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Message from the Provincial of the Americas

Dear friends,

I invite you to discover the 2026 calendar, adorned with batik motifs inspired by African art. These motifs, true messengers of wisdom and philosophy, are designed to illustrate the everyday life of communities, their cosmology and their vision of the world, reflecting the cultural diversity of the continent. Some of them reveal the effort to inculturate Christianity into the language and practices of Africans, establishing a harmonious link between tradition and spirituality.

From the vast sandy expanses of the Sahara to the majestic baobabs of the savannahs, via the traditional dwellings of the Great Lakes forests, Africa unfolds like a living fresco, punctuating the months of the year with its brilliant colors. Take advantage of this artistic symphony to approach the New Year with renewed optimism and a heart brimming with gratitude to God, the source of all life.

As usual, I would like to take this opportunity to express our deep gratitude for your support in all its forms. I would also like to convey to you the warm wishes of the Missionaries of Africa: wishes for peace, good health, success and blessings.

Happy New Year 2026. Father Barthélémy Bazemo, M.Afr

The province of the Americas

The Society of the Missionaries of Africa, historically known as the 'White Fathers', was founded by Mgr Charles Lavigerie in Algiers in 1868. This first foundation was followed the following year by the creation of the Congregation of Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Africa, also known as the 'White Sisters'.

Since then, thousands of men and women have traversed the vast expanses of Africa. The first missionaries came from Europe. It was in the 1920s that Canadians joined this spiritual family, characterized by its international and intercultural composition. Today, the majority of new missionaries come from various African countries.

In the Americas, the province includes Mexico, the United States and Canada. Over the past decade, however, we've seen the arrival of many new missionaries from Africa.



Provincial Council of the Americas 2024 - 2027

Paul Johnston, Canadian delegate residing in Toronto, Barthélémy Bazemo, from Burkina Faso, provincial of the Americas residing in Washington, Cyriaque Mounkoro, from Mali, delegate of Mexico residing in Querétaro, Serge St-Arneault, Canadian, provincial secretary residing in Montreal and Antonio Koffi, from Togo, provincial bursar residing in Washington (not in photo).



The Missionaries of Africa (White Fathers) set up the Afrika Centre in 1988 to enable Africans to forge bonds of friendship with one another and thus promote harmonious living together in Quebec society.

Our services:

- Welcome and orientation service for new arrivals.
- Activities and events designed to facilitate the creation of networks of solidarity.
- Support for the development of initiatives and networks promoting integration and inclusion.
- Intercultural and interfaith dialogue activities.
- Three rooms are available for a variety of meetings and activities.
- Internet portal for organizations and associations that share the Centre Afrika's values, as well as for disseminating various activities, information and relevant news.

Our mission:

We, the team and friends of Centre Afrika, promote encounters between Montreal's various African groups, and support their integration into their host society, thus contributing to the living-together to face current and future challenges.

To live together in the spirit Our motto: of interculturality and supportive solidarity.

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Canvas by E. Kapo, Burundi. Missionaries of Africa Collection. (50 cm x 66 cm)

