

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

2016-2017

Sunday Lectionary: Year A
Weekday Lectionary: Cycle I

APOSTOLIC VICARIATE OF SOUTHERN ARABIA
(United Arab Emirates, Oman, Yemen)

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PARISHES, INSTITUTES AND SOCIETIES

Al Ain	St. Mary, Al Ain	Ma'ala	Immaculate
Bur Dubai	St. Mary, Dubai		Conception, Aden
CSJ	Sisters of St. Joseph of Chambery	Mushrif	St. Joseph, Abu Dhabi
CSST	Carmelite Sisters of St. Teresa	Musaffah	St. Paul, Abu Dhabi
Cap	Order of Friars Minor Capuchin	RAK	St. Anthony of Padua, Ras Al Khaimah
CMS	Comboni Missionary Sisters	Rosary	Dominican Sisters of the Rosary
Crater	Holy Family, Aden	Ruwi	Ss. Peter and Paul, Muscat
FMCK	Franciscan Missionaries of Christ the King	SPC	Sisters of St. Paul of Chartres
Fujairah	Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Fujairah	Salalah	St. Francis Xavier, Salalah
Ghala	Holy Spirit, Muscat	SDB	Salesians of Don Bosco
Hodeidah	Sacred Heart, Hodeidah	Sana'a	Mary, Help of Christians, Sana'a
Jebel Ali	St. Francis of Assisi, Dubai	Sharjah	St. Michael, Sharjah
MC	Missionaries of Charity	Sohar	St. Anthony, Sohar
MSP	Mission Society of the Philippines	Taiz	St. Therese of Child Jesus, Taiz
		Tawahi	St. Francis of Assisi, Aden

ABBREVIATIONS

B.V. Mary	Blessed Virgin Mary	OT	Ordinary Time
comm	commemoration	sol	solemnity
fst	feast	Ss./St.	Saints/Saint
mem	obligatory memorial	wkdy	weekday

NOTES

1. This Calendar complements any *Ordo* used in a parish. It should be consulted regarding celebrations proper to the Vicariate, especially on weekends. Fuller information can be found in the online Vicariate *Ordo* (avosa.org/ordo).
2. For the Vicariate Proper Calendar, and the readings for the celebrations on it, see pp. 38-39.
3. Where applicable, on Saturday morning, the Mass of the day is celebrated. On Saturday evening, the same Mass that will be celebrated on the following Sunday is used, unless otherwise indicated.
4. On many days (see p. 35), it is possible to celebrate the Mass of any saint listed for the day or a votive Mass of a saint. Saints of different religious institutes and ethnic communities present in the Vicariate are listed in smaller type in this Liturgical Calendar to facilitate this choice, when judged desirable by the celebrant.
5. For details on celebration of funeral/nuptial/votive Masses, see pp. 34-35. For indulgences, see pp. 30-31.
6. For regulations concerning fast, abstinence, holy days of obligation, collections, etc., see pp. 36-37.
7. Choirs and those preparing missalettes may find the information on p. 33 (regarding the *Glory to God, Creed, Alleluia* and special readings) useful.

DECEMBER 2016

1	Thu	Advent weekday Bl. Marie-Clemente Anuarite [African]		■
2	Fri	2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT		■
3	Sat	Advent weekday		■
4	Sun	2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT		■
5	Mon	ST. FRANCIS XAVIER (<i>transferred</i>) <i>Patron of the Mission</i>	fst	□
		Salalah: <i>Titular of the church</i>	sol	□
		Bl. Philip Rinaldi [SDB]	(mem)	□
6	Tue	Advent weekday <i>or St. Nicholas</i>		■
7	Wed	St. Ambrose	mem	□
8	Thu	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE B.V. MARY Al Ain/Ma'ala: <i>Titular of the church</i>	sol	□
9	Fri	3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT		■ ■
10	Sat	Advent weekday		■
11	Sun	3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT		■ ■
12	Mon	Advent weekday <i>or B.V. Mary of Guadalupe</i> [Filipino: <i>memorial</i>]		■
13	Tue	St. Lucy	mem	■
14	Wed	St. John of the Cross	mem	□
15	Thu	Advent weekday <i>Simbang Gabi takes place from 15-23 Dec (evening celebrations) or 16-24 Dec (early morning celebrations).</i>		■

16	Fri	4 TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT		■
17	Sat	17 December		■
18	Sun	4 TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT		■
19	Mon	19 December		■
20	Tue	20 December		■
21	Wed	21 December <i>or comm. St. Peter Canisius</i>		■
22	Thu	22 December		■
23	Fri	23 DECEMBER ¹		■
24	Sat	24 December		■
	<i>after 4 p.m.</i>	Vigil of the Nativity	sol	□
25	Sun	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i> ²	sol	□
26	Mon	ST. STEPHEN	fst	■
27	Tue	ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST	fst	□
28	Wed	HOLY INNOCENTS	sol	■
29	Thu	Octave of Nativity 5 <i>or comm. St. Thomas Becket</i>		□
30	Fri	HOLY FAMILY Crater: <i>Titular of the church</i>	fst sol	□ □
31	Sat	Octave of Nativity 7 <i>or comm. St. Silvester I</i>		□ □

¹ The Mass texts and readings of December 23 are used. The Creed is said, and a second reading (2 Pet 3:8-14, 2nd Sunday of Advent, Year B) is added.

² The special texts given in the missal for Christmas should be used, according to the time of day (Vigil, Night, Dawn or Day). However, for the readings, any set of Christmas readings may be used at any Christmas Mass (by special permission of the bishop, this includes the Vigil Mass).

JANUARY 2017

Papal Intention: *Christian Unity.* That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.

1 Sun	HOLY MOTHER OF GOD	sol	□
	<i>World Day of Peace</i>		
2 Mon	Ss. Basil and Gregory	mem	□
3 Tue	Christmas weekday <i>or Holy Name of Jesus [Cap: memorial]</i>		□
4 Wed	Christmas weekday		□
5 Thu	Christmas weekday Bl. Didacus Joseph of Cadiz [Cap]		□
6 Fri	EPIPHANY OF THE LORD³	sol	□
7 Sat	Christmas weekday <i>or St. Raymond of Penyafort</i>		□
8 Sun	EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	sol	□
9 Mon	BAPTISM OF THE LORD	fst	□
10 Tue	Ord. Time weekday		■
11 Wed	Ord. Time weekday		■
12 Thu	Ord. Time weekday Bl. Bernard of Corleone [Cap]	(mem)	□
13 Fri	2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		■
	SANTO NINO [Filipino/MSP]	(sol)	□

³ Throughout Friday and on Saturday evening (6-7 Jan), the Mass texts for the Epiphany *Vigil Mass* may be used. Readings are identical to the Mass *During the Day*.

