

**RELIGIOUS  
CALENDAR  
2025**

**THE BROTHERS OF CHRISTIAN INSTRUCTION**

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## INTRODUCTION

*2025 : Pilgrims on the path of prayer!*

It's pretty a programme for this year, as we march to the rhythm of the universal Church, which has already been on the move for many months with the Synod. On 24 December 2024, Pope Francis opened the Jubilee Year with a theme: ***Pilgrims of Hope !*** He invited us to rise up and walk under the sign of hope. '*Hope does not disappoint*': these are the first words of the Bull of Indiction of this Jubilee.

To prepare more directly for the Jubilee of 2025, Pope Francis has asked all the faithful to dedicate the year 2024 to prayer. In his catecheses, he encouraged us to pray with perseverance, emphasising how constant prayer transforms not only the individual, but also the community around him.

The General Government wanted this year to be a continuation of all these events for the Church and the Congregation - preparation for the Jubilee and the New Rule of Life - by inviting us to be '***Pilgrims on the path of Prayer***', whose logo can be found on the cover of this 2025 Religious Calendar.

We know: '*The absence of a spiritual life - personal prayer, community prayer, sacramental life - often leads to exclusive reliance on apostolic activities. This very often leads to a profound crisis of faith*'. (Mgr José Rodríguez Carballo, former Secretary of the Dicastery for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, DICLSAL)

This Religious Calendar will help us to persevere in thanksgiving, in Church, in Congregation, in Community, for all that has been sown by the men and women Saints of all times, by all our predecessors, to choose resolutely to bear ***witness to our hope!*** It will

also help us to remain firm in the faith that the Lord always sends labourers into his harvest!

Without waiting for the definitive approval of our Rule of Life by the Dicastery of Consecrated Life, the General Government wanted to propose the new text of the Rule for our daily meditation. There will probably be a few changes, but they will no doubt be minimal. This Religious Calendar offers us a continuous reading of the 239 articles of the Rule of Life. Only a few ‘more technical’ articles have been omitted. Similarly, the articles on devotion to the Virgin Mary have been placed on Marian feast days throughout the year.

The last General Chapter reminded us how Mary has a special place in our personal and community lives, following the example of Jean-Marie de la Mennais and Gabriel Deshayes.

So let's turn to her, let's walk with her, let's intercede with her as we did at Cana...

***‘Cana is the hour of Jesus and Mary. It is therefore the hour of the Church and of our Institute!’***

*(Brother Hervé Zamor, Superior General)*

Brother Hervé ASSE, General Secretariate, Rome

*You can also consult the Religious Calendar  
on the Congregation's website: [www.lamennais.org/prier/](http://www.lamennais.org/prier/)*

## PRESENTATION

The Religious Calendar indicates, first of all, the feasts of Our Lord, the Blessed Virgin and the Saints mentioned in the liturgical calendar; but it leaves it to the diocesan ordos to specify the local importance of each one of them.

The number of names of saints held in particular veneration by the Brothers has been reduced. The Brothers' birthday anniversaries in the region have been included.

The quotations in the Religious Calendar are taken from the writings of our Venerable Father de la Mennais: the references are an incentive to read them more assiduously. Half a dozen quotations are taken from the writings of Father Gabriel Deshayes. We note also some fifteen articles from our earliest Rules.

As already indicated in the Introduction, the text of the Rule of Life is based on the text voted at the General Chapter 2024. It is a continuous reading, day after day, as an invitation to better understand and be nourished by the new text of our Rule.

On the 8th of each month, the Brothers are invited to pray for the beatification of our Father Founder, Ven. Jean Marie de la Mennais. Similarly, the monthly novena of prayer for this intention is recalled every day from the 18th to the 26th of each month. It also seemed opportune to maintain, at the level of the whole Institute, the monthly triduum to St. Joseph for vocations, as well as the missionary day on the 15th of each month.

The list of deceased Brothers in the Religious Calendar, officially, dates back to **1965**. However, going by the tradition established in the East African Provinces, this local edition of the Religious Calendar includes the also **all the departed Brothers beyond the date of 1965, who have either been members, or have been missionaries in the region.**

Many, if not all, of our communities use translations of the Roman Breviary for the Divine Office. In order to prevent any possible hesitation in community prayer, the Religious Calendar indicates from time to time the "week" in progress according to the official Ordo.

A number (cf. *Mysterii Paschalis* - 14 February 1969) underlines the precedence given to the celebrations in the universal Church, without prejudice to the variants provided for in each country. This edition of the religious Calendar has left out any such indications. However, the

Solemnities and feasts are presented in capital letters. The obligatory memorials are not indicated. You will rely entirely on the Ordo followed in your local church.

In our region that use this English translation of the calendar we are in the preparatory phase of celebrating the Centenary (100 years) since the arrival of the first missionaries. This edition presents in some limited way, the person of each of the Brother missionaries who served in our two Provinces as well as in the Seychelles, and who persevered as Brothers until death. Both the date of arrival and of departure from the East African Region, and the places where they worked are briefly mentioned. Those who served in several places, obviously the full list is not captured. Other history books have already done that, or will do that.

#### Abbreviations used in the Calendar

St.	Saint	MM	Martyrs
Sts	Saints	Bp.	Bishop
D.	Doctor	V.	Virgin
M.	Martyr	W.	Widow

#### USE OF THE CALENDAR

It is recommended that the Religious Calendar be read twice a day in community: first, the evening before and then at the beginning of the morning prayer.

It is therefore suggested to read each day, in the Religious Calendar

In the evening: the article from the Rule of Life.

In the morning: the thought of the Founder.

In addition, each of the 115 communities of the Institute is offered for prayer by the entire Institute at least once a year.

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*Brother Hervé ASSE, Secretary General,  
Brother Vincent SSEKATE, Ass. Superior General, (for this East  
African English Edition of the Calendar).*

## **MORNING OFFERING PRAYERS**

### **1. HOLY FATHER.**

Holy Father, receive the labours, sorrows and joys of all men in the sacrifice of your Son, Jesus Christ Our Lord.

Through the Holy Spirit we shall be witnesses of your Love today. With Our Lady, in the Church, we pray that the world may welcome your light. Amen.

### **2. DIVINE HEART OF JESUS**

Divine Heart of Jesus, I offer you, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the prayers, works, sufferings and joys of this day, in reparation for our offences and for all the intentions for which you continually immolate yourself on the altar. I offer them to you for the intentions of this month ( see list, month by months).

### **3. TEACH US, LORD.**

Teach us, Lord, to choose you every day, to say your 'Yes' again in each of our actions. Give us the power to follow you without fear and to love you above all else.

Make us brothers and sisters, you who have brought us together. Make us witnesses before all of you of what we have seen and heard, of what we believe and live, so that everyone with us may recognise in you the only Lord. Amen.

#### **4. RECEIVE, HOLY TRINITY.**

Receive, Holy Trinity, the offering of this day which we present to you in memory of the Passion and Resurrection of Jesus, Our Lord, in honour of Mary ever Virgin, of John the Baptist, of Peter and Paul and of all the Saints

May this day contribute to our salvation, and may the Saints deign to intercede for us in heaven. Amen.

#### **5. HOLY FATHER, HERE IS MY LIFE.**

Holy Father, here is my life so that you may make of it the life of Jesus Christ You will not prevent the Spirit in me from crying out to you wherever you send me, calling down your love upon the people: my brothers and siSt.rs, who do not know that you are Father.

Father, here is my life, but give me my brothers and siSt.rs so that I may give them back to you.

Holy Father, here is my life, that you may make of it the life of Jesus Christ

#### **6. LORD, YOU OFFER ME A NEW DAY.**

Lord, you offer me a new day. May this day be good for me and for others; may I fill it with love, yours, Lord, and that of other people. May I put into this day: goodwill, gentleness and forgiveness of offences; may I put into it forgetfulness of myself and concern for others; may I put into it prayer, faith and perseverance. May I keep nothing of it for myself but the joy and richness of giving.



**7. MY FATHER, I SURRENDER MYSELF TO YOU** (St. Charles de Foucauld)

Father, I surrender myself to you. Do with me whatever you please.

Whatever you do with me, I thank you. I am ready for anything, I accept all.

If your will be done in me and in all your creatures,  
I desire nothing else, my God.

I place my soul in your hands, I give it to you, my God, with all the love of my heart, because I love you, and it is a need of love for me to give myself, to place myself in your hands, without measure, with infinite trust, for you are my Father. Amen.

**8. HERE, LORD.**

Here, Lord is the offering of this day, Lord, which we, your servants, present to you with your whole family. Accept it graciously.

Arrange in your peace the days of our lives. Keep us from sin and count us among your chosen ones for ever and ever. Amen.

**9. TAKE, LORD.**

Take, Lord, and receive my freedom, my memory, my intelligence, my will, all that I have, all that I possess

You have given me everything, Lord; I give all back to you. Everything is yours: dispose of me according to your good pleasure.

Give me only what is sufficient for me: your love and your grace.

## 10. BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS IN THE WAY OF JESUS

Lord Jesus, on this day we offer you our whole life.

May fraternal love reign among all of us who form a community.

