Israel Jn. 5:31-47. You place your hope on Moses, but Moses will be your accuser. |
| Reflection | <u>The Holy Father Francis' Message for Lent 2025.</u> “First of all, <i>to journey</i> . The Jubilee motto, “Pilgrims of Hope”, evokes the lengthy journey of the people of Israel to the Promised Land, as recounted in the Book of Exodus. This arduous path from slavery to freedom was willed |



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| | and guided by the Lord, who loves his people and remains ever faithful to them”. |
| Anniversary | 1903: The French government notified Marist leaders of the Decree banning the Institute in that country, an action affecting about 600 schools. |
| Intentions | For the Marist Mission in France. For the conversion of our hearts. |
| 4th APRIL, FRIDAY OF THE 4th WEEK OF LENT. Office: Psalter: IV Memorial of St Isidore Vestment: PURPLE | |
| Liturgy | Wis.2:1, 12-22. Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man and condemn him to a shameful death. Jn.7:1-2, 10, 25-30. They would have arrested him but his time had not yet come. |
| Anniversary | 1922: Pope Pius XI approved the Marist Brothers’ Constitutions |
| Reflection | <u>The Holy Father Francis’ Message for Lent 2025.</u> “It is hard to think of the biblical exodus without also thinking of those of our brothers and sisters who in our own day are fleeing situations of misery and violence in search of a better life for themselves and their loved ones”. |
| Intentions | For the grace to live what our constitutions direct us to live. For our students and their parents. |
| 5th APRIL SATURDAY OF THE 5TH WEEK OF LENT. Psalter: IV COMMEMORATION OF ST. VINCENT FERRER, Priest Vestment: PURPLE | |
| Liturgy | Jer.11:18-20. Let us cut him off from the land of the living so that his name may be quickly forgotten. Jn.7:40-52. The Lord does not allow us to pass judgment on a man without hearing him. |
| Birthday | Birthday of Br Gilbert Asong and Br Samuel Stephens |
| Reflection | <u>The Holy Father Francis’ Message for Lent 2025.</u> A first call to conversion thus comes from the realization that all of us are pilgrims in this life; each of us is invited to stop and ask how our lives reflect this fact. Am I really on a journey, or am I standing still, not moving, either immobilized by fear and hopelessness or reluctant to move out of my comfort zone? Am I seeking ways to leave behind the occasions of sin and situations that degrade my dignity. |
| Intentions | For Brother Gilbert, his intentions, and his mission, at the Postulancy Community in Ghana. For Brother Samuel, his intentions, family, friends, and his mission in Buokrom Community, Kumasi. |



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**6th of APRIL, 6TH SUNDAY OF LENT. Office: Psalter: I
Vestment: PURPLE**

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| Liturgy | <p>Is.43:16-21. See, I am doing a new deed, and I will give my chosen people drink.</p> <p>Phil.3:8-14. I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ.</p> <p>Jn.8:1-11. Let the one among you who has not sinned, be the first to throw a stone.</p> |
| Reflection | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>The Holy Father Francis' Message for Lent 2025.</u></p> <p>“It would be a good Lenten exercise for us to compare our daily life with that of some migrant or foreigner, to learn how to sympathize with their experiences and in this way discover what God is asking of us so that we can better advance on our journey to the house of the Father. This would be a good “examination of conscience” for all of us wayfarers”.</p> |
| Intentions | <p>We pray for our students who are struggling academically.</p> <p>We pray for all the branches of the society of Mary.</p> |
| <p>7th APRIL, MONDAY OF THE 5TH WEEK OF LENT. Psalter: I (Optional commemoration of Saint John Baptist De La Salle) Vestment: PURPLE</p> | |
| Liturgy | <p>Dan.13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62. Susanna and the elders.</p> <p>Jn.8:12-20. I am the light of the world.</p> |
| Anniversary | <p>1994: Start of the Rwandan genocide during which Brothers Canisius Nyilinkindi, Christopher Mannion, Étienne Rwesa, Fabien Bisengimana, Gaspard Gatali and Joseph Rushigajiki lost their lives.</p> |
| Reminder | <p>Beginning of Meeting of ICT Team in the Provincial House, ACCRA.</p> |
| Reflection | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>The Holy Father Francis' Message for Lent 2025.</u></p> <p>Second, to journey <i>together</i>. The Church is called to walk together, to be synodal. Christians are called to walk at the side of others, and never as lone travelers. The Holy Spirit impels us not to remain self-absorbed, but to leave ourselves behind and keep walking towards God and our brothers and sisters.</p> |
| Intentions | <p>For the peaceful repose of all those who lost their lives during the Rwandan Genocide.</p> <p>For farmers and those who till the land.</p> <p>First Monday: For our dead relatives, brothers, and benefactors.</p> |



