
**Days of Life, Dignity, Justice
and Peace**

Calendar

2018-2019



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Office of Social Justice and Respect Life



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General Resources

Websites to check out!

- United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
<http://www.usccb.org>
- United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Pro-Life Secretariat
<http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/>
- United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Justice Peace and Human Development
<http://www.usccb.org/about/justice-peace-and-human-development/>
- Catholic Campaign for Human Development
<http://www.usccb.org/cchd>
- We Are Salt And Light Web Site (resources for charity and justice based on the US Bishops document, *Communities of Salt and Light: Reflections on the Social Mission of the Parish*)
<http://www.wearesaltandlight.org/>
- Justice for Immigrants
<http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org/>
- Archdiocese of Santa Fe
<http://www.archdiosf.org>
- Catholic Mobilizing Network to End the Use of Death Penalty
<http://www.catholicmobilizing.org/>
- Faithful Citizenship
<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/>
- Catholic Relief Services
<http://www.crs.org>
- Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl
<http://www.crsricebowl.org/>
- Caritas Internationalis
<https://www.caritas.org/>
- Catholic Charities USA
<http://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/>
- Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe
<http://www.ccasfm.org/>
- Catholic Rural Life
<https://catholicrurallife.org/>
- The Vatican
<http://w2.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html>
- Vatican News
<http://www.news.va>
- Catholic Climate Covenant
<http://www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/>



2018

Yearly Observances

UN: International Decade for Action on Water Sustainable Development 2018-2028

UN: International Year of the Reef-threats to coral reefs and associated ecosystems

August 2018

Daily Observances

- 2 •Jemez Pueblo Feast Day honoring San Diego
- For more information contact the Native American Ministry 505-831-8104.
- 4 •Santo Domingo Pueblo Feast Day honoring St. Dominic
- For more information contact the Native American Ministry 505-831-8104.
- 6 •**Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord**
- Commemoration of the dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima
 - Make use of the USCCB guided discussion. <http://www.usccb.org/upload/2010-nuclear-tipping-point-study-guide.pdf>
 - On the Movie *Nuclear Tipping Point*. <http://www.nucleartippingpoint.org/>
 - Take the opportunity to read Church documents on Nuclear Weapons. <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/war-and-peace/nuclear-weapons/index.cfm>
- 9 •International day of the World’s Indigenous Peoples
- Study the United Nations “Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples” document. <http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=23794#WX-vWumQzyS>
 - Research the work of the Native American Affairs office of the USCCB. <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/cultural-diversity/native-american/>
- Commemoration of the dropping of the atomic bomb on Nagasaki
 - See *Commemoration of the dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima* above.
- 10 •**Feast of St. Lawrence – Deacon and Martyr**
- Picuris Pueblo Feast Day honoring St. Lawrence
 - For more information contact the Native American Ministry 505-831-8104.
- 11 •**Feast of St. Clare of Assisi**
- See how to get involved with the living Franciscan traditions of today. <http://www.franciscanaction.org/>
- 12 •International Youth Day 2018
- Participate in the upcoming International Youth Day events from your local community. <http://asfym.org/>
- Santa Clara Pueblo Feast Day honoring St. Clare
 - For more information contact the Native American Ministry 505-831-8104.



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- 14** • **Feast of Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr**
- Maximilian Kolbe is considered a patron of journalists, families, prisoners, the pro-life movement and the chemically addicted. Learn more about prison ministry in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe at www.archdiosf.org and go to the Office of Pastoral Outreach.
- 15** • **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
- Zia Pueblo Feast Day honoring Our Lady of Assumption
 - For more information contact the Native American Ministry 505-831-8104.
- 19** • **World Humanitarian Day**
- Learn about the U.S. Church's humanitarian outreach through Catholic Relief Services. <http://www.crs.org>
- 21** • **National Senior Citizens Day**
- Learn more about ministry to seniors in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe at www.archdiosf.org and go to the Office of Pastoral Outreach and Catholic Charities <http://www.ccasnm.org/center-for-community-involvement.html>.
- 23** • **International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and Its Abolition**
- Research St. Peter Claver and Bartolome de las Casas, outspoken critics of slavery. The Catholic Church has publicly condemned slavery since 1462 (Pope Pius II).
 - Make use of the USCCB resources regarding human trafficking. <http://www.usccb.org/about/anti-trafficking-program/index.cfm>
- 24** • **Feast of St. Bartholomew - Apostle**
- 26** • **Women's Equality Day**
- Commemorates the 1920 passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, granting women the right to vote.
 - Read the Church's statements on women. <http://www.usccb.org/about/laity-marriage-family-life-and-youth/womens-issues/from-words-to-deeds.cfm> and <http://www.usccb.org/about/laity-marriage-family-life-and-youth/laity/> and <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/ecumenical-and-interreligious/ecumenical/reformed/women-in-the-church-documents.cfm>
- **African American Catholic Community Mass**
 - Will be celebrated at St. Joseph on the Rio Grande Catholic Church, 5901 St. Joseph Drive NW, Albuquerque at 12 noon. For more information contact Brenda Dabney 505-836-3627.
- 28** • **Feast of St. Moses the Black**
- 29** • **Anniversary of Hurricane Katrina (2005)**
- Learn about Catholic Charities USA Disaster Relief. <https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/our-ministry/disaster-services/>
- **International Day Against Nuclear Testing/ To Embrace a World Free of Nuclear Weapons**
 - See resources for August 6.
- **U.S. Congress passed the Civil Rights Act (1957)**