May each of us be happy in the joy of others and suffer in their sorrows.

May we all practice mutual help to go to God and do his work each day.

May there never be among us quarrels, rivalries, secret jealousies, or unkind words.

Remove from us, Lord, everything that hurts, everything that divides, everything that harms charity.

Do so, Lord, that today and always we try to help one another.

May we pass this day with gentleness, patience, humility and fidelity to our commitments.

*From the writings of Jean-Marie de La Mennais*

## 11. LORD IN THE SILENCE OF THE NEW DAY.

Lord, in the silence of this new day, I come to ask you for peace, wisdom and strength. I want to look at the world today with eyes full of love, to be patient, understanding and gentle. To see beyond appearances your children as you see them, and so see only the good in everyone. Close my ears to all slander, guard my tongue from all malice, let only blessing thoughts dwell in my mind, let me be so kind and cheerful that all who approach me feel your presence. Clothe me with your goodness, O Lord, and let me reveal you throughout this day. Amen

## PRAYERS TO MARY

### 12. I AM ALL YOURS, MARY.

I am all yours, Mary, Holy Virgin.  
 All that I have is yours, Mary, Pure Virgin.  
 Be my guide in everything, Mary, Our Mother.

### 13. I CHOOSE YOU TODAY, O MARY.

(St. Louis-Marie Grignon de Monfort)

I choose you today, O Mary, in the presence of the whole heavenly court, as my Mother and Queen. I surrender and consecrate to you, in all submission and love, my body and soul, my inner and outer possessions, and the very value of my past, present and future good deeds, leaving you a full and complete right to dispose of me and all that belongs to me, without exception, according to your good pleasure, to the greater glory of God, in time and in eternity. Amen.

### 14. OH, MY QUEEN, O MY MOTHER.

Oh, my queen, Oh my Mother, I give myself to you, and to show my devotion to you, I consecrate to you this *day/night*: my eyes, my ears, my mouth, my heart and my whole being. Therefore, to you, I belong Oh my Good Mother, guard me, defend me, as your property and your possession. Amen.

(The prayer of the *Angelus* as well as *Queen of Heaven*, are already present from other sources. There was no need to reproduce them here).

## PRAYERS FOR VARIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES

### 15. PROVIDENCE OF MY GOD.

*(From a prayer by J-M de la Mennais)*

Providence of my God, O Mother whom we love so much. Providence always so good, so wise, so full of pity and love, we adore you, we bless you, we abandon ourselves to you without reserve; do with us whatever you please. We have no other will but to fulfil your will in all things: in humiliation and in greatness, in poverty and in riches, in health and in sickness, in life and in death.

Providence of my God, watch over your children, strengthen them, direct them, be their defender and guide, their light and counsel, their consolation and treasure, their joy and hope:

God alone in time, God alone in eternity!

### 16. PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Holy Spirit, you who have always been the Master of the impossible, come to realise in us what is possible for you: bring to life what is dying, make what is germinating blossom, bring to maturity what has fallen to the ground.

Be in us the Spirit of the Father: come to convince us to give our lives and to collaborate in the work of creation.

Be in us the Spirit of the Son: come to teach us to go through the Cross to open the way to your Kingdom and to live in confidence both trials and joys.

Be in us the Spirit of holiness who initiates us into the generosity of the Father, the fidelity of the Son, the courage of the apostles and the praise of Mary.

## 17. PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Holy Spirit, burn in the hearts of young people today so that, leaving everything to follow Christ, they may discover the true joy of discipleship.

Send them into the midst of their brothers and sisters, to serve the People of God.

Send them out into the world, men and women with an apostolic heart.

Send them beyond the borders, witnesses consumed by missionary zeal.

Send them into the silence of the desert, passionate seekers of the living God.

Spirit of love, give all these young people the courage to respond to the call of the Father, the Church and the world.

And may Mary, humble handmaid of the Lord, surrendered to your breath of freedom, accompany them on this path of light and life.

## 18. ANOTHER PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord Jesus,

You called Peter, James, John and all the first disciples.

You called Jean-Marie de la Mennais and Gabriel Deshayes !

You also called the first Brothers.

We give you thanks for all those pioneers

who gave their lives totally to the service of children and young people.

We give you thanks for our beautiful and holy vocation as Brothers and Laypeople, and for all the young people who, even today, continue to respond generously and joyfully to your call.

We believe that you are still calling today,  
in all contexts and in all walks of life.

We believe that the Mennaisian charism, lived in the Mennaisian Family is a gift that is always relevant. We believe that being a Brother is good news for the world and for the Church.

Give us the audacity and creativity to dare to go out, to look and to call disciples.

Give our Congregation the vocations it needs to continue its mission in the Church and for the world.

Open our eyes, ears, hands and hearts:

may our communities become spaces where young people touch the warmth of fraternity and friendship.

May they thus experience your tenderness, your closeness, your affection and your mercy.

God alone in time!

God in eternity!

## **19. PRAYER FOR BROTHERS AND LAYPEOPLE AT THE SERVICE OF YOUNG PEOPLE.**

Most loving Father, we praise you for having inspired Jean-Marie de la Mennais and Gabriel Deshayes to create our Institute for the evangelisation and education of children and young people. May the Brothers and Lay Mennaisians, following in their footsteps, generously place themselves at the service of young people, especially the most disadvantaged.

With your help, may they give each one the chance to develop the best of himself. May they be joyful and enthusiastic witnesses of your Son who came to save the world. May they be inventive and faithful disciples, generous and humble, animated by the fire of hope and united by the bond of fraternal love.

## 20. MISSIONARY PRAYER.

O my Saviour, by your omnipotence and infinite mercy  
 may I be changed and transformed in you!  
 May my hands be your hands!  
 May my eyes be your eyes!  
 Let my tongue be your tongue!  
 Let my senses and my body serve only to glorify you!  
 But above all, transform me: may my memory, my intelligence,  
 my heart, be your memory, your intelligence and your heart!  
 May my actions and my feelings be like your actions and your  
 feelings. Amen.

*(Saint Jean-Gabriel Perboyre, martyr of China)*

## 21. LORD, MAKE ME AN INSTRUMENT OF YOUR PEACE.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.  
 Where there is hatred, let me put love.  
 Where there is offence, let me bring forgiveness.  
 Where there is discord, may I bring union.  
 Where there is error, let me put truth.  
 Where there is doubt, let me put Faith.  
 Where there is despair, let me put hope.  
 Where there is darkness, let me bring light.  
 Where there is sadness, let me bring joy.  
 O Lord, may I not seek so much  
 to be comforted than to console,  
 to be understood than to understand,  
 to be loved than to love.  
 For it is in giving that we receive.  
 It is in forgetting oneself that one finds oneself.  
 It is in forgiving that we obtain forgiveness.  
 It is in dying that we rise to eternal life.

*Prayer attributed to Saint Francis of Assisi*

## PRAYERS TO SAINT JOSEPH

**TRIDUUM: FIRST WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH**

### **22. WEDNESDAY.**

Saint Joseph, you whose prayer  
is so powerful on the heart of Jesus,  
look to the needs of the Church  
and obtain for us generous vocations.

Through your intercession, may many young people and adults hear Jesus' call to leave everything to follow him more closely, and have the courage to say yes.

We entrust to you in particular those in whom the desire to become Brothers is born, through the power of the Spirit, so that they may respond to this call with generosity and so that God may be glorified.

### **23. THURSDAY.**

Jesus, Son of God, you call all the baptized to go out into the deep and walk the path of holiness.

At the prayer of St Joseph, inspire the hearts of young people to be witnesses of the power of your love in the world today.

Fill them with your Spirit of strength and prudence so that they may be able to discover the full truth about themselves and their own vocation.

### **24. FRIDAY.**

Merciful and holy Lord, continue to send new workers into the harvest of your Kingdom.



Help the Brothers whom you call to follow you. May they respond with joy to the marvellous mission you entrust to them for the good of your people.

At the prayer of Saint Joseph, pour into them the joy of your Spirit, so that their witness may arouse in young people the desire to imitate them.

You who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

## **PRAYERS FOR THE NOVENA FOR THE BEATIFICATION OF JEAN-MARIE DE LA MENNAIS**

### **25. Prayer for the beatification of Jean-Marie de la Mennais**

God our Father, you gave Jean-Marie de la Mennais  
a generous heart and an unwavering zeal

to make your Son Jesus and his Gospel known and loved.

Grant that we may follow his example.

Grant us to build united and fraternal communities.

Help us to propose your Gospel to the young people of this time.

For the glory of your name, may the holiness of Jean-Marie de la  
Mennais

be recognised and proclaimed by the Church.

And grant us, through his intercession  
the healing of those recommended.

Through Jesus, the Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### **26. Another prayer for the beatification of Jean-Marie de la Mennais**

God our Father, you chose Jean-Marie de la Mennais and gave  
him a fiery zeal and an iron courage in the service of the Gospel.

Help us to discern the signs of the presence of Jesus your Son, to  
better hear his calls, and to respond to them with generosity.

Give us the gift of your Spirit. May it transform our hearts and  
make us bolder in "making Jesus Christ and his Gospel known".