14 Sat	OUR LADY OF ARABIA , <i>Principal Patroness of the Gulf (including evening Masses)</i>	sol	□
15 Sun	2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>World Day of Migrants and Refugees</i> SANTO NINO [Filipino/MSP]	(sol)	□ ■
16 Mon	Ord. Time weekday Ss. Berard & Companions [Cap] St. Joseph Vaz [India/Sri Lanka]	(mem) (mem)	■ □
17 Tue	St. Anthony the Abbot	mem	□
18 Wed	Ord. Time Weekday <i>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins today and concludes on the 25th.</i>		■
19 Thu	Ord. Time weekday		■
20 Fri	3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		■
21 Sat	St. Agnes	mem	■
22 Sun	3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		■
23 Mon	Ord. Time weekday		■
24 Tue	St. Francis de Sales SDB: <i>Titular and Patron</i>	mem (fst)	□ □
25 Wed	CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE	fst	□
26 Thu	Ss. Timothy and Titus	mem	□
27 Fri	4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		■
28 Sat	St. Thomas Aquinas	mem	□
29 Sun	4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		■
30 Mon	Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of the Apostolic Vicar St. Hyacinth Marescotti [Cap] Bl. Bronislaus Markewicz [SDB]	(mem)	□ □ □
31 Tue	St. John Bosco SDB: <i>Founder of the Society</i>	mem (sol)	□ □

FEBRUARY 2017

Papal Intention: *Comfort for the Afflicted.* That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities..

1	Wed	Ord. Time weekday Comm. of deceased confreres [SDB]		■ ■
2	Thu	PRESENTATION OF THE LORD <i>World Day of Consecrated Life</i>	fst	□
3	Fri	5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		■
4	Sat	B.V. Mary on Saturday St. Joseph of Leonessa [Cap] St. John de Britto [India]	(mem) (mem)	□ □ ■
5	Sun	5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		■
6	Mon	Ss. Paul Miki & Companions Ss. Peter Baptist & Companions [Cap] St. Gonsalo Garcia [India]	mem (mem) (mem)	■ ■ ■
7	Tue	Ord. Time weekday St. Colette of Corbie [Cap] Bl. Pius IX [SDB]	(mem)	■ □ □
8	Wed	Ord. Time weekday <i>or</i> St. Jerome Emiliani <i>or</i> St. Josephine Bakhita		■ □ □
9	Thu	Ord. Time weekday St. Maroun [Arabic] Bl. Leopold of Alpanseire [Cap] Bl. Eusebia Palomino Yenes [SDB]	(mem)	■ □ □ □
10	Fri	6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		■
11	Sat	Our Lady of Lourdes <i>World Day of Prayer for the Sick</i>		□

12 Sun	6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		■
13 Mon	Ord. Time weekday		■
14 Tue	Ss. Cyril and Methodius	mem	□
15 Wed	Ord. Time weekday		■
16 Thu	Ord. Time weekday		■
17 Fri	7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		■
18 Sat	B.V. Mary on Saturday		□
	St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara [India]		□
19 Sun	7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		■
20 Mon	Ord. Time weekday		■
21 Tue	Ord. Time weekday		■
	<i>or</i> St. Peter Damien		□
22 Wed	CHAIR OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE	fst	□
23 Thu	St. Polycarp	mem	■
24 Fri	8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		■
25 Sat	DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOSEPH (including evening Masses)	fst	□
	Mushrif : Solemnity		
	SS. LOUIS VERSIGLIA	(fst)	□
	& CALLISTUS CARAVARIO [SDB]		
26 Sun	8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		■
27 Mon	Ord. Time weekday		■
28 Tue	Ord. Time weekday		■

MARCH 2017

Papal Intention: *Support for Persecuted Christians.* That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.

1	Wed	ASH WEDNESDAY	■
2	Thu	Lenten weekday	■
3	Fri	1 ST SUNDAY OF LENT Election/Enrollment of Catechumens	■ ■
4	Sat	Lenten weekday <i>or</i> comm. of St. Casimir	■ ■
5	Sun	1 ST SUNDAY OF LENT Election/Enrollment of Catechumens	■ ■
6	Mon	Lenten weekday	■
7	Tue	Lenten weekday <i>or</i> comm. of Ss. Perpetua and Felicity	■ ■
8	Wed	Lenten weekday <i>or</i> comm. of St. John of God	■ ■
9	Thu	Lenten weekday <i>or</i> comm. of St. Frances of Rome	■ ■
10	Fri	2 ND SUNDAY OF LENT	■
11	Sat	Lenten weekday	■
12	Sun	2 ND SUNDAY OF LENT	■
13	Mon	Lenten weekday <i>Anniversary of Papal Election</i>	■ □
14	Tue	Lenten weekday	■
15	Wed	Lenten weekday	■
16	Thu	Lenten weekday	■

17	Fri	3RD SUNDAY OF LENT First Scrutiny of Catechumens		■
18	Sat	Lenten weekday <i>or comm. of St. Cyril of Jerusalem</i>		■
19	Sun	3RD SUNDAY OF LENT First Scrutiny of Catechumens		■
20	Mon	ST. JOSEPH Mushrif: <i>Titular of the church</i> CSJ: <i>Patron of Congregation</i>	sol	□
		Centenary of the Capuchin Tuscan Mission in the Arabian peninsula	sol	□
			(sol)	□
21	Tue	Lenten weekday <i>Anniversary of the installation of the Apostolic Vicar</i>		■
22	Wed	Lenten weekday		■
23	Thu	Lenten weekday <i>or comm. of St. Turibius of Mongrovejo</i>		■
24	Fri	4TH SUNDAY OF LENT Second Scrutiny of Catechumens		■ ■
25	Sat	Lenten weekday		■
26	Sun	4TH SUNDAY OF LENT Second Scrutiny of Catechumens		■ ■
27	Mon	ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD <i>(transferred in the Vicariate from Saturday)</i>	sol	□
28	Tue	Lenten weekday		■
29	Wed	Lenten weekday		■
30	Thu	Lenten weekday		■
31	Fri	5th SUNDAY OF LENT Third Scrutiny of Catechumens		■

APRIL 2017

Papal Intention: *Young People.* That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

