

**FRANCISCAN
PROPER
OF THE
SAINTS**

January

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).

3 January

MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

Proper Memorial for All Franciscans

The Most Holy Name of Jesus has always been honored and venerated in the Church from the earliest times, but only in the 15th century was there a liturgical cult. St. Bernardine of Siena, aided by other Franciscans, especially Bl. Albert of Sarteano and Bl. Bernardine of Feltre, very zealously and fervently diffused devotion to the Holy Name throughout the whole of Europe, until it was finally established as a liturgical feast. In 1530, Clement VII authorized the Franciscan Order to celebrate the divine office of the Most Holy Name of Jesus. Although the feast never disappeared from the Common Franciscan Calendar, it was removed from the General Roman Calendar in 1970. Pope John Paul II restored the feast to the General Calendar, with the rank of Optional Memorial, when he revised the Roman Missal in 2002. For Franciscans, the texts are proper Franciscan texts, and the feast enjoys the rank of Memorial.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

At the name of Jesus every knee must bend,
of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Phil 2:10-11

COLLECT

**Lord,
may we who honor the holy name of Jesus
enjoy his friendship in this life
and be filled with eternal joy in his kingdom
where he lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

**All-powerful Father,
accept our gifts in the name of Jesus Christ your Son.
We have faith that we will receive
whatever we ask for in his name
for this is what he promised.
Through Christ our Lord.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

There is no other name under heaven given to the human race
by which we are to be saved!

Acts 4:12

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**God of mercy,
may we honor our Lord Jesus Christ by these holy mysteries,
for you wish all people to worship him
and find salvation in his name.
Through Christ our Lord.**

6 January

BL. DIEGO JOSÉ LÓPEZ CAAMAÑO OF CÁDIZ Capuchin Franciscan, priest

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

Diego José was born into a noble family at Cádiz (Spain) on March 30, 1743. On March 31, 1758 he began his novitiate year among the Friars Minor Capuchin at Seville. Gifted by God with marvelous wisdom, he became the apostle of Spain, the length and breadth of which he traveled by foot, wearing only a rough tunic and armed with his crucifix. He had an ardent love for the Church, spent much time studying Scripture in order to combat the vices of his times. He preached not only to the common folk, but also to the more cultured and learned. His marvelous, active life was marked by prayer, penance and austerity, and enriched with miracles. He died on March 24, 1801 at Ronda, Spain. He was beatified by Leo XIII on April 1, 1894. [Outside the USA his feast is celebrated on January 5.]

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom; his tongue speaks what is right.
God's teaching is in his heart.

Ps 37:30-31

COLLECT

God, our Father,

**you endowed Blessed Diego José with the wisdom of the saints
and wonderfully guided him in his labors
for the salvation of his people.**

Through his intercession,

grant us to relish what is right and good,

and to preach to all nations the unfathomable riches of Christ.

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Lord,

**give to us who offer these gifts at your altar
the same spirit of love that filled Blessed Diego José
that we may celebrate this sacred Eucharist
with pure minds and loving hearts.**

Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

This is the faithful and prudent steward whom the master put in charge of his servants
to distribute the food allowance at the proper time. **Lk 12:42**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord,

**may this heavenly banquet renew us
that we may ever be inflamed in your presence
with devout and holy love.**

Through Christ our Lord.

Source: Roman Franciscan Sacramentary (1974), 619-B

Note: His Latinized name is Didacus Joseph.

7 January

BL. ANGELA OF FOLIGNO

Third Order, religious founder

Optional Memorial for TORs, Secular Franciscans and Conventual Franciscans. Not celebrated by the Friars Minor or the Capuchins or the Poor Clares.

