Days of Life, Dignity, Justice and Peace

2019 - 2020

Calendar

Archdiocese of Santa Fe

Office of Social Justice and Respect Life

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| UN: International Year of Indigenous Languages |
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### August 2019

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      • Jemez Pueblo Nuestra Señora de Los Ángeles de Los Pardillos Feast Day |
| 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  
      • On the Movie Nuclear Tipping Point, [http://www.nucleartippingpoint.org/](http://www.nucleartippingpoint.org/) |
| 9    | •International day of the World’s Indigenous Peoples  
      • Commemoration of the dropping of the atomic bomb on Nagasaki  
      • Picuris Pueblo: San Lorenzo Mass & Sunset Vespers and Dances.  
      • For more information, contact the Native American ministry 505.831.8104 |
| 10   | •Feast of St. Lawrence – Deacon and Martyr  
      • Picuris Pueblo Annual Feast Day  
      • 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/](http://www.franciscanaction.org/) |
| 12   | •International Youth Day 2019  
      • Participate in the upcoming International Youth Day events from your local community. [http://asfym.org/](http://asfym.org/) |
| 14   | •Feast of St. 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](http://www.archdiosf.org) and go to the Office of Pastoral Outreach |
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| 15   | • Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
• Zia Pueblo Feast Day honoring Our Lady of Assumption  
• Zia Pueblo San Antonio Annual Feast Day  
  • 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](http://www.crs.org) |
| 21   | • International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism  
  • While more countries are affected by terrorism today, the number of victims has largely been concentrated in a small number of Member States.  
• National Senior Citizens Day  
  • Learn more about ministry to seniors in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe at [www.archdiosf.org](http://www.archdiosf.org) and go to the Office of Pastoral Outreach and Catholic Charities [http://www.ccasfnm.org/center-for-community-involvement.html](http://www.ccasfnm.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](http://www.usccb.org/about/anti-trafficking-program/index.cfm)  
• Women’s Equality Day  
  • Commemorates the 1920 passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, granting women the right to vote.  
| 24   | • Feast of St. Bartholomew – Apostle |
| 25   | • African American Catholic Community Mass (12 noon)  
  At St. Joseph on the Rio Grande Catholic Church, 5901 St. Joseph’s Drive NW, ABQ. For more information contact Brenda Dabney 505-836-3627. Fr. Rollins Lambert scholars will be awarded certificates at this Mass. |
| 26   | • Women’s Equality Day  
  • Commemorates the 1920 passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, granting women the right to vote.  
| 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/](https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/our-ministry/disaster-services/)  
• International Day Against Nuclear Testing/ Embrace World Free of Nuclear Weapons  
• U.S. Congress passed the Civil Rights Act (1957) |
# September 2019

## Monthly Observances

### Hispanic Heritage Month (Second half of September)

## Daily Observances

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- 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](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/letters/2016/documents/papa-francesco_20150806_lettera-giornata-cura-creato.html)  
| 2    | **Acoma Pueblo Feast Day honoring St. Augustine**  
- For more information, contact the Native American Ministry 505-831-8104.  
- **Labor Day**  
| 4    | **Isleta Pueblo Feast Day honoring St. Augustine**  
- For more information, contact the Native American Ministry 505-831-8104. |
| 5    | **International Day of Charity**  
- Learn more about how you can help your community through Catholic Charities. [http://www.ccasfnm.org/](http://www.ccasfnm.org/) |
| 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](http://www.crs.org/our-work-overseas/program-areas/education)  
- **National Grandparents Day** |
| 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 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

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

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.

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
   • African American Community Fr. Rollins Lambert Family Day Picnic
     • Join the AACC for their Fr. Rollins Lambert Family Day Picnic, 1pm-5pm at Mariposa Basin Park, 4900 Kachina Street NW, Albuquerque. 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.

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.

17 • Constitution Day
19  • Laguna Pueblo Feast Day honoring St. Joseph
  • For more information contact the Native American Ministry 505-831-8104.

21  • Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist
   • International Day of Peace
     • Learn about the Day of Prayer for Peace hosted by St. John Paul II in 2002 and Pope Francis’ 2016 address about peace.
       http://www.vatican.va.special/assisi_20020124_en.html and

25  • Laguna Pueblo St. Elizabeth Feast Day, Village of Paguate
  • For more information, contact the Native American Ministry 505-831-8104.