DECEMBER 2025

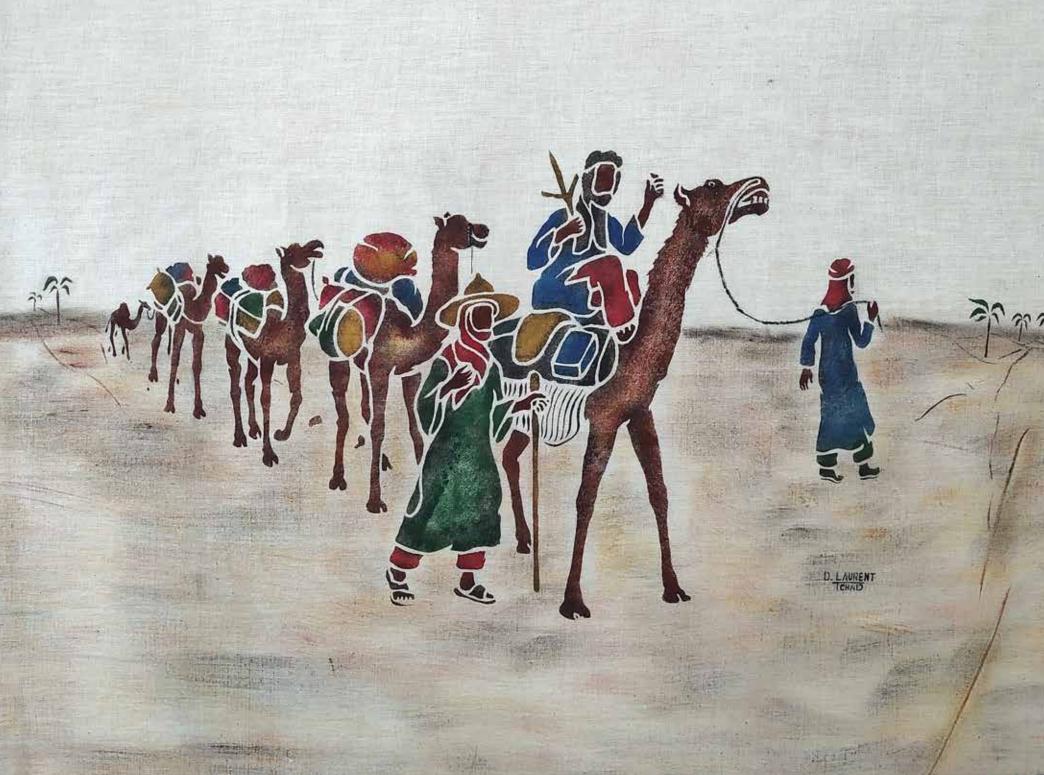
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	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		Charles de Foucauld and Anuarite Nengapeta		3 François Xavier	John Damascene	5 Gerard	6 Nicolas
7	2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT	8 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Feast of the Missionaries of Africa	Juan Diego Cuautlatoatzi	1 0 Our Lady of Lorretto	11 Damasus	Our Lady of Guadalupe Day of Prayer in solidarity with indigenous peoples	13 Lucy
1	3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT	15 Christiane	16 Alice	7 Yolanda Christmas Countdown Begins	18 Gatian	19 Urbain	20 Abraham
2	4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT	22 Françoise-X. Cabrini	23 Armand, David and John of Kanty	24 Christmas Eve	25 THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD MERRY CHRISTMAS!	26 Stephen	27 APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST
2	HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS	29 Thomas Becket	30 Roger	31 Sylvester			New Moon First Quarter Full Moon Quarter











Batik by D. Laurent, Chad. Afrika Centre Collection. (58 cm x 85 cm)

