

**FRANCISCAN
PROPER
OF THE
SAINTS**

February

1. The rank of the celebration (solemnity, feast or memorial) is indicated for each day. If there is no indication, it is an optional memorial.
2. For each solemnity and feast a proper Mass is provided in its entirety. This is therefore used as given.
3. For memorials:
 - a) Proper texts, given on some days, must always be used;
 - b) When there is a reference to a particular common, the most appropriate texts should be chosen according to the principles at the beginning of the commons. The page reference in each case indicates only the beginning of the common to which reference is made.
 - c) If the reference is to more than one common, one or the other may be used, according to pastoral need. It is always permissible to interchange texts from several Masses within the same common. For example, if a saint is both a martyr and a bishop, either the common of martyrs or the common of pastor (bishops) may be used.
 - d) In addition to the commons which express a special characteristic holiness (e.g., of martyrs, virgins, or pastors), the texts from the common of saints, referring to holiness in general may always be used. For example, in the case of a saint who is both a virgin and a martyr, texts from the common of saints in general may be used, in addition to texts from the common of martyrs or the common of virgins.
 - e) The prayers over the gifts and after communion, unless there are proper prayers, may be taken either from the common or from the current liturgical season.
4. The Masses in the proper may also be celebrated as votive Masses, with the exception of Masses of the mysteries of the life of the Lord and of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Masses of certain saints for whom a special votive Mass is provided. When Masses from the proper are used as votive Masses, words in the prayers referring to the day of death or to the solemnity or feast are omitted and “memorial” or “commemoration” is substituted. If the entrance antiphon, “Let us rejoice” occurs, it is to be replaced by another antiphon from the respective common.

NOTE:

- 1) All Scriptural texts have been brought into conformity with the New American, revised translation, approved by the USCCB.
- 2) Certain prayer formulas, such as prayer endings and versicles and responses, have been brought into conformity with the English translation of the Third Typical Edition of the Roman Missal (2011).
- 3) Titles have been changed for any Blessed that has since been canonized.
- 4) In those cases where an approved English translation is not yet available, translations have been made of the approved Italian texts. For those who do not wish to use unapproved texts, the prayers may be taken from the corresponding Common(s).

1 February

BL. ANDREW CHARLES FERRARI Secular Franciscan, bishop

Optional Memorial for Secular Franciscans. Not celebrated by other Franciscans.

Andrew Ferrari was born at Lalatta di Palanzano (Parma), Italy, in 1850. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1873, and was named bishop of Guastalla (1890) and Como (1891). In 1894 he became cardinal and archbishop of Milan. He was an exceptional pastor, constantly seeking to be pastorally attentive to his people. Moved by the needs of the times, he encouraged the faithful to join forces in the civic, social and political spheres and thus infuse society with Gospel values. Afflicted with an incurable disease which silenced his voice, he died on February 2, 1921. He was beatified by John Paul II on May 10, 1987.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Remember those who spoke the word of God to you.
Their conduct shines as a model;
imitate their faith, strengthened by Christ's grace.
He is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

see Heb 13:7-9

COLLECT

**O God, who build up your Church
with the gift of the Spirit and the ministry of holy pastors,
may your faithful people,
gathered to celebrate in joy
the memory of the bishop, Andrew Charles,
be sincere witnesses of Christ
and renew the world with the power of his gospel.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

**May the sacrifice of salvation which we present to you, Father,
in memory of the Blessed bishop, Andrew Charles,
redeem and sanctify your people,
that it may proclaim to the world
reconciliation and hope.
Through Christ our Lord.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Be examples to the flock; serve humbly and generously,
and when the chief Shepherd is revealed,
you will receive the unfading crown of glory.

see 1 Pt 5:2-4

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Father,
may the body and blood of Christ renew in your Church,
the saving death of your Son;
in imitation of the bishop Andrew Charles,
infuse in us the strength and courage of charity
as we await blessed resurrection.
Through Christ our Lord.**

4 February

ST. JOSEPH DESIDERI OF LEONESSA

Capuchin Franciscan, priest

Memorial for Capuchin Franciscans and Capuchin Poor Clares. Not celebrated by the other Franciscans.