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://svdpnm.com/ and
    http://www.svdpsusa.org

28  • National Good Neighbor Day
  • Read the story of the Good Samaritan. (Luke 10:25-37) and learn how to better love our neighbors!

29  • Feast of St. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, the Archangels
   • 105th World Day of Migrants and Refugees
     • The Church has been celebrating the World Day of Migrants and Refugees since 1914. It is always an occasion to express concern for many different vulnerable people on the move; to pray for the challenges and increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers. For 2019, Pope Francis has chosen the theme “It is not just about migrants” to show up our blind-spots and make sure no one remains excluded from society, whether a long-time resident or someone newly-arrived.
     • Download the resource kit materials to use and share in your parish and ministries… to help overcome fear with hope! https://migrants-refugees.va/resource-center/world-day-of-migrants-refugees-2019/
     • You can read more about Pope Francis’ 2019 statement here: http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/migration/documents/papa-francesco_20190527_world-migrants-day-2019.html

30  • International Translation Day
  • Taos Pueblo Feast Day honoring San Geronimo
    • For more information contact the Native American Ministry 505-831-8104
## October 2019

### 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/](http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/respect-life-program/)

**Ethical Trade Month**

**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 2020 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.

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<td>• Check out the website <a href="https://www.nonviolent-conflict.org/resource/a-force-more-powerful/">https://www.nonviolent-conflict.org/resource/a-force-more-powerful/</a></td>
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<td>• Take the St. Francis/ <em>Laudato Si</em>’ Pledge to care for God’s Creation and the poor, and plan activities for your parish or school. <a href="http://www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/pledge">http://www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/pledge</a> and <a href="http://www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/our-work">http://www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/our-work</a></td>
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<td>• Feast of St. Francis of Assisi resources—to plan your St. Francis celebrations and to learn more about the Catholic Climate Covenant. <a href="http://www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/">http://www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/</a> and <a href="http://www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/FOSF">http://www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/FOSF</a></td>
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<td>• Learn about and give thanks for the Life and Dignity of the Human person from conception to natural death. Learn more at <a href="http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/respect-life-program/">http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/respect-life-program/</a></td>
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• World Habitat Day
  • The purpose of the day is to reflect on the state of our cities and towns and the basic human right to adequate shelter.

• World Mental Health Day
  • World Mental Health Day is observed on 10 October every year, with the overall objective of raising awareness of mental health issues around the world and mobilizing efforts in support of mental health.
  • The Day provides an opportunity for all stakeholders working on mental health issues to talk about their work, and what more needs to be done to make mental health care a reality for people worldwide.
  • https://www.who.int/mental_health/world-mental-health-day/en/

• World Day Against the Death Penalty
  • Get involved with the Catholic Campaign to End the Use of the Death Penalty.
  • Check out the Catholic Mobilizing network Webpage. http://www.catholicsmobilizing.org/

• Feast Day of Pope St. John XXIII

• 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

• Indigenous People’s Day (Columbus Day)

• 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

• World Food Day
  • Read the Pope’s message for this day. http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/francesco/messages/food/index_en.htm

• 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://www.archivioradiovaticana.va/storico/2015/10/14/pope-backs-international-day-for-the-eradication-of-poverty/en_1179286
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| 20   | **World Mission Sunday**  
  - Learn about the Pontifical Mission Society at [http://www.onefamilyinmission.org](http://www.onefamilyinmission.org)  
  - Read the Pope’s message on this day at: [http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/missions.index.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/missions.index.html) |
| 22   | **Feast Day of Pope St. John Paul II** |
| 24   | **United Nations Day**  
| 24-30| **Disarmament Week**  
| 25-26| **39th Annual Archdiocese Youth Conference**  
  - At Our Lady of Guadalupe in Albuquerque (1860 Griegos Rd NW, ABQ, NM 87107).  
  - Friday 1:00 pm -9:30 pm. Saturday 9:00 am – 7:30pm. The youth conference is for ages 14-18 (in High School). Registration deadline is October 11. For more information call the Youth, Young Adult, and Campus Ministry Office at (505) 831-8142. |
| 27   | **Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles**  
  **African American Catholic Community Mass**  
  - Please join the Archdiocese of Santa Fe African American Catholic Community for Mass 12 noon at St. Joseph on the Rio Grande Catholic Church, 5901 St. Joseph’s Dr. NW, Albuquerque. For more information, please call (505) 836-3627 or the office, 505-831-8167. |
**Monthly Observances**

Native American Heritage Month  
National Family Caregiver Month  
National Home and Hospice Month, National Long-term Care Awareness Month  
- Learn about the new Document “To Live Each Day with Dignity” from the USCCB.  