Enable us to be courageous in the face of difficulties and to put our full trust in your Providence.

May the holiness of Jean-Marie de la Mennais be proclaimed by the Church.

And grant us, through his intercession, the healing of the persons recommended (name them).

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## **27. Traditional Prayer for the beatification of Jean-Marie de la Mennais**

God our Father, you gave Jean-Marie de la Mennais  
a generous heart and an unwavering zeal  
to make Jesus Christ known and loved,  
especially to children and young people.

Since we venerate him as the founder of two congregations  
dedicated to Christian education, may he soon be declared  
blessed.

Help us to follow his example in the service of truth  
and grant us, through his intercession, what we ask of you at this  
moment.

## APOSTOLATE OF PRAYER

### 28. THE INTENTIONS OF THE APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER – 2025

Most Holy Father, I offer you my actions, my joys, my sorrows, together with those of all my brothers and sisters, through the heart of your Son Jesus, Our Lord. Thanks to the Holy Spirit, we shall be witnesses of your love today.

With Our Lady, united with the Church, we pray that the world may welcome your light.

We pray especially.....

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#### **JANUARY**

##### *For the right to an education.*

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

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#### **FEBRUARY**

##### *For vocations to the priesthood and religious life.*

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life..

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#### **MARCH**

##### *For families in crisis.*

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

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#### **APRIL**

##### *For the use of the new technologies.*

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

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#### **MAY**

##### *For working conditions.*

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

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<b>JUNE</b>	<p><i>That the world might grow in compassion.</i></p> <p>Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.</p>
<b>JULY</b>	<p><i>For formation in discernment.</i></p> <p>Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.</p>
<b>AUGUST</b>	<p><i>For mutual coexistence.</i></p> <p>Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.</p>
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<p><i>For our relationship with all of creation.</i></p> <p>Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.</p>
<b>OCTOBER</b>	<p><i>For collaboration between different religious traditions.</i></p> <p>Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.</p>
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<p><i>For the prevention of suicide.</i></p> <p>Let us pray that those who are tempted to commit suicide might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.</p>
<b>DECEMBER</b>	<p><i>For Christians in areas of conflict.</i></p> <p>Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.</p>

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# Review of the day

## Lectio vitae

*“Daily lectio vitae opens the Brother to the presence of God and to his calls. It enables him to grasp the resistance he puts up to the action of the Spirit. It helps him to unify his life and makes him available to the Lord who is at work within him”. (Rule of Life, No. 73.1)*

### **The appropriate time:**

A good time for this "exercise" might be during the last minutes of adoration, before the prayer of Vespers. Then the presider introduces this brief time of personal review of life which ends at the introduction of the Office.

### **How it is done:**

#### Pray:

*My God, may your will always be mine! I have only one desire, and that is to never put up the slightest resistance to what you ask of me; I give myself up entirely to you, do whatever you please with your poor creature.*

(From Jean-Marie de la Mennais' letter to Fr. Langrez, 29 May 1814)

#### Personal review the day:

Can I recognise the moments of God's presence in my life in the day I have just lived? For what can I give thanks? How have I been faithful to Him?

Have I been like Jesus, united to the Father, docile in his hands, a servant of my brethren, of children, of the little ones, and all those around me? Have I tried to share Jesus' thoughts? Have I sought his will or my own?

#### Offer one self:

I take a moment to thank God and ask for his forgiveness. Then I offer Him the next day, asking for His help to be closer to Him.

I can use one of these prayers:

*“Jesus, in you the Father puts all His Love. Blessed are you! Teach me to listen to your Word so that it may transform me; have mercy on me”.*

*“O Christ, Wisdom of the Father, give me to hear your Word and to put it into practice”.*

*“Lord, from your goodness I receive the joy of this day. May it return to You in thanksgiving”.*

*“Jesus Christ, Light that rises over the world, reveal to my spirit your will”.*

## MONTH OF JANUARY

### *Consecrated to the Child Jesus*

Apostolate of Prayer

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#### *For the right to an education.*

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

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## **1 WEDNESDAY: THE SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD. NEW YEAR'S DAY**

**56<sup>th</sup> World Day of Peace.**

*Triduum à Saint Joseph pour les vocations*

**Intentions** :- *That new vocations to the Brothers give vitality to the mission of the Congregation*

**Intention:** *For Peace in the world.*

#### ► **Rule of Life 75 :**

The Brothers express their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary, model of listening to the Word. In the Scriptures, they meditate on her role in salvation history, and, in the liturgy, they relive with her the mysteries of her Son's life.

They entrust to her maternal care their religious and apostolic life. They do this, in particular, through the daily recitation of the rosary, a traditional prayer of the Institute.

#### ► **To Brother Abel Lucas, 20 January 1835:**

I pray that God would lavish his blessings upon you at the beginning of this New Year: may your live and die a saint !

***Birthday anniversary of Brothers Ambrose Mwebaze, Francis Mulima, Elisapana Alex and Kamoga Joseph Mary.***

#### DEPARTED BROTHERS:

1999, Br. Armand Tassé (Albert-Marie), Assistant Superior General from 1952 to 1970

2016, Br. Victor Jégu.

## 2 THURSDAY

Basil the Great [†379], and St. Gregory Nazianzen [†390], Bishops,  
Doctors. Bl. Marie Anne Blondin [†1890], Foundress of the Sisters of St. Anne

### 2000.- Departure of the first four Brothers for the mission of Indonesia.

**Intentions:** - Our missionary Brothers.  
- The community of Larantuka (Indonesia).

In the Breviary: First Week.

#### ► *Rule of Life 1a :*

The Congregation of the Brothers of Christian Instruction of Ploërmel is a religious institute of Brothers of pontifical right. It was founded by Jean-Marie Robert de la Mennais and Gabriel Deshayes. On June 6<sup>th</sup>, 1819, at Saint-Brieuc, the two founders laid the foundations for the nascent Congregation through their Treaty of Union. In September 1820, at the retreat in Auray, it received its definitive form through the choice of its name, rule, and motto.

#### ► *Thought of Father Gabriel Deshayes:*

Do not cease to give thanks to God for his benefits, and may your gratitude and piety be a powerful motive for calling upon his goodness to provide your humble society with all the graces it needs to fulfil, to the fullest of the purpose to which he calls it.

#### DEPARTED:

*We commemorate **Bro. Adrian Henry Deneau** who died on this date in 1976. He arrived in 1929 and after some 10 years of active missionary work as teacher in Uganda, serving especially at St. Mary's College Kisubi, St. Aloysius College Namityango, St. Joseph's School Nyamitanga and St. Leo's H.S. Fort Portal, he suffered from poor health and returned to Canada in 1939. There, he continued working up to retirement age. He is buried in the La Prairie cemetery. He was a generous, prayerful and humble Brother.*

*We also remember **Bro. Charles Godfrey Kakinda** who died on this date in 1994. He was a committed and hardworking and humorous Brother. He served in a few schools as teacher and offered some formation services at the Kisubi houses of formation. At the time of death, he was Headmaster of St. Henry's College Kitovu. He is buried in the Kisubi FIC cemetery..*

#### OTHER DEPARTED BROTHERS

1973, Br. Mathurin Guillot (Honoré). - 1994, Br. François Miniou (Alexis-Marie). - 1996, Br. Maurice Tessier (Lucien-Marie). - 2001, Br. Jean Lemarchand (Daniel-André). - 2009, Br. François Ropars (Grégoire-Yves).

### 3 FRIDAY FERIA, or The Holy Name of Jesus.

St. Genevieve, Patronnes of Paris, [†500].

**Intention:** For the community of Paris (France)

► *Rule of Life 1b:*

It brings together men who, responding to a specific call of the Holy Spirit, consecrate themselves totally to God through imitating more closely the way of life of Jesus by the profession of public vows of obedience, chastity and poverty, committing to a life of fraternal communion and apostolic action in the service of God's people. The Christian instruction and education of children and young people, with a preference for the poor, constitute the core of this apostolate.

► *To the learners of Saint-Méen, sermon 'Advantage of congregations':*

Our years are tumbling, one after the other into the abyss of eternity. Are we sure that we will complete on earth the year that has just begun?

Birthdays anniversary of Brother: *Siminyu Geoffrey*

DEPARTED:

*We commemorate Brother Andrew Byaruhanga who died of drowning in Lake Victoria at Nabinoonya on this date in 1965 when he was swimming in company of other Brothers. He was a young Brother, friendly, humble, gentle but also a serious religious. He had just completed the Scholasticate, and was preparing to join his first community. He is buried in the Kisubi FIC cemetery.*

OTHER DEPARTED BROTHERS

1975, Br. Joachim Ezanno (Joachim-Pierre). - 1976, Br. George Turner (Augustin). - 1983, Br. Henri Blais (Florentin-Marie). - 2003, Br. Albert Simard (Louis-Eugène). - 2007, Br. Fausto Esteban. - 2009, Br. Bernard Bastien (Émile-Alphonse). - 2021, Br. Louis Narzul (Théophile-Louis).

### 4 SATURDAY FERIA

St. Angelo of Foligno, Third Order Franciscan [†1309].