Joseph was born at Leonessa (Rieti) Italy, in 1556. He entered the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin, was ordained a presbyter, and led a life of great austerity. Sent to Constantinople [Istanbul, Turkey] to establish a mission, he strove to comfort and free the defenseless slaves. For this reason he was imprisoned and tortured. A tradition claims that he was saved miraculously by an angel. Once back in Italy, he did his utmost to convert sinners and to wipe out the scandals and abuses that were so numerous among the Christian population. He died at Amatrice (Rieti) on February 4, 1612. He was beatified by Clement XII in 1737 and canonized by Benedict XIV in 1746.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the one bringing good news,
announcing peace, bearing good news, announcing salvation.

Is 52:7

COLLECT

Almighty God,

you made Saint Joseph an illustrious preacher of the gospel.

Through his prayers inflame us with love

and with his zeal for souls

that we may serve you alone.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

**Almighty God,
look with favor on the gifts we offer you.
Grant that our hearts may ever be inflamed
by the mystery of the Lord's sufferings
even as Saint Joseph experienced
their sacred marks in his body.
Through Christ our Lord.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel.
I am with you always, says the Lord.

Mk 16:15; Mt 28:20

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Lord,
Saint Joseph worked tirelessly for the faith,
spending his life in its service.
With the power this Eucharist gives
make your people strong in the same true faith
and help us to proclaim it everywhere
by all we say and do.
Through Christ our Lord.**

Source: Roman Franciscan Sacramentary (1974), 610-A

Note: Leonissa is the Latinized name of the Italian city, Leonessa.

ON THE SAME DAY

4 February

BL. MARIA DOMENICA MANTOVANI

Secular Franciscan, religious and founder

Optional Memorial for Secular Franciscans. Not celebrated by other Franciscans.

Maria Domenica Mantovani was born on November 12, 1862 at Castelletto sul Garda (Verona) Italy. She grew up in a family that was simple, hardworking and rich in faith. She was the co-founder with Bl. Joseph Nascimbeni of the Congregation of the Little Sisters of the Holy Family and served as the first General Superior. She died on February 2, 1934 and was beatified by John Paul II on April 27, 2003.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I say to the Lord, you are my Lord, you are my only good.
 Lord, my allotted portion and my cup,
 you have made my destiny secure.

Ps 16:2.5

COLLECT

**O Triune God,
 who granted to your servant, Blessed Maria Domenica,
 to spend her life in prayer,
 work and sacrifice, as at Nazareth,
 and filled her with zeal for your glory
 and charity toward those in need,
 grant that we may imitate her virtues,
 seeking you above all else
 and serving our neighbor in simplicity of heart.
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, for ever and ever.**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

**O God, wonderful in your saints,
accept these gifts which we present to you
in memory of Blessed Maria Domenica Mantovani
and, as the witness of her life
lived each day in holiness, was pleasing to you,
so may the offering of our sacrifice be acceptable to you.
Through Christ our Lord.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father,
and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him.

Jn 14:21-23

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Grant, O Lord, to us
who have shared in the paschal mystery
in memory of Blessed Maria Domenica Mantovani,
that in our daily lives
we may reflect the attitudes of the Holy Family of Nazareth
and, with untiring love, do all we can
for the good of our brothers and sisters.
Through Christ our Lord.**

6 February

**Ss. PETER BAPTIST BLÁZQUEZ, PAUL MIKI
AND COMPANIONS**

First and Third Order Franciscan martyrs

Memorial for All Franciscans

When the Jesuits were expelled from Japan in 1587, Friars Minor who were then working in the Philippines, asked for authorization from Gregory XIII to take their place. The Friars began preaching openly and publicly. Political complications between Spain and Japan caused a reaction on the part of the Shogun Hideyoshi, who ordered the imprisonment of the Franciscans and their Japanese neophytes. The first to be arrested on December 9, 1596 included three Japanese Jesuits (including Paul Miki) and six Friars Minor (Peter Baptist Blázquez, Martin of the Ascension Aguirre, Francis Blanco, Philip of Jesus de Las Casas, Gonsalvo García, and Francis of St. Michael de la Parilla), and seventeen Secular Franciscans (Paul Suzuki, Gabriel, John Kinuya, Thomas Dangi, Francis of Kyoto, Joachim Sakakibara, Ventura of Kyoto, Leo Karasumaru, Mathias of Kyoto, Anthony of Nagasaki, Paul Ibaraki, Louis Ibaraki, Michael Kozaki, Thomas Kozaki, Peter Sukejiro, Cosmas Takeya and Francis Kichi). They underwent martyrdom on February 5, 1597. These protomartyrs of Japan were crucified and speared near Nagasaki. They were canonized by Pius IX on June 8, 1862.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The saints are happy in heaven because they followed Christ.