Bl. Angela of Foligno was born into a leading family in Foligno, Italy in 1248. As a wife and mother she was immersed in the quest for wealth and social position. Around age 40, she recognized the emptiness of her life and experienced a personal conversion. She dedicated herself to prayer and works of charity. Shortly after her conversion, her husband and children died. She sold her possessions and entered the Secular Franciscan Order. She was alternately absorbed by meditating on the crucified Christ and by serving the poor of Foligno as a nurse, begging for supplies to meet their needs. Other women joined her in a religious community. At her confessor's urging, Angela wrote her Book of Visions and Instructions. In it she recalls some of the temptations she suffered after her conversion; she also expresses her thanks to God for the Incarnation of Jesus. This book and her life earned for Angela the title "Teacher of Theologians." She died on January 4, 1309 and was buried in the Church of St. Francis in Foligno. She was beatified in 1693. Clement XI confirmed her cult on May 7, 1701.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The wise woman builds her house on faithful love
she who walks uprightly fears the Lord.

see Prv 14:1-2

COLLECT

**Almighty God, you caused Blessed Angela
to excel in contemplating the mysteries of your Son.
Through her merits and prayers,
may we share in the same mysteries on earth
and rejoice exultantly in the revelation of your glory.
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, we offer our gifts to you.

**Through the intercession of Blessed Angela,
may we deserve to draw superabundant grace
from the fountain of heaven.**

Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Whoever does the will of my heavenly Father
is my brother, and sister, and mother, says the Lord

Mt 12:50

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty God,

**may the benefit of the divine sacrament
in this commemoration of Blessed Angela
enlighten and inflame us,**

**that we may always be fervent with holy desires
and abound in good works.**

Through Christ our Lord.

ON THE SAME DAY

7 January

ST. CHARLES MELCHIORI OF SEZZE

Friar Minor, religious

Optional Memorial for Friars Minor. Not celebrated by TORs, Conventuals or Capuchins.

Giancarlo Melchiori was born into a family of modest means at Sezze (Latina), Italy on October 19, 1613. In 1635 he entered the Order of Friars Minor as a lay brother, and served as cook, porter, sacristan, gardener and questor at various friaries. At the direction of his confessor, Charles wrote his autobiography, *The Grandeurs of the Mercies of God*. He also wrote several other spiritual books. Charles was sought after for spiritual advice. The dying Pope Clement IX called Charles to his bedside for a blessing. Charles died at San Francesco a Ripa in Rome on January 6, 1670. He is also buried there. He was beatified by Leo XIII on January 22, 1882. Pope John XXIII canonized him in 1959.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I have been crucified with Christ;
yet I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me;
Insofar as I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God
who has loved me and given himself up for me.

Gal 2:19b-20

COLLECT

**O God, joy and light of the blessed,
Saint Charles of Sezze was inflamed with divine charity
and you adorned him with heavenly gifts.
Through his intercession, hear us in your goodness,
and inflame our hearts with your 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.**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

**Most merciful God,
who were pleased to imprint on Saint Charles
the image of the New Man created in justice and holiness,
graciously grant, we pray,
that, renewed in spirit like him,
we may offer you the acceptable sacrifice of praise.
Through Christ our Lord.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

He shared in the sufferings of Christ,
so that when his glory is revealed he might also rejoice exultantly. **see 1 Pt 4:13**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Father,
on the feast of Saint Charles,
we have been nourished by the divine sacrament;
may it strengthen us so that, in continual fidelity to you,
we may merit to receive more copiously
the fruits of the sufferings of your Christ.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.**

9 January

BL. EUROSIA FABRIS BARBAN

Secular Franciscan, wife and parent

Optional Memorial for Secular Franciscans. Not celebrated by other Franciscans

“Momma Rosa” as she was affectionately called, was born at Quinto Vicentino (Italy) on September 27, 1866. She was the mother of nine children, three of whom became priests. She was a Secular Franciscan, living the spirit of poverty and joy. A woman of great faith and charity, she helped those in need, assisted the sick and spread the light of the Gospel in her family and in the parish at Marola (Vicenza). She died at Marola on January 8, 1932, surrounded with the affection of her loved ones. She was beatified by the Papal Delegate of Pope Benedict XVI on April 24, 2005, at Vicenza.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

“Come, you who are blessed by my Father,” says the Lord,

“for I was ill and you visited me.”

“Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine,
you did for me.”

Mt 25:34.36.40

COLLECT

You alone are holy, Lord;

without you there is not even a glimmer of holiness.

You fill us with joy today with the feast of Blessed Eurosia.