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8th APRIL, TUESDAY OF THE 5TH WEEK OF LENT. Psalter: I

Vestment: Purple

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| Liturgy | <p>Num.24:4-9. If anyone was bitten by a serpent, he looked up at the bronze serpent and lived.</p> <p>Jn.8:21-30. When you have lifted up the son of man, then you will know that I am He.</p> |
| Anniversary | Anniversary of the death of Br. Joseph Afriyie Owusu |
| Reflection | <p><u>The Holy Father Francis' Message for Lent 2025.</u></p> <p>Journeying together means consolidating the unity grounded in our common dignity as children of God (cf. <i>Gal3:26-28</i>). It means walking side-by-side, without shoving or stepping on others, without envy or hypocrisy, without letting anyone be left behind or excluded. Let us all walk in the same direction, tending towards the same goal, attentive to one another in love and patience.</p> |
| Intentions | <p>For the success of our upcoming general chapter.</p> <p>For the peaceful repose of the soul of late Br Joseph Afriyie Owusu.</p> <p>Marist Saturday: We offer special prayers for vocations in our countries</p> |

9th APRIL, WEDNESDAY OF THE 5TH WEEK OF LENT. Psalter: I

Vestment: PURPLE

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| Liturgy | <p>Dan.3:14-20,24-25,28. God has sent his angels to rescue his servants</p> <p>Jn.8:31-42. If the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.</p> |
| Birthday | Brother Kfeban Divine Sebeey (1994), from Cameroon |
| Anniversary | <p>1883: Death of Brother Nestor, 3rd Superior General, (from 1879 to 1883)</p> <p>1999: Creation of the Province of Southern Africa which consists of South Africa, Angola, Malawi, Mozambique, Zambia and Zimbabwe.</p> |
| Reflection | <p><u>The Holy Father Francis' Message for Lent 2025.</u></p> <p>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.</p> |
| Intentions | <p>For Brother Kfeban Divine Sebeey, his intentions, vocation, family, and his studies in the University College of Tangaza in Nairobi.</p> <p>For our parents living or dead.</p> |