They rejoice with him for ever because they shed their blood for love of him.

COLLECT

**God, our Father, source of strength for all your saints,
you led Peter Baptist, Paul Miki and their companions
through the sufferings of the cross to the joy of eternal life.**

**May their prayers give us the courage
to be loyal until death in professing our faith.**

**Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

**Lord, accept the gifts we bring
to celebrate the feast of your martyrs.
May this sacrifice free us from sin
and make our service pleasing to you.
Through Christ our Lord.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

No one has greater love than this, says the Lord,
to lay down one's life for one's friends.

Jn 15:13

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Lord, we eat the bread from heaven
and become one body in Christ.
Never let us be separated from his love.
Help us to follow the example of your martyrs,
Peter Baptist, Paul and companions,
by having the courage to overcome all things for Christ
who loves us all,
and who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.**

7 February

ST. COLETTE BOYLET OF CORBIE

Poor Clare, virgin

Optional Memorial for Secular Franciscans and Friars Minor. Memorial for all other Franciscans.
Feast for Colettine Poor Clares.

Nicolette Boylet, called Colette, was born at Corbie in France on January 13, 1381. After the death of both her parents, she distributed her wealth to the poor, received the habit of the Secular Franciscans and lived for three years as a recluse near the church of Corbie. She was received into the Poor Clares, and with the authorization of the pope she brought some convents of the Second and First Order back to the primitive Franciscan form of life, focusing above all on austerity of life, a love of poverty, and prayer. She died at Gand on March 6, 1447. She was beatified in 1604 and canonized by Pius VII on May 24, 1807.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let us rejoice and shout for joy, because the Lord of all things
has favored this holy and glorious virgin with his love.

COLLECT

God, our Father,

you set Saint Colette as an example

and leader of evangelical perfection for many virgins.

**Grant that the spirit of Saint Francis which she wisely taught
and wondrously confirmed by her holy example,
may ever abide in us.**

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,

**who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

**Lord, may the gifts we bring you
help us follow the example of Saint Colette.
Cleanse us from our earthly way of life,
and teach us to live the new life of your kingdom.
Through Christ our Lord.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The five wise virgins brought flasks of oil with their lamps.
At midnight, there was a cry, "Behold, the bridegroom!"
Let us go out to meet him, Christ the Lord.

see Mt 25:4. 6

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Lord,
may our reception of the body and blood of your Son
keep us from harmful things.
Help us by the example of Saint Colette
to grow in your love on earth
that we may rejoice for ever in heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.**

ON THE SAME DAY

7 February

SAINT GILES MARY PONTILLO OF ST. JOSEPH

Friar Minor, religious

Optional Memorial for Friars Minor. Not celebrated by other Franciscans.

Francesco Antonio Pontillo was born at Taranto, Italy, on November 16, 1729. After having worked very hard to support his family of modest means, as soon as he was free of his family obligations he entered the Friars Minor at Galatone (Lecce) on February 27, 1754 and took the name, Giles Mary. Transferred to the friary of St. Paschal in Chiaia (Naples), for 50 years he exercised such a effective apostolate that it had a profound impact on the religious life of the city. Illustrious for his virtue, simplicity and miracles, he died on February 7, 1812 and was buried in the Church of St. Paschal at Chiaia. He was beatified on February 5, 1888 by Leo XIII and canonized on June 2, 1996 by John Paul II.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Lord, my allotted portion and my cup, you have made my destiny secure.
Pleasant places were measured out for me;
fair to me indeed is my inheritance.

Ps 16:5-6

COLLECT

**O God, who in Saint Giles Mary have given us
a wonderful example of simplicity and humility,
grant also to us, we pray, to be faithful to our vocation,
that we may attain that perfect charity
that you have called us to in your Son.
Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

**Merciful Father,
who formed in Saint Giles Mary
the image of the New Man created in justice and holiness,
grant also to us to be renewed in spirit,
that we may be worthy to offer you the sacrifice of praise.
Through Christ our Lord.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

“Amen, I say to you that you who have followed me and have given up everything, will receive a hundred times more, and will inherit eternal life. [see Mt 19:28-29](#)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Almighty God, who in these sacraments
communicate to us the strength of your Spirit,
following the example of Saint Giles Mary,
may we learn to seek you above all things,
that we may bear in ourselves the imprint
of the crucified and risen Christ.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.**

ON THE SAME DAY

7 February

ST. JOHN LANTRUA OF TRIORA

Friar Minor, priest and martyr

Optional Memorial for Friars Minor. Not celebrated by other Franciscans.