**Daily Observances**

1. **All Saints Day**  
   - *Community 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.  
   - Visit the USCCB page for tips on how to live as people of “salt and light.”  
     [www.weenesaltandleight.org](http://www.weenesaltandleight.org)

2. **All Souls Day**

5. **World Tsunami Awareness Day**  
   - Tsunamis are rare events, but can be extremely deadly. In the past 100 years, 58 of them have claimed more than 260,000 lives, or an average of 4,600 per disaster, surpassing any other natural hazard. Learn more [https://www.un.org/en/events/tsunamiday/](https://www.un.org/en/events/tsunamiday/)  
   - **Election Day**  
     - Check out what the Bishops say about our call to Faithful Citizenship.  

6. **International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of Environment in War and Armed Conflict**  
   - Learn about the Church’s position on environmental issues.  

8. **Birthday of Dorothy Day, founder of the Catholic Worker Movement**  
   - Learn more about the Catholic Worker Movement.  
   - 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
  • World Science Day for Peace and Development highlights the significant role of science in society and the need to engage the wider public in debates on emerging scientific issues. It also underlines the importance and relevance of science in our daily lives. For more information https://www.un.org/en/events/scienceday/

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)
  • 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
    • For more information, contact the Native American Ministry 505-831-8104

13  • Feast of St. Francis Cabrini, Patron Saint of Immigrants
  • A Place at the Table (2002)

14  • US Bishops Approved “Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love, A Pastoral Letter Against Racism
  • Here are resources that you can use to help combat racism. http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/racism/index.cfm

15  • American Recycles Day
  • Take the St. Francis/Laudato Si’ Pledge and learn more about the Catholic Climate Covenant http://www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/pledge

16  • Anniversary of the six martyrs in El Salvador (1989)
17  • 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#messages
• 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

18  • St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

19  • 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/

20  • Universal Children’s Day
    • United Nations Universal Children’s Day was established in 1954 and is celebrated on November 20th each year to promote international togetherness, awareness among children worldwide, and improving children's welfare. For more information https://www.un.org/en/events/childrenday/

24  • Feast of Christ the King
        • 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  • 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/

28  • Thanksgiving Day

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

30  • Day of Remembrance for All Victims of Chemical Warfare
    • The Conference of the States Parties at its 20th Session decided that a memorial Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare would be observed on 30 November each year or, when appropriate, on the first day of the regular session of the Conference. For more information https://www.un.org/en/events/chemwarfareday/
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• 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/](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/](https://www.caritas.org/what-we-do/health-hiv/)  
• Blessed Charles de Foucauld  
  |  
| 2    | **International Day for the Abolition of Slavery**  
• Anniversary of the murders of Maura Clarke, Ita Ford, Dorothy Kazel, and Jean Donovan in El Salvador.  
• Feast of St. Francis Xavier  
• International Day of Persons with Disabilities  
• International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development  
  • Get involved in your community! Find out what outreach ministries in which your Church is involved.  
| 3    | **Feast of St. Francis Xavier**  
• International Day of Persons with Disabilities  
• World Soil Day  
  • One third of our global soils are already degraded. Yet we risk losing more due to this hidden danger. Soil pollution can be invisible and seems far away but everyone, everywhere is affected. With a growing population expected to reach 9 billion by 2050, soil pollution is a worldwide problem which degrades our soils, poisons the food we eat, the water we drink and the air we breathe. More information [https://www.un.org/en/events/soilday/#](https://www.un.org/en/events/soilday/#).  
• International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development  
  • Get involved in your community! Find out what outreach ministries in which your Church is involved.  
| 4    | **Feast of St. Nicholas**  
• Gaudium et Spes (1965)  
| 5    | **Second Sunday of Advent**  
• Feast of the Immaculate Conception  
• International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of Victims of the Crime of Genocide and of the Prevention of this Crime  
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| 6    | **International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development**  
• Get involved in your community! Find out what outreach ministries in which your Church is involved.  
| 7    | **Second Sunday of Advent**  
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10  • Human Rights Day

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  • Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)
   • United States Bill of Rights Day

18  • International Migrants Day
   • Read Papal addresses regarding immigrants and refugees.
     http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/migration.index.html

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

22  • Fourth Sunday of Advent

25  • Christmas

26  • Feast of St. Stephen

26-1  • Kwanza
   • 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.htm

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?
2020

Yearly Observances

UN: International Year of Plant Health

January 2020

Monthly Observances

Poverty Awareness Month

- 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 505-831-8232 or email at justice2@archdiosf.org!