1	Sat	Lenten weekday	■
2	Sun	5TH SUNDAY OF LENT	■
		Third Scrutiny of Catechumens	■
3	Mon	Lenten weekday	■
4	Tue	Lenten weekday <i>or</i> comm. of St. Isidore	■
5	Wed	Lenten weekday <i>or</i> comm. of St. Vincent Ferrer	■
6	Thu	Lenten weekday	■
7	Fri	PALM SUNDAY	■
8	Sat	Lenten weekday	■
9	Sun	PALM SUNDAY	■
10	Mon	MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK	■
11	Tue	TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK Chrism Mass	□
12	Wed	WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK	■
13	Thu	HOLY THURSDAY Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper	□
14	Fri	GOOD FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	■
15	Sat	HOLY SATURDAY Vigil of Easter	sol □
16	Sun	EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION	sol □

17	Mon	MONDAY IN EASTER OCTAVE	sol	□
18	Tue	TUESDAY IN EASTER OCTAVE	sol	□
19	Wed	WEDNESDAY IN EASTER OCTAVE	sol	□
20	Thu	THURSDAY IN EASTER OCTAVE	sol	□
21	Fri	2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>or</i> DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY	sol	□
22	Sat	SATURDAY IN EASTER OCTAVE	sol	□
23	Sun	2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>or</i> DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY	sol	□
24	Mon	Easter weekday <i>or</i> St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen [Cap: <i>Feast</i>]		□ ■
25	Tue	ST. MARK	fst	■
26	Wed	Easter weekday		□
27	Thu	Easter weekday		□
28	Fri	3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER		□
29	Sat	St. Catherine of Siena	mem	□
30	Sun	3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER		□

MAY 2017

Papal Intention: *Christians in Africa.* That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice, and peace.

1	Mon	St. Joseph the Worker		□
2	Tue	St. Athanasius	mem	□
3	Wed	SS. PHILIP AND JAMES	fst	■
4	Thu	Easter weekday Bl. Thomas of Olera [Cap]		□ □
5	Fri	4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Vocation Sunday</i>		□
6	Sat	Easter weekday ST. DOMINIC SAVIO [SDB]	(fst)	□ □
7	Sun	4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Vocation Sunday</i>		□
8	Mon	Easter weekday Bl. Jeremiah of Wallachia [Cap]		□ □
9	Tue	Easter weekday St. Catherine of Bologna [Cap]		□ □
10	Wed	Easter weekday		□
11	Thu	Easter weekday St. Ignatius of Laconi [Cap]	(mem)	□ □
12	Fri	5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER		□
13	Sat	Our Lady of Fatima (<i>100th apparition anniversary</i>) ST. MARY MAZZARELLO [SDB]	(fst)	□ □
14	Sun	5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER		□
15	Mon	Easter weekday St. Isidore the farmer [Filipino]	(mem)	□ □
16	Tue	Easter weekday St. Margaret of Cortona [Cap]		□ □

	St. Louis Orione [SDB]		□
17 Wed	Easter weekday		□
	St. Paschal Baylon [Cap]	(mem)	□
18 Thu	Easter weekday		□
	<i>or</i> St. John I		■
	ST. FELIX OF CANTALICE [Cap]	(fst)	□
	St. Leonard Murialdo [SDB]		□
19 Fri	6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER		□
20 Sat	Easter weekday		□
	<i>or</i> St. Bernardine of Siena [Cap: <i>memorial</i>]		□
21 Sun	6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER		□
22 Mon	Easter weekday		□
	<i>or</i> St. Rita of Cascia		□
23 Tue	Easter weekday		□
24 Wed	Easter weekday		□
	Sana'a [& SDB]: B.V. MARY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS, <i>Titular of the church</i>	(sol)	□
	DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF ST. FRANCIS [Cap]	(fst)	□
25 Thu	Easter weekday		□
	<i>or</i> St. Bede the Venerable <i>or</i> St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi <i>or</i> St. Gregory VII		□
26 Fri	ASCENSION OF THE LORD⁴	sol	□
27 Sat	Easter wkdy <i>or</i> St. Augustine of Canterbury		□
	Our Lady of the Sacred Heart [CMS]	(mem)	□
28 Sun	ASCENSION OF THE LORD	sol	□
29 Mon	Easter weekday		□
	Bl. Joseph Kowalski [SDB]		■
30 Tue	Easter weekday		□
31 Wed	VISITATION OF THE B.V.MARY	fst	□

⁴ On Friday and on Saturday evening, the Ascension Vigil Mass may be used.

JUNE 2017

Papal Intention: *National Leaders.* That national leaders may firmly commit themselves to ending the arms trade, which victimizes so many innocent people.

1	Thu	St. Justin	mem	■
2	Fri	PENTECOST⁵ (Ghala: Titular of church)	sol	■
3	Sat	Ss. Charles Lwanga & Companions	mem	■
4	Sun	PENTECOST (Ghala: Titular of church)	sol	■
5	Mon	St. Boniface	mem	■
6	Tue	Ord. Time weekday <i>or</i> St. Norbert		■ □
7	Wed	Ord. Time weekday		■
8	Thu	Ord. Time weekday Bl. Nicholas of Gesturi [Cap] Bl. Istvan Sandor [SDB] Bl. Mariam Thresia [India]	(mem)	■ □ □ □
9	Fri	MOST HOLY TRINITY	sol	□
10	Sat	B.V. Mary on Saturday		□
11	Sun	MOST HOLY TRINITY	sol	□
12	Mon	Ord. Time weekday Bl. Florida Cevoli [Cap] Bl. Francis Kesy & Companions [SDB] St. Onophrius [African]		■ □ ■ □
13	Tue	St. Anthony of Padua RAK/Sohar: Titular of the church	mem sol	□ □

⁵ Pentecost Vigil Mass may be used on Friday and on the evening of Saturday with either the proper readings of the Vigil or the readings of the Mass *During the Day* (celebrated on Sunday). One celebration of an Extended Vigil may take place.