JANUARY 2026

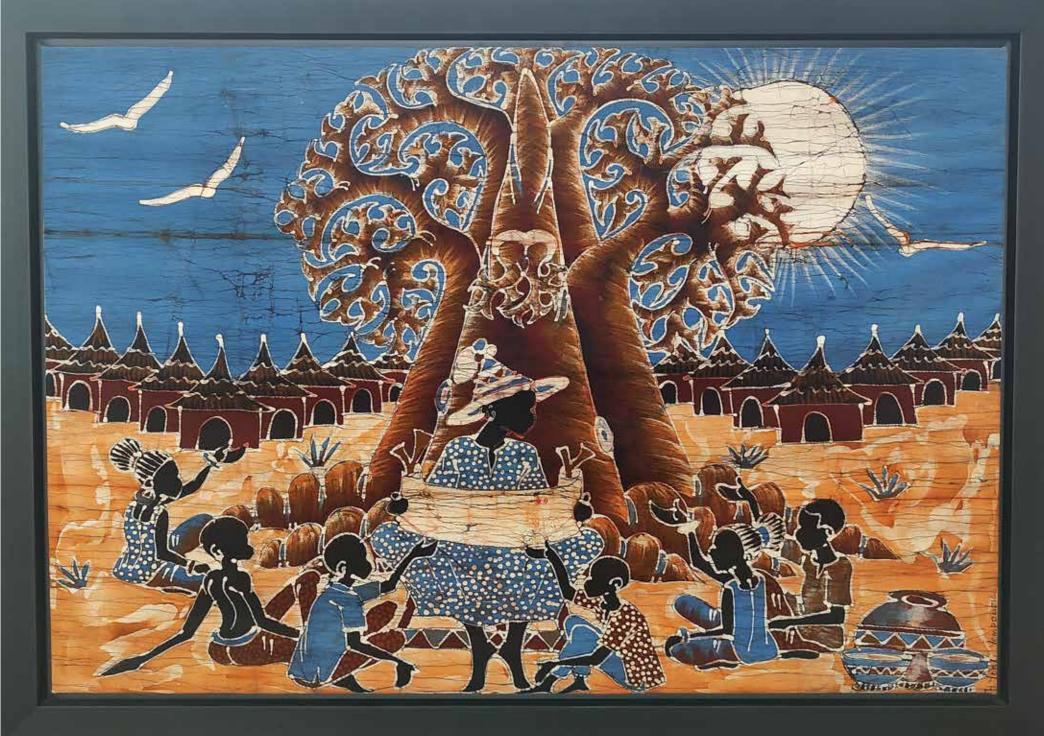
SUNDAY	MONDAY TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
New Moon First Quarter Full Moon Quarter		PPY YEAR!	**	MARY, MOTHER OF GOD New Year's Day party and World Peace Day	2 Basil and Gregory	3 Most Holy Name of Jesus	
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	5 John Neumann	6 Brother André Bessette	Raymond of Penyafort	8 Lucien	9 Alix	10 William	
1 1 BAPTISM OF THE LORD	12 Marguerite Bourgeoys	13 Hilary of Poitiers	14 Nina	15 Remy	16 Marcel	17 Anthony of Egypt	
18 2nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME Start of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity	19 Marius	Pabien and Sebastian	21 Agnes	22 Laura	23 Vincent	24 Francis de Sales	
25 3rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME End of the week of prayer for Christian unity	26 Timothy and Titus	27 Angela Merici	28 Thomas Aquinas	29 Gildas	30 Martine	31 John Bosco	











FEBRUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME Benedict Daswa	PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	3 Blase and Ansgar	4 Veronica	5 Agatha	Paul Miki and companions	7 Eugenie
Sth SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	9 Miguel Cordero	10 Scholatica	1 1 Our Lady of Lourdes	12 Eulalie and Felix	13 Beatrice and Gilberte	Cyril and Methodius
Josephine Bakhita			World Sick Day			Valentine's Day
15 6th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME National Flag of Canada	16 Julienne of Nicomedia	17 Elisabetta Sanna	18 ASH WEDNESDAY Beginning of Lent	19 Conrad and Gabin	Prancis and Jacinta of Fatima	21 Richard and Peter Damien
22 1st SUNDAY OF LENT	23 Policarp	Modestus and Flavien	25 Nestor and Romeo	26 Claudien	27 Gregory of Narek	28 Roman

















MARCH 2026

	S	UNDAY	М	ONDAY	1	TUESDAY		WEI	ONESDAY		THURSDAY	F	RIDAY	S	ATURDAY
	1	2nd SUNDAY OF LENT	2	Henri Suso	3	Katharine Drexel	4	1	Casimir	5	Olive and Adrien	6	Colette	7	Perpetua and Felicity
-		3rd SUNDAY OF LENT national en's Day	9	Frances of Rome	10	Vivien	1	1	Christophe and Adrien	12	Justine	13	Rodrigo	14	Mathilda •
-	15	4th SUNDAY OF LENT	16	Benedicte	17	Patrick atrick's Day	1	8	Cyril of Jerusalem	19	Joseph, Patron of Canada	20 Beginn	Anatole ing of spring	21	Clemence
	22	5th SUNDAY OF LENT	23	Turibius of Mogrovejo	24	Diego Joseph of Cadix and Oscar Romero	2	5	THE NNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	26	Luger	27	Francisco Faà di Bruno	28	Gontran
	29	PALM SUNDAY	30	John Climaque	31	Benjamin								First Quarter	New Moon Earth Last Full Moon Quarter