Francis Mary Lantrua was born at Molini di Triora (Imperia) Italy, on March 15, 1760. At 17 years of age he entered the Roman Province of the Friars Minor. After completing his studies and being ordained a priest, he dedicated himself entirely to apostolic work. Feeling called to missionary work, he went to China where he ministered for 16 years in Hunan for the propagation of the Christian faith, reaping a bountiful harvest. When the persecution began, he was arrested and taken to Chanxa where, after seven months of harsh imprisonment, he embraced martyrdom by strangulation on February 7, 1816. His remains, gathered up by Christians, were taken secretly to Macao, and later to the Basilica of Our Lady at Aracoeli in Rome. He was beatified by Leo XIII on May 27, 1900, together with 76 martyrs of the Chinese Persecution, and was canonized by John Paul II on October 1, 2000.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

This truly is a martyr who shed his blood for the name of Christ,
who did not fear the threats of judges, but attained the heavenly kingdom.

COLLECT

**O God, who crowned with eternal glory
the struggle the holy martyr, John of Triora,
endured for the faith;
through his merits,
grant that the people who do not know Christ
may be enlightened by the Holy Spirit,
and enter upon the way of salvation.**

**Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

**Lord, send down your blessing like the dew fall
on the offering we present to you,
and confirm us in the faith
which the holy martyr, John,
witnessed to at the price of his life.
Through Christ our Lord.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Blessed are you when people hate you on account of the Son of Man.
Rejoice and leap for joy on that day!
Behold, your reward will be great in heaven.

Lk 6:22-23

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Sustained by heavenly food
received in memory of the holy martyr, John,
we beseech you, Father:
in the footsteps of Christ,
may we bear our daily cross patiently
and collaborate in the Church
for the redemption of the world.
Through Christ our Lord.**

Source: Unofficial translation of the approved Italian text from the Santorale Franciscano: Collectio Missarum (2011), 58

ON THE SAME DAY**7 February****BL. POPE PIUS IX**
Secular Franciscan, pope**Optional Memorial for Secular Franciscans**

John Mary Mastai Ferretti was born in Senigallia, Italy on May 13, 1792. Ordained in 1819, he headed the dioceses of Spoleto and Imola and in 1840 was named a cardinal. In 1846 he was elected pope. As pope he reformed the Papal States, proclaimed the dogma of the Immaculate Conception, and opened the First Vatican Council. He also declared St. Joseph the patron of the universal Church and consecrated the world to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. He died on February 7, 1878, after a 32-year pontificate. He was beatified on September 3, 2000, by Pope John Paul II.

Common of Pastors (For a pope), p. 1064

COLLECT

**O Lord our God,
in a time of great cultural and social change,
you guided the path of your Church
by entrusting it to the solid teaching,
tireless apostolic zeal and fervent charity
of your servant, Blessed Pope Pius IX.
Through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary
whose Immaculate Conception he proclaimed,
we humbly pray that you strengthen our faith,
nurture our hope and reinforce our love.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.**

Source: Unofficial translation of approved texts found in the Supplement of the Capuchin Province of Umbria at <http://www.fraticappucciniassisi.it/curia/supplementi-liturgia-santi-beati.html>

9 February**BL. LEOPOLD SÁNCHEZ MÁRQUEZ OF ALPANDEIRE**
Capuchin Franciscan, religious

Optional Memorial for Capuchin Franciscans. Not celebrated by other Franciscans.

Leopold was born at Alpandere (Málaga) Spain, on June 24, 1864. He entered the Capuchin Friars when he was already an adult. For over half a century he lived at Granada, questing for the friary and the missions, while at the same time distributing spiritual alms of comfort, counsel and the example of an austere and pure life. With extraordinary faith and devotion he recited the prayer of the “Three Hail Marys” for all those who asked for prayer and who went to him for help. After a long illness, during which his virtues shone all the more, he died a holy death at Granada on February 9, 1956. He was beatified on September 12, 2010.