14	Wed	Ord. Time weekday		■
15	Thu	Ord. Time weekday		■
16	Fri	CORPUS CHRISTI	sol	□
17	Sat	B.V. Mary on Saturday		□
18	Sun	CORPUS CHRISTI	sol	□
19	Mon	Ord. Time weekday <i>or</i> St. Romuald		■□
20	Tue	Ord. Time weekday		■
21	Wed	St. Aloysius Gonzaga	mem	□
22	Thu	Ord. Time weekday <i>or</i> St. Paulinus of Nola <i>or</i> Ss. John Fisher and Thomas More		■□ ■
23	Fri	MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS Hodeidah: <i>Titular of the church</i>	sol sol	□ □
24	Sat	NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST (including evening Masses)	sol	□
25	Sun	12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		■
26	Mon	Day of Prayer in memory of modern martyrs of Yemen Bl. Andrew Hyacinth Longhin [Cap] Bl. Jacques of Ghazir [Cap/Arabic]		■ □ □
27	Tue	OT weekday <i>or</i> St. Cyril of Alexandria Fujairah: O.L. PERPETUAL HELP, <i>Titular of the church</i>		■□ sol □
28	Wed	St. Irenaeus	mem	■
29	Thu	Ord. Time weekday		■
30	Fri	SS. PETER AND PAUL ⁶ <i>Principal Patrons of the Vicariate</i> Musaffah/Ruwi: <i>Titular of the church</i>	sol sol	■ ■

⁶ Vigil Mass of Ss. Peter and Paul may be used throughout Friday and on Saturday evening, with either proper readings of the Vigil, or readings of the Mass *During the Day* (celebrated on Sunday).

JULY 2017

Papal Intention: *Lapsed Christians.* That our brothers/sisters who have strayed from the faith may, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.

1	Sat	B.V. Mary on Saturday		□
2	Sun	SS. PETER AND PAUL <i>Principal Patrons of the Vicariate</i> Musaffah/Ruwi: Titular of the church	sol	■
3	Mon	ST. THOMAS [Indian: <i>Solemnity</i>]	fst	■
4	Tue	Ord. Time weekday <i>or St. Elizabeth of Portugal</i> <i>50th Anniversary of the Priestly Ordination of Bp. Paul</i>		■ □
5	Wed	Ord. Time weekday <i>or St. Anthony Zaccaria</i>		■ □
6	Thu	Ord. Time weekday <i>or St. Maria Goretti</i>		■ ■
7	Fri	14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		■
8	Sat	B.V. Mary on Saturday Bl. Gregory Grassi & Companions [Cap]		□ ■
9	Sun	14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		■
10	Mon	Ord. Time weekday ST. VERONICA GIULIANI [Cap]	(fst)	■ □
11	Tue	St. Benedict	mem	□
12	Wed	Ord. Time weekday Ss. John Jones & John Wall [Cap]		■ ■
13	Thu	Ord. Time weekday <i>or St. Henry</i>		■ □

14	Fri	15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		■
15	Sat	St. Bonaventure [Cap: <i>Feast</i>]	mem	□
16	Sun	15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		■
		OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL [CSST]		□
17	Mon	Ord. Time weekday		■
18	Tue	Ord. Time weekday		■
19	Wed	Ord. Time weekday		■
20	Thu	Ord. Time weekday		■
		<i>or</i> St. Apollinaris		■
		ST. ELIJAH THE PROPHET [CSST/Arabic]	(fst)	□
21	Fri	16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		■
22	Sat	ST. MARY MAGDALENE	fst	□
23	Sun	16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		■
24	Mon	Ord. Time weekday		■
		<i>or</i> St. Sharbel Makluf [Arabic: <i>Feast</i>]		□
25	Tue	ST. JAMES	fst	■
26	Wed	Ss. Joachim & Anne	mem	□
27	Thu	Ord. Time weekday		■
		Bl. Mary Magdalene Martinengo [Cap]		□
28	Fri	17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		■
29	Sat	St. Martha	mem	□
30	Sun	17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		■
31	Mon	St. Ignatius of Loyola [CS]: <i>Feast</i>	mem	□

AUGUST 2017

Papal Intention: *Artists.* That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.

1	Tue	St. Alphonsus Liguori	mem	□
2	Wed	Ord. Time weekday		■
		<i>or</i> St. Eusebius of Vercelli		□
		<i>or</i> St. Peter Julian Eymard		□
		OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS [Cap]	(fst)	□
		Bl. Augustus Czartoryski [SDB]		□
3	Thu	Ord. Time weekday		■
4	Fri	TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	fst	□
5	Sat	Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major		□
6	Sun	TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	fst	□
7	Mon	Ord. Time weekday		■
		<i>or</i> St. Sixtus II and Companions		■
		<i>or</i> St. Cajetan		□
		Bl. Agatangelus & Cassian [Cap]		■
8	Tue	St. Dominic [Cap: <i>Feast</i>]	mem	□
9	Wed	Ord. Time weekday		■
		<i>or</i> St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross		■
10	Thu	ST. LAWRENCE	fst	■
11	Fri	19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		■
12	Sat	St. Jane Frances de Chantal		□
		<i>or</i> B.V. Mary on Saturday		□
13	Sun	19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		■
14	Mon	St. Maximilian Kolbe		■

<i>after 4 p.m.</i>	Vigil of the Assumption of the B.V. Mary ⁷	sol	□
15 Tue	ASSUMPTION OF B.V.MARY <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i> Bur Dubai: <i>Titular of the church</i>	sol	□
16 Wed	Ord. Time weekday <i>or</i> St. Stephen of Hungary <i>St. Roque</i> [Filipino]		■ □ □
17 Thu	Ord. Time weekday		■
18 Fri	20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		■
19 Sat	St. John Eudes <i>or</i> B.V. Mary on Saturday St. Louis of Anjou [Cap]; St. Ezechiel Moreno [Fil]		□ □ □
20 Sun	20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		■
21 Mon	St. Pius X		□
22 Tue	Queenship of the B.V. Mary	mem	□
23 Wed	Ord. Time weekday <i>or</i> St. Rose of Lima Bl. Bernard of Offida [Cap]		■□ □
24 Thu	ST. BARTHOLOMEW	fst	■
25 Fri	21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		■
26 Sat	B.V. Mary on Saturday Bl. Ceferino Namuncura [SDB] St. Mariam Baouardy [Arabic]		□ □ □
27 Sun	21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		■
28 Mon	St. Augustine of Hippo	mem	□
29 Tue	Passion of St. John the Baptist	mem	■
30 Wed	Ord. Time weekday St. Euphrasia [India]		■ □
31 Thu	Ord. Time weekday		■

⁷ Vigil Mass missal texts are used, with either proper readings of the Vigil, or readings of the Mass *During the Day* (celebrated on Aug 15).

SEPTEMBER 2017

Papal Intention: *Parishes.* That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity seen.