APRIL 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Hugues 2 At ex Easter Lord's Re				3 GOOD FRIDAY	HOLY SATURDAY Easter Vigil
5 EASTER RESURRECTION OF THE LORD	6 EASTER MONDAY	John Baptist de la Salle	8 Julie	9 Gauthier	10 Flubert	11 Stanislaus
12 2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY	13 Martin	14 Maxime	15 Paternus	16 Bernadette Soubirous	17 Kateri Tekakwitha	18 Anne-Marie Blondin
19 3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER	20 Odette	21 Anselm of Canterbury	22 Leonie	23 George and Adalbert	Pidelis of Sigmaringen	25 Mark, the Evangelist
26 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER	27 Zita	28 Louis Mary de Montfort	29 Catherine of Siena	30 Marie of the Incarnation OUR LADY OF AFRICA		New Moon First Quarter Full Moon Quarter









Batik, H. Yonli. Afrika Centre Collection. (73 cm x 94 c
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MAY 2026

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	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
First Quarte	New Moon Earth Last Quarter					Joseph the Worker	Athanasius of Alexandria
3	5th SUNDAY OF EASTERN	Sylvain and Marie-Léonie Paradis	5 Judith	Francois de Laval	7 Gisela	Catherine of St Augustine First anniversary of the election of Pope Leo XIV	9 Paconius
1 (6th SL OF EA		11 Estella	12 Nereus and Achilleus	13 Our Lady of Fatima	14 Matthias, Apostle	15 Brendan and Isidore the Laborer	16 Denise and Luigi Orione
15	ASCENSION OF THE LORD	The King's Day and the National Day of Ontario	19 Yves	20 Bernardine of Siena	21 Eugene of Mazenod	Rita of Cascia	World Africa Day at the Afrika Centre
24	PENTECOST	25 MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH	Philip Neri	27 Augustine Of Canterbury	28 Germain	29 Paul VI	30 John of Arc
3′	MOST HOLY TRINITY						









JUNE 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Justin	2 Blandine and Marcellinus	Charles Lwanga and Martyrs of Uganda	4 Clotilda	5 Boniface	6 Norbert
MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST	8 Medard	9 Ephrem of Syria	10 Landry	1 1 Barnabas, Apostle	1 2 SACRED HEART OF JESUS	13 The Immaculate Heart of Mary
14 OF ORDINARY TIME	15 Germaine	16 John Francis Régis	17 Harvey	18 Leoncius	19 Romuald	20 Silvorius
21 12th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME Father' Day Beginning of summer	22 John Fisher and Thomas More	23 Audrey	Birth of Saint John the Baptist Quebec National Day	25 Prosper	26 Anthelm	27 Cyril of Alexandria
28 13th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Peter and Paul, Apostles	The first martyrs of the Church of Rome				New Moon First Quarter Full Moon Quarter









Canvas, Kikuy	u, Kenya. Afrika Centi	re Collection. (40 cm x	50 cm)		JUĽ	Y 2026
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
New Moon First Quarter Full Moon Quarter			Thierry Canada Day	2 Martinianus	3 Thomas, Apostle	Elisabeth of Portugal
5 14th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	6 Maria Goretti	7 Raoul	8 Thibaut	Augustine Zhao Rong and companions	10 Ulrich	11 Benedict
12 15th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	13 Theresa of the Andes	14 Camillus de Lellis	15 Bonaventure	16 Mount Carmel	17 Charlotte	18 Frederik
19 16th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	20 Marina and Apollinaris	21 Lawrence of Brindisi	22 Mary Magdalene	23 Birgitta	24 Sharbel Makhlouf	25 James, Apostle
26 17th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	27 Nathaly	28 Samson	29 Martha, Mary and Lazarus	Peter Chrysologus	31 Ignatius of Loyola	











Batik, author unknown, West Africa. Afrika Centre Collection. (58 cm x 68 cm)