January Information about the 2020 Census goes out. Census time is here! Get Counted!

- The U.S. Constitution requires that each decade we take a count—or a census—of America’s population. Everyone counts...anyone who is present and resides in our state, documented or not, counts. The Census is very important because the count taken is used for Federal funding of children’s programs, schools, roads, municipalities and more! It also determines our representation in the U.S. Congress! Counting everyone once, only once, and in the right place is key. The U.S. Census Bureau is the federal government’s largest statistical agency. It provides current facts and figures about America’s people, places, and economy. Federal law protects the confidentiality of all individual responses the Census Bureau collects. For more information about why our Church is encouraging participation in the Census, go to www.newmexicoprays.org

Daily Observances

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• 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, 2020 to be announced.
• Emancipation Proclamation signed (1863)
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| 5-11 | National Migration Week  
  • Get involved with the work of Catholic Charities as they minister to immigrant populations. [http://www.ccasfnm.org/immigration.html](http://www.ccasfnm.org/immigration.html) and [https://catholiccharitiesusa.org/advocacy-and-policy](https://catholiccharitiesusa.org/advocacy-and-policy)  
  • Learn what the Church teaches about immigration. [http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org/index.shtml](http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org/index.shtml) |
| 12   | Baptism of the Lord |
| 16   | National Religious Freedom Day  
| 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](https://archdiosf.org/ecumenical) |
| 19   | 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.  
  • 12 noon, St. Joseph on the Rio Grande, 5901 St. Joseph’s Dr. NW, Albuquerque. For more information please call (505) 836-3627 or the office, 505-831-8167.  
  • For more information about the AACC, visit [http://www.archdiosf.org/](http://www.archdiosf.org/) and go to the Social Justice and Respect Life Office page |
| 20   | Martin Luther King Jr. Day |
| 21   | 2020 New Mexico Legislative Session Begins (Runs through Feb. 20)  
  • 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/](http://archdiosf.org/) and click on 2020 NMCCB. |
| 22   | Sanctity of Life Awareness and unity Day Mass and Prayer March in Santa Fe  
  • Anniversary of Roe v. Wade  
  • Strangers No Longer: Together on the Journey of Hope (2003)  
| 23   | San Ildefonso Pueblo Feast Day honoring San Ildefonso  
  • For more information, contact the Native American Ministry 505-831-8104. |
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| 23- 24 | National Prayer Vigil for Life and March for Life  
| 25 | Picuris Pueblo, Ohkay Owingeh Feast Day honoring St. Paul  
| | • For more information, contact the Native American Ministry 505-831-8104 |
| | • The Catholic Social Ministry Gathering is organized by the Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development in collaboration with 7 other USCCB departments and 15 national Catholic organizations. This central gathering of Catholic social ministry leaders in the U.S. annually brings together hundreds of participants whose faith inspires them to respond to pressing current domestic and global challenges relating to poverty, war, injustice and the promotion of human life and dignity. This year’s gathering will be as important as ever during the 2020 election year, and the conference focus will be on the call to bring our faith to civic life, the consistent ethic of life, promoting unity in the Church, and overcoming polarization. Also, the 2020 CSMG will begin immediately after several annual pro-life events in Washington, DC—so it may be a great opportunity to engage colleagues and partners in ministry who might be attending those events. Scholarships are available. For more info, go to [www.catholicsocialministry.org](http://www.catholicsocialministry.org) |
| 26-Feb. 1 | Catholic Schools Week  
| | • Support a Catholic school in your area. Visit [http://archdiosf.org/](http://archdiosf.org/) and scroll to Catholic Schools and click on the link. |
| 26 | World Day of Leprosy |
February 2020

Monthly Observances

African American History Month

• 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

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

4  • World Cancer Day
  • Birthday of Rosa Parks (1913-2005)
1-7 • World Interfaith Harmony Week
8  • Feast Day of 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 • Valentines Day
  • Take the opportunity to learn about and purchase ethical trade chocolate from Catholic Relief services at https://ethicaltrade.crs.org/
17 • President’s 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
• 2020 New Mexico Legislative Session Ends
25 • Fat Tuesday (Mardi Gras)
26 • 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/

