



MARIST PROVINCE OF WEST AFRICA



RELIGIOUS CALENDAR: DECEMBER 2024	
Pope's Intention: For Pilgrims of hope We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.	
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1ST DECEMBER. THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT. Year C: I. Psalms Week I Vestment: Violet	
Liturgy	Jer 33:14-16 "I will make a virtuous branch grow for David" 1 Thes 3:12—4:2 "May the Lord confirm your heart in holiness when Christ comes" Lk 21:25-28, 34-36 "Your liberation is near at hand"
Reflection	<u>CONSTITUTIONS AND STATUTES OF THE MARIST BROTHERS</u> "Community meetings are a privileged means of community building and of stimulating the human and spiritual growth of each of us. We share the best of ourselves with our brothers: our experience of God, life, our mission and our journey as a community; our vulnerabilities, joys and disappointments." No 40
Intentions	For God's blessings upon us during this Advent season For our Brothers and lay volunteers working in our province.
December 2 Monday of the 1st week of Advent Psalms: week I Vestment: Violet	
Liturgy	Is 2:1-5 "The Lord draws all nations together into the eternal peace of God's kingdom" Mt 8:5-11 "Many will come from east and west to take their places in the kingdom of heaven"
Reflection	CONSTITUTIONS AND STATUTES OF THE MARIST BROTHERS "We live in harmony with ourselves, our brothers, and with creation, conscious of our God who dwells in all that exists and is the source of our being. Inspired by Jesus, we help one another live in the present moment and "overcome that unhealthy anxiety which makes us superficial, aggressive, and compulsive consumers". We cultivate silence which opens the way for developing our own inner life and for heartfelt relations with our brothers. Silence also adds depth to our awareness and creates an environment necessary for prayer, work, and rest." No 41
Reminder	International Day for the Abolition of Slavery
Intentions	For all missionaries, priests, brothers, sisters and lay, throughout the world For all those working for the end of any form of slavery ➔ First Monday of the month: we pray for our deceased Brothers, relatives and benefactors
December 3 Tuesday of the 1st week of Advent. Psalms: week I. Vestment: Violet	
Memorial	St Francis Xavier, Jesuit, one of the greatest Christian missionaries, 16 th C.
Liturgy	Is 11:1-10: "He does not judge by appearances" Lk 10:21-24: "Happy the eyes that see what you see"
Reflection	CONSTITUTIONS AND STATUTES OF THE MARIST BROTHERS:



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	“Because of our chosen way of life, we live in the community residence. We ensure that our shared home meets the needs of community living and allows for adequate privacy and space, in line with the character and mission of our Institute. A section of our residences should be reserved for the community to protect the privacy necessary for fraternal living.” No 42
Reminder	International Day of Disabled Persons
Intentions	For all those involved in Vocations Ministry For all our former leaders of our administrative unit
December 4 . Wednesday of the 1st week of Advent. Psalms: week I. Vestment: Violet	
Liturgy	Is. 25:6-10: “The Lord God will wipe away the tears from every cheek” Mt 15: 29-37: “I feel sorry for all these people”
Reflection	<u>CONSTITUTIONS AND STATUTES OF THE MARIST BROTHERS</u> “In his way of relating with His Father, Jesus teaches us how to listen to God and respond. He expresses his yearning and love, his praise and thanks, his suffering and joy in the Spirit. He shows us how deeply God is moved by the needs and pain of people. This stance towards life, having a passion for God and compassion for humanity, inspires how we live our spirituality each day.” No 44
Intentions	For all out novices and their formators For the Brothers preparing for Perpetual Profession of Vows
December 5 Thursday of the 1st week of Advent. Psalms: Week I. Vestment: Violet	
Liturgy	Isaiah 26:1-6 “Open the gates; let the upright nation come in” Mathew 7:21,24-27 “The wise man built his house on a rock”
Reflection	<u>CONSTITUTIONS AND STATUTES OF THE MARIST BROTHERS</u> “As brothers we are seekers of the living God. Our prayer is not limited to exercises of piety, nor identified with our apostolic work. Rather, our spirituality is grounded in presence and being one with God, who draws nearest when we are attending to the needs of others. Mary was said to be blessed for having heard the Word and putting it into practice. She is our model in spirituality.” No 45
Reminder	Perpetual Religious Profession of Br Basil Ngum
Reminder	International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development
Intentions	For Br Basil that the Lord may grant him the grace to live the commitment to Him. For our students and their parents
December 6 Friday of the 1st week of Advent. Psalms Week I. Vestment: Violet	
Liturgy	Isaiah 29:17-24 “In a very short time, the deaf will hear and the eyes of the blind will see” Mathew 9:27-31 “Take care that no one learns about this”
Reflection	<u>CONSTITUTIONS AND STATUTES OF THE MARIST BROTHERS</u> “We experience the Eucharist as a celebration of the unfolding dream of God for humanity: to gather us all around the banquet table of the Kingdom. Each time we come together for this encounter with Jesus, we celebrate our faith as a community. Nourished by the Word, by the ‘Bread of Life’, Jesus Himself, and