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton [†1821], Religious, Foundress of the Sisters of Charity, Widow, Educator.

In the Breviary: First Vespers of the Epiphany of the Lord.

► *Rule of Life 2a:*

Faithful to the calls of the Spirit and to the founding charism, the Brothers seek to reproduce the Gospel image of Jesus the Master in the midst of the children and young people to whom they are sent, He who "loved the children with whom he wished to surround himself and whom he deigned to bless".



► **To Bro. Hippolyte Morin, 3 January 1823:**

At the beginning of the new year, it is necessary to renew in the presence of God the firm resolution to live and act only for him, to belong entirely to him and so draw down his graces on you.

Birthday anniversary of Brother Mubangizi Nalice

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1988, Br. Pierre Le Floc'h (Hyacinthe-Joseph). - 2016, Br. Alain Paubert (Cécilius-Joseph). - 2019, Br. Paul-Émile Paradis (Jean-Émile).

## 5 SUNDAY EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

St. Jean Nepomucene Neuman, Bishop of Philadelphia [†1860].

**1948.- The arrival of the first three Brothers from Kisubi to open the mission in Tanganyika destined to St. Thomas More Schools, Ihungu in Bukoba.**

**2005.- Opening of a community and taking charge of St. Justine Secondary School, Uchama at Nzeza in Tabora Archdiocese, Tanzania.**

► **Rule of Life 26:**

By their vocation as educators, the Brothers have as their mission, above all else, to spread the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ and his Gospel. From the beginning, the school has been the principal focus of their apostolic activity.

► **To congreganists, sermon 'Devotion to the Blessed Virgin for the day of purification':**

Gentle Mother, direct me with motherly kindness all the days of my life, and may your immense charity still protect me at my last moment.

Birthday anniversary of Brothers Adrian Kitakweba, Anthony Eustace Kamuhanda, Fred Natukunda and Nyala Okumu Edward.

DEPARTED:

*We commemorate Bro. Donat Marie (Maurice) Trudel. He arrived in the second group of missionaries in 1927. He served at St. Henry's Kitovu, St. Mary's College, Kisubi, St. Mary's S.S., Yala, St. Leo's High Sch and finally at St. Joseph's T.T.C, Bikira, where he was the Director at the time of his death. He died on this date in 1947 due to a motorcycle accident. He was an ever-cheerful Brother and a pleasant person in the community. He is buried in the Kisubi FIC cemetery.*

OTHER DEPARTED BROTHERS

1977, Br. René David (Lucilien-Marie). - 1992, Br. García Castresana (Marcos). - 1994, Br. Joseph Gendron (Florentius). - 1996, Br. John Boyt (Edmund Peter). - 1997, Br. Louis-Philippe Pilon (Alphée). - 2000, Br. Jean-Mathurin Le Toquin (Louis-Berchmans). - 2002, Br. Jean-Guy Perreault (Louis-Marcel). - 2014, Br. Saturnino García Barriuso (Tomás) and Br. Ange Thébaud (Antoine-August). - 2017, Br. Vincent Guillerm (François-Laurent).

## 6 MONDAY FERIA or EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

St. Melaine, Bishop of Rennes [†530].

In the Breviary : Second Week in Ordinary Time – Year C.

**Intention:** The community of Rennes (France).

► ***Rule of Life 3a :***

The spirit of the Institute is one of faith and charity, self-denial, and humility. Its motto is "GOD ALONE".

► ***To the Congreganists, sermon 'On the Epiphany'***

See how lively the faith of the Magi is, how prompt their obedience to the will of God! As soon as they are told what the Lord requires of them, nothing holds them back.

### DEPARTED BROTHERS

1957, Br. Jean-Joseph Quirion (Jean-Marie), Superior General from 1909 to 1933.- 1972, Br. Henri Paquin (Wilfrid-Joseph). - 1973, Br. Philippe Morin (Joseph-Gabriel). - 1986, Br. Melaine Rouxel (Melaine-Ernest). - 1997, Br. Albert Lafrenière (Florien-Marie). - 1998, Br. Alexandre Jubier (Lucien-Louis). - 2011, Br. Doris Galarneau (Augustin-Charles). - 2019, Br. Gaston Roy (Georges-André), Assistant Superior General from 1982 to 1988.

## 7 TUESDAY FERIA

St. Raymond de Penyafort, Spanish Dominican, [†1275]. St. Andrew Bessette, Brother of the Holy Cross, [†1937].

**1851.- Decree of the Holy See in the favour of our Institute (*Decretum Laudis*).**

**1937.- Opening of the Novitiate at Kisubi with the five pioneer novices.**

**2025.- Arrival of the first Brothers in East Timor.**

**Intention :** For the Brothers in East Timor.

► ***Rule of Life 36 :***

Rooted in God alone and trusting in Him, the Brother places his life, his history, and his actions in the hands of Him in whom he “lives and moves and has his being”. The Brother desires to accomplish His will. He recognizes that all he is and all he does finds its meaning in God alone.

► ***To Bro. Arthur Greffier, 2 April 1843:***

The account you give me of all the good that is being done in our schools fills me with sweet joy, and it is a new reason for us to hope that this work will grow like the mustard seed of the gospel, which became a great tree.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Joseph K. Muyunga*

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

1972, Br. Pierre Rannou (Ronan-Marie). - 1995, Br. Rosaire Houle (René-Jacques). - 2003, Br. Jean-Louis Salaün (Noël-Joseph). - 2007, Br. René Frigon (Emile-Jean). - 2014, Br. Eugène Trément (Henri-Georges) - 2024, F. Félix Herrero Bravo.

## 8 WEDNESDAY Feria

St. Lucien, Bishop of Beauvais, M. [†300].

**Intention:** The beatification of our Venerable Father Jean Marie de la Mennais

► **Rule of Life 4a :**

Under the dynamic influence of the faith received at Baptism, the Brother answers the call of God as did the apostles, whose spiritual adventure consisted in believing that their Master was the Lord, and on this certitude, they staked their lives.

► **To Bro. Ambroise Le Haiget, 14 April 1847:**

Let us not be troubled by what people say: it is better they complain about the good we are not doing well enough, than to complain about what we are doing badly.

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

2001, Br. Bernard Gaudoul (Xavier-Yves) Superior General from 1982 to 1994. - 1979, Br. Réginald De Serres (Émile-Célestin). - 1990, Br. Omer Boucher (Marcel-Louis). - 2003, Br. David Sauvageau (Basilien-Marie). - 2004, Br. Hilaire Nourrisson (Hilaire-Bernard). - 2009, Br. Léon Le Mabec (Léon-Jules).

## 9 THURSDAY Feria

St. Julien, M. in Egypt, [†313].

**Intention:** The community of Ciboure (France).

► **Rule of Life 4b :**

To keep the strength of his initial impulse intact, the Brother often renews the joyful gift of his whole being. He asks the Holy Spirit to open his heart to this faith that makes him see the world, its people and events through the eyes of Christ.

► **To Bro. Gérard Le Texier, 15 July, 1842 :**

I urge you to take courage and trust in God; he will not abandon you, be sure; whatever happens, do not be troubled, do not despair, and carry your cross with love.

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

1967, Br. Louis Mahé (Théogène-Louis). - 1976, Br. Paul Menthéour (Paul-Jean). - 1997, Br. José María Onaindía Lotina (Carlos). - 1998, Br. Joseph Rouault (Emmanuel-Félix) and Br. Jean-Marie Quinquis (Louis-Étienne). - 2002, Br. Manuel De La Serna González. - 2024, F. Fernand Doyon (Léopold-Marie).

# 10 FRIDAY Feria

St. Guillaume, Bishop of Bourges, [†1209].

**1816.- Father Deshayes receives his first postulant, Mathurin Provost.**

**Intention:** The community of Malestroit (France).

► *Rule of Life 4c :*

Committed to the tasks of an apostolic religious life, he does not rely solely on his own human strengths, but rather puts all his trust in God alone. He accepts with serenity a life of service animated by an active faith.

► *Thought of Father Gabriel Deshayes:*

It would be desirable that the novitiate be more numerous to cope with the many requests made of us. So, pray to God, my dear child, that He will continue to shower his abundant blessings on you and on our Brothers.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother **Glorian Ahimbisibwe***

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1975, Br. Joseph Tobie (Victor-Joseph). - 2015, Br. Guy Roddy (Francis). - 2017, Br. Louis Bequet (Jean-Élie) and Br. Réal Garceau.

# 11 SATURDAY Feria

**1815.- Father de la Mennais is appointed Vicar Capitular of Saint-Brieuc.**

In the Breviary: First Vespers of the Baptism of the Lord.

► *Rule of Life 5 :*

Having received the freely given gift of God's love, the Brother strives to grow in charity. He loves his religious family whose members seek to have but “one heart and mind”. Modelled on Christ's love for all people, he is sensitive to the needs of all through a charity that is inventive and respectful, expecting neither profit nor recognition.

► *To the Brothers, 'Sermon on Humility':*

Your glory, understand it well, is to make Christians of these children who without you would never be; these children who can only become Christians if you teach them, to be humble of heart not by word, but by your examples.