September 2018

Monthly Observances

Hispanic Heritage Month (Second half of September)

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

Daily Observances

- 1 • **World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation**
 - Pope Francis said this day of prayer will be a time for individuals and communities to "reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live."
http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/letters/2016/documents/papa-francesco_20150806_lettera-giornata-cura-creato.html
 - Read Laudato Si.
http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html
- 2 • **Acoma Pueblo Feast Day honoring St. Stephen**
 - For more information contact the Native American Ministry 505-831-8104.
- 3 • **Labor Day**
 - Learn more about the Church's teachings on the dignity of work and the rights of workers. <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/labor-employment/>
- 4 • **Isleta Pueblo Feast Day honoring St. Augustine**
 - For more information contact the Native American Ministry 505-831-8104.
- 8 • **Feast of the Nativity (Birth) of the Virgin Mary**
 - **International Literacy Day**
 - Read stories about the educational work of Catholic Relief Services. <http://www.crs.org/our-work-overseas/program-areas/education>
 - **African American Catholic Community Fr. Rollins Lambert Family Day Picnic**
 - Join the AACC for their Fr. Rollins Lambert Family Day Picnic, 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm at the Sandia Lakes, 76 Sandia Lake Road, Bernalillo, NM. Please bring a dish to share, a veggie dish, salad or dessert. Meat, drinks and paper goods will be provided. Also bring a chair. For more information call Darly Barkley at 505-363-3435 or Gabrielle Pierre-Louis at 505-401-8983.
- 9 • **Feast Day of St. Peter Claver**
 - St. Peter Claver was born at Verdu, Catalonia, Spain, in 1580, of impoverished parents descended from ancient and distinguished families. He studied at the Jesuit college of Barcelona, entered the Jesuit novitiate at Tarragona in 1602 and took his final vows on August 8th, 1604. In 1610, he landed at Cartagena (modern Colombia), the principle slave market of the New World, where a thousand slaves were landed every month. After his ordination in 1616, he dedicated himself by



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special vow to the service of enslaved people of the African diaspora - a work that was to last for 33 years. He labored unceasingly for the spiritual nourishment of enslaved Africans and the abolition of the slave trade. St. Peter Claver was renowned for his loving nature toward those he served.

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

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

9 •National Day of Prayer for Peace in Our Communities

- In light of recent incidents of violence and racial tension in communities across the United States, the president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has invited all dioceses across the country to unite in a Day of Prayer for Peace in Our Communities. He has also appointed a special task force to support bishops in marking that Day of Prayer, and more broadly, in promoting peace and healing during this time of great strain on civil society. **The Day of Prayer for Peace in Our Communities** will be celebrated on the feast of St. Peter Claver, September 9. Please consider hosting a holy hour or other prayer service in your parish, school or community. For more information, call the Office of Social Justice and Respect Life, 505-831-8167.
- Read Bishop Braxton's (Bishop of Belleville, IL) pastoral letter on Racism, *The Racial Divide in the United States* along with the study guide: <http://bellevillemessenger.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/RACIAL-DIVIDE-STUDY-GUIDE.pdf>

•National Grandparents Day

10 •World Suicide Prevention Day

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

11 •Anniversary of the Terrorist Attacks of 2001

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

14 •Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross

•*Laborem Exercens* (1981)

- http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/john_paul_ii/encyclicals/documents/hf_jp-ii_enc_14091981_laborem-exercens_en.html

15 •International Day of Democracy

•National Hispanic Heritage Month begins. Ends October 15th

16 •International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer

- Learn about the Church's teachings regarding the environment. <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/environment/>