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Archdiocese of Santa Fe
505.831.8167 Justice@archdiosf.org
### March 2020

#### Monthly Observances

**Women’s History Month**
- Research the impact women religious communities have had in the United States. Visit: http://www.lcwr.org/

#### Daily Observances

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| 1    | • First Sunday of Lent  
|      | • Read the Holy Father’s message for Lent.  
|      | [Http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/francesco/messages/lent/index_en.htm](http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/francesco/messages/lent/index_en.htm) |
| 8    | • Second Sunday of Lent  
|      | • International Women’s Day  
|      | • Get involved with the development of women around the globe.  
| 15   | • Third Sunday of Lent |
| 17   | • St. Patrick’s Day |
| 19   | • Feast of St. Joseph  
|      | • Laguna Pueblo Feast Day in honor of St. Joseph  
|      | • For more information, contact the Native American Ministry 505-831-8104 |
| 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  
|      | • Read the U.S Bishop’s Pastoral on Racism, Open Wide Our Hearts, The Enduring Call to Love.  
|      | • Learn about Fr. Augustus Tolton and the many contributions of African Americans to the Catholic Church in the United States.  
|      | [http://www.toltoncanonization.org/](http://www.toltoncanonization.org/) and  
|      | [http://nbccongress.org/](http://nbccongress.org/)  
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| 22   | • Fourth Sunday of Lent  
|      | • World Water Day  
|      | • See what CRS is doing around the globe. [http://www.crsprogramquality.org/water-and-sanitation](http://www.crsprogramquality.org/water-and-sanitation) |
| 23   | • International Day for the Commemoration of the Anniversary of the Abolition of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade |
| 24   | • Feast Day of Saint Archbishop Oscar Romero, 1980 |
| 25   | • Annunciation of the Lord |
| 26   | • Popularum Progressio (1967)  
|      | • [http://w2.vatican.va/content/paul-vi/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_p-vi_enc_26031967_populorum.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/paul-vi/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_p-vi_enc_26031967_populorum.html) |
| 29   | • Fifth Sunday of Lent |
# April 2020

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| 1    | Official Census day April 1  
• for more information, go to www.newmexicoprays.org  
• Be sure to get counted. You and your children matter! |
| 2    | Anniversary of the death of Pope St. John Paul II (1920-2005) |
| 4    | International Day of Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action |
| 5    | Palm Sunday |
| 7    | World Health Day  
• Learn about the work of Catholic Relief Services in addressing global health concerns.  
| 9    | Holy Thursday |
| 10   | Good Friday |
| 11   | Holy Saturday |
| 12   | Easter Sunday  
• Don’t forget to turn in your Catholic Relief Service Rice Bowl to your parish or school! |
| 19   | Divine Mercy Sunday |
| 22   | Earth Day  
• Read Climate Justice: Seeking a Global Ethic at:  
  [https://www.caritas.org/?s=Climate+Justice%3A+Seeking+a+global+ethic](https://www.caritas.org/?s=Climate+Justice%3A+Seeking+a+global+ethic)  
• Read ways you can care for the earth  
• Download and Read the Encyclical here:  
| 23   | Death of Cesar Chavez, (1927-1993) |
| 24   | Arbor Day  
• Learn about the Church’s call for environmental sustainability  
  [https://catholicrurallife.org/category/stewardship/](https://catholicrurallife.org/category/stewardship/) |
<p>| 23-25 | Gathering of Nations PowWow (Albuquerque) |</p>
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| 26   | **AACC Anniversary Mass**  
      - Please join the Archdiocese of Santa Fe African American Catholic Community for their Anniversary Mass 12 noon at St. Joseph on the Rio Grande Catholic Church, 5901 St. Joseph’s Dr. NW, Albuquerque. For more information please call (505) 836-3627 or the office, 505-831-8167. |
# May 2020