10th APRIL, THURSDAY OF THE 5TH WEEK OF LENT. Psalter: I

Vestment: PURPLE

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| Liturgy | <p>Ge.17:3-9. Abraham, the father of a multitude of nations.</p> <p>Jn.8:51-59. Your father Abraham saw my day and was glad.</p> |
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| <p>Reflection</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>The Holy Father Francis' Message for Lent 2025.</u></p> <p>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. Whether we make others feel a part of the community or keep them at a distance. This, then, is a second call to conversion: a summon to synodality.</p> |
| <p>Intentions</p> | <p>For conversion of hearts of criminals. For all the young people aspiring to join our Institute.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">11th APRIL, FRIDAY OF THE 5TH WEEK OF LENT. Psalter: I Memorial of St Stanislaus. Vestment: PURPLE</p> | |
| <p>Liturgy</p> | <p>Jer.20:10-13. He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men. Jn.10:31-42. They wanted to stone Jesus, but he eluded them.</p> |
| <p>Reflection</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>The Holy Father Francis' Message for Lent 2025.</u></p> <p>Third, let us journey together <i>in hope</i>, for we have been given a promise. May <i>the hope that does not disappoint</i> (cf.<i>Rom5:5</i>), the central message of the Jubilee, be the focus of our Lenten journey towards the victory of Easter.</p> |
| <p>Intentions</p> | <p>For the success of the ongoing projects in the province. For the grace to be hopeful in all we do as we celebrate the jubilee year of hope.</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">12th APRIL, SATURDAY OF THE 5TH WEEK OF LENT. First vespers of Palm Sunday Vestment: PURPLE</p> | |
| <p>Liturgy</p> | <p>Ezek.37:21-28. I will bring them home and make them one nation. Jn.11:45-56. Jesus was to die to gather together the scattered Children of God.</p> |
| <p>Birthday</p> | <p>Brother Pascal Koffi Kouadio (1975), from Côte d'Ivoire.</p> |
| <p>Reflection</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>The Holy Father Francis' Message for Lent 2025.</u></p> <p>As Pope Benedict XVI taught us in the Encyclical <i>Spe Salvi</i>, “the human being needs unconditional love. He needs the certainty which makes him say: ‘neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord’ (<i>Rom8:38-39</i>)”.^[6]</p> |



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| Reminder | End of Meeting of ICT Team in the Provincial House, ACCRA |
| Intentions | For God's blessing on Brother Pascal as he celebrates his birthday in his community of Ashalaja, Accra, Ghana. For our Superior General and His Council. Marist Saturday: We offer special prayers for vocations in our countries |
| 13th APRIL, PALM SUNDAY. Psalter: II Vestment: RED | |
| Liturgy | Lk.19:28-40. Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord. Is.50:4-7. I did not cover my face against insults: I know I shall not be shamed. Phil.2:6-11. Christ humbled himself but God raised him high. Lk.22:14-23:56. The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. |
| Reflection | <u>The Holy Father Francis' Message for Lent 2025.</u> This is therefore a third call to conversion: a call to hope, to trust in God and in his great promise of eternal life. Let us ask ourselves this question: Am I convinced that the Lord forgives my sins? Or do I act as if I could save myself? |
| Intentions | For the grace of practicing humility. For a fruitful Holy Week celebration. |
| 14th APRIL, MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK. Psalter: II Vestment: PURPLE | |
| Liturgy | Is.42:1-7. He is my chosen one in whom my soul delights. Jn.12:1-11. She had to keep this scent for the day of my burial. |
| Birthday | Birthday of Brother Emmanuel Dorbin |
| Reflection | <u>The Holy Father Francis' Message for Lent 2025.</u> The Holy Father invites us to reflect on our own path of conversion, asking ourselves: "Am I convinced that God forgives my sins? Or do I act as if I could save myself?" This Lenten season is therefore a propitious time to renew our trust in divine mercy and to walk together towards the light of Easter. |
| Intentions | For Br Emmanuel, his family, his vocation and his mission. For all our Brothers in Ashalaja Community, Accra, Ghana. |
| 15th APRIL, TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK. Psalter: II Vestment: PURPLE | |