17 •Constitution Day

19 •Laguna Pueblo Feast Day honoring St. Joseph

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- 20-23 •V National Encuentro of Hispanic/Latino Ministry
- Learn more about the V National Encuentro of Hispanic /Latino Ministry. <https://vencuentro.org/>
- 21 •International Day of Peace
- Learn about the Day of Prayer for Peace hosted by St. John Paul II in 2002. http://www.vatican.va/special/assisi_20020124_en.html and http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/speeches/2016/september/document_s/papa-francesco_20160920_assisi-preghiera-pace.html
 - Learn about CRS's work in Peace Building. <http://www.crs.org/our-work-overseas/program-areas/justice-and-peacebuilding>
- 27 •**Feast of St. Vincent de Paul**
- Learn about the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Get involved with the work of St. Vincent de Paul in your parish or neighborhood. <https://svdpm.com/> and <http://www.svdpusa.org>
- 28 •National Good Neighbor Day
- Read the story of the Good Samaritan. (Luke 10:25-37)
- 29 •**Feast of St. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, the Archangels**
- 30 •Taos Pueblo Feast Day honoring San Geronimo
- For more information contact the Native American Ministry 505-831-8104.



October 2018

Monthly Observances

Respect Life Month

- Get involved with USCCB programs. Your parish should be receiving promotional materials. <http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/respect-life-program/>

Ethical Trade Month

- Learn about Ethical Trade and living a Fair Trade lifestyle. <http://ethicaltrade.crs.org/>

Hispanic Heritage Month (first half of October)

- See *Hispanic Heritage Month* in September.

Disabilities Employment Awareness Month

Principals, teachers, youth ministers, catechists, and adult educators: Be sure to order your CRS Rice Bowls now for Lent 2019 in your classroom! Resources include calendars, rice bowls, and full curriculums on Prayer, Learning, Action and Giving to integrate into religious education and schools and homes! Call Social Justice and Respect Life Office to place your order: 505-831-8205.

Daily Observances

- 1 •International Day of Older Persons
•World Habitat Day (UN)
- 2 •International Day of Non-Violence
 - Learn about Pax Christi and the movement for a non-violent world. <http://paxchristiusa.org/>
 - Check out the website <https://www.nonviolent-conflict.org/resource/a-force-more-powerful/>
- 4 •**Feast of St. Francis of Assisi**
 - Take the St. Francis/*Laudato Si'* Pledge to care for God's Creation and the poor, and plan activities for your parish or school. <http://www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/pledge> and <http://www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/our-work>
 - Feast of St. Francis of Assisi resources—to plan you St Francis celebrations and to learn more about the Catholic Climate Covenant. <http://www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/> and <http://www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/FOSF>
- Nambe Pueblo Feast Day honoring San Francisco de Asis**
 - For more information contact the Native American Ministry 505-831-8104.
- 5 •World Teacher's Day
- 7 •Respect Life Sunday
 - Learn about and give thanks for the Life and Dignity of the Human person from conception to natural death. Learn more at <http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/respect-life-program/>
- 8 •Columbus Day (Indigenous People's Day)



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- 10 •International World Day Against the Death Penalty
- Get involved with the Catholic Campaign to End the Use of the Death Penalty.
 - <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/death-penalty-capital-punishment/>
 - Check out the Catholic Mobilizing network Webpage.
<http://www.catholicmobilizing.org/>
- 11 •**Feast Day of Pope St. John XXIII**
- 13 •International Day for Natural Disaster Reduction
- Learn how to get involved with Catholic Relief Services' international response to disasters. <http://www.crs.org/our-work-overseas/program-areas/emergency-response-and-recovery>
- 14 •Canonization of Blessed Archbishop Oscar Romero and Blessed Pope Paul VI
- Learn more about the canonization of Blessed Archbishop Oscar Romero.
<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2018-05/archbishop-romero-canonisation-paul-vi-filochowski.html>
 - For information about the canonization of Blessed Pope Paul VI
<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2018-05/pope-paul-vi-canonized-october-14.html>
- 15 •International Day for Rural Women
- Learn about CRS's work in micro-finance to improve the lives and dignity of rural women around the globe. <http://www.crs.org/our-work-overseas/program-areas/microfinance>
- 16 •World Food Day
- Learn about food insecurity and agricultural development. <http://crs.org/agriculture/>
 - Read the Pope's [message for this day](http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/francesco/messages/food/index_en.htm).
http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/francesco/messages/food/index_en.htm
- 17 •International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
- Become an advocate in the fight to end poverty. Learn about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development <http://www.usccb.org/cchd> and Catholic Charities USA <https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/advocacy/action-center/>
 - Learn what you can do to eradicate poverty with the resources from the Justice, Peace and Human Development of the USCCB.
<http://www.usccb.org/about/justice-peace-and-human-development/upload/jphd-poverty-education-resources.pdf>
 - Listen to Pope Francis' message on the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.
http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2015/10/14/pope_backs_international_day_for_the_eradication_of_poverty_/1179286
- 21 •World Mission Sunday
- Learn about the Pontifical Mission Society at <http://www.onefamilyinmission.org>
Read the Pope's message on this day at:
<http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/missions.index.html>