1	Fri	22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>World Day for the Care of Creation</i>		■
2	Sat	B.V. Mary on Saturday Bl. Apollinaris of Posat [Cap]		□ ■
3	Sun	22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		■
4	Mon	Ord. Time weekday		■
5	Tue	Ord. Time weekday ST. TERESA OF KOLKATA [MC/Indian]	(sol)	■ □
6	Wed	Ord. Time weekday		■
7	Thu	Ord. Time weekday		■
8	Fri	NATIVITY OF THE B.V. MARY	fst	□
9	Sat	St. Peter Claver [CMS: <i>Solemnity</i>] <i>or</i> B.V. Mary on Saturday		□ □
10	Sun	23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		■
11	Mon	Ord. Time weekday		■
12	Tue	Ord. Time weekday <i>or</i> Holy Name of Mary <i>Anniversary of the religious profession of the Bp.Paul</i>		■ □
13	Wed	St. John Chrysostom	mem	□
14	Thu	EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS	fst	■
15	Fri	24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		■
16	Sat	Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian		■
17	Sun	24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		■

18	Mon	Ord. Time weekday St. Joseph of Cupertino [Cap]	(mem)	□	■
19	Tue	Ord. Time weekday <i>or</i> St. Januarius St. Francis Mary of Camporosso [Cap]	(mem)	□	■
20	Wed	Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions	mem		■
21	Thu	ST. MATTHEW	fst		■
22	Fri	25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			■
23	Sat	St. Pius of Pietrelcina	mem	□	
24	Sun	25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			■
25	Mon	Ord. Time weekday			■
26	Tue	Ord. Time weekday <i>or</i> Ss. Cosmas and Damien Bl. Aurelio of Vinalesa & Comp. [Cap]			■
27	Wed	St. Vincent de Paul	mem	□	
28	Thu	Ord. Time weekday <i>or</i> St. Wenceslaus <i>or</i> St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions [Filipino: <i>memorial</i>] Bl. Innocent of Berzo [Cap]		□	■
29	Fri	SS. MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL <i>Bible Sunday</i> Sharjah: Titular of the church	fst sol	□ □	
30	Sat	St. Jerome	mem	□	

OCTOBER 2017

Papal Intention: *Workers and the Unemployed.* That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.

1 Sun	26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		■
	Taiz: ST. THERESE, <i>Titular of the church</i>	sol	□
2 Mon	Holy Guardian Angels	mem	□
3 Tue	Ord. Time weekday		■
4 Wed	St. Francis of Assisi	mem	□
	Jebel Ali/Tawahi: <i>Titular of the church</i>	sol	□
	Cap/FMCK: <i>Principal Patron</i>	(sol)	□
5 Thu	Ord. Time weekday		■
	Comm. of deceased of the Seraphic Order [Cap]		■
	Bl. Albert Marvelli [SDB]		□
6 Fri	27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		■
7 Sat	Our Lady of the Rosary [Rosary: <i>Solemnity</i>]	mem	□
8 Sun	27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		■
9 Mon	Ord. Time weekday		■
	<i>or</i> St. Denis & Companions		■
	<i>or</i> St. John Leonardi		□
10 Tue	Ord. Time weekday		■
	Ss. Daniel & Companions [Cap]		■
	ST. DANIEL COMBONI [CMS]	(sol)	□
11 Wed	Ord. Time weekday <i>or</i> St. John XXIII		■□
12 Thu	Ord. Time weekday		■
	St. Seraphin of Montegrano [Cap]		□
13 Fri	28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		■
14 Sat	St. Callistus I <i>or</i> B.V. Mary on Saturday		■□

15 Sun	28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		■
	ST. TERESA OF AVILA [CSST]	(sol)	□
16 Mon	Ord. Time weekday		■
	<i>or</i> St. Hedwig		□
	<i>or</i> St. Margaret Mary Alacoque		□
	Bl. Augustine Thevaraparambil [India]		□
17 Tue	St. Ignatius of Antioch	mem	■
18 Wed	ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST	fst	■
19 Thu	Ord. Time weekday		■
	<i>or</i> St. Paul of the Cross		□
	<i>or</i> Ss. John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues & Comp.		■
20 Fri	29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		■
	<i>World Mission Sunday</i>		
21 Sat	B.V. Mary on Saturday		□
22 Sun	29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		■
	<i>World Mission Sunday</i>		■
23 Mon	Ord. Time weekday		■
	<i>or</i> St. John of Capistrano [Cap: <i>memorial</i>]		□
24 Tue	Ord. Time weekday <i>or</i> St. Anthony Claret		■□
	St. Louis Guanella [SDB]		□
25 Wed	Ord. Time weekday		■
	Bl. Mary Jesus & Companions [Cap]		■
26 Thu	Ord. Time weekday		■
27 Fri	DEDICATION OF ALL CHURCHES OF THE VICARIATE	sol	□
28 Sat	Ss. SIMON AND JUDE	fst	■
29 Sun	DEDICATION OF ALL CHURCHES OF THE VICARIATE	sol	□
30 Mon	Ord. Time weekday		■
31 Tue	Ord. Time weekday		■
	Bl. Angelo of Acri [Cap]		□

NOVEMBER 2017

Papal Intention: *Christians in Asia.* That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding.

1	Wed	ALL SAINTS	sol	□
2	Thu	ALL SOULS		■
3	Fri	31 ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		■
4	Sat	St. Charles Borromeo	mem	□
5	Sun	31 ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		■
6	Mon	Commemoration of deceased Clergy and Religious of the Vicariate		■
		All Saints of Africa [African]	(mem)	□
		Bl. Andrew of Palazuelo & Comp. [Cap]		■
		Bl. Frederic of Berga & Comp [Cap]		■
7	Tue	Ord. Time weekday		■
8	Wed	Ord. Time weekday		■
		Bl. John Duns Scotus [Cap]		□
9	Thu	DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF ST. JOHN LATERAN	fst	□
10	Fri	32 ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		■
11	Sat	St. Martin of Tours	mem	□
12	Sun	32 ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		■
13	Mon	Ord. Time weekday		■
		Bl. Artemides Zatti [SDB]	(mem)	□
14	Tue	Ord. Time weekday		■
		St. Nicholas Tavelic & Comp. [Cap]		■
		ALL CARMELITE SAINTS [CSST]	(fst)	□
15	Wed	Ord. Time weekday		■
		or St. Albert the Great		□
		All Carmelite Souls [CSST]		■