May the memory of her gospel witness

signal a renewal in our lives,

to live fully our baptismal call

and to grow in Christian joy on the path of your 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.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

**Receive, O Lord, the offerings of your people,
and grant that we,
who celebrate your Son's work of boundless charity,
may, by the example of Blessed Eurosia,
be confirmed in love of you and of our neighbor.
Through Christ our Lord.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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

Jn 15:13

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Lord, our God,
may this celebration,
the fount and apex of the life of the Church,
help us to grow on the path of salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.**

11 January

ST. THOMAS PLACIDI OF CORI

Friar Minor, priest

Optional Memorial for Friars Minor. Not celebrated by other Franciscans

Thomas was born into a poor farming family in Cori (Latina), Italy on June 4, 1655. He entered the Friars Minor at age 22. Ordained to the priesthood, he dedicated himself to the preaching of the gospel. His name is linked to the founding of the hermitages of Bellegra and Palombara Sabina where he served repeatedly as superior. He established wise norms for hermitage life, and in 1756 those norms were extended to all the hermitages of the Order. Thomas was a well-known spiritual director. Endowed with many supernatural gifts, he often was subjected to temptation, dryness of spirit, misunderstanding and every type of suffering, which he endured always with patience. He died at the hermitage of Bellegra on January 11, 1729. He was beatified by Pius VI on September 3, 1786 and canonized by John Paul II on November 29, 1999.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Tell his glory among the nations;
among all peoples, his marvelous deeds.

Ps 96:3

COLLECT

**O God, you inspired Saint Thomas of Cori
to seek you in solitude
and to nourish a wonderful love of neighbor.
Grant that we, by following his example,
may strive in the contemplation of good things of heaven,
and thus remain attentive
to the need of our brothers and sisters.
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

**Accept, O Lord, the offering of our priestly service
in memory of Blessed Thomas,
and grant that,
freed of this world's cares and self-centeredness,
we may become rich in you, the only Good.
Through Christ our Lord.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Remain in me, as I remain in you.
Whoever remains in me and I in him
will bear much fruit, says the Lord.

see Jn 15:4-5

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Guide us, O Father, in the ways of your love
by the light and strength of this Sacrament;
confirm the work you have begun in us
and bring it to completion on the day of Christ Jesus,
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.**

Source: Unapproved English translation of the approved Italian text from the *Santorale Francescano: Collectio Missarum* (2011), 16.

Note: Cora is the Latinized form of the Italian city, Cori.

12 January

ST. BERNARD LATINI OF CORLEONE

Capuchin Franciscan, religious

Memorial for Capuchins Friars and Capuchin Poor Clares. Optional Memorial for Secular Franciscans. Not celebrated by other Franciscans.

Filippo Latini was born on February 6, 1605 in Corleone (Sicily), Italy. He was a swordsman of renown and Secular Franciscan who dedicated himself to works of mercy on behalf of the poor, the sick and the oppressed. After joining the Capuchin Franciscans, he quickly distinguished himself for his commitment to the Gospel life and for his religious fervor. Faithful to his Baptismal commitment and religious consecration, he focused entirely on conforming himself to Christ crucified with an austere and responsible lifestyle. He died at Palermo on January 12, 1667. He was beatified by Clement XIII on May 15, 1768 and canonized by John Paul II on June 10, 2001.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

He humbled himself in all things and found mercy in the sight of God.

Great is the power of the Lord; by the humble he is glorified. [see Sir 3:18-19](#)

COLLECT

**God, our Father, you have given us Saint Bernard
as a wonderful example of penance and of Christian virtues.
By the power of your Spirit
make us firm in faith and effective in our work.
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 Bernard
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

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross,
and follow me, says the Lord.

Mt 16:24

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Lord Jesus,
we have been nourished at your sacred banquet.
Grant us to walk in the way of humility and courage
as Saint Bernard did whom you gave us
as an example of faith and constancy.
Through Christ our Lord.**

14 January

BL. ODORIC MATTEUCCI OF PORDENONE

Friar Minor, priest

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

Odorico was born into the Matteucci (Mattiuzzi) family at Villanova di Pordenone, Italy in 1265. He joined the Friars Minor and was ordained a priest, leading an exemplary life of austerity with untiring zeal for the salvation of souls. He was one of the earliest missionaries of the Order, going first to Asia Minor and later among the Tartars, the Chinese and the Indians, converting many to faith in Christ. He gained the name "Apostle of the Chinese". When he returned to Europe to report to the pope on the state of the mission he died at Udine (Italy) on January 14, 1331. Benedict XIV confirmed his cult on July 2, 1755.