*Birthday anniversary of Brothers **Gaspar Mushy and Pontian Kiviri Kasasa***

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1976, Br. Jean Le Brun (Jean-Louis). - 1986, Br. Bernard Trépanier (Bernard-Yves). - 2012, Br. André Paquin (Jules-André) - 2024, F. René Jain (Henri-Robert).

## 12

**SUNDAY FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

St. Marguerite Bourgeoys, V., Foundress of the Congregation of Notre-Dame, [†1700].

**Intention:** For the community of Turgeau, Provincial house, Port-au-Prince (Haïti).

► *Rule of Life 6:*

"Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." Sharing in the mystery of the cross, the Brother welcomes the renunciations, loneliness, and contradictions inherent in his life as a religious educator. Through them he participates in the suffering, death, and resurrection of Christ the Redeemer.

► *Memorial, p. 90:*

Oh, why don't you put the peace of God and the hope of his kingdom in your soul? How much more can you detach yourself from what is nothing, so as to attach yourself to what is everything!

DEPARTED:

*We commemorate on this date, the death anniversary of Bro. Emmanuel Kisitu, a zealous religious, a committed teacher and a friend of the children and the old. He was prayerful, humorous and kind. He served in a number of communities and schools fulfilling several roles in schools, communities and at Provincial level. His especially remembered for the service as Provincial Treasurer and teacher then Headteacher, over many years at St. Savio Junior School. He died on this date in 2010 and he is buried in the Kisubi FIC cemetery.*

OTHER DEPARTED BROTHERS

1978, Br. Juan Gomis (Próspero). - 2005, Br. Jean Le Moal (Anatolien-Marie). - 2010, Br. Dominique Baron.

## 13

**MONDAY**

## Feria

St. Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, D., [†367].

**Intention:** The community of Faaa, Saint-Hilary (Tahiti).

In the Breviary: First Week.

► *Rule of Life 7a:*

The Brother recognises that he has received from God all that he is. Open to God's grace, he maintains relationships with others marked by humility, simplicity and gentleness.

► *To Bro. Porphyre-Marie Person, 20 February 1844:*

I insist that the Rule should be observed exactly in your community and that you should perform the main exercises of piety together: without this, there is no community, no fervour, and the end result will be the loss of the religious spirit.

## DEPARTED:

We commemorate the death of **Bro. Ariseni Kwebiha** which occurred on this date in 2022. Bro. Ariseni accomplished very many apostolic tasks in several communities and schools with remarkable humility. He was the founding Headmaster of Mugwanya Preparatory School, Kabojja. He was a prayerful, humble, kind, soft-spoken, and caring religious. He was granted the gift of living up a ripe age, of which for 75 years he was a Religious Brother. He is buried at Kisubi FIC cemetery.

## OTHER DEPARTED BROTHERS

1993, Brs. Daniel Bélanger (Frédéric) and Albert Boismenu (Marcellien). - 2010, Br. Joseph Bergot (Joseph-François).

14

TUESDAY

Feria

St. Felix of Nola, Martyr in Italy, [†275].

**Intention:** The community of Mango (Togo).

► *Rule of Life 76 :*

The Brother, faithful to the spirit of Jean Marie de la Mennais, accepts with joy the situations without glamour and the engagements without glory: ‘One cannot without humility have any likeness to Jesus Christ, whose birth, life and death were, so to speak, were but one great act of humility’.

► *To Father Mazelier, 31 August 1825:*

I want my sons to be very understanding and kind to their Brothers, and ready to excuse, rather than to accuse.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Musiime Bernard*

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

1971, Br. Jean-Baptist Moizan (Paterne). - 1986, Br. Louis Fériau (Cléophas). - 1988, Br. Pierre Allory (René-Maurice). - 2004, Br. Victor Laprade (Victor-Eugène). - 2013, Br. Romuald Laferté (Roch-André).

15

WEDNESDAY

Feria

St. Rémi, Bishop of Reims, [†530].

St. Arnold Janssen, P., Founder of the Society of Divine Word [†1909].

**Intention:** *That the missionary spirit within the Congregation be rejuvenated.*

► *Rule of Life : 8*

United by a common call from God, living as "brothers" with men whom they have not chosen, the Brothers bear witness together to the new and universal fraternity

instituted by Christ Jesus. This unity among the Brothers is a specific sign of the Kingdom and constitutes a source of energy for the mission.

► **To Bro. Arthur Greffier, 3 April 1842:**

In order to fulfil your mission faithfully, perfect union is necessary, as well as sincere charity; each one has his own faults, and those of others are noticed, but one must not forget one's own, and you must always remember this word of the Apostle: Bear one another's burdens, for thus you will fulfil the law of Jesus Christ.

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1977, Br. Vincent Le Guénéal (Sérène-Marie). - 1998, Br. Jean Autret (Edouard-Yves). - 2017, Br. Louis Allot (Célestin-Michel).

16

THURSDAY

Feria

St. Marcel 1<sup>st</sup>, Pope and Martyr, [†309].

► **Rule of Life 9a:**

Having “truly Catholic hearts”, open to the whole world, the Brothers live in profound communion with the whole Church. They are united by bonds of fraternity with people who share with them the same educational mission, and especially with those who, by a specific vocation, wish to live out more deeply the charism of the Institute.

► **Memorial, p. 90:**

O my God, I have chosen you for my portion, and this portion shall not be taken away from me: you alone are something for me, and you alone, my God, shall be everything for me.

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1981, Br. Yves Boudigou (Guy-Bernard). - 1982, Br. Thomas Charest (Ernest-Marie). - 1984, Br. Louis Caradec (Séraphin-Marie). - 1991, Br. Alphonse Fauteux (Prosper). - 1994, Br. Alexandre Couture (Émilis-Marie). - 2019, Br. Émile Babin (Eugène-Bernard).

17

FRIDAY

St. Anthony, Abbot in Thebaid - Egypt, Founder of monasticism, [†356].; Notre-Dame of Pontmain (†1871).

**1821.- Father Deshayes is elected Superior General of the Missionaries of Mary and the Daughters of Wisdom (*The Montfort Congregations*) of Saint-Laurent-sur-Sèvre, and shortly after, moves to take up his place there.**

► **Rule of Life 9b:**

The Brothers and Lay people, united by the Spirit within the Mennaisian Family, develop a spirit of communion in which their respective identities are enriched and strengthened.

► **To Miss Amable Chenu, 21 June 1813:**

O Eternity! O Eternity! It is my only consolation; my only bliss is to hasten towards you and to plunge into your depths.

**Birthday anniversary of Brother Landus Muhindo**

DEPARTED:

*We commemorate on this date the death of **Bro. Quirino Kakonge Yagaba**. He was a simple, friendly and warm character personality. He was a good teacher/administrator in a few schools. He is particularly remembered for his skill to successfully treat asthmatic cases, using local natural remedies that earned him the name of "doctor". He was a joyful religious and a professional teacher. He is buried in the Kisubi, FIC cemetery.*

*On this same date we remember also **Bro. Benedict Kisagya** who died in 1914. He was a hard-working Brother, especially in the construction and practical domains. He was simple and self-effacing. He served in a few communities of St. Michael the Archangel Province, but especially at Duluti, Moshi and Dar-es-Salaam. He had acquired knowledge and experience in Reflexology Techniques for foot and hand massage. This earned him the name of doctor with a 'clinic' which frequently received patients. He died in Dar-es-Salaam and is buried at Brothers Centre Moshi cemetery.*

OTHER DEPARTED BROTHERS

1980, Br. Joseph Abin (Irénée). - 2004, Br. Léo-Paul Brien (Léo-François).

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From 18 to 25 January 2025,  
*Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.*  
**"Do you believe this?" (Jean 11, 26)**  
 (Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity)  
 Suggested celebrations on the "Week of Christian Unity, 2023" website  
[www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va)

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**18 SATURDAY** Feria*Novena of prayer for the beatification of Jean-Marie de la Mennais.*► **Rule of Life 10 :**

Heirs of a tradition dating back to Jean-Marie de la Mennais, the Brothers support the missionary work of the Church and the Institute, willingly responding to Christ's call: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations."

► **To Bruté de Rémur, 29 June 1809 :**

Sufficient for the day is its own trouble: Let us not add to our present sufferings the anxiety of what is waiting for tomorrow: That would be unbearable!

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

1976, Br. René Petitbon (Longin-Joseph). - 1982, Br. Gérard Rochette (Alfred-Émile). - 1995, Br. Venant Gélinas (Léonard-August). - 1996, Br. Armand Chapdelaine (Gérald). - 2005, Br. Luis Miera Redondo (Abundio). - 2014, Br. Rosaire Paquette (Alphonse-Raphaël). - 2021, Br. Porfirio Blanco Rodríguez.

**19 SUNDAY** 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C  
St. Marius, M. [†270].*Second day of the novena*

In the Breviary: Second Week.

► **Rule of Life 12a :**

Inspired by the Gospel and the intuition of the Founders, then passed on and enriched through the living tradition of the Institute, the Rule of Life is for each Brother a sure guide along the way he has chosen.