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| Liturgy | <p>Is.49:1-6.I will make you the light of the nations, so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the night.</p> <p>Jn.13:21-23, 36-38. What you are going to do, do quickly.</p> |
| Anniversaries | <p>1844: Union of the Brothers of Viviers with the Marist Institute.</p> <p>2000: The Province of Central-West Europe was created, bringing together Germany, Belgium, Great Britain, Ireland and the Netherlands. Currently it is a district under the Province of Hermitage.</p> |
| Reflection | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>The Holy Father Francis' Message for Lent 2025.</u></p> <p>Sisters and brothers, thanks to God's love in Jesus Christ, we are sustained in the hope that does not disappoint (cf. <i>Rom5:5</i>). Hope is the "sure and steadfast anchor of the soul." It moves the Church to pray for "everyone to be saved" (<i>1 Tim2:4</i>) and to look forward to her being united with Christ, her bridegroom, in the glory of heaven.</p> <p>This was the prayer of Saint Teresa of Avila: "Hope, O my soul, hope. You know neither the day nor the hour.</p> |
| Intentions | <p>We pray for the Brothers of the Province of West Central Europe.</p> <p>For the grace to be sensitive to the need of one another.</p> |
| <p>16th APRIL, WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK. Psalter: II</p> <p>Vestment: PURPLE</p> | |
| Liturgy | <p>Is.50:4-9. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me.</p> <p>Mt.26:14-25. The son of man is going to his fate, as the scripture says he will.</p> |
| Birthday | <p>Birthday of Br Nyuymengka Etienne (1988), from Cameroon.</p> |
| Reflection | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Bull of Indication of the Ordinary Jubilee of the year 2025 by Pope Francis</u></p> <p>"In our journey towards the Jubilee, let us return to Scripture and realize that it speaks to us in these words: "May we who have taken refuge in him be strongly encouraged to seize the hope set before us. We have this hope, a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters the inner shrine behind the curtain, where Jesus, a forerunner on our behalf, has entered" (Heb 6:18-20)".</p> |
| Intentions | <p>For Br Etienne, his family, friends, and his studies at Marist at MIC</p> <p>For the good health of mind and body of all the Brothers in our Province.</p> |
| <p>17th APRIL, MAUNDY THURSDAY (Holy Thursday)-Evening Mass. Psalter: II</p> <p>Vestment: WHITE</p> | |
| Liturgy | <p>Ex.12:1-8, 11-14. The Passover is a day of festival for all generations, forever.</p> |



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| | <p>1Cor.11:23-26. Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming the death of the Lord. Jn.13:1-15. Now he showed how perfect his love was.</p> |
| Birthday | Brother Etienne Balma (1973), from Côte d'Ivoire. |
| Reflection | <p><u>Bull of Indication of the Ordinary Jubilee of the year 2025 by Pope Francis</u></p> <p>“Hope does not disappoint” (<i>Rom 5:5</i>). In the spirit of hope, the Apostle Paul addressed these words of encouragement to the Christian community of Rome. Hope is also the central message of the coming Jubilee that, in accordance with an ancient tradition, the Pope proclaims every twenty-five years. My thoughts turn to all those <i>pilgrims of hope</i> who will travel to Rome in order to experience the Holy Year and to all those others who, though unable to visit the City of the Apostles Peter and Paul, will celebrate it in their local Churches.</p> |
| Intentions | <p>For Brother Étienne Balma, his family, his mission and his community of Korhogo. For God’s blessings on all the Priests in our parishes.</p> |
| <p>18th APRIL, GOOD FRIDAY. Vestment: RED</p> | |
| Liturgy | <p>Is.52:13-53:12. The servant of the Lord, an expiatory sacrifice. Heb.4:14-16, 5:7-9. The Lord burdened him with the sins of all of us. Jn.18:1-19:42. The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ</p> |
| Anniversaries | <p>In 1867, arrival of the first Brothers to Cape Town, South Africa. In 1907, death in office, of Brother Theophane, 4th Superior General. On the 13th of April in 1907, upon arriving at Mataró in Spain, he became bedridden with lung congestion, a condition that would lead to his loss of life on the evening of April 18th (Delorme, 2011, <i>Marvelous Companions of Marcellin Champagnat</i>, page 257). Duration of government: (1883-1907, 24 years). In 1999, Canonization of Father Champagnat. In 1999, the Marist Brothers moved to the Champagnat Community of Monrovia, marking the beginning of the Second Marist mission in Liberia.</p> |
| Birthday | Denis Parfait Ngodebo Koundi, (1992) from Cameroon. |
| Reflection | <p><u>Bull of Indication of the Ordinary Jubilee of the year 2025 by Pope Francis</u></p> <p>In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring.</p> |