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	by our daily practice of charity, we are then sent into life as “the body of Christ” to be a sign and sacrament of brotherhood.” No 46.
Intentions	For unity in the plurality of cultures of our Institute For the Marist community of Champagnat House, Liberia
December 7	Saturday of the 1st week of Advent. Psalms Week I. Vestment: Violet
Liturgy	Isaiah 30:19-26 ‘The lord God will be gracious to you and hear your cry’ Mathew 9:35, 10:1,5,6-8 ‘The harvest is rich, but the laborers are few’
Memorial	St Ambrose, bishop and doctor of the Church
Reflection	<u>CONSTITUTIONS AND STATUTES OF THE MARIST BROTHERS</u> “When we gather for prayer in community, we acknowledge the presence of Jesus in our midst. We make our own the contemplative attitude of Jesus, and in praying with Him, we express our praise and intercessions to the Father on behalf of humanity. We pray the Sacred Scriptures, especially the Psalms which nourished Jesus’ own prayer, the Liturgy of the Hours, or some other prayer form, drawing on the Word of God and life itself.” No 47
Anniversary	in 1889, opening of the first Marist school in Colombia (Popayán)
Intentions	For the brothers and works in Colombia For peace in the Middle East ➔ Marist Saturday: specially dedicated to prayer for vocations
December 8. 2nd	SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year A. Psalms Week II. Vestment: Violet
Liturgy	Baruch 5:1-9 ‘God means to show your splendor to every nation’ Philippians 1:4-6,8-11 ‘May you become pure and blameless in preparation for the day of Christ’ Luke 3:1-6 ‘The call of John the Baptist’
Anniversary	In 1842, the consecration of the Institute to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Reflection	<u>CONSTITUTIONS AND STATUTES OF THE MARIST BROTHERS</u> “In meditation we foster interior silence that allows us to listen to God in our innermost being. We learn to contemplate the Word of God, creation, and our life story, with its people and events. In contemplation, we learn what we need to live lovingly and with integrity.” No 48
Intentions	For our students in the final year classes For grace to keep alive the values dear to the heart of Fr Champagnat
December 9	Monday. SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Office: Proper. Vestment: Violet
Liturgy	Genesis 3:9-15,20 “the Mother of all those who live” Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12 ‘Before the world was made, God chose us in Christ’ Luke 1:26-38 ‘I am the handmaid of the Lord’
Anniversaries	In 1879, death of Bro Louis-Marie, 2 nd Superior General (from 1860 to 1879)
Reflection	<u>CONSTITUTIONS AND STATUTES OF THE MARIST BROTHERS</u> “We engage in an ongoing conversion of heart from all that holds us back from being entirely given to God. We become reconciled as individuals and as a community so as to make manifest our experience of being sons and brothers.