► **To Bro. Ambroise Le Haiget, 17 May 1824:**

You are too concerned that you are not doing well; act with more simplicity and freedom of spirit, then things will only get better.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother* **Lukumay Motika Moses**

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

1967, Br. Charles Bourel (Armel-Joseph). - 1974, Br. Gilbert Blouin. - 1975, Br. Roland Laurin (Simplice-Charles). - 1992, Br. Réal Guay (Réal-Viateur). - 2005, Br. Honorio Ortega (José Santos). - 2017, Br. Marcel Matte (Ferdinand-Marie).

**20 MONDAY** Feria

St. Fabian, Pope, [†250], St. Sebastian, soldier, Martyrs in

Rome, [†4<sup>th</sup> Century].*Third day of the novena***Intention:** The community of Reinosa (Spain).

► *Rule of Life 12b :*

The Gospel project expressed by the Rule and approved by the Church, then becomes the Brother's itinerary in the search for God, and his particular way of following the obedient Christ: "Look upon the Rule as the expression of God's will and its strict observance as the surest way to please him and to sanctify yourselves."

► *Memorial, p. 15:*

Feel dependent continually on God's will and never grieve him. Be attentive to all his whisperings and consult him often. When we are uncertain of the course we should take, pray to him with fresh eagerness, asking him to be the light of our hearts.

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1970, Br. Jean-Louis Grandbois (Antonin-Joseph). – 1980, Br. Édouard Charette (Édouard-Charles). - 1985, Br. Corentin Bec (Ambroise-Alexis). - 1987, Br. Marcel Sévaux (Énogat). - 1994, Br. Br. Joseph Cavarec (Nazaire-Marie). - 1998, Br. Alexandre Le Pape (Martial-Marie). - 2021, Br. Alain Celton.

# 21

## TUESDAY

St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr at Rome, [†4<sup>th</sup> Century].

(In Haiti) Our Lady of Altigrace.

*Fourth day of the novena .*

► *Rule of Life 12.1:*

The Brother reads the Rule of Life frequently. He strives to absorb its richness and spirit through its study and meditation. For him and his fellow Brothers it becomes a path for their lives.

► *Memorial, p. 19:*

God is always close to those who work for His glory: He fights with us when we fight for Him, provided our intention is right, we have nothing to fear.

DEPARTED:

*We commemorate the death of **Bro. Francis Regis Blouin (Gerard)** on this date in 2017. After many years of active apostolate and serving in several capacities in his native American Province. As a Provincial, he visited Tanzania a few times that was linked to that Province. Later in 2004 he came to Uganda and is particularly remembered for his great contribution in the nascent years of the University of Kisubi. An extremely hard-working Brother and academic, friendly, compassionate, focused, and a teacher true to the charism of the FIC. He returned to America at the end of 2014 in poor health but remained active almost up to the end of his life. He is buried at Alfred, Maine.*

OTHER DEPARTED BROTHERS

1992, Br. Edmond Herviou (Constant). - 2018, Br. François Milin, Br. Hubert Le Deit (Hubert-Stanislas) and Br. André Legland (Charles)

## 22 WEDNESDAY St. Vincent, Deacon of Saragossa, Martyr, [†304].

*Fifth day of the novena*

**Intention:** Our sick Brothers

► ***Rule of Life 13-14:***

At the time of his religious profession, the Brother freely commits himself to live out and observe the Constitutions and the Directory. Since the Constitutions are approved by the Holy See, their modification requires its approval..

► ***To Mother Jeanne de Kertanguy*** (Frutaz, p. 513):

How I love the Church! Oh, how lovely is our holy Mother Church! For her sake, I am ready to fight, suffer and die!

### DEPARTED BROTHERS

1964, Br. Pierre Julé. - 1970, Br. Albert Le Liboux (Elmer). - 1992, Br. Marcel Dauvergne (Melaine). - 2001, Br. Jules Gervais (Armand-Joseph). - 2008, Br. André Laperrière. - 2010, Br. Joseph Quéhé (Arthur-Olivier). - 2022, Br. Félicien Charest (Louis-Claude).

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## 23 THURSDAY Feria

*Sixth day of the novena*

► ***Rule of Life 15:***

Jesus, to whom ‘God anointed with the Holy Spirit and with power’, is the Consecrated One par excellence and the Envoy of the Father. He lived his own consecration as Son, dependent on the Father, loving him above all else and completely given to his will. His perfect self-giving gives all the events of his earthly existence the significance of a consecration..

► ***To the Sisters at a profession:***

Religious life, which seems so contrary to human nature, in fact renews and perfects it, sanctifies and somehow divinizes it. It restores the soul to its original dignity and first beauty.

***Birthdays anniversary of Brother Aloysius Byaruhanga***

### DEPARTED BROTHERS

1964, Br. Robert Plante. - 1984, Br. Martin Bilbao (Jenaro). - 1995, Br. André Parenteau (Hector-André). - 2002, Br. Luis Pérez Del Olmo (Leoncio). - 2003, Br. Paul-Émile Lavergne (Bernard-Pierre). - 2009, Brs. Armand Gourdon (Gabriel-Étienne) and Raymond Jacques (Isidore-Gabriel). - 2011, Br. Pierre Grasland (Liguori-Marie). - 2016, Br. Gaston Guirrie (Antoine-Claude) and Br. Bernard Radenac.

## 24 FRIDAY FERIA

St. Francis de Sales, Bishop of Geneve, D., [†1622]

### 1861.- Election of Brother Cyprien (Chevreau), first successor of Father de la Mennais.

*Seventh day of the novena*

#### ► *Rule of Life 16a :*

The fundamental consecration effected by baptism makes /each person to participate in the common vocation to which all have been called by the Father, that of configuration to Christ: "None of us will enter the bosom of God unless he is conformed to the image of his Son."

#### ► *Rule of 1835:*

May fraternal love reign among all the members of the Institute and especially of the same community. May each rejoice in the joy of others, grieve in their sorrows, and may all lend each other mutual support in going to God and accomplishing his work.

#### DEPARTED BROTHERS

1978, Br. Georges Pothier (Toussaint-Marie). - 2002, Br. Clément Blandin (Alpert) and Raymond Gosselin (Jean de Dieu). - 2004, Br. Marcel Piché (Oscar-André). - 2007, Br. Jean-Noël Le Gouil (Ronan-Louis).

## 25 SATURDAY CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL

*Eighth day of the novena*

**Intentions:** - The unity of Christians, and for

- The Brothers of the District of Saint-Paul (Benin, Ivory Coast, Senegal, Togo).

#### ► *Rule of Life 16b :*

This consecration introduces the baptised person into the Trinitarian communion and membership of the People of God. Jesus, the Word incarnate, who was always led by the Spirit, teaches them to be a child of the Father and brother or sister to all..

#### ► *Sermon 560, 'The Spirit of the Congregation (St Méen)':*

While we are united, we will be strong and happy; yes, this holy union will be the charm, the grace and the strength of our society. In unum' does not mean in the same house, but in the same feelings... in the same charity, so that when one of our confreres suffers, we suffer with him.

#### DEPARTED:

*We commemorate the death of Bro. Edmond Campion Kiiza on this date in 2014 after a car accident. Most of his productive years as a teacher were passed at St. Henry's College Kitovu. He was particularly gifted in music, as composer and in the manipulation of several musical instruments. At Kisubi, as archivist, he demonstrated his ingenuity in trying to reorganize the Provincial Archives. He is buried in the Kisubi FIC cemetery.*

## OTHER DEPARTED BROTHERS

1979, Br. Roméo Marcotte (Robert-Eugène). - 1986, Brs. Isidore David (Maurice-Marie) and Edgar Durand (Adrien-Marie). - 1994, Br. Alexis Lavandier (Valentin-Émile). - 2012, Br. André Lemire.

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## 26 SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

Sunday of the Word of God (see: *Motu proprio, Aperuit illis*, Pope Francis, 2020)  
St. Timothy, Bishop of Ephesus, and St. Titus, Bishop of Crete, disciples of St. Paul, [†1<sup>st</sup> Century].

### World Leprosy Day

*Ninth day of the novena*

**Intention:** The beatification of our Venerable Father.

In the Breviary: Third Week

### ► *Rule of Life 17a:*

The Brother, in whom the grace of baptism is at work, hears the voice of the Lord calling him by name. Supported by the grace of the Spirit, he responds to this vocation by the free and total gift of his life and joins a religious family to which he is attracted. He thus distances himself from the conditions of ordinary existence to live out the values of the Kingdom in a different way.

### ► *Rule of 1823:*

The Brothers shall entirely free their hearts from all attachment to temporal goods; for the love of Our Lord Jesus Christ, they shall endure the privations imposed upon them.

### DEPARTED:

We commemorate **Bro. Gerard Vandal (Norbert Gaudance)** who died on this date in 1989. He arrived in 1940. In 1951 he was selected to go in the first group of missionaries who founded the mission in the Seychelles in 1949. He returned briefly to Uganda, and then back to the Seychelles but due to poor health, he returned to Canada in 1974. He was a generous, friendly and convinced Brother. He is buried at La Prairie, Canada.