		Bl. Madeleine Morano [SDB]		□
16	Thu	Ord. Time weekday <i>or</i> St. Margaret of Scotland		■ □
17	Fri	33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>World Day of the Poor</i>		■ □
18	Sat	Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter & Paul <i>or</i> B.V. Mary on Saturday St. Salome of Krakow [Cap]		□ □ □
19	Sun	33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>World Day of the Poor</i> ST. MARIE ALPHONSINE [Rosary]	(sol)	■ □
20	Mon	Ord. Time weekday		■ □
21	Tue	Presentation of the B.V. Mary	mem	□
22	Wed	St. Cecilia	mem	■ □
23	Thu	Ord. Time weekday <i>or</i> St. Clement I <i>or</i> St. Columban		■ ■ □
24	Fri	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE	sol	□
25	Sat	St. Catherine of Alexandria <i>or</i> B.V. Mary on Saturday		■ □
26	Sun	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE FMCK: <i>Titular of the Congregation</i>	sol (sol)	□ □
27	Mon	Ord. Time weekday St. Francis Anthony Fasani [Cap]	(mem)	■ □
28	Tue	Ord. Time weekday St. James of the Marches [Cap]		■ □
29	Wed	Ord. Time weekday ALL SAINTS OF THE SERAPHIC ORDER [Cap]	(fst)	■ □
30	Thu	ST. ANDREW	fst	■

OMITTED CELEBRATIONS 2016-7

due to the observance of the Sunday liturgy on Fridays

¶ Italicized celebrations are *optional memorials*; celebrations in ordinary type are memorials, and celebrations in small capitals are FEASTS.

NOVEMBER-DECEMBER 2016: *St. Catherine of Alexandria* (Nov 25); *Bl. Maria Angela Astorch* [Cap] (Dec 02); *St. Juan Diego* (Dec 9); *comm. of St. John of Kanty* (Dec 23)

JANUARY 2017: *St. Hilary* (Jan 13); *St. Fabian* (Jan 20); *St. Sebastian* (Jan 20); *Bl. Cyprian Michael Tansi* [African] (Jan 20); *St. Angela Merici* (Jan 27)

FEBRUARY 2017: *St. Ansgar* (Feb 03); *St. Blaise* (Feb 03); *St. Scholastica* (Feb 10); *7 Holy Founders of the Servite Order* (Feb 17)

MARCH- APRIL 2017: *Comm. of St. Patrick* (Mar 17); *Comm. of St. John de la Salle* (Apr 7); *St. Peter Chanel* (Apr 28); *St. Louis Marie Grignion de Montfort* (Apr 28)

MAY 2017: *Ss. Nereus & Achilleus* (May 12); *St. Pancras* (May 12); *St. Leopold Mandic* [Cap] (May 12); *St. Crispino of Viterbo* [Cap] (May 19); *St. Philip Neri* (May 26)

JUNE 2017: *Ss. Marcellinus & Peter* (June 02); *St. Felix of Nicosia* [Cap] (June 02); *St. Ephraem* (June 09); *Bl. Aniceto Koplinski & Companions* [Cap] (June 16); *First Martyrs of the See of Rome* (June 30); *Bl. Raymond Lull* [Cap] (June 30)

JULY 2017: *Bl. Mary Romero* [SDB] (July 07); *St. Camillus of Lellis* (July 14); *St. Francis Solano* [Cap] (July 14); *St. Laurence of Brindisi* [Cap:FEAST] (July 21); *St. Victor I* [African] (July 28); *Bl. Mary Teresa Kowalska* [Cap] (July 28); *St. Alphonsa Muttathupadathu* [India] (July 28)

AUGUST 2017: *St. John Mary Vianney* (Aug 04); *St. Clare* [Cap: FEAST] (Aug 11); *Bl. Martyrs of Rochefort* [Cap] (Aug 18); *Bl. Victoria Rasoamanarivo* [African] (Aug 18); *St. Louis* [Cap: mem] (Aug 25); *St. Joseph of Calasanz* (Aug 25); *Bl. Maria Troncatti* [SDB] (Aug 25)

SEPTEMBER 2017: *Our Lady of Sorrows* (Sep 15); *St. Ignatius of Santhia* [Cap] (Sep 22); *Bl. Joseph Calasanz Marques & 93 Companions* [SDB] (Sep 22); *Ss. Maurice & Companions* [African] (Sep 22)

OCTOBER 2017: *St. Bruno* (Oct 6); *Bl. Honorat of Biala* [Cap] (Oct 13); *Bl. Alexandrina Maria da Costa* [SDB] (Oct 13); *Bl. James of Strepa* [Cap] (Oct 20); *Bl. Daudi & Gildo* [African/CMS] (Oct 20); *Bl. Michael Rua* [SDB] (Oct 29)

NOVEMBER 2017: *St. Martin de Porres* (Nov 03); *St. Leo the Great* (Nov 10); *St. Elizabeth of Hungary* [Cap: FEAST] (Nov 17); *Ss. Andrew Dũng-Lạc & his Companions* (Nov 24)

PLENARY INDULGENCES

connected with various days in the liturgical year 2016-7

For the 100th anniversary of the apparitions at Fatima

Visiting a statue of Our Lady of Fatima solemnly exposed for public veneration in church or proper place on the 13th of each month from May to October (2017), and there devoutly participating in some celebration or prayer in honor of the Virgin Mary.

Any day: Eucharistic adoration for at least 30 minutes; *or* reading Scripture for at least 30 minutes; *or* Stations of the Cross; *or* rosary (5 decades) in church/group/family/etc.

Visiting the cathedral church of St. Joseph, and there praying an *Our Father* and the Creed on:

- the solemnity of Ss. Peter and Paul (July 2)
- the solemnity of St. Joseph (Mar 20)
- the feast of the Chair of St. Peter (Feb 22)
- on August 2 (Portiuncula indulgence)
- on the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (November 9)

Visiting a parish church, and there praying an *Our Father* and the Creed on:

- the solemnity of its Titular saint
- on August 2 (Portiuncula indulgence)

31 December – assisting in the solemn recitation/singing in church of the *Te Deum* in thanksgiving for the benefits received in the past year.

January 1– assisting in the solemn recitation/singing of the *Veni Creator* (Come Holy Ghost) in church for divine help in the coming year.

Week of Christian Unity, Jan 18-25 – participating in services held for this week, and assisting in the closing.

Every Friday in Lent – praying the prayer *En ego* (Behold O kind Jesus) after Communion.