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

**God our Father,
through the apostolic ministry of Blessed Odoric
you made your Church grow,
shedding the light of the Gospel on many oriental peoples.
Grant us through his prayer
to stand fast in the faith and to remain constant
in the hope of the gospel which he preached.
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

**All-powerful God,
look upon the gifts we bring on this feast
in honor of Blessed Odoric.**

**May we who celebrate the mystery of the death of the Lord
imitate the love we celebrate.**

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,
Blessed Odoric 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.**

15 January

BL. JAMES VILLA OF CASTELPIEVE
Secular Franciscan, martyr

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

James was born at Città della Pieve (Perugia), Italy around the year 1260. He was sent to Siena to study to become a lawyer. When he returned to his hometown he entered the Secular Franciscans. At his own expense he restored a church and hospice outside the Vecciano gate, where he cared for the poor and sick with great love. He defended the rights of the sick and the poor against the Lord of Chiusi who had usurped the goods of the hospice. For this reason he was killed by assassins on the night of January 5, 1304. In 1806, Pius VII confirmed his immemorial cult.

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COLLECT

**May the prayers of the blessed martyr, James Villa,
strengthen us, Lord, to cling courageously to the Gospel
and to remain always faithful
to the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church,
following the teaching of our seraphic Father.
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 the approved Italian text from the *Santorale Francescano: Collectio Missarum* (2011), 22

16 January**ST. BERARD AND COMPANIONS**

Protomartyrs of the Franciscan Order

Ss. Bernard Leopardi of Calvi, Peter Bonanti of San Gemini,

Otto Petricchi, Accursio Vacuzio and Adjutus of Narni

Memorial for All Franciscans

The first Franciscan martyrs were: Berard de' Leopardi of Calvi [subdeacon], Peter de' Bonanti of Sangemini, Otto de' Petricchi [priest], Accursio Vacuzio and Adjutus of Narni. St. Francis sent six of his first disciples to Morocco. One of them, Vitalis, took ill and had to abandon the mission. The other five arrived in Spain and began preaching the faith in the mosques. Because of this they were brought before the sultan who condemned them to decapitation. Shortly afterward, however, they were pardoned and sent to Morocco with the order not to preach the name of Christ any more. With extreme courage they continued to proclaim the Gospel. For this they were imprisoned, flogged and finally decapitated on January 16, 1220. They were canonized by Sixtus IV on August 7, 1481.

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**Lord God,****you sanctified the beginnings of the Order of Friars Minor
by the glorious struggle of your holy martyrs,****Berard and companions.****As they did not hesitate to give up their lives for you,
so may we bear staunch witness to you by our lives.****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

**Holy Father,
receive the gifts we bring you
in memory of your holy martyrs,
Berard and Companions.
And grant us, your servants,
the grace to be your steadfast witnesses.
Through Christ our Lord.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

It is you who have stood by me in my trials;
and I confer a kingdom on you, says the Lord.
that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom.

Lk 22:28-30

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**God our Father,
in your holy mysteries you show us the glory of the cross.
Through this sacrifice,
strengthen our resolution to follow Christ faithfully
and to work in your Church for the salvation of all.
Through Christ our Lord.**

19 January**ST. EUSTOCHIA ESMERALDA CALAFATO**

Poor Clare

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

Esmeralda Calafato was born at Messina (Sicily), Italy on March 25, 1434. In 1449 she joined the Poor Clares of Santa Maria di Basicò, but a desire for stricter observance led her to found the new convent of Montevergine. Love for the Eucharist and the mystery of the Lord's passion were hallmarks of her spirituality. Her contemporaries recalled her as "austere and benign, humble, kind, charitable, devout and always happy." She died at Messina on January 20, 1485, and was canonized on June 11, 1988 by John Paul II.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Behold a wise virgin, one of the prudent virgins:
she went out to meet Christ with her lamp burning.

see Mt 25:6**COLLECT**

**Almighty and eternal God,
you choose humble, weak creatures
to confound worldly power,
grant that we who celebrate the memory of the virgin,
Blessed Eustochia,
may imitate her determination to do your will.
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

**Receive, O God, this sacrifice of salvation
which we offer you in memory of Saint Eustochia,
and grant that the example of her life
may make us ever more fervent
in giving thanks to you, the source of every Good.
Through Christ our Lord.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

If we walk in the light as God is in the light,
then we have fellowship with one another,
and the blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanses us from all sin.