## OTHER DEPARTED BROTHERS

1997, Br. Victorino Del Barrio Aparicio (Belarmino). - 2021, Br. Roger Rouesné (André-Stanislas).

**27 MONDAY** Feria  
St. Angela Merici, V., Foundress of the Ursulines, [†1540].

► *Rule of Life 176:*

The Brother's desire to freely and joyfully follow Jesus, imitating His fraternally obedient, chaste, and poor life among his disciples, guides his whole life..

► *To Bro. Abel Lucas, 18 September 1844:*

Be careful to remain calm in the small disagreements which may arise among you. Always be understanding, kind and patient.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Kiggundu Francis Mary*

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1964, Br. Laurent-Pierre Fraleux. - 2006, Br. Laurier Labonté (Joseph-de-la-Croix), Assistant Superior General from 1970 to 1982. - 2023, Jean Gaonac'h (Sébastien-Pierre)

**28 TUESDAY**  
St. Thomas Aquinas, D., Patron of Catholic Schools, [†1274]

St. Peter Nolasque, Founder of the Order of Merci, [†1256].

**Intention:** The apostolic radiance of the Christian schools.

► *Rule of Life 18:*

The religious profession is the action of one whom the person of Christ has captivated and who wills to declare publicly his desire to follow Him. The Brother declares this commitment by the profession of the three public vows of religion which underpin three fundamental attitudes of every consecration to God.

► *Rule of 1823:*

The Brothers will strive to suppress any impatience which might arise from the lightheadedness, indocility and inattention on the part of their pupils. They must be both kind and firm, not tolerating any disorder while avoiding punishments and scolding that stem from caprice or bad humour.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother John Mary Vianney Twongyeirwe*

DEPARTED:

*We commemorate Bro. Amator (Paul) Mitchell. He was a prayerful, committed, and ever-available missionary. After serving in various roles in the schools and communities in Uganda, he was selected to lead the first group of missionaries to St. Thomas More Schools - Ihungo in Bukoba, Tanzania in 1948. After 3 years at Ihungo, he and the entire community transferred to St. Mary's S.S. Nsumba in Mwanza. Later in 1957 he was sent to the Seychelles from where in 1976 he returned to Canada for retirement. He gradually lost his eye-sight before dying on this date in 1988. He is buried at La Prairie.*

## OTHER DEPARTED BROTHERS

1966, Br. Gustave-Pierre Gardan. - 1991, Br. Jean Le Berre (Joannice). - 1997, Br. Bernard Auffret (Rieul).

**29 WEDNESDAY**

St. Gildas, Abbot, [†570].

▶ *Rule of Life 18.1 :*

At the moment of his profession, the Brother offers himself totally to God. Drawn by an unshakable hope, he takes hold of his entire life and places it as a spiritual sacrifice in God's hand. The dynamic impact of that act, sustained by grace, endures as a permanently willed oblation despite any changes in the person's own attitude.

▶ *To Bro. Liguori-Marie Langlumé, 8 June 1849 :*

We are all in God's hands: let Him do with us as He pleases; let us have only one desire, to go to heaven.

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

1992, Br. Marcel Normandin (Gabriel-Arthur). - 2001, Br. Gonzalo Sáinz Pérez (Elías).

**30 THURSDAY**

Feria

St. Mutien-Marie Wiaux, a Bro. of Christian Schools, [†1917].

▶ *Rule of Life 19 a :*

Consecration to God thus becomes inseparable from the mission with which it identifies: being consecrated to God implies being sent into the world.

▶ *To Mr. Querret, 10 April 1824:*

I remain asleep on the bosom of Providence like a little child, and when the hour of awakening comes, I will say from the bottom of my heart to my good mother: Here I am, I come to do your will.

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

1965, Br. Trophime Certain. - 1997, Br. Andrew O'Rourke (Paschal Mary). - 2013, Br. Philippe Fontaine (Tharcisius-Conrad).

**31 FRIDAY**

Feria

St. John Bosco, Founder of the Salesians, [†1888]

**1857.- Death of Father Vielle, Spiritual Director of Father de la Mennais.**

**Intention:** The Superior General and his Council

► *Rule of Life* 196 :

Configured in the image of Jesus, the Brother is bound to Him as a brother and friend and participates in His mission. Henceforth, it is his responsibility to proclaim and bear witness to this experience of encounter with his Lord.

► *To Bro. Élie Mahé, 11 September 1845:*

In our difficulties, let us resign ourselves as Christians to the holy will of God, and God will bless us all the more if we act solely for his glory, in the spirit of faith.

DEPARTED BROTHER

1978, Br. Wilfrid Bellemare (Dosithée-Joseph)

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# MONTH OF FEBRUARY

## *Consecrated to the Holy Family*

Apostolate of Prayer

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### *For vocations to the priesthood and religious life.*

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life..

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## **1** SATURDAY FERIA

**1851. – Apostolic Brief of Pope Pius IX, commending our Institute**

*Intentions:* - *Young people who are preparing themselves to take the commitment of marriage.*

### ► *Rule of Life 19c:*

As a disciple of Christ, the Brother renders him present and active, especially among children and young people, with a preference for the poor, cooperating with the Spirit to open their hearts to the merciful love of the Father.

### ► *Memorial, p. 16:*

Beware of losing this freedom of spirit, this kind and gentle freedom of the children of God, without which nothing good can be done. To preserve it, we must unite ourselves closely to God, walk in his presence with a heart where peace reigns.

### DEPARTED BROTHERS

2002, Br. Mathurin André (Dominique-Bernard). - 2003, Br. Charles Lambert (Dominique-Antoine). - 2010, Br. Guy Cahier (Charles-Roger). - 2011, Br. Ovide Fortier (Céleste-Jean).

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## **2** SUNDAY PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

St. Thiophane Vénard, M., † 1861.

**1847.- Father de la Mennais signs his Last Will and Testament, in which he specifies how the Congregation will be governed after his death.**

*World Day of Consecrated Life. Invitation to each one to renew the religious vows in union with all the religious of the world.*

► ***Rule of Life 416 :***

Faithful to the Founders' spirit, Brothers maintain "a filial devotion to the Blessed Virgin, admirable model, and powerful guardian of chastity. They have recourse to her with the greatest confidence.

► ***Aux To the priests of Saint-Méen, closure of the Retreat:***

When Jesus Christ entered the Temple for the first time, he was presented by his mother. Since we have chosen her as our principal patroness, let us ask her to carry us in her arms and present us also to God.

***Birthday anniversary of Brothers Tamale Herman and Senfuka Mathias***

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1964, Br. Prosper-Henri Laganière. - 1971, Br. Charles-August Laroche (Louis-Philippe). - 1996, Br. Joseph-André Lachance (Arsène-Marie). - 1998, Br. Marcel Gelley (Marcel-René). - 2001, Br. Florencio Urrecho Mendoza (Alonso). - 2011, Br. Laurent Grégoire (Charles-Eugène). - 2020, Br. Henri Gobin (Eugène-August). - 2021, Br. François Jaffré (Michel-François).

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**3 MONDAY** Feria

St. Blaise, Bishop of Sebast., M., [†316], St. Oscar, Bishop, [† 865].

**Intention:** The community of Douarnenez (France).

In the Breviary: Fourth Week.

► ***Rule of Life 20a :***

By calling the Brother to follow him, Christ instils in him the desire to be in his likeness, to walk with others in his footsteps and to work with them in the Father's vineyard.

► ***Memorial, pp. 3-4:***

It is the Truth Himself, it is God, to teach us what we should say for His cause: it is He who we must consult to know whether we should keep or break our silence. Let us pray to Him every day to put into our mouths, when His glory requires it, those lively words which penetrate to the depths of the soul.

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1964, Br. André-Émile Ollivier. - 1975, Br. Bernard Legland (Damien-Marie). - 2005, Br. Gérard Julien (Fidèle). - 2007, Br. Albert Mayrand (Léon-François). - 2008, Br. Evariste Labiberté.

**4 TUESDAY** Feria

St. Gilbert, Founder of a Religious Order in England, [†1009].

*International Day for Human Brotherhood*

**Intention:** The community of San José (St. Joseph) de Buenavista (Philippines)

► ***Rule of Life 206 :***

By the religious profession, the Brother forges links in a way that gives substance to the mission of a community. Thus, Brothers "give each other mutual support in drawing closer to God and accomplishing his work".

► ***Memorial, p. 17:***

Be faithful to the smallest things: but without straining or scruples. Do not fear to be disturbed in your work, in the studies, even in the prayers; resume what you are doing with a serene and always cheerful spirit.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Mgwirah Robert*

DEPARTED BROTHER

2018, Br. Gaston Boucher (Wilfrid-Augustin)

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**5 WEDNESDAY**

St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr in Sicily – Italy [†250]

*Triduum to Saint Joseph for the vocations*

**Intention :-** *That new vocations to the Brothers give vitality to the mission of the Congregation*

**1904.- Opening of our first establishment in England in Taunton.**

► ***Rule of Life 21 :***

The Brother initially pronounces vows of obedience, chastity and poverty for a stipulated period, and subsequently forever. These vows are received in the name of the Church by the Brother Superior General, the Brother Major Superiors or by their delegates.