AUGUST 2026

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		SUNDAY	М	ONDAY	TUESDAY WEDNESDAY		TH	URSDAY	FF	RIDAY	SA	ΓURDAY		
	First Quarter	New Moon Earth Last Guarter											1	Alphonsus Liguori
	2	18th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	3	Lydy	4	John Vianney	5	Frédéric Janssoone	6 TRAI	NSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	7	Cajetan and Gaetan	8	Dominic
	9	19th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	10	Lawrence	11	Claire	12	Isidore Bakanja	13	Pontian and Hippolytus	14	Maximilian Kolbe	15 National	ASSUMPTION OF MARY Acadian Day
	16	20th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	17	Hyacintha	18	Alberto Hurtado	19	John Eudes	20	Bernard ①	21	Pius X	22	Queenship of Mary
	23	21st SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	24	Bartholomew, Apostle	25	Joseph Calasanz	26	Natacha	27	Monica	28	Augustine of Hippo	29	Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist
,	30	22nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	31	Aristide										









Batik, author unknown, West Africa. Center Afrika Collection. (76 cm x 86 cm) SEPTEMBER 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Gilles	2 André Grasset	Gregory the Great	Dina Belanger	5 Teresa of Calcutta
6 23rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Reine Labour Day	8 THE NATIVITY OF THE VIRGIN MARY	9 Peter Claver	10 Ines	11 Adoph	12 Holy Name of Mary
13 24th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	14 EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS	15 Our Lady of Sorrows	16 Cornelius and Cyprian	17 Robert Bellarmine	18 Joseph of Cupertino	19 Januarius
20 25th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist	22 Maurice	Padre Pio of Pietrelcina Beginning of autumn	24 Emily Gamelin	25 Cosmas and Damian	26 Cosmas and Damian
27 26th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	28 Wenceslaus	29 Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, archangels	Jerome National Day of Truth and Reconciliation			New Moon First Quarter Cuarter Cuarter Cuarter Cuarter Cuarter Cuarter Cuarter









Batik, A. COCO, West Africa. Center Afrika Collection. (94 cm x 134 cm)

OCTOBER 2026

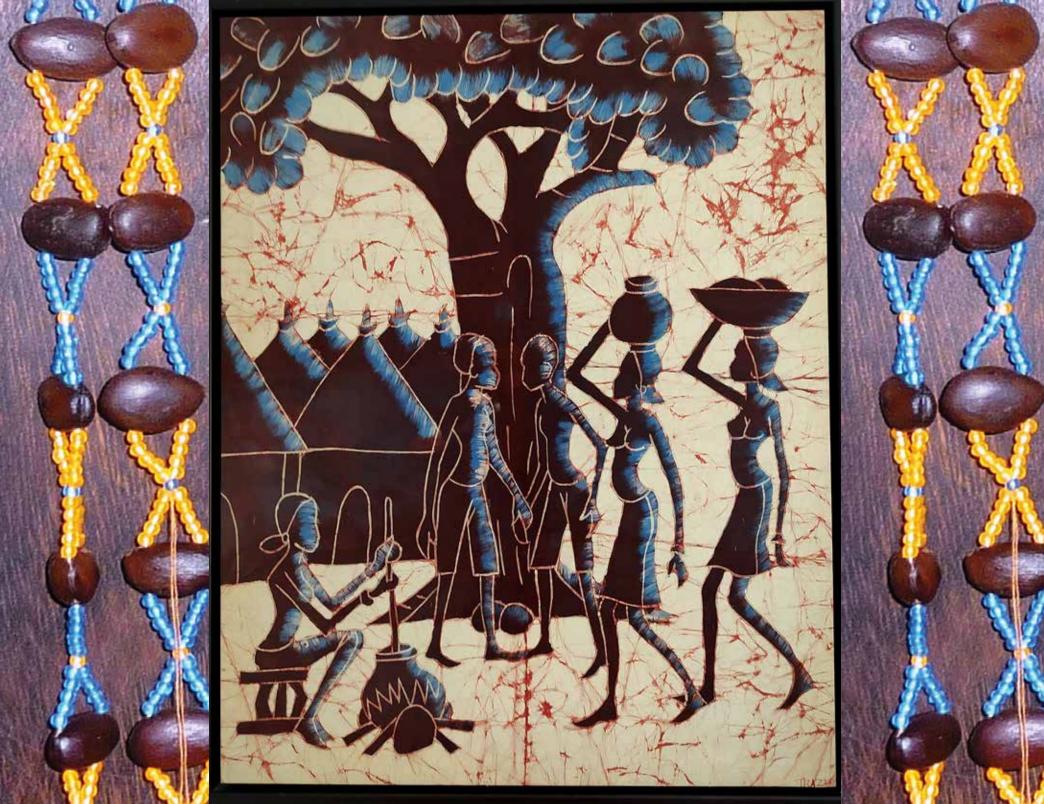
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
New Moon First Quarter Full Moon Quarter				Therese of Lisieux	2 Guardian Angels	3 Gerard
27th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	5 Faustyna Kowalska	6 Marie-Rose Durocher	7 Our Lady of the Rosary and Serge	8 Pelagia	9 Denis and John Leonardi	10 Ghislan
28th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	12 Thanksgiving Day	13 Edward	14 Callistus	15 Teresa of Avila	16 Marguerite d'Youville	17 Ignatius of Antioch
18 29th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME World Mission Sunday	19 Canadian Martyrs	Paul of the Cross	21 Celine	22 Salome and John Paul II	23 John of Capistrano	24 Anthony Mary Claret
25 30th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	26 Dimitri	27 Evariste	28 Simon and Jude, Apostles	29 Narcisse	30 Bienvenue	31 Quentin