1 Jn 1:7

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**O Lord,
may this spiritual food which nourished and sustained
Saint Eustochia during her earthly life,
bring us your immortal life.
Through Christ our Lord.**

Source: Unapproved English translation of the approved Italian text found in the *Messe Proprie del II Ordine Francescano* (1975), 11

20 January**BL. JOHN BAPTIST TRIQUERIE**
Conventual Franciscan, priest and martyr

Optional Memorial for Conventual Franciscans. Not Celebrated by other Franciscans.

Among the countless victims of the religious persecution that took place during the French Revolution, champions of the faith and Catholic priesthood, were members of the Franciscan Family. The Conventual friar, John Baptist Triquerie, was one of the victims of that persecution and was martyred on January 21, 1794. He was among the “Martyrs of September”, which included 191 bishop, priests, deacons and a student, beatified by Pius XI on October 17, 1926. Formerly, his feast was celebrated with the other Franciscan martyrs of the French Revolution on September 2.

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

**Almighty God,
by your grace, Blessed John Baptist, the priest,
faithfully served your Church
and gained the palm of martyrdom
through the ultimate sacrifice of his life;
grant that we, animated by the same charity,
may serve you with sincere dedication and perseverance.
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 Baptist,
witnessed to at the price of his life.
Through Christ our Lord.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I am the vine, you are the branches.
Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit,
says the Lord.

Jn 15:5

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**O God, who in these holy mysteries renew your Church,
grant that we may imitate the wondrous fortitude
of Saint John Baptist,
and obtain the reward promised
to those who suffer because of your name.
Through Christ our Lord.**

Source: Unofficial translation of the approved Italian text from the *Santorale Francescano: Collectio Missarum* (2011), 28

Note: He had been part of the group of Franciscan martyrs celebrated on September 2 (Bb. John Francis Burté, etc.). These prayers are taken from that feast and adapted to the singular.

23 January**ST. MARIANNE COPE**
Third Order, religious, virgin**Optional Memorial for All Franciscans in the USA**

Marianne Koob was born on January 23, 1838, in Darmstadt, Germany. In 1862 she entered the Sisters of St. Francis of Syracuse, New York, after having postponed her entrance nine years in order to fulfill family obligations. She was instrumental in the founding of several schools and hospitals for immigrants. In 1883, she led a group of Sisters to the Hawaiian Islands to care for the poor, especially those suffering from leprosy. In 1888 she went to Kalaupapa, Moloka'i, where she established a leprosarium. After the death of St. Damien DeVeuster, she took over the home he built for boys. She died on August 9, 1918. She was beatified by John Paul II on May 14, 2005 and canonized by Benedict XVI on October 21, 2012.

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COLLECT

**O God, who called us to serve your Son
in the least of the brethren,
grant, we pray,
that by the example and intercession
of Saint Marianne, virgin,
we may burn with love for you and those who suffer.
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: Text approved by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments for the Diocese of Syracuse (Prot. N. 902/05/L).

ON THE SAME DAY

23 January

ST. VINCENT PALLOTTI

Secular Franciscan, priest and founder

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

Vincent was born in Rome on April 21, 1795. Ordained a priest on May 16, 1818, he adopted for himself a program of life following three points: “For the infinite glory of God – For the destruction of sin – For the salvation of souls”. His contemporaries called him “the dignity and ornament of the Roman clergy.” For his charity to the poor, he was called: “Father of the poor” and for his apostolic zeal he became known as “the second Philip Neri of the Eternal City.” In 1835 he founded the Society of Catholic Apostolate [Pallottines], today diffused throughout the world. In 1843 he founded the Sisters of the Catholic Apostolate for the assistance of young women. Vincent loved God intensely, generously imitated the crucified Jesus, and cultivated a tender devotion to Mary, most holy. Vincent died at Rome on January 22, 1850. He was beatified by Pius XII in 1950 and canonized by John XXIII in 1963.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Go up onto a high mountain, Zion, herald of good news!

Cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news!

Is 40:9

COLLECT

O God,

**you raised up in your Church the holy priest, Vincent Pallotti,
to defend the faith and to revive charity.**

**Graciously grant that, by imitating his example,
clarity of the truth and fraternal love may be in our hearts
and we may bear witness to them in our deeds.**

**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

**We ask you, O Lord, to look kindly on the gifts we offer
so that these holy mysteries which made Saint Vincent
an illustrious minister of your mercy
may inflame us also
with charity towards our brothers and sisters.
Through Christ our Lord.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death.
For to me life is Christ, and death is gain.

Phil 1:20-21

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Restored by these holy mysteries,
we ask you, O Lord,
to grant that we may imitate the example of Saint Vincent
who honored you with tireless devotion
and served your people with immense charity.
Through Christ our Lord.**

ON THE SAME DAY

23 January

BL. LADISLAUS BATTHYÁNY-STRATTMANN

Secular Franciscan, physician

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

Ladislaus was born at Dunakiliti (Hungary) on October 28, 1870. He became a physician and, in 1898, married the Countess Maria Teresa Coreth. The Lord blessed them with 13 children. In 1898 he founded a hospital at Kittsee and specialized as a surgeon and later as an oculist. After the First World War he moved to Körmend, Hungary, and founded a hospital there. He considered himself an instrument of God in the care of the sick poor and desired to heal not only bodies but also souls. After months of suffering, during which he identified with the crucified Lord, he died at Vienna on January 22, 1931. John Paul II beatified him on March 23, 2003.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is the Lord.,
 He is like a tree planted besides the water that stretches out its roots to the stream:
 it fears not the heat when it comes. Jer 17:7-8

COLLECT

**O God, who filled Blessed Ladislaus with admirable zeal
 in caring for the sick and poor,
 and in watching over his family in fidelity and love,
 grant that, through his intercession,
 we may come to the help of our brothers and sisters
 in their necessity and need,
 and serve you with perseverance
 in all of the circumstances of life.
 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, we bring our offerings to your altar.

We pray that you accept them

and bestow on us that fervor

which you gave to Blessed Ladislaus.

In this sacrifice, grant your faithful people peace and unity.

Through Christ our Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord,
and where I am, there also will my servant be.

Jn 12:26

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, origin and fulfillment of holiness,

who led Blessed Ladislaus to perfection,

grant that, by the power of your sacrament,

we also may grow in love,

and may the work of grace you began in us

be brought to completion on the day of Christ Jesus.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

ON THE SAME DAY

23 January

BL. JOSEPH NASCIMBENI Secular Franciscan, priest and founder

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

Joseph was born at Torri del Benàco (Verona), Italy on March 22, 1851. He became a priest in 1874. In 1884 he was named pastor of the Church of San Carlo in Castelletto where he remained until his death. In this small parish community he promoted the lay apostolate calling people join him in being leaders and protagonists in parish events. He re-activated defunct parish societies and instituted new ones. With all his energy he dedicated himself to promoting full participation in the liturgical life of the Church. On the advice of the coadjutor bishop of Verona, in 1892 he founded the Congregation of the Little Sisters of the Holy Family after the spirit and Rule of the Third Order of St. Francis, himself a member of the Secular Franciscan Order. Following a serious illness, Joseph died on January 21, 1922 at Castelletto di Brenzone. He was beatified by John Paul II on April 17, 1988.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I will appoint for you shepherds after my own heart,
who will shepherd you wisely and prudently.

Jer 3:15

COLLECT

**O God , our Father, who enriched your Church
with the virtues and priestly service
of Blessed Joseph Nascimbeni,
grant that, following the example of his busy life,
inspired by the Holy Family of Nazareth,
we may live the duties of the Christian life in fidelity and joy.
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 our gifts
in memory of Blessed Joseph Nascimbeni,
and grant that the Eucharistic sacrifice
which proclaims your glory
may obtain for us eternal salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I am with you always, until the end of the age, says the Lord.