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	We cultivate the habit of spiritual reading, personal accompaniment, and days of recollection, in order to bring new energy and depth to our growth in the Spirit." No 49.
Intentions	For our own consecration and commitment For the Marist Community of Manuel Jorques, Babenga.
December 10 Tuesday of the 2nd week of Advent. Psalms Week II. Vestment: Violet	
Memorial	Melchiades Bishop of Rome and second African Pope (311-314)
Liturgy	Is 40:1-11: "The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God remains forever" Mt 18:12-14: "It is not the will of your father that one of these little ones should be lost"
Anniversaries	In 1984 arrival of the first Brothers to Kenya (Lake Victoria, Roo) In 1984, Desmond Tutu is awarded with the Nobel Prize of Peace
Reflection	<u>CONSTITUTIONS AND STATUTES OF THE MARIST BROTHERS</u> "Following the example of Marcellin Champagnat, we turn to Mary as sons to their mothers. We draw inspiration from her, as our sister in faith, to live as disciples of Jesus. We nourish in ourselves her spirit through personal prayer, and the study of Mariology. We thank God for the gift of the life and charism of Marcellin Champagnat. Our love for the Founder extends to the brothers who have gone before us and to all the members and ministries of the Institute and the wider Marist Family." No 50.
Reminder	Human Rights Day
Intentions	For young Brothers at MIC. For the brothers and works in Kenya
December 11 Wednesday of the 2nd week of Advent Psalms Week II. Vestment: Violet	
Memorial	St. Damasus I, pope
Liturgy	Isaiah 40:25-31 "The lord strengthens the Powerless" Mathew 11:28-30 "My yoke is easy and My burden light"
Reminder	Beginning of Servant and Prophetic Leadership Course (Online Phase)
Reflection	<u>CONSTITUTIONS AND STATUTES OF THE MARIST BROTHERS</u> "The Spirit, sent by the Father and the Son, is the source of our energy and creativity as collaborators in God's mission of giving life and love to humanity. By Baptism and Confirmation, we and all Christians are called to be missionary disciples, following Christ and sharing in His mission." No 51.
Intentions	For the Brothers in Kumasi-Kwadaso Community For all those involved in difficult work
December 12 Thursday of the 2nd week of Advent, Psalms: Week II. Vestment: Violet	
Memorial	St. Jane Frances de Chantal, foundress of the Congregation of the Visitation of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of Latin America
Liturgy	Is 41:13-20: "I am holding you by the right hand; I tell you, Do not be afraid"



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	Mt 11:11-15: "Of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen"
Anniversary	In 1964, Martin Luther King is awarded with the Nobel Peace Prize
Birthday	Brother Mantobaye Kimingar François, 1989 from Chad
Reflection	<u>CONSTITUTIONS AND STATUTES OF THE MARIST BROTHERS</u> "Trusting in Mary, Father Champagnat was alive with a passion for the Gospel and knew how to respond effectively to the problems of children and young people. In communion with Marist lay people, our hearts burning with an apostolic passion like Marcellin's, we participate in the mission of God by responding to the needs of our world today. Presence, good example and love are key elements in our style of educating." No 52
Intentions	For the grace to discover God's presence during this Advent season For brother Francois, his personal intentions, his family and apostolate in Ivory Coast
December 13 Friday of the 2nd week of Advent Psalms: Week II. Vestment: Violet	
Memorial	St. Lucy, virgin and martyr
Liturgy	Is 48:17-19: "I the Lord lead you in the way that you must go" Mt 11:16-19: "John came, neither eating nor drinking, and they say, he is possessed"
Reflection	<u>CONSTITUTIONS AND STATUTES OF THE MARIST BROTHERS</u> "Raised up by the Spirit, our Institute is sent forth by the Church to evangelise young people, especially the most neglected, through education and other social and pastoral services. Marist communities, sent by the Institute, accomplish their mission in union with the pastors of the local Church and in collaboration with other persons and bodies, also dedicated to serving young people." No 53.
Intentions	For brothers experiencing crisis in their vocational journey. For the Marist community Yasa, Cameroon.
December 14 Saturday of the 2nd week of Advent. Psalms: Week II. Vestment: Violet	
Memorial	St. John of the Cross, Carmelite, Doctor of the Church. He undertook the reform of his order, encouraged by St Teresa of Avila.
Liturgy	Sirac 48:1-11 "Elijah will come again" Mt 17:10-13 "Elijah has come already, and they did not recognize him" Today's liturgy turns around the prophet Elijah: he arouses like a fire, and he is to come to see that everything is once more as it should be"
Reflection	<u>CONSTITUTIONS AND STATUTES OF THE MARIST BROTHERS</u> "Ours is a community apostolate. Our brotherhood is already a sign of the message we want to make known to others. The joy and hope we share as brothers motivate young people to hear the voice of Jesus and commit themselves to follow Him." No 54.
Intentions	For the Bishop and all priests in the dioceses where we are working For the Brothers and works of the Marist Province of Nigeria ➔ Marist Saturday: we give thanks to our Blessed Mother for our vocation as Brothers