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- 22** • **Feast Day of Pope St. John Paul II**
- 24 • **United Nations Day**
- Visit <http://www.un.org/en/> and <http://www.un.org/en/events/unday/>
- 24-30 • **Disarmament Week**
- Visit <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/war-and-peace/sowing-weapons-of-war.cfm> to learn more about the Church's teachings on arms control.
- 27-28 • **38th Annual Archdiocese Youth Conference**
- At Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, 5415 Fortuna Rd NW, Albuquerque. For more information: <http://asfym.org/?s=Youth+Conference+2018>
- 28 • **African American Catholic Community Mass**
- Mass will be celebrated at St. Joseph on the Rio Grande Catholic Church, 5901 St. Joseph Drive NW. Albuquerque at 12 noon. For more information contact Brenda Dabney 505-836-3627.



November 2018

Monthly Observances

Native American Heritage Month, National Family Caregiver Month

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

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

Daily Observances

1 •All Saints Day

•*Communities of Salt and Light (1993)*

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

2 •All Souls Day

6 •International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of Environment in War an Armed Conflict

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

•Election Day

- Check out what the Bishops say about our call to Faithful Citizenship. <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/>

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

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

10 •World Science Day for Peace and Development

11 •Veterans Day

- Find out how the Church provides pastoral care to the armed forces. <http://www.milarch.org> or contact Office of Pastoral Outreach, 505-831-8229

12 •*For I Was Hungry and you Gave Me Food (2003)*

- Visit the USCCB website. <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/agriculture-nutrition-rural-issues/for-i-was-hungry.cfm>

•Jemez Pueblo Feast Day honoring San Diego

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

•Tesuque Pueblo Feast Day honoring San Diego

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- 13 • **Feast of St. Francis Cabrini, Patron Saint of Immigrants**
- *A Place at the Table* (2002)
 - Visit the USCCB website. <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/poverty/place-at-the-table.cfm>
- 15 • **America Recycles Day**
- Put into action Pope Francis' new Encyclical, *Laudato Si*. See <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/environment/index.cfm>
 - Take the St. Francis/*Laudato Si'* Pledge and learn more about the Catholic Climate Covenant <http://www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/pledge>
- *Responsibility, Rehabilitation, and Restoration: A Catholic Perspective on Crime and Criminal Justice* (2000)
- Visit the USCCB website. <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/criminal-justice-restorative-justice/crime-and-criminal-justice.cfm>
- 16 • **International Day of Tolerance**
- **Anniversary of the six martyrs in El Salvador (1989)**
- 18 • **St. Rose Philippine Duchesne**
- **World Day for the Prevention of Child Abuse**
 - See how the Church is responding to issues of Child abuse both inside and outside of the institution. <http://www.usccb.org/about/child-and-youth-protection/>
 - **Second World Day of the Poor: "The poor man cried and the Lord heard him."**
 - See Pope Francis' message here: <http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/poveri/index.html#message5>
 - **Catholic Campaign for Human Development National Collection**
 - Today your parish is probably taking up the National Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human development. Find out how to promote this collection at <http://www.usccb.org/cchd>
- 20 • **Universal Children's Day**
- 22 • **Thanksgiving Day**
- 24 • *Evangelii Gaudium* (2013) *The Joy of the Gospel*
- This Papal Exhortation of Pope Francis on the proclamation of the Gospel. Pope Francis is calling upon the Church and the world to begin a new chapter in evangelization. The Pope speaks on themes including evangelization, peace, homiletics, social justice, the family, respect for creation, faith and politics, ecumenism, interreligious dialogue, and the role of women and of the laity in the Church. http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20131124_evangelii-gaudium.html
- 25 • **Feast of Christ the King**
- **International Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women**
 - See how the Church is working to eliminate domestic violence at <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/marriage/domestic-violence/>
- 29 • **International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People**
- Check out the *Voices of Peace in the Holy Land* resource from CRS
 - <http://www.crs.org/resource-center/parish-guide-peace-holy-land>



