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Faith and Mission Calendar 2018-2019



SEPTEMBER 2018

- 01 World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation – Pope Francis.
- 03 Anniversary of the death of Alan Kurdi 2015 (The 3-year-old boy found dead on a Turkish beach).
- 08 International Literacy Day.
- 08 Feast of the Birth of Blessed Virgin Mary.
- 10 Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New year), begins sundown.
- 15 International Day of Democracy.
- 16 International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer.
- 18 **Feast Day of Blessed Jacques-Desiré Laval.**
- 19 Yom Kippur (Jewish), begins at sundown.
- 21 International Day of Peace (UN).
- 22 World Car Free Day.
- 24 Sukkoth (Jewish Feast of Tabernacles).
- 27 Feast Day of St. Vincent de Paul.
- 29 Feast of St. Michael the Archangel.
- 30 Yom Kippur (Jewish), begins at sundown.

OCTOBER 2018

- 01 Feast Day of St. Thérèse of Lisieux.
- 01 International Day of Older Persons.
- 02 **Feast Day of Claude Poullart Des Places, Spiritan Founder.**
- 02 International Day of Nonviolence – Mohandas Gandhi's birthday.
- 03 World Habitat Day (UN), 1st Monday in October.
- 04 Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, Patron of Environment.
- 05 International World Teacher's Day.
- 10 World Mental Health Day.
- 12 National Day of Prayer, Missionary Children (www.wmi.ie).
- 16 UN. World Food Day.
- 17 International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.
- 18 EU Anti-Trafficking Day.
- 21 Canonisation of Bl. Oscar Romero and Pope Paul VI.
- 21 World Mission Sunday.
- 24 United Nations Day.
- 24 Disarmament Week, finishes on 30th.

NOVEMBER 2018

- 01 All Saints Day.
- 02 All Souls Day.
- 07 Diwali – the Hindu Festival of Lights.
- 13 St. Francis Cabrini, Patron Saint of Immigrants.
- 14 Feast Day of St. Lawrence O'Toole, Patron Saint of Dublin.
- 16 International Day of Tolerance.
- 19-25 Restorative Justice Week.
- 20 Universal Children's Day (UN).
- 22 Thanksgiving Day.
- 24 *Evangelii Gaudium*, The Joy of the Gospel (2013), Pope Francis.
- 25 Feast of Christ the King.
- 25 International Day for Elimination of Violence against Women.
- 29 International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People.

DECEMBER 2018

- 01 World AIDS Day.
- 02 1st Sunday of Advent.
- 02 International Day for the Abolition of Slavery.
- 03 Feast Day of St. Francis Xavier, Patron of Missions.
- 03 International Day of Disabled Persons.
- 05 International Volunteer Day (UN).
- 06 Feast Day of St. Nicholas.
- 08 Feast of the Immaculate Conception.
- 09 2nd Sunday of Advent.
- 10 Human Rights Day.
- 14 St. John of the Cross.
- 16 3rd Sunday of Advent (Joyous Sunday).
- 17 Birthday of Pope Francis (1936).
- 20 International Human Solidarity Day (UN).
- 21 Winter Solstice.
- 23 4th Sunday of Advent.
- 24 Christmas Eve.
- 25 Christmas Day.
- 25 *Deus Caritas Est*, God is Love (2005) Pope Benedict XVI.
- 26 Feast Day of St. Stephen.
- 26 Chanukah/Hanukkah, (Jewish) ends on January 1st.
- 26 Kwanzaa ends on January 1st.
- 27 Feast Day of St. John, apostle.
- 30 Feast of the Holy Family, Jesus Mary and Joseph.
- 31 New Year's Eve.

JANUARY 2019

- 01 New Year's Day.
- 01 World Day of Peace.
- 01 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.
- 06 Feast of the Epiphany.
- 09 Baptism of the Lord.
- 12 Anniversary of the Haitian earthquake that killed 200,000 and left 2.3 million people homeless.
- 21 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, finishes 28th.
- 21 Martin Luther King Day.
- 27 International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust.
- 27 Catholic Schools Week – Celebrating the work of our own Catholic School.
- 29 World Day of Leprosy.