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December 15 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year C(I). Psalms Week III Vestments: Rose or violet	
Liturgy	Zephaniah 3:14-18 'The Lord, the King of Israel, is in Your midst' Philippians 4:4-7 'The lord is very near' Luke 3:10-18 'Someone is coming who will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire'
Birthday	Br Franklin Dingamadji from Chad
Reflection	<u>CONSTITUTIONS AND STATUTES OF THE MARIST BROTHERS</u> "We provide the children and youth in our care with a holistic education and a solid religious formation, open to dialogue and interiority. For those who are embarking on their journey of faith, we offer a Catholic education, leading them to discover and to live the Gospel, introducing them to the practice of the Sacraments and helping them find their place in a Church community." No 54.1.
Intentions	For Br Franklin for his vocation, for his friends and his studies For the Brothers and works of the Marist Province of Central-East Africa
December 16 Monday of the 3rd week of Advent, Psalms Week III Vestment: Violet	
Liturgy	Numbers 24:2-7. 15-17: "A star from Jacob takes the leadership" Mt 21:23-27: "John's baptism: where did it come from: heaven or man?"
Reminder	Beginning of Canonical Visitation to Buokrom Community
Reflection	<u>CONSTITUTIONS AND STATUTES OF THE MARIST BROTHERS</u> "As brothers, we all give our lives generously for the sake of the Reign of God, engaged in educational settings and works or projects serving children and youth, especially those who are most excluded or vulnerable." No 56.
Intentions	For people who are oppressed and marginalized in our countries For the Marist Community and the postulants at Ahwiren, Ghana
December 17 Tuesday of the 3rd week of Advent. Psalms Week III Vestment: Violet	
Liturgy	Gen 49:2. 8-10: "The sceptre shall not pass from Judah" Mt 1:1-17: "A genealogy of Jesus Christ, son of David, son of Abraham"
Reflection	<u>CONSTITUTIONS AND STATUTES OF THE MARIST BROTHERS</u> "Whatever our role, age, or health, we are all engaged in the mission entrusted to the Institute through our prayer, work, and the joyful witness of our lives. This commitment includes the support we give to those who share in Marist mission." No 57.
Intentions	For children who are abused and those who victims of human rights For the Brothers and works of the Marist Province of Southern Africa
December 18 Wednesday of the 3rd week of Advent. Psalms Week III Vestment: Violet	
Liturgy	Jer 23:5-8: "I will raise a virtuous branch for David who will reign as true king" Mt 1:18-24: "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife"
Reflection	<u>CONSTITUTIONS AND STATUTES OF THE MARIST BROTHERS:</u>