Holy Thursday – praying the *Tantum Ergo* [Down in adoration] before the Blessed Sacrament reserved after the Mass.

Good Friday – venerating the Cross in the day’s liturgical action.

Easter Vigil – renewing baptismal promises.

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy) – praying the *Our Father*, Creed, and invoking the Merciful Jesus (e.g. “Merciful Jesus, I trust in you”) in front of the Bl. Sacrament (or at home, in front of an image of the Divine Mercy, if unable to go to the church).

Pentecost – assisting in the solemn recitation/singing in church of the hymn *Veni Creator* (Come, Holy Ghost).

Corpus Christi – participating in the procession.

Sacred Heart – public recitation of the Act of Reparation to the Sacred Heart.

Ss. Peter and Paul – using an article of devotion blessed by the Pope or bishop, and saying the Creed.

Applicable only to souls in purgatory: **Each day from Nov 1-8** – visiting a cemetery and praying for the departed. **All Souls Day** – visiting the church and praying an *Our Father* and Creed.

Solemnity of Christ the King – public recitation of the Act of Dedication of the Human Race to Christ the King.

LITURGICAL COLOURS

Extra-liturgical observances or occasions (e.g. National Day, Creation Sunday, Vocation Sunday etc.) do not affect the vestment colour. *Masses for Various Needs* that do not have a penitential character are celebrated in the colour proper to the day or the time of year. *Votive Masses* are celebrated in the colour suited to the Mass itself or even in the colour proper to the day or the time of the year.

WHITE is used in the Masses during the Easter and Christmas Seasons, for the Chrism Mass and Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, and for celebrations of Christ (except those connected with his Passion), the B.V. Mary, angels and non-martyr saints. It is also used for Ritual Masses, unless otherwise indicated.

When there are insufficient vestments of the colour of the day, concelebrants may wear a white chasuble and stole⁸.

RED is used on Palm Sunday, Good Friday, celebrations of the Lord's Passion, Pentecost Sunday, feast days of Apostles and Evangelists, the Passion of St. John the Baptist, celebrations of Martyr Saints and the Ritual Mass for Confirmation.

VIOLET or **PURPLE** is used in the Masses of Advent and Lent, Masses for the Dead, and penitential Masses for Various Needs e.g. *In Time of War*, *In Time of Famine* or *For the Forgiveness of Sins*. It is also used in the Masses for the Enrollment or Scrutiny of Catechumens. Rose may be substituted on the Third Sunday of Advent and Fourth Sunday of Lent.

GREEN is used in Masses of Ordinary Time.

On more solemn days, more precious sacred vestments (e.g. gold or silver) may be used even if not of the colour of the day.

N.B. Blue is not among the liturgical colours used in the Vicariate.

⁸ *Redemptionis Sacramentum* 124

GLORY TO GOD, CREED & ALLELUIA

The *Glory to God* is used on all Solemnities (sol), Feasts (fst) and Sundays outside of Advent and Lent. It is also used for the Nuptial, Baptism or Confirmation Mass⁹, even during Advent or Lent.

The Creed is used on all Sundays and Solemnities (sol) only. On other special festive occasions, the priest may decide to use the *Glory to God* and/or the Creed.

The Alleluia never used during the Lenten season, even on Solemnities, Feasts or festive occasions.

SPECIAL READINGS

Instead of the readings of the weekday cycle, special readings are used on all Solemnities (sol), Feasts (fst) and the memorials below:

Jan 26	Ss. Timothy and Titus
May 01	St. Joseph the Worker
Jun 11	St. Barnabas (<i>omitted in 2017</i>)
Jul 29	St. Martha
Aug 29	Passion of St. John the Baptist
Sep 15	Our Lady of Sorrows (<i>omitted in 2017</i>)
Oct 02	Holy Guardian Angels
Nov. 18	Dedication of Basilicas of Ss. Peter & Paul
Sat. after 2 nd Sun. after Pentecost	Immaculate Heart of B.V. Mary (<i>omitted in 2017</i>)

On other days, for a special reason, the priest may choose to use the readings given for the saint instead of the weekday readings.

⁹ This is only when the special Ritual Mass texts are used. On some days (e.g. Sundays in Lent), the Ritual Mass is not allowed (*cf.* p. 34).

DAYS	MASSES PERMITTED <i>(in random order)</i>
Christmas, Assumption; Sundays of Advent, Lent & Easter; Holy Thursday; Easter Triduum	Mass of the day. <i>No Mass on Good Friday and morning of Holy Saturday</i>
Other solemnities; All Souls; Ash Wednesday; Monday – Wednesday of Holy Week; Monday-Saturday in Easter Octave	Mass of the day Funeral Mass
Feasts Sundays in Ordinary Time	Mass of the day; Funeral Mass; Ritual Mass (e.g. Nuptial Mass) Votive/Variou Needs Mass (with bishop's permission)
Advent weekdays from 17-24 Dec; Days in the Octave of Christmas; Lenten weekdays; Memorials	<i>As above for Feasts and Ordinary Time Sundays,</i> <i>plus:</i> Mass of the Dead for First Anniversary/ Final Burial/Receipt of News of Death
Advent weekdays to 16 Dec; Christmas weekdays from Jan 2; Easter Season weekdays	Mass of the day Mass of any Saint in the day's <i>Martyrology</i> Funeral Mass Mass of the Dead for First Anniversary/ Final Burial/Receipt of News of Death Ritual Mass (e.g. Nuptial Mass) Votive/Variou Needs Mass (bishop's permission <i>or</i> pastoral judgement of church rector/priest celebrant)

Ordinary Time weekdays	Mass of the previous Sunday in Ord. Time Mass of a Sunday with a Votive Collect from a Mass for Various Needs Mass of any Sunday in Ord. Time Mass of any Saint in the day's <i>Martyrology</i> any Votive Mass, Mass of the Dead or for Various Needs
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DIVERGENCES IN WEEKEND OBLIGATION MASSES

The table below, provided to assist preachers/choir directors/others, indicates days on which the formularies (especially the readings) will differ between Friday, Saturday and Sunday for Masses fulfilling the 'Sunday obligation'. Days marked * indicate permission to use the same readings as the Mass celebrated on the Sunday, for ease of preachers.