## Monthly Observances

**Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month**


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| 1   | **St. Joseph the Worker**  
   - Learn about the dignity of work and labor. [https://catholicrurallife.org/](https://catholicrurallife.org/)  
   - San Felipe Pueblo Feast Day honoring St. Phillip  
   - For more information, contact the Native American Ministry 505-831-8104.  
   - Acoma Pueblo Feast Day honoring Santa Maria.  
   - For more information, contact the Native American Ministry 505-831-8104. |
| 3   | Taos Pueblo Feast Day honoring Santa Cruz  
   - For more information, contact the Native American Ministry 505-831-8104  
   - Cochiti Pueblo Feast Day honoring Santa Cruz  
   - For more information, contact the Native American Ministry 505-831-8104 |
| 7   | National Day of Prayer |
| 8   | World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day  
   - Learn about the work of the Red Cross and Red Crescent at [http://www.ifrc.org/](http://www.ifrc.org/) |
| 10  | Mother’s Day  
   - See how Catholic Charities is strengthening families by supporting mothers.  
   - [https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/our-ministry/](https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/our-ministry/) and  
   - [https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/our-ministry/foundational-services/](https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/our-ministry/foundational-services/) |
| 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/](https://ethicaltrade.crs.org/) |
| 14  | **Octogesima Adveniens (1971)**  
• San Ysidro and Santa Maria Torribio (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://catholicrurallife.org/category/rural-outreach/](https://catholicrurallife.org/category/rural-outreach/) and [http://w2.vatican.va/content/leo-xiii/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_l-xiii_enc_15051891_rerum-novarum.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/leo-xiii/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_l-xiii_enc_15051891_rerum-novarum.html)

• International Conscientious Objectors’ Day
  - Learn about our Church’s response to conscientious objection at: [http://www.catholicpeacefellowship.org/](http://www.catholicpeacefellowship.org/)

• International Day of Families
  - Check out the resources offered by the Family Life Office of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. [http://archdiosf.org/](http://archdiosf.org/)

• Rerum Novarum (1891)
  - [http://w2.vatican.va/content/leo-xiii/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_l-xiii_enc_15051891_rerum-novarum.html](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](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](http://w2.vatican.va/content/john-xxiii/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_j-xxiii_enc_15051961_mater.html)

• World Day of Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development

• Ascension of the Lord
  - [Laudato Si’](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica Laudato Si.html)
  - Take the St. Francis/Laudato Si’ Pledge and learn more about the Catholic Climate Covenant [http://www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/pledge](http://www.catholicclimatecovenant.org/pledge)

• Memorial Day
  - Find out how the Church provides pastoral care to the members of the armed forces. [http://www.milarch.org](http://www.milarch.org)
25-  • Week of Solidarity with the People of Non-Self-Governing Territories

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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

31  • Pentecost Sunday
June 2020

Monthly Observances

Torture Awareness Month
- Check out the “Torture is a Moral Issue: a Catholic Study Guide” by visiting:
- Check out the National Religious Campaign Against Torture to learn more.

1st Saturday of the month
- Tesuque Pueblo Blessing of the Fields

Daily Observances

1 • 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

2 • 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.

7 • Trinity Sunday

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_leviii_en_18670618_rerum-novarum.html

13 • Sandia Pueblo Feast Day honoring St. Anthony
   • Pilgrimage for Vocations Closing Mass in Chimayo at 9:30 AM
   - The Pilgrimage for Vocations started in 1973 with the main goal being prayer and sacrifice for vocations especially to the priesthood and religious life. The pilgrimage has continued to take place during the first week in June each year. The five routes of the June Pilgrimage are Albuquerque, Chama, Costilla, Estancia, and Bernal. All routes finish at the Santuario de Chimayo in Chimayo, NM. For More information visit their website:
   - https://pilgrimagesforvocations.org/index.html
• Feast of Corpus Christi
  - Check out the resources for connecting the Eucharist to Catholic Social Teaching at

• World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought
  - Learn how shifting climate patterns are related to poverty at

• The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
  • Sharing Catholic Social Teaching (1998)
  • Juneteenth, commemoration of the end of slavery in the United States
    - http://www.juneteenth.com/history.htm

• 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.ccasfnm.org/center-for-refugee-support.html

• Father’s Day

• Ohkay Owingeh (San Juan) Pueblo Feast Day honoring St. John the Baptist
  - For more information contact the Native American Ministry 505-831-8104.

• International Day in Support of Victims of Torture
  - See Torture Awareness Month above.

• International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

• Santa Ana and Santo Domingo Pueblos Feast Day in honor of St. Paul/San Pedro
  - For more information contact the Native American Ministry 505-831-8104
  • Caritas in Veritate (2009)
  • Lumen Fidei (2013): Download and Read the Encyclical here:
## July 2020

### Monthly Observances

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| 14   | **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/](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/](http://www.nelsonmandela.org/) |
| 22   | **Feast of St. Mary of Magdala – Apostle of 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  
| 31   | **Feast Day of St. Ignatius of Loyola**  