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	“Marist educational ministries offer society an innovative and inclusive approach to education that helps young people grow as “good Christians and good citizens.” This approach draws faith, culture and life into harmony, proposing knowledge as a duty of service, and culture as a way of bringing people together. Our educational ministries, open to any family that accepts our educational approach, encourage dialogue between people of different cultures and faiths." No 58.
Reminder	International Migrants Day
Intentions	For Pope Francis and his intentions For the Brothers and works of the Marist Province of Madagascar
December 19 Thursday of the 3rd week of Advent. Psalms Week III Vestment: Violet	
Liturgy	Judges 13:2-7. 24-25 “The birth of Samson was announced by an angel” Lk 1:5-25 “The birth of John the Baptist was announced by Gabriel” Both the birth of Samson and the birth of John the Baptist were announced by an angel. The mothers of both of them were barren.
Anniversary	In 1886, arrival of the first Brothers in Spain
Reminder	End of Canonical Visitation to Buokrom Community
Reflection	<u>CONSTITUTIONS AND STATUTES OF THE MARIST BROTHERS</u> “We develop in youth a capacity for reflection and discernment, for them to grow as committed people, aware of the new challenges facing our world. To respond to these challenges, the main elements of our educational and evangelization programs are the cultivation of contemplative practices, the development of their spirituality, their search for meaning in life, and their commitment to solidarity, justice and peace, and the care of creation. No 58.2.
Intentions	For the Brothers and works in Spain For the Marist Community of Bafut-Cameroon
December 20 Friday of the 3rd week of Advent. Psalms Week III Vestment: Violet	
Liturgy	Is: 7:10-14: “The maiden is with child, whom she will call Emmanuel” Lk 1:26-38: “You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus”
Reflection	<u>CONSTITUTIONS AND STATUTES OF THE MARIST BROTHERS</u> “The sensitivity of Marcellin Champagnat to the needs and suffering of the children of his day inspires us to respond to the emerging challenges facing humanity today. For this reason, we promote and defend the rights of children and young people in all the settings of our Institute. Along with other organizations, we defend these rights in international bodies, States and other public and private institutions that impact on the dignity and well-being of children and young people." No 59.
Intentions	For the Brothers in Koumra, Chad. For all the orphans in our schools
December 21 Saturday of the 3rd week of Advent. Psalms Week III Vestment: violet	
Memorial	St. Peter Canisius, Jesuit from Holland, doctor of the Church



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Liturgy	Song of songs 2: 8-14: “My beloved says to me, ‘Come, my lovely one, come” Lk 1:39-45: Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb”
Reminder	Perpetual Religious Profession of Br Samuel Nkuah
Anniversary	In 1915, Marist foundation in Morocco. The Brothers stayed there until 1975
Reflection	<u>CONSTITUTIONS AND STATUTES OF THE MARIST BROTHERS</u> “As Marists, we collaborate with other bodies to address the needs of children and young people in crisis situations that are the result of wars, social problems or natural disasters, such as refugees, migrants and those who have lost everything.” No 60.1.
Intentions	For Br Samuel that the Lord may guide him through his vocational journey. For all community leaders of our Province.
December 22 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year C. Psalms Week III Vestment: Violet	
Liturgy	Mi 5:1-4a “Out of you will be born the one who will rule over Israel” Heb 10:5-10 “Here I am Lord; I am coming to obey your will” Lk 1:39-45 “Why should I be honoured with a visit from a mother of my lord?”
Anniversary	In 1988, blessing of the Marist school in Korhogo, Côte d’Ivoire
Birthday	Br Norbert Afoni Ndilon (1988) from Cameroon
Reflection	<u>CONSTITUTIONS AND STATUTES OF THE MARIST BROTHERS</u> “As Marists, we want to become more intercultural. Our communities, and in particular our missionary communities, are called to integrate into their local context, work to cultivate dialogue between cultures and religions, and to appreciate diversity.” No 60.3
Intentions	For peace, love and friendship during this coming Christmas season For Br Norbert, his personal intentions, his family and apostolate in Tatum
December 23 Monday before Christmas proper Liturgy Vestment: Violet	
Liturgy	Malachi 3:1-4. 23-24: “I am going to send my messenger before me” Lk 1:57-66: The birth of John the Baptist: “What will this child turn out to be?”
Reflection	<u>CONSTITUTIONS AND STATUTES OF THE MARIST BROTHERS</u> “Our formation as brothers is a life-long journey of grace, conversion and transformation toward holiness in fulfilling the great commandment in loving God and the other. Personal freedom, responsible collaboration, and communal discernment are necessary elements of any formation process. Every candidate or brother in initial or ongoing formation is offered appropriate processes and pathways tailored to his personal needs.” No 63.
Intentions	For the political leaders in the African countries where we work That the peace of the Child Jesus may reign in the troubled parts of the world
December 24 Tuesday before Christmas Proper Liturgy Vestment: Violet	
Morning Mass	Sam 7:1-5. 8-12. 14. 16: “I will be a father to him and he a son to me” Lk 1:67-79: The canticle of Zechariah: “A rising Sun will visit us”