NOVEMBRE 2026

	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	ALL SAINTS	2 ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED	3 Martin de Porres	Charles Borromeo	5 Sylvie	6 Leonard	7 Carine
8	32nd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	9 DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA IN ROME	10 Leo the Great	1 1 Martin of Tours	1 2 Josaphat and Christian	13 Brice	14 Sidoine
1	33rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	16 Gertrude	17 Elisabeth of Hungary	Dedication of Saint Peter and Saint Paul Basilicas	19 Tanguy	20 Edmond	21 Presentation of Mary
2	CHRIST THE KING	23 Clement and Columban	Andrew Dũng-Lac and companions Super Moon	25 Catherine of Alexandria	Cardinal Lavigerie, Founder of the Missionaries of Africa	27 Severino	28 Catherine Laboure
2	9 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT	30 Andrew, Apostle					New Moon First Quarter Full Moon Quarter









Papyrus, Egypt. Afrika Centre Collection. (29 cm x 39 cm) DECEMBER 2026						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
New Moon First Quarter Full Moon Quarter		Charles de Foucauld and Anuarite Nengapeta	2 Bibiana	3 François Xavier	4 John Damascene	5 Gerald
2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT	7 Ambrose	Reast of the Missionaries of Africa	Juan Diego Cuautlatoatzi	1 0 Our Lady of Loreto	11 Damasus	12 Our Lady of Guadalupe
13 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT	John of the Cross	15 Ninon	16 Alice	17 Yolanda Christmas Countdown Begins	18 Gatian	19 Urbain
20 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT	Peter Canisius Beginning of winter	22 Françoise-X. Cabrini	23 Armand and David	24 Super Moon	25 NATIVITY OF JESUS MERRY CHRISTMAS!	26 Stephen
27 HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS	28 HOLY INNOCENTS Boxing Day	29 Thomas Becket	Roger	31 Sylvester New Year's Eve	NEW	PPY YEAR 027











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Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Afrika website in Rome: www.msolafrica.org/



The mission of the Missionaries of Africa and the Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Africa is closely linked to issues of peace and social justice, interculturality, interreligious and ecumenical dialogue. Our involvement in these areas is reflected in our pastoral commitments in parishes and specialized centers, particularly on the African continent. In the name of Gospel values, we also campaign against modern forms of slavery.

We live in intercultural communities, reflecting a world where people of different origins rub shoulders on a daily basis. Our two Missionary Societies are made up of around 400 sisters, 1000 priests and brothers and lay associates, from 36 different nationalities.

Our houses of formation welcome many young people from various African countries, India and the Philippines, along with a few candidates from Europe and the Americas.

If you feel God's calling you, you can reach us by e-mail at the following addresses:

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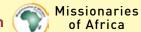
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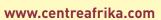
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