DATE	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
DEC 23- 25	Dec 23 (weekday)	Nativity Vigil/ During the Night*	Nativity Dawn* /During Day
DEC 30 - JAN 1	Holy Family	Mother of God	Mother of God
JAN 13-15	2 nd Sun in OT	Our Lady of Arabia	2 nd Sun in OT
FEB 24-26	8 th Sun in OT	Dedication of the Cathedral	8 th Sun in OT
APR 14-16	Good Friday	Easter Vigil	Easter Sunday
JUN 2-4	Pentecost (Vigil)*	Pentecost (Vigil)*	Pentecost (Day)
JUN 23-25	Sacred Heart	Nativity of St. John	12 th Sun in OT
JUN 30 – JUL 2	Ss. Peter & Paul (Vigil)*	Ss. Peter & Paul (Vigil)*	Ss. Peter & Paul (Day)
SEP 8-10	Nativity B.V. Mary	23 rd Sun in OT	23 rd Sun in OT
SEP 29-OCT 1	Ss. Michael, Gabriel, Raphael	26 th Sun in OT	26 th Sun in OT

REGULATIONS

1. **Holy Days of Obligation:** *Sundays* or *Fridays* (where it has been decided), *Nativity of the Lord* (Dec 25), and *Assumption of B.V. Mary* (Aug 15).
2. **2016-7 Special Celebration days:** *Immaculate Conception of the B.V. Mary* (Dec 8); *Mary, Mother of God* (Jan 1); *Our Lady of Arabia* (Jan 14); *St. Joseph* (March 20); *Sacred Heart* (June 23); *Ss. Peter and Paul* (July 2); *All Saints* (Nov 1); Parish Titular Saint .
3. **Observances transferred** to the following or preceding Sunday: *Epiphany of the Lord*; *Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)*; *Ascension of the Lord*; *Ss. Peter & Paul*.
4. **Fasting** is prescribed for Ash Wednesday and Good Friday for those who have completed 18 years of age and up to the beginning of the 60th year. One meal a day is eaten. Some food may be taken at two other times in the day to maintain strength
5. **Abstinence from meat** (milk products, eggs or animal fat not included) applies to those who have completed the 14 years of age. It is prescribed for Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and every Wednesday that is not a Solemnity. However, outside of Lent, abstinence from meat can be substituted by another act of penance, such as prayer or a work of charity.
6. **During Lenten weekdays and Days of Prayer**, abstinence from meat, almsgiving, fasting and other works of prayer, penance and/or charity are encouraged according to ability.
7. **Eucharistic Fast:** The faithful must abstain from food and drink, aside from water and medicine, for one hour before

receiving Holy Communion. The sick, infirm and elderly (and their caregivers) may receive Holy Communion even if they have eaten something within the preceding hour.

8. **Paschal (Easter) Precept:** The faithful who have made their First Holy Communion should receive Holy Communion at least once a year during the Easter Season. Within the Vicariate, this precept may be fulfilled at any time between the First Sunday of Lent and Trinity Sunday (Sunday after Pentecost). One who has reached the age of discretion is also obliged to confess one's grave sins at least once a year.

9. **General Absolution:** may be given on Good Friday and the Midnight Mass(es) of Christmas, if large numbers of parishioners make it impossible for all to avail of the increased opportunities for the sacrament of Reconciliation in the weeks preceding Christmas and Easter. The rite for imparting general absolution may be found in the *Rite of Penance, Rite III*. The conditions of C.I.C. 962, especially regarding individual confession of grave sins at the next available opportunity, should be clearly announced to the faithful before the absolution is given.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

<i>Mission of the Vicariate:</i>	Christmas Day & Easter Sunday
<i>Holy Land:</i>	Good Friday
<i>Peter's Pence:</i>	Ss. Peter and Paul (<i>whole weekend</i>)
<i>Evangelization</i>	Mission Sunday (<i>whole weekend</i>)

PROPER CALENDAR OF THE VICARIATE

¶ Celebrations in ordinary type are equivalent to memorials; those in large capitals are SOLEMNITIES; those in small capitals are FEASTS.

Saturday before the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	OUR LADY OF ARABIA, <i>Patroness of the Gulf</i>	Zeph 3:14-18; Is 12:2-6; Gal 4:4-7; Luke 1:39-56 <i>or</i> Is 60:1-6; Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Rom 12:9-16b; Lk 1:39-56 ¹⁰
January 30	Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of the Apostolic Vicar	<i>From the Common of Pastors:</i> Is 61:1-3; Ps 88(89):2-5, 21- 22, 25,27; Jn 10:11-16 <i>or from the weekday</i>
February 25	DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH (Mushrif: <i>Solemnity</i>)	Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 83:3-5, 10-11; Eph 2:19-22; Jn 4:19-24 ¹¹
Sunday after June 28	SS. PETER & PAUL, <i>Patrons of the Vicariate</i>	<i>As in Lectionary</i>

¹⁰ Readings in separate booklet containing texts for this Mass

¹¹ Lectionary, Vol. II: *Common of the Dedication of a Church*, III (First Reading 3, Second Reading 2, Gospel 4).

June 30 <i>or June 26 if the 30th is on a weekend</i>	Day of Prayer in memory of the modern martyrs of Yemen	<i>From weekday</i>
October 01	ST. THERESE OF LESIEUX <i>Patroness of the Missions</i>	Is 66:10-14; Ps 130; Mt 18:1- 5 ¹²
Sunday before All Saints	DEDICATION OF ALL THE CHURCHES OF THE VICARIATE	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 83:3-5, 10-11; Heb 12:18- 19, 22-24; Jn 4:19-24 ¹³
First free weekday in November	Commemoration of deceased clergy and religious who have served in the Vicariate	Dan 12:1-3 <i>or</i> Rom 14:7-12; Ps 41:2, 3, 5; Jn 12:23-28 <i>or</i> Jn 17:24-26 ¹⁴
December 03	ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, <i>Patron of the Missions</i>	1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Ps 116:1-2; Mk 16:15-20 ¹²

Since not all parishes have a Saturday morning Mass of the day, and the Sunday liturgy of Advent, Lent and Easter has precedence even over Solemnities, in order to ensure the celebration of the major observances, Feasts and Solemnities that fall on a Friday or Saturday in Advent and Lent are transferred to the Thursday or Monday in the Vicariate of Southern Arabia..

¹² Lectionary Vol. II: *Proper of Saints* (under respective date).

¹³ Lectionary, Vol. II: *Common of the Dedication of a Church*, III (First Reading 1, Second Reading 3, Gospel 4).

¹⁴ Lectionary Vol. III: *Masses of the Dead* (First Reading 6, Second Reading 6, Gospel 16, 18).