Mt 28:20

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**May communion at your table, Lord,
dispose us to the joy of the eternal banquet
which Blessed Joseph Nascimbeni merited
as a faithful dispenser of your mysteries.
Through Christ our Lord.**

27 January

ST. ANGELA MERICI
 Secular Franciscan, religious founder

Optional Memorial for All Franciscans

Angela was born at Desenzano del Garda (Brescia) Italy on March 21 between the years 1470 and 1474. She was orphaned at 15, entered the Secular Franciscan Order, consecrating herself to an intense life of prayer and recollection. She gathered and trained a few young women and sent them to assist the sick, proposing to them the ideal of consecrated virginity without the confines of a cloister. After a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Rome, in 1533, she returned to Brescia and founded the Company of the Humble Women of Saint Ursula. After two years they were officially established as the Institute of the Ursulines, who without a special religious habit, live their consecration while remaining inserted in the various realities of the world. To her followers Angela asked the maximum commitment in the service of others and in particular, to the spiritual and material assistance of youth. She died at Brescia on January 27, 1540. Many families of religious women were inspired by her teachings and honor her as their patron. She was canonized by Pius VII on May 24, 1807. Pius IX extended her cult to the universal Church in 1861.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Raise a glad cry, break forth in jubilant song,
 for your descendants shall dispossess the nations.

For your husband is your Maker; your redeemer, the Holy One of Israel,
 is called God of all the earth.

Is 54:1.3.5

COLLECT

**O God, merciful Father,
 who in Saint Angela Merici have given to your Church
 a model of wise and courageous charity,
 grant that, through her example and intercession,
 we may understand and bear witness to
 the renewing power of the 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

**O God, admirable in your saints,
accept these gifts
which we present to you in memory of Saint Angela,
and as her virginal witness was pleasing to you,
so may the offering of our sacrifice be accepted by you.
Through Christ our Lord.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

I live by faith in the Son of God
who has loved me and given himself up for me.

Gal 2:20

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**O God, who have refreshed us
with the body and blood of your Son,
keep us united in the bond of charity
so that, living in newness of life
and consecrating our energies to make you known,
we may come to the festive and indescribable joy of heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.**

30 January**ST. HYACINTHE MARESCOTTI**

Third Order, religious, virgin

Memorial for All Franciscans

Clarice was born at Vignanello (Viterbo) Italy, in 1585, the daughter of Marco Antonio and Ottavia Orsini, of the famous Roman princely family. At 20 years of age, he entered the Convent of San Bernardino in Viterbo, where she took the name Hyacinthe. Rather than become a Poor Clare, she chose to be a Franciscan Tertiary not bound by strict cloister. For about 15 years she lived religious life in “much vanity and foolishness.” During an illness she received the grace of God—a total, sincere conversion. Over the next 24 years she lived in poverty and heroic penance, and climbed to the highest levels of Christian perfection. Although linked to the cloister, she was actively involved in apostolic works. To the poor, the suffering and the imprisoned she dedicated her charity, material as well as spiritual. She died on January 30, 1640. She was beatified by Benedict XIII on July 14, 1726 and canonized by Pius VII on May 24, 1807. Her remains are kept in the church of the friary of San Bernardino in Viterbo.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Here is a wise and faithful virgin who, with lighted lamp,
went out to meet her Lord.

see Mt 25:4

COLLECT

Heavenly Father, you inflamed the virgin, Saint Hyacinthe,

with the fire of your love

and made her an example of continual mortification.

Through her intercession on our behalf,

grant us the grace to repent of our sins

and to abide in your 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.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

**Lord, we offer you the sacrifice of atonement.
Through the intercession of Saint Hyacinthe,
mercifully forgive our sins and guide our wavering hearts.
Through Christ our Lord.**

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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

Jn 14:21.23

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 the virgin, Saint Hyacinthe,
to grow in your love on earth,
and to enjoy your presence for ever in heaven.
Through Christ our Lord.**