December 2018

Daily Observances

- 1 •World AIDS Day
 - Learn about all the Church does around the world to combat HIV and comfort those with AIDS. <http://crs.org/hiv-aids/>
 - Find out how the Church is confronting HIV/AIDS around the globe. <https://www.caritas.org/what-we-do/health-hiv/>
- 2 •**Blessed Charles de Foucauld**
- 2 •**First Sunday of Advent**
 - International Day for the Abolition of Slavery
 - Anniversary of the murders of Maura Clarke, Ita Ford, Dorothy Kazel, and Jean Donovan in El Salvador.
- 3 •**Feast of St. Francis Xavier**
 - International Day of Disabled Persons
- 5 •International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development (UN)
 - Get involved in your community! Find out what outreach ministries in which your Church is involved.
- 6 •**Feast of St. Nicholas**
- 7 •*Gaudium et Spes* (1965)
 - http://www.vatican.va/archive/hist_councils/ii_vatican_council/documents/vat-ii_cons_19651207_gaudium-et-spes_en.html
- 8 •**Feast of the Immaculate Conception**
- 9 •**Second Sunday of Advent**
- 10 •Thomas Merton (anniversary of death)
- Human Rights Day
 - Look through the various resources on issues of human life and dignity provided by the USCCB at <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/global-issues/promoting-life-and-dignity-around-the-world-by-margaret-scott.cfm>.
- 12 •**Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**
 - Pojoaque Pueblo Feast Day honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe
 - For more information contact the Native American Ministry 505-831-8104.
- 14 •**St. John of the Cross**
- 15 •United States Bill of Rights Day
- 16 •**Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)**
- 18 •International Migrants day
 - Read Papal addresses regarding immigrants and refugees. <http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/migration.index.html>



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- 20 •International Human Solidarity Day
- Join the *Catholics Confront Global Poverty* initiative of CRS and the USCCB by going to. <https://www.confrontglobalpoverty.org/>. Through this program you can use your power and influence to live out solidarity.
- 21 •Feast of St. Peter Canisius
- 23 •Fourth Sunday of Advent
- 25 •Christmas
- 26 •Feast of St. Stephen
- 26-Jan1•Kwanzaa
- Learn more about the Kwanzaa traditions.
<http://www.officialkwanzaawebsite.org/index.shtml>
- 27 •Feast of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
- 28 •Feast of the Holy Innocents
- Pray for the unborn children lost to abortion, and pray for healing and reconciliation for post-abortive mothers and fathers.
- 30 •Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
- Sollicitudo Rei Socialis* (1987)
 - http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/john_paul_ii/encyclicals/documents/hf_jp-ii_enc_30121987_sollicitudo-rei-socialis_en.html
- 31 •New Year's Eve
- Reflect on your past year and the year to come. What can you do to spread the love of Christ more fully in this coming year? How can you reach out?



2019

Yearly Observances

UN: International Year of Indigenous Languages

UN: International Year of Moderation

January 2019

Monthly Observances

Poverty Awareness Month

- Visit <http://usccb.org/about/catholic-campaign-for-human-development/poverty-education/index.cfm> and <http://www.usccb.org/cchd> to become involved with addressing the root causes of poverty in our communities.
- Call our CCHD intern to make a presentation on poverty to your class, religious education group, confirmation group, retreat or youth/young adult group now. To schedule a presentation call 505-831-8235 or email at justice2@archdiosf.org!

Daily Observances

- 1**
- **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**
 - New Year's Day
 - World Day of Peace—Vatican
 - Read current and past addresses by the Holy Father on the World Day of Peace. Theme for January 1, 2019 to be announced.
<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2018-02/vatican-council-interreligious-dialogue-day-of-prayer-for-peace.html> and http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/francesco/messages/peace/index_en.htm and <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/war-and-peace/world-day-of-peace.cfm>
 - Emancipation Proclamation signed (1863)
- 6**
- **Epiphany**
- 6-12**
- **National Migration Week**
 - Get involved with the work of Catholic Charities as they minister to immigrant populations. <http://www.ccasfnm.org/immigration.html> and <https://catholiccharitiesusa.org/advocacy-and-policy>
 - Learn what the Church teaches about immigration. <http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org/index.shtml>
- 13**
- **Baptism of the Lord**



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January Continued

- 15 • 2019 New Mexico Legislative Session Begins
- Check out the December and January Issues of the *People of God* and look for the New Mexico Conference of Catholic Bishops Legislative Agenda. Get involved in promoting human life and dignity in our state!
 - Sign up to receive legislative action alerts from the NMCCB. <http://archdiosf.org/> and click on 2019 NMCCB.
- 16 • Sanctity of Life Awareness and Unity Day Mass and Prayer March in Santa Fe
• National Religious Freedom Day
- Read current statements from the Bishops regarding issues of religious freedom. <http://www.usccb.org/news/2012/12-108.cfm>
- 17-18 • National Prayer Vigil for Life and March for Life
- Learn more about the March for life at <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/resources/> and <http://marchforlife.org/>
- 18-25 • Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (Octave for Christian Unity)
- Attend an ecumenical prayer service in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. Visit the website for the Office of Ecumenical Affairs to find out more. <https://archdiosf.org/ecumenical>
- 20 • Martin Luther King, Jr. Mass
- Come to the yearly MLK day Mass on the Sunday before MLK day, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Santa Fe the African American Catholic Community. For more information about the AACC, visit <http://www.archdiosf.org/> and go to the Social Justice and Respect Life Office page
- 21 • Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 22 • Anniversary of Roe v. Wade
- *Strangers No Longer: Together on the Journey of Hope* (2003)
 - Pastoral letter concerning migration from the Catholic Bishops of Mexico and the United States. <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/immigration/strangers-no-longer-together-on-the-journey-of-hope.cfm>
- 22- 27 • World Youth Day, Panama
- Be part of a great youth experience to bring young people around the world together through sharing their artistic and religious talents. <https://panama2019.pa/en/home/>
- 23 • San Ildefonso Pueblo Feast Day honoring San Ildefonso
- For more information contact the Native American Ministry 505-831-8104.
- 27-Feb 2 • Catholic Schools Week
- Support a Catholic school in your area. Visit <http://archdiosf.org/> and scroll to Catholic Schools and click on the link.
- 27 • World Day of Leprosy