FEBRUARY 2019

- 01 World Interfaith Harmony Week (UN) finishes on 7th.
- 02 Feast Day of St. Blaise, Patron of throat illnesses.
- 02 **Feast Day of Francis Libermann, Spiritan Founder.**
- 03 Catholic Schools Week ends.
- 04 Birthday of Rosa Parks (1913-2005) African American civil rights leader.
- 05 Chinese New Year (Confucian/Daoist/Buddhist) (Year of the Pig).
- 11 Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes.
- 11 World Day of Prayer for the Sick.
- 14 Feast Day of St. Valentine.
- 20 World Day of Social Justice.
- 27 Fairtrade fortnight, ending March 12th.
- 28 **Feast Day of Blessed Daniel Brottier.**

MARCH 2019

- 01 International Day for the Abolition of the Death Penalty.
- 05 International Treaty on Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (1970).
- 05 Pancake Tuesday – Mardi Gras.
- 06 Ash Wednesday.
- 08 International Women's Day.
- 10 1st Sunday of Lent.
- 17 2nd Sunday of Lent.
- 17 St. Patrick's Day.
- 19 Feast of St. Joseph.
- 21 International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.
- 22 World Water Day.
- 24 3rd Sunday of Lent.
- 24 International Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Right Violations and for the Dignity of Victims.
- 24 Anniversary of the assassination of Oscar Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador (1917-1980).
- 25 Feast of Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
- 26 International Day for the Commemoration of the Anniversary of the Abolition of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade (UN).
- 30 Earth Hour.
- 31 4th Sunday of Lent.

APRIL 2019

- 02 Anniversary of the death of Saint Pope John Paul II (1920-2005).
- 04 International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action (UN).
- 07 5th Sunday of Lent.
- 07 World Health Day.
- 08 *Amoris Laetitia* (The Joy of Love) 2016 Pope Francis.
- 09 *Gaudete et Exsultate* (Rejoice and Be Glad) 2018.
- 12 International Day for Street Children.
- 14 Palm Sunday.
- 18 Holy Thursday.
- 19 Good Friday.
- 21 Easter Sunday.
- 22 Earth Day.
- 29 Jubilate Sunday "Jubilate Deo omnis terra" ("Shout with joy to God, all the earth").
- 29 Feast of St. Catherine of Siena.

MAY 2019

- 01 St. Joseph the Worker.
- 08 World Communications Day.
- 13 World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day.
- 14 Vesak (Buddhist – the commemoration of Buddha's birth, death and enlightenment).
- 15 International Conscientious Objectors' Day.
- 15 International Day of Families.
- 15 Ramadan (Muslim observance) begins at sundown and continues for 30 days.
- 17 World Telecommunication Day.
- 20 **Anniversary of Claude Poullart des Places founding the Spiritan Congregation (1703).**
- 21 World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development (UN).
- 22 International Day for Biological Diversity.
- 24 *Laudato Si*, On Care for our Common Home (2015) Pope Francis.
- 29 International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers.
- 31 Feast of the Visitation.
- 31 Shavuot, Jewish festival commemorates the giving of the Torah at Mount Sinai.

JUNE 2019

- 03 Celebration for St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, the Uganda Martyrs.
- 03 Novena of the Holy Spirit Begins.
- 04 International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression (UN).
- 04 Anniversary of Tiananmen Square Massacre, 1989.
- 05 World Environment Day.
- 09 Feast of Pentecost.
- 12 World Day against Child Labour.
- 14 Ramadan (Islamic observance) ends.
- 15 Eid al-Fitr (Islamic festival).
- 16 Trinity Sunday.
- 17 World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought (UN).
- 20 World Refugee Day.
- 20 Feast of Irish Martyrs.
- 21 Summer Solstice.
- 23 Feast of Corpus Christi.
- 26 **International Day in Support of Victims of Torture (SPRIASI).**
- 29 *Caritas in Veritate*, Charity in Truth (2009) Pope Benedict XVI.

JULY 2019

- 11 Anniversary of Srebrenica Slaughter in Bosnia (1995).
- 12 Birthday of Malala Yousafzai, Pakistani activist for female education and youngest-ever Noble Prize Laureate.
- 18 Birthday of Nelson Mandela – New UN International Celebration.
- 22 Feast of Mary of Magdala– Apostle to the Apostles.
- 29 *Lumen Fidei*, The Light of Faith (2013) Pope Francis.
- 30 International Day of Friendship.
- 31 Feast Day of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

AUGUST 2019

- 06 Anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima (1945).
- 09 Anniversary of the bombing of Nagasaki (1945).
- 09 International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples.
- 14 Feast of Maximilian Kolbe, priest and martyr.
- 15 Assumption of Mary.
- 19 World Humanitarian Day.
- 23 International Day for the Remembrance of Slave Trade and Its Abolition.
- 26 Birthday of Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta (1910-1997).
- 28 Martin Luther King, Jr., delivered his *I Have a Dream* speech, Washington, D.C. (1963).

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