► ***Rule of 1823:***

The Brothers shall take care of the various objects they use and be careful not to let them get damaged through their negligence. Cleanliness and thrift are particularly recommended to them.

*Birthday anniversary of Brothers Ssekate Vincent and Musisi John Paul*

DEPARTED BROTHERS

2001, Br. Anthony Gerard Earley (Edward-Joseph). - 2017, Br. Jacques Beaulieu (Claude-August). - 2020, Br. André Cado (Jean-Berchmans).

## 6 THURSDAY

St. Paul Miki, Peter Baptist, Philip of Jesus, Mm. in Japan, [†1597]  
St. Gaston, Bishop of Arras, [†540].

**1904.- Due to the political upheavals, Rev. Brother Abel and his assistants bid farewell to the Mother House at Ploërmel to Jersey (UK) where the Generalate remained until 1972 when it was moved to Rome.**

**Intention:** The Brothers in Japan.

► *Rule of Life 23 :*

The traditional habit of the Institute consists of a cassock and crucifix. The Brothers also wear a cross with the inscription “DS”, “Dieu Seul”.

► *To Brother Lambert Le Boullier, 5 June 1846:*

Surrender yourself to God and he will sustain you, bless you, and richly reward you for all the sacrifices you have offered him.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Mandella Julius*

### DEPARTED BROTHERS

1975, Br. Pierre Chatal (Pierre-Bernard). - 2006 Br. Louis Corcuff (Anatole-Louis). - 2014, Br. André Richard. - 2016, Br. Vincent Connolly (John Fisher).

## 7 FRIDAY FERIA

► *Rule of Life 24a :*

God is faithful. All his promises have their " Yes " in his Son, the Servant offered up for humanity, but victorious over adversity. In Him, the Brother, a fragile partner, has sealed a specific covenant with God.

► *Rule of Life of 1876:*

The Brothers shall strive particularly live in great moderation and in perfect vigilance over their hearts as well as their senses. They will have a filial devotion to the Blessed Virgin, admirable model and powerful guardian of chastity, and they shall have recourse to her with the greatest confidence in all their temptations

### DEPARTED BROTHERS

1991, Br. Évarist. Hamelin (Adelphe). - 1997, Br. Jean-Baptiste Robitaille (Hilaire-Louis). - 1998, Br. Aldéma Goulet (Célestin-Victor). - 2021, Br. Jean-René Nédélec (Christian-René).

## 8 SATURDAY FERIA

St. John of Matha, priest and co-founder of the des Trinitarians, [†1211].  
Jerome Emilian, priest and religious founder [†1537]; St. Josephine Bakhita, religious, Virgin. – *originally captured as a slave from Darfur, Sudan, and finally taken and freed in Italy, where she became a Cannosian Sister* [†1947].

**Intentions:** - The beatification of our Venerable Father.  
- Orphans and the underprivileged of all the world.

► *Rule of Life 246 :*

So that his offering remains an ever-new outpouring, even if he has to share in the sufferings of his Master, the Brother leans on Christ, his Rock and holds “unwaveringly to our confession that gives us hope”

► *To Brother Alexandrin-Marie Lissilourd, 14 May 1848:*

I urge you to be on your guard against the spirit of the world and to keep your holy Rule faithfully in all its points.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Nampurira Stephen*

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1987, Br. Pierre Tertrais (Édouard-Albert). - 1990, Br. René Clech (René-August). - 1996, Br. Gérard Morin (Jean-Eudes). - 1999, Br. Raoul Olivier (Rémi-Marc). - 2004, Br. Émile Crémet (Hubert-Henri). - 2007, Br. Jean-Baptiste Le Gall (Lucien-Armand).

**9 SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C**

St. Miguel Febres Cordero, a Bro. of Christian Schools, (FSC) [†1910].

In the Breviary: First Week

► *Rule of Life 25a :*

Christ's obedience is rooted in the eternal act by which Christ, the Son of God, fully accepts the Father's will for the mission he must accomplish in this world: " Behold, I come to do your will, O God."

► *To the Brothers leaving for the mission at Brest Harbour, 4 February 1850:*

I trust that none of you will forget that you are religious and will not miss a moment to edify all those with whom you will have contact with. Above all, let there be among you great charity and perfect unity.

*Birthday anniversary of Brothers Nuwagaba Deogratias and Mpanga Simeon Simon.*

DEPARTED:

*We commemorate on this date the death of Bro. Hermenegild Lalonde. He arrived in Uganda in 1931 and only spent a few years due to poor health. He returned to Canada in 1934 and died shortly after at a very young age of 27 years and 7 months in 1937. He was a deeply prayerful young Brother who had wished to offer his life as a missionary but God's plan was different.*

*We also commemorate on this same date the death of Bro. George Augustine Armand Lord who arrived in Uganda in 1929. He taught in, and directed many schools in Uganda, then Yala in Kenya, as well as Ihungo in Tanzania. Other than*

*being a very serious religious Brother and a zealous missionary, he is remembered for his artistic landscaping of many compounds of schools and communities and planting a variety of trees, shrubs and flowers. He died at Ibanda in 1968. He is buried in the Kisubi FIC cemetery.*

#### OTHER DEPARTED BROTHERS

1970, Br. Joseph Le Garlantézec (Edelbert). - 1986, Br. Louis Ziume. - 1987, Br. Maurice Duhoux (Noël-Marie). - 2012, Br. Maurice Letexier (Alain-Gabriel). - 2013, Br. Charles-Henri Boutet (Georges). - 2022, Br. Arsène Louis (Georges-Maurice).

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### MONDAY

St. Scholastic V. [†542]; Blessed Arnaud, Abbot [†1255].

**Intention:** The community of St. John-Paul II, Kakooge, (Uganda).

#### ► *Rule of Life 256 :*

In Jesus, obedience is the eminent manifestation of his relationship with the Father and of their continual heart-to-heart. He lets himself be loved by him, and responds to his love by always seeking what pleases him. By “becoming obedient unto death, and the death of the cross”, Jesus thus expresses his filial obedience in a radical way.

#### ► *Memorial, p. 21:*

Everything depends on the will of God for us. He has no need of anyone; he uses whomever he pleases to fulfil the designs of his providence, and always uses the weakest to accomplish the greatest.

#### Birthday anniversary of Brother **Kalama John Baptist**

#### DEPARTED:

*We commemorate on this date the death of **Bro. Bonaventura (Yosefu) Kironde**. He was a very prayerful Brother and a committed English language and Biology teacher. He was convinced that learning and discipline go hand-in-hand. He taught in many schools as well as in the houses of formation. An out-standing model of punctuality and regularity at all school and community exercises. He died in 2007 and he is buried in the Kisubi FIC cemetery.*

#### OTHER DEPARTED BROTHERS

1991, Br. Antoine Bellemare (Ludger). - 1994, Br. Maurice Chotard (Xavier-Henri). 2022, Br. Roland Chevalier (André-Jean).

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## 11

### TUESDAY Feria

OUR LADY OF LOURDES; St. Adolph, monk, [†1224].

*World Day for the Sick.*

**Intentions:** - The community of Lourdes (France)

- Our sick and infirm Brothers and parents and relatives.

► *Rule of Life 26a* :

By putting on Christ, the baptized are conformed and identified with him as his living images; they become sons in the Son and enter, like him, into obedience to the Father.

► *To Congreganists, sermon 'On the benefits of congregations':*

Who of you has not experienced on several occasions that the Blessed Virgin shows herself to be propitious and merciful to those who implore her assistance?

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1910, Br. Abel Gaudichon (Jean-Marie), Superior General from 1897 to 1909.- 1967, Br. Lázaro Martínez (Bautista). - 1985, Br. Réal Picard (Désiré).- 2001, Br. Arthur Collin (Bernardin-Marie).- 2011, Br. José Angel Bustamante (Benedicto).- 2021, Br. Robert Bluteau (Germain-Robert).

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## 12

## WEDNESDAY

Feria

**1877 - Death of Fr Charles-Augustin Duguey, Founder of the Brothers of Normandy, who later joined us.**

**1904 - The liquidator of the Congregation, with the help of 1200 soldiers and police officer, takes possession of the mother house and the La Mennais boarding school in Ploërmel. - The five officers: de Beaudrap, Morel, Boulay de la Meurthe, Boux de Casson and Torquat, refused to attack the motherhouse.**

**Intention:** The community of Delmas (Haïti).

► *Rule of Life 26b* :

"We have all been consecrated to God through our baptism. God becomes the be all and end all of our thoughts, feelings, and actions; we have no other will than his, no other purpose than to please him, and we refer everything to his glory."

► *Memorial, p. 75:*

Long moral habits are only formed in the conscience, and if you persuade the people to believe that conscience is only an illusion, where will you be tomorrow?

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1982, Br. Justo Calderon (Esteban). - 1985, Br. Paul Darsel (Amand-Paul). - 2001, Br. Conrad Dionne (Conrad-Joseph). - 2005, Br. Latraverse (Émile-Louis). - 