February 2019

Monthly Observances

African American History Month

- Learn about Fr. Augustus Tolton and the many contributions of African Americans to the Catholic Church in the United States. <http://www.toltoncanonization.org/> and <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/cultural-diversity/african-american/> and <http://nbccongress.org/>
- Read Bishop Braxton's (Bishop of Belleville, IL) pastoral on Racism, *The Racial Divide in the United States* along with the study guide: <http://bellevillemessenger.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/RACIAL-DIVIDE-STUDY-GUIDE.pdf>
- Learn about the Black Catholic Congress, which represents African American Roman Catholics, working in collaboration with National Roman Catholic organizations. <http://nbccongress.org/>
- Read the US Bishops Pastoral on Racism, *Brothers and Sisters to Us* <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/cultural-diversity/african-american/brothers-and-sisters-to-us.cfm>

Daily Observances

- 4 •World Cancer Day
- Birthday of Rosa Parks (1913-2005)
- 1-7 •World Interfaith Harmony Week
- 8 •**Feast Day St. Josephine Bakhita**
- 11 •**Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes**
- World Day of the Sick
 - Read the Holy Father's message for today. http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/francesco/messages/sick/index_en.htm
- 14 •Valentine's Day
 - Take the opportunity to learn about and purchase ethical trade chocolate from Catholic Relief Services at <https://ethicaltrade.crs.org/>
- 18 •Presidents' Day
- 20 •World Day of Social Justice
 - Take a new look at the Social Doctrine of our Church. <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/index.cfm>



March 2019

Monthly Observances

Women's History Month

- Research the impact women religious communities have had in the United States. Visit: <http://www.lcwr.org/>

Lent Begins this Month. Be sure to use your CRS Rice Bowl Material for Praying, Learning, Acting and Giving! <http://www.crsricebowl.org/>

Daily Observances

5 •Fat Tuesday (Mardi Gras)

6 •Ash Wednesday

- Lent begins today. Remember to make use of the Catholic Relief Service Rice Bowl materials for your Lenten Journey! More information at <http://www.crsricebowl.org/>

8 •International Women's Day

- Get involved with the development of women around the globe. <http://www.thousanddays.org/>

10 •First Sunday of Lent

- Read the Holy Father's message for Lent. http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/francesco/messages/lent/index_en.htm

16 •2019 New Mexico Legislative Session Ends Today

17 •Second Sunday of Lent

•St. Patrick's Day

19 •Feast of St. Joseph

21 •International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

21-27 •Week of Solidarity with the Peoples Struggling against Racism and Racial Discrimination

- See how Catholic Charities is confronting racism and discrimination at <https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Policy-Paper-Poverty-and-Racism-1.pdf>
- Learn about Fr. Augustus Tolton and the many contributions of African Americans to the Catholic Church in the United States. <http://www.toltoncanonization.org/> and <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/cultural-diversity/african-american/> and <http://nbccongress.org/>
- Read Bishop Braxton's (Bishop of Belleville, IL) pastoral on Racism, *The Racial Divide in the United States* along with the study guide: <http://bellevillemessenger.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/RACIAL-DIVIDE-STUDY-GUIDE.pdf>



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March Continued

- 21-27 •Week of Solidarity with the Peoples Struggling against Racism and Racial Discrimination continued
- Read the US Bishops Pastoral on Racism, *Brothers and Sisters to Us* <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/cultural-diversity/african-american/brothers-and-sisters-to-us.cfm>
 - Learn about the Black Catholic Congress, which represents African American Roman Catholics, working in collaboration with National Roman Catholic organizations. <http://nbccongress.org/>
- 22 •World Water Day
- See what CRS is doing around the globe to bring water and sanitation to those in need <http://www.crsprogramquality.org/water-and-sanitation/>
- 24 •**Third Sunday of Lent**
- Assassination of Blessed Archbishop Oscar Romero, 1980
- 25 •**Annunciation of the Lord**
- International Day for the Commemoration of the Anniversary of the Abolition of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade
- 26 •*Populorum Progressio* (1967)
- http://w2.vatican.va/content/paul-vi/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_pvi_enc_26031967_populorum.html
- 31 •**Fourth Sunday of Lent**