Common of Holy Men and Women (For religious), p. 1105

COLLECT

**O God, merciful Father, who called Blessed Leopold
to follow in the footsteps of your Son, Jesus Christ,
on the paths of humility, poverty and love for the cross,
help us, we pray, to imitate his virtues,
so as to be admitted with him
to the banquet of the heavenly kingdom.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.**

19 February

ST. CONRAD CONFALONIERI OF PIACENZA
Secular Franciscan, hermit

Memorial for TORs and Secular Franciscans. Not celebrated by other Franciscans.

Conrad was born at Piacenza, Italy, in 1290. He was unwillingly caught up in a fire during a game of hunting, and repaired the damages by selling his possessions and freeing a poor innocent person from an unjust accusation. Touched by grace, he decided to consecrate himself entirely to God. He entered the Secular Franciscan Order and retired in search of solitude, first to Rome and then to the Val di Noto in Sicily where he spent the remainder of his life in a solitary cave. He died on February 19, 1351. Urban VIII confirmed his immemorial cult on September 12, 1625.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Reliable instruction was in his mouth, no perversity was found upon his lips;
he walked with me in integrity and uprightness, and turned many away from evil.

Mal 2:6

COLLECT

Almighty God,

**you attracted Saint Conrad through his zeal for justice
to serve you faithfully in the desert.**

**Through his prayers may we live justly and piously,
and happily succeed in coming to you.**

**Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

**God of all mercy,
you transformed Saint Conrad
and made him a new creature in your image.
Renew us in the same way
by making our gifts of peace acceptable to you.
Through Christ our Lord.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

Mt 11:28

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Lord, our God,
may the divine mysteries
we celebrate in memory of Saint Conrad,
fill us with eternal peace and salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.**

25 February

BL. SEBASTIAN OF APARICIO
Friar Minor, religious

Optional Memorial for Friars Minor. Not celebrated by other Franciscans.

Sebastian was born at La Gudiña (Spain) on January 20, 1502. The humble farmer of the Spanish province of Galicia passed his youth shepherding sheep. He emigrated from Spain to Mexico where he helped many poor people with the goods he had acquired through his work. He was widowed twice and was received as a lay brother in the Order of Friars Minor. His fervor, humility and obedience which animated him habitually notwithstanding his already advanced age, were examples for all his confreres. His last twenty-six years were spent going throughout the countryside begging for alms. He died at Mexico City on February 25, 1600, mourned by all the public. He was beatified on May 17, 1789 by Pope Pius VI.

Common of Holy Men and Women (For religious), p. 1105

COLLECT

**Father, you enabled your servant, Blessed Sebastian,
to live simply and in purity of heart,
and showered upon him heavenly gifts.**

**Following his example,
by serving you with simple hearts and pure minds
may we obtain the gift of your grace.**

**Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.**

Source: Unapproved translation of the approved Italian text from the Santorale Francescano: *Collectio Missarum* (2011), 74

27 February**BL. CARITAS BRADER**

Secular Franciscan, religious founder

Optional Memorial for Secular Franciscans. Not celebrated by other Franciscans.

Mary Josefa Caroline Brader was born at Kaltbrunn, in the Swiss canton of St. Gaul in 1860. At twenty years of age she entered the convent of Maria Hilf in Alstätten. Contemplative life required action for her, and so in 1888, accepting the invitation of a missionary bishop, together with five fellow sisters, she left for Ecuador to dedicate herself to evangelization. The following year she left for a new community in Columbia. To better respond to this challenge, in 1894, she founded the Congregation of the Franciscan Sisters of Mary Immaculate. Her specific charism was the joining of action with contemplation. She died in 1943. John Paul II beatified her on March 23, 2003.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the one announcing peace, bearing good news,
announcing salvation.

*Is 52:7***COLLECT**

**Almighty and merciful God,
you gave the virgin, Blessed Caritas,
a marvelous love for the Eucharistic mystery
and the grace to recognize Christ in the poor.
Sustained by her example and intercession,
grant that we may follow you and remain united in fidelity.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

**Lord, our God, accept our gifts which we present to you
on the feast of the virgin, Blessed Caritas.**

By this sacrifice

grant that we may persevere in love for you.

Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father,
and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him.

Jn 14:21.23

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty God,

may the holy Table give us new strength

to accomplish the works of mercy,

following the example of Blessed Caritas:

to instruct the ignorant

and thereby help people to keep to your path.

Through Christ our Lord.