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| | Even so, uncertainty about the future may at times give rise to conflicting feelings, ranging from confident trust to apprehensiveness, from serenity to anxiety, from firm conviction to hesitation and doubt. |
| Intentions | We pray for all the Brothers working in South Africa and Liberia. For Brother Denis Parfait, intentions, vocation, studies and community of Marist International Center, Nairobi, Kenya. |
| 19TH APRIL, HOLY SATURDAY. Vestment: WHITE | |
| Liturgy | Acts.2:14, 22-23. God raised this man Jesus to life and all of us are witnesses to this. Mt.28:8-15. Tell my brothers that they must leave for Galilee: they will see me there. |
| Reflection | Hope is born of love and based on the love springing from the pierced heart of Jesus upon the cross: “For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life” (<i>Rom 5:19</i>). That life becomes manifest in our own life of faith, which begins with Baptism, develops in openness to God’s grace and is enlivened by a hope constantly renewed and confirmed by the working of the Holy Spirit. |
| Intentions | For our students and their parents. For our brothers going through difficult moments. Marist Saturday: We offer special prayers to Mary for our vocation. |
| 20th APRIL, EASTER SUNDAY. Vestment: WHITE | |
| Liturgy | Acts.10:34,37-43. We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection. Col.3:1-4. Look for the things that are in heaven where Christ is. Jn.20:1-9. He must rise from the dead. |
| Anniversary | In 1847, Brother Hyacinth, one of the first Brothers sent to Oceania, was martyred in the Solomon Islands |
| Reflection | <u>Bull of Indication of the Ordinary Jubilee of the year 2025 by Pope Francis</u> “Since we are justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing in the glory of God... Hope does not disappoint, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us” (<i>Rom 5:1-2.5</i>). In this passage, Saint Paul gives us much to reflect upon. |
| Intentions | For Christians who are persecuted all over the world. For the success of our Marist mission in the Solomon Island. |



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21st APRIL, EASTER MONDAY. EASTER OCTAVE (St Peter Chanel, Priest). Vestment: WHITE

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| Liturgy | <p>Acts.2:14, 22-23. God raised this man Jesus to life and all of us are witnesses to this.</p> <p>Mt.28:8-15. Tell my brothers that they must leave for Galilee: they will see me there.</p> |
| Anniversaries | 1951, Brother Joche Albert was shot to death in Si-Chiang, China |
| Birthday | Br Njuakom Augustine (1994) from Cameroon |
| Reflection | <p><u>Bull of Indication of the Ordinary Jubilee of the year 2025 by Pope Francis</u></p> <p>Hope is born of love and based on the love springing from the pierced heart of Jesus upon the cross: “For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life” (<i>Rom 5:19</i>). That life becomes manifest in our own life of faith, which begins with Baptism, develops in openness to God’s grace and is enlivened by a hope constantly renewed and confirmed by the working of the Holy Spirit.</p> |
| Intentions | <p>For the peaceful repose of the soul of Br Joche Albert.</p> <p>For Brother Njuakom Augustine, his family, relatives and friends, and his community of Postulancy, Ghana.</p> |

22nd APRIL, TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER
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| Liturgy | <p>Acts2:36-4. you must repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Jn.20; 11-18. I have seen the Lord and he has spoken to me.</p> |
| Reflection | <p><u>Bull of Indication of the Ordinary Jubilee of the year 2025 by Pope Francis</u></p> <p>By his perennial presence in the life of the pilgrim Church, the Holy Spirit illumines all believers with the light of hope. He keeps that light burning, like an ever-burning lamp, to sustain and invigorate our lives. Christian hope does not deceive or disappoint because it is grounded in the certainty that nothing and no one may ever separate us from God’s love.</p> |
| Reminder | Beginning of Provincial council meeting: Renewal of vows, admission to first and perpetual vows. |
| Intentions | <p>For the success of the provincial Council meeting.</p> <p>For all our Brothers in temporary vows.</p> |

23rd APRIL, WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER
Vestment: WHITE