April 2019

Daily Observances

- 2 • Anniversary of the death of Pope St. John Paul II (1920-2005)
- 4 • International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action
- 7 • **Fifth Sunday in Lent**
• World Health Day
- Learn about the work of Catholic Relief Services in addressing global health concerns. <http://www.crs.org/our-work-overseas/research-publications/water-and-sanitation/>
- 11 • *Pacem in Terris* (1963)
- http://w2.vatican.va/content/john-xxiii/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_j-xxiii_enc_11041963_pacem.html
- 14 • **Palm Sunday**
- 18 • **Holy Thursday**
- 19 • **Good Friday**
- 20 • **Holy Saturday**
- 21 • **Easter Sunday**
- Don't forget to turn in your Catholic Relief Service Rice Bowl to your parish or school!
- 22 • **Earth Day**
- Read *Climate Justice: Seeking a Global Ethic* at: <https://www.caritas.org/?s=Climate+Justice%3A+Seeking+a+global+ethic>
 - Read ways you can care for the earth <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/environment/index.cfm>
 - Download and Read the Encyclical here: http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html
- 23 • Death of César Chávez, (1927-1993)
- 25 • **Feast Day of St. Mark, Evangelist**
- 26 • **Arbor Day**
- Learn about the Church's call for environmental sustainability. <https://catholicrallife.org/category/stewardship/>
- 28 • **Divine Mercy Sunday**



May 2019

Monthly Observances

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

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

Daily Observances

1 •St. Joseph the Worker

- Learn about the dignity of work and labor. <https://catholicrallife.org/>

•Centesimus Annus (1991)

- http://w2.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_jp-ii_enc_01051991_centesimus-annus.html

•San Felipe Pueblo Feast Day honoring St. Phillip

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

2 •National Day of Prayer

3 •World Press Freedom Day

- Check out the Vatican News Page. <http://www.news.va>

•The Challenge of Peace (1983)

- <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/war-and-peace/nuclear-weapons/upload/statement-the-challenge-of-peace-1983-05-03.pdf>

8 •World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day

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

12 •World Ethical Trade Day

- Take the opportunity to learn about and purchase ethical trade chocolate from Catholic Relief Services at <https://ethicaltrade.crs.org/>

•Mother's Day

- See how Catholic Charities is strengthening families by supporting mothers. <https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/our-ministry/> and <https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/our-ministry/foundational-services/>

14 •Octogesima Adveniens (1971)

- http://w2.vatican.va/content/paul-vi/en/apost_letters/documents/hf_p-vi_apl_19710514_octogesima-adveniens.html

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

- San Ysidro is the patron saint of farmers and laborers. Visit the Catholic Rural Life website for more information on the dignity of farming. <https://catholicrallife.org/category/rural-outreach/> and http://w2.vatican.va/content/leo-xiii/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_l-xiii_enc_15051891_rerum-novarum.html



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- 15 •International Conscientious Objectors' Day
- Learn about our Church's response to conscientious objection at: <http://www.catholicpeacefellowship.org/>
 - Read specific statements by the Bishops at: <http://usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/military/conscientious-objection.cfm>
- International Day of Families
- Check out the resources offered by the Family Life Office of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. <http://archdiosf.org/> see Family Life Office
- Rerum Novarum* (1891)
- http://w2.vatican.va/content/leo-xiii/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_l-xiii_enc_15051891_rerum-novarum.html
- Quadragesimo Anno* (1931)
- http://w2.vatican.va/content/pius-xi/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_p-xi_enc_19310515_quadragesimo-anno.html
- Mater et Magistra* (1961)
- http://w2.vatican.va/content/john-xxiii/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_j-xxiii_enc_15051961_mater.html
- 21 •World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development
- Learn about the U.S. Bishop's priority to celebrate diversity. Visit <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/cultural-diversity/index.cfm>
- 22 •International Day for Biological Diversity
- 24 •*Laudato Si' (2015) On Care for our Common Home*
- Download and Read the Encyclical here: http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html
 - Explore some of the study, reflection and prayer materials here: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/environment/index.cfm>
 - Take the St. Francis/*Laudato Si'* Pledge and learn more about the Catholic Climate Covenant <http://www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/pledge>
- 25-31 •Week of Solidarity with the People of Non-Self-Governing Territories
- 29 •International Day of United Nations peacekeepers
- Learn about the role of UN Peacekeepers at <http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/>
 - Find out how Catholic Relief Services is taking this a step farther to start building lasting peace. <http://www.crs.org/justice-and-peacebuilding>
- 27 •Memorial Day
- Find out how the Church provides pastoral care to the members of the armed forces. <http://www.milarch.org>