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Midnight Mass	Is 9:1-7: “There is a child born for us, a son given to us” Titus 2:11-14: “God’s grace has been revealed; salvation has been made possible for the whole human race” Lk 2, 1-14: “Mary gave birth to a son; she wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger”
Anniversary	In 1836, the first group of Marist missionaries (Fathers and Brothers) sailed from Le Havre to Oceania
Reflection	<u>CONSTITUTIONS AND STATUTES OF THE MARIST BROTHERS</u> “By the action of the Holy Spirit, God calls every person to a life of love, communion and wholeness. All the baptized are disciples of Jesus Christ, called to use their God-given gifts to be visible signs of God’s love, compassion and mercy, especially towards those who are suffering, poor or in need. Our Marist charism, a gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church and the world, inspires some to want to live their Christian vocation in a Marist way, either as a brother, a sister, a married or single lay person, or as a priest.” No 64.
Intentions	For our parents, and relatives as they prepare themselves for Christmas. For all community superiors in our communities.
December 25 Wednesday THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD	
Day Mass	Is 52:7-10: “All the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God” Heb 1:1-6: “God has spoken to us through his own Son” Jn 1, 1-18: “The Word was made flesh and lived among us; we saw his glory”
Reflection	<u>CONSTITUTIONS AND STATUTES OF THE MARIST BROTHERS</u> The purpose of Marist Vocations Ministry, therefore, is to provide formation opportunities where individuals can discover God’s personal call and respond by offering the gift of his or her life. It is also to offer pathways and experiences that promote, educate, and accompany the discernment of and commitment to all Christian vocations, particularly Marist vocations, in communion with the local Church.” No 64p1
Intentions	For all Christian believers For grace to experience the peace and joy brought by the birth of Christ
December 26 Thursday * Feast of St Stephen, first martyr	
Liturgy	Acts 6:8-10; 7, 54-59: “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit” Mt 10:17-22: “You will be hated on account of my name”
Birthday	Brother Tano Pokou Komenan, from Côte d’Ivoire
Reminder	Marist Brothers Family Feast Day
Reflection	<u>CONSTITUTIONS AND STATUTES OF THE MARIST BROTHERS</u> “We pray regularly for vocations. We assist young people to learn to listen to the movement of the Spirit within themselves and to respond with compassion to people in need. We support educational, pastoral and solidarity activities with our presence and encouragement. We offer welcome and hospitality in our communities to those looking to experience our Marist life.” No 65.
Intentions	For those who are persecuted because of their faith For Bro Tano, his family, his intentions and his community as he celebrates his birthday