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| Liturgy | <p>Acts.3:1-10. I will give you what I have: in the name of Jesus walk! Lk. 24:13-35. They recognized him at the breaking of bread</p> |
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| <p>Reflection</p> | <p align="center"><u>Bull of Indication of the Ordinary Jubilee of the year 2025 by Pope Francis</u></p> <p>Saint Paul is a realist. He knows that life has its joys and sorrows, that love is tested amid trials, and that hope can falter in the face of suffering. Even so, he can write: “We boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope” (<i>Rom 5:3-4</i>).</p> <p>For the Apostle, trials and tribulations mark the lives of those who preach the Gospel amid incomprehension and persecution (cf. <i>2Cor 6:3-10</i>).</p> |
| <p>Intentions</p> | <p>We pray for peace in the African continent. We pray for our elderly and sick Brothers.</p> |
| <p align="center">24th APRIL, THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER Vestment: WHITE</p> | |
| <p>Liturgy</p> | <p>Acts. 3:11-26. You killed the Prince of life: God, however, raised him from the death Lk.24:35-48. It is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the death.</p> |
| <p>Reflection</p> | <p align="center"><u>Bull of Indication of the Ordinary Jubilee of the year 2025 by Pope Francis</u></p> <p>We come to realize that evangelization is sustained by the power flowing from Christ’s cross and resurrection. In this way, we learn to practice a virtue closely linked to hope, namely <i>patience</i>. In our fast-paced world, we are used to wanting everything now. We no longer have time simply to be with others; even families find it hard to get together and enjoy one another’s company. Patience has been put to flight by frenetic haste, and this has proved detrimental, since it leads to impatience, anxiety and even gratuitous violence, resulting in more unhappiness and self-centeredness.</p> |
| <p>Intentions</p> | <p>For all the refugees and internally displaced in war-torn countries. For all our Brothers working in difficult areas faced with political instabilities.</p> |
| <p align="center">25th APRIL, FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER Vestment WHITE</p> | |
| <p>Liturgy</p> | <p>Acts 4:1-4. The name of Jesus Christ is the only one in which we can be saved. Jn.21:1-14. Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them.</p> |
| <p>Anniversary</p> | <p>In 1883, election of Brother Theophane, 4th Superior General, after the death of Brother Nestor, 3rd Superior General, on April 9, 1883. See anniversary on April 9.</p> |



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| | In 1932, arrival of the first Brothers to Guatemala, Central America. |
| Reflection | <p><u>Bull of Indication of the Ordinary Jubilee of the year 2025 by Pope Francis</u></p> <p>Nor is there much place for patience in this age of the Internet, as space and time yield to an ever-present “now”. Were we still able to contemplate creation with a sense of awe, we might better understand the importance of patience. We could appreciate the changes of the seasons and their harvests, observe the life of animals and their cycles of growth, and enjoy the clarity of vision of Saint Francis.</p> |
| Intentions | <p>For the grace to be able to use temporary goods wisely.</p> <p>For our Brothers and mission in Guatemala.</p> |
| <p>26th APRIL, SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER</p> <p>Vestment. WHITE</p> | |
| Liturgy | <p>Acts. 4:13-21. We cannot promise to stop proclaiming what we have seen and heard.</p> <p>Mark 16:9-15. Go out to the whole world and proclaim the good news</p> |
| Anniversary | In 1862, first Marist foundation in Ireland, now a part of the North West Europe Province. |
| Reminder | End of Provincial council meeting: Renewal of vows, admission to first and perpetual vows. |
| Reflection | <p><u>Bull of Indication of the Ordinary Jubilee of the year 2025 by Pope Francis</u></p> <p>In his <i>Canticle of the Creatures</i>, written exactly eight hundred years ago, Francis saw all creation as a great family and could call the sun his “brother” and the moon his “sister.” A renewed appreciation of the value of patience could only prove beneficial for us and for others. Saint Paul often speaks of patience in the context of our need for perseverance and confident trust in God’s promises.</p> |
| Intentions | <p>For the grace to take care of nature as God’s creation.</p> <p>For the Marist mission in Ireland.</p> <p>Marist Saturday: We offer special prayers to Mary for our vocation.</p> |
| <p>27th OF APRIL, DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY : Office: Proper</p> <p>Vestment: WHITE</p> | |
| Liturgy | <p>Acts 5:12-16. The number of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily.</p> <p>Rev.1:9-13, 17-19. I was dead and now I am to live forever and ever.</p> <p>Jn.20:19-31. Eight days later, Jesus came again and stood among them.</p> |