June 2019

Monthly Observances

Torture Awareness Month

- Check out the “Torture is a Moral Issue: a Catholic Study Guide” by visiting: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/torture/torture-is-a-moral-issue.cfm>

Daily Observances

- 2**
- **Ascension of Christ**
 - World Communication Day
 - Read the Papal messages for today. <http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/communications.index.html>
- 4**
- International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression
 - Anniversary of Tiananmen Square Massacre, 1989
- 5**
- World Environment Day
 - Find out what Catholics are doing about climate change. <http://www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/> and <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/environment/index.cfm>
- 9**
- **Pentecost Sunday**
- 10**
- **Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church**
 - For more information <http://www.usccb.org/about/divine-worship/liturgical-calendar/mother-of-the-church.cfm>
- 12**
- World Day Against Child Labor
 - Review Pope Leo XVI’s *Rerum Novarum* on the issue of child labor. http://w2.vatican.va/content/leo-xiii/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_l-xiii_enc_15051891_rerum-novarum.html
- 13**
- Sandia Pueblo Feast Day honoring St. Anthony
 - For more information contact the Native American Ministry 505-831-8104.
- 16**
- **Trinity Sunday**
 - Father’s Day
- 17**
- World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought
 - Learn how shifting climate patterns are related to poverty at <http://catholicclimatecovenant.org/> and <http://www.crs.org/climate-change?gclid=CNYqp-ifgM4CFQotaQod2W4Dkw>
- 19**
- *Sharing Catholic Social Teaching* (1998)
 - <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/index.cfm>
 - Juneteenth, commemoration of end of slavery in United States
 - <http://www.juneteenth.com/history.htm>



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June Continued

- 20 •World Refugee Day
- Learn about the work done by the Church nationally to respond to the needs of refugees at <http://www.usccb.org/about/migration-and-refugee-services/>
 - Get involved with refugee resettlement programs in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. Find out more by <http://www.ccasnm.org/center-for-refugee-support.html>
- 23 •Feast of Corpus Christi
- Check out the resources for connecting the Eucharist to Catholic Social Teaching at <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/church-teaching/theological-reflections-tf-bishops-politicians-2004-06-13.cfm> or <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/catechesis/catechetical-sunday/eucharist/index.cfm>
- 24 •Ohkay Owingeh (San Juan) Pueblo Feast Day honoring St. John the Baptist
- For more information contact the Native American Ministry 505-831-8104.
- 26 •International Day in Support of Victims of Torture
- See *Torture Awareness Month* above.
- International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking
- 28 •The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
- 29 •*Caritas in Veritate* (2009)
- In Pope Benedict's third encyclical, he calls us to see the relationship between human and environmental ecologies and to link charity and truth in the pursuit of justice, the common good, and authentic human development. In doing so, the pope points out the responsibilities and limitations of government and the private market, challenges traditional ideologies of right and left, and calls all men and women to think and act anew.
http://w2.vatican.va/content/benedict-xvi/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_ben-xvi_enc_20090629_caritas-in-veritate.html
- Lumen Fidei* (2013)
- Download and Read the Encyclical here:
http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20130629_enciclica-lumen-fidei.html
- 30 •African American Catholic Community Mass
- Will be celebrated at St. Joseph on the Rio Grande Catholic Church, 5901 St. Joseph Drive NW, Albuquerque at 12 noon. For more information contact Brenda Dabney 505-836-3627.



July 2019

Daily Observances

- 2 •Civil Rights Act (1964) signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson
- 4 •Independence Day in the United States
- 11 •Anniversary of Srebrenica Slaughter in Bosnia, 1995 Massacre
- 14 •Cochiti Pueblo Feast Day honoring St. Bonaventure
- For more information contact the Native American Ministry 505-831-8104.
- Feast of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha**
- Kateri Tekakwitha will be the first Native American saint in the church. Learn about her cause for canonization. <http://www.lily-of-the-mohawks.com/>
- 18 •Birthday of Nelson Mandela (1918-2013)
- Nelson Mandela has spent his life fighting for justice through non-violence. Learn about his legacy and his impact on our global community. <http://www.nelsonmandela.org/>
- 22 •**Feast of St. Mary of Magdala—Apostle to the Apostles**
- 23 •**Feast of St. Bridget of Sweden**
- 26 •Santa Ana Feast Day honoring St. Anne
- For more information contact the Native American Ministry 505-831-8104.
- 30 •World Day Against Trafficking in Persons
- For more information <http://www.un.org/en/events/humantrafficking/>
- 31 •**Feast Day of St. Ignatius of Loyola**
- St. Ignatius is the founder of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits). Learn how Jesuits are working today to build the kingdom of God! <http://jrsusa.org/>, and <http://www.jesuitvolunteers.org/> and how you can get involved.