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December 27 Friday. Feast of St John, Apostle and Evangelist	
Liturgy	<p>NB: John is the “beloved” disciple referred to in the gospels, and the author of the 4th Gospel, the Apocalypse and three Letters. He was the son of Zebedee and one of the three who were closest to the Lord, present at the important moments of his life.</p> <p>1 John, 1:1-4: “The life was made visible, we saw it and we are giving our testimony”</p> <p>Jn 20: 2-8: “The other disciple (John) reached the tomb first”</p>
Reflections	<p><u>CONSTITUTIONS AND STATUTES OF THE MARIST BROTHERS</u></p> <p>“Christ, who received all authority from the Father, became a servant, washing the feet of his disciples, thus leaving them a new model of authority as service. Like Mary in the early Church, Marcellin accompanied the first brothers with attentiveness, sensitivity, and equanimity. No 87.</p>
Intention	<p>For pregnant women</p> <p>For the sick and those caring for them</p>
December 28 Saturday Feast of the Holy Innocents	
Liturgy	<p>1 Jn 1:5 – 2, 2: “To say that we have never sinned is to call God a liar””</p> <p>Mt 2:13-18: “Herod was furious, and he had all the male children killed”</p>
Reflection	<p><u>CONSTITUTIONS AND STATUTES OF THE MARIST BROTHERS</u></p> <p>“As brothers in apostolic communities, we all feel co-responsible for the life of the Institute and its mission. We contribute our skills and talents, our competence and creativity at the various levels of the Institute, and in its participatory and leadership structures.” No 88.</p>
Intentions	<p>For the Marist Community of Koumra</p> <p>For Brother Provincial and the Mediterranean Province</p>
December 29 Sunday * FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY YEAR C	
Memorial	<p>St. Thomas Becket, bishop of Canterbury. He defended the rights of the Church and was murdered by the King of England.</p>
Liturgy	<p>1 Sam 1:20-22, 24-28 “Samuel is made over to the Lord for the whole of his life”</p> <p>1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24 “We are called God’s children and that is what we are”</p> <p>Lk 2:41-52 “Jesus is found by his parents sitting among the doctors”</p>
Reflection	<p><u>CONSTITUTIONS AND STATUTES OF THE MARIST BROTHERS</u></p> <p>“For the better conduct of their mission, Major Superiors may delegate some roles and responsibilities to other people, bodies, and entities. Our Proper Law describes such delegations with their respective roles and responsibilities. When this concerns roles and competencies determined by civil law, such delegation is made in compliance with what is required by that law.” 89.1.</p>
Intentions	<p>For a growing sense of brotherhood and family spirit in all our communities</p> <p>For all the Provincial representatives in our countries</p>
December 30 Monday in the Octave of Christmas	
Liturgy	<p>1 John 2: 12-17: “The love of the Father cannot be in any man who loves the world”</p> <p>Lk 2:36-40: “The child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom”</p>



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Birthday	Bro Evaristus Mbiyzenyuy, (1983) from Cameroon
Reflection	<u>CONSTITUTIONS AND STATUTES OF THE MARIST BROTHERS</u> “The Superiors have a Council which they convene at regular intervals. With the help of their Council, they lead and govern according to Canon Law and the Proper Law of the Institute, which indicate the cases where they act collegially with their Council, and those where they cannot act without the consent or advice of this Council. Within their jurisdiction, Superiors may grant a dispensation from some disciplinary article of the Constitutions for a set time.” No 90.
Intentions	For all the widows and single mothers in areas where we work For Brother Evaristus, family, personal intentions and community of Novitiate
December 31 Tuesday in the Octave of Christmas	
Liturgy	1 John 2: 18-21: “Several antichrists have already appeared” Jn 1: 1-18: “From his fullness we have, all of us, received”
Memorial	St. Sylvester I, pope
Anniversary	In 1852, the first Marist foundation in London
Reflection	<u>CONSTITUTIONS AND STATUTES OF THE MARIST BROTHERS</u> “An Administrative Unit constitutes a broad community of life, of prayer, and of mission. It embodies the Institute in local Churches, and through its Unity with the Superior General, it is linked to the universal Church. Even though these Units are administratively independent of one another, each is called to be part of a global body, to foster relationships with other units and with the General Government, and to strengthen our fraternal bonds of unity and our sharing of resources.” No 91.
Intentions	In thanksgiving to the Lord for everything we have received during this year. For brother Alex, his family, personal intentions and studies at MIUC

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