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| Reflection | <p><u>Bull of Indication of the Ordinary Jubilee of the year 2025 by Pope Francis</u></p> <p>Patience, one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit, sustains our hope and strengthens it as a virtue and a way of life. May we learn to pray frequently for the grace of patience, which is both the daughter of hope and at the same time its firm foundation.</p> |
| Intentions | <p>For the grace to be merciful to the people we live and work with. For all Christian to remain strong in their faith.</p> |
| <p>28th APRIL, MONDAY OF THE 2ND WEEK OF EASTERTIDE. Psalter: I (MEMORIAL OF ST PETER CHANEL) Vestment: WHITE</p> | |
| Liturgy | <p>Acts.4:23-31. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to proclaim the word of God boldly. Jn.3:1-8. Unless a man is born from above, he cannot see the kingdom of God.</p> |
| Anniversary | <p>In 1998, arrival of the first Brothers to Romania, East Europe.</p> |
| Reflection | <p><u>Bull of Indication of the Ordinary Jubilee of the year 2025 by Pope Francis</u></p> <p>His interplay of hope and patience makes us see clearly that the Christian life is a <i>journey</i> calling for <i>moments of greater intensity</i> to encourage and sustain hope as the constant companion that guides our steps towards the goal of our encounter with the Lord Jesus. I like to think that the proclamation of the first Jubilee, in the year 1300, was preceded by a journey of grace inspired by popular spirituality.</p> |
| Intentions | <p>We pray for the grace of patience in difficult times. For our Brothers working in Romania, East Europe.</p> |
| <p>29th APRIL, TUESDAY OF THE 2ND WEEK OF EASTERTIDE. Psalter: II (ST CATHERINE OF SIENNA, VIRGIN AND DOCTOR) Vestment: WHITE</p> | |
| Liturgy | <p>Acts.4:32-37. The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul. Jn.3:7-15. No one has gone up to heaven except the Son of Man who has come down from heaven.</p> |
| Anniversaries | <p>In 1836, approval of the Society of Mary by Pope Gregory XVI. In 1937, first Marist foundation in the Netherlands, in the Province of North West Europe In 1991, Brother Moisés Cisneros was murdered in Guatemala.</p> |
| Reflection | <p><u>Bull of Indication of the Ordinary Jubilee of the year 2025 by Pope Francis</u></p> <p><i>Pilgrimage</i> is of course a fundamental element of every Jubilee event.</p> |



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| | Setting out on a journey is traditionally associated with our human quest for meaning in life. A pilgrimage on foot is a great aid for rediscovering the value of silence, effort and simplicity of life. In the coming year, <i>pilgrims of hope</i> will surely travel the ancient and more modern routes in order to experience the Jubilee to the full. |
| Intentions | For all the members of the society of Mary. For all our vocation promoters. |
| 30th APRIL, WEDNESDAY OF THE 2ND WEEK OF EASTERTIDE. Psalter: II (ST PIUS V, POPE) Vestment: GREEN | |
| Liturgy | Acts.5:17-26. The men you imprisoned are in the temple preaching to the people. Jn.3:16-21. God sent His Son into the world so that through him, the world might be saved. |
| Reflection | <u>Bull of Indication of the Ordinary Jubilee of the year 2025 by Pope Francis</u> “In Rome itself, along with the usual visits to the catacombs and the Seven Churches, other itineraries of faith will be proposed. Journeying from one country to another as if borders no longer mattered, and passing from one city to another in contemplating the beauty of creation and masterpieces of art, we learn to treasure the richness of different experiences and cultures, and are inspired to lift up that beauty, in prayer, to God, in thanksgiving for his wondrous works”. |
| Intentions | For all the pilgrims all around the world. For all the lay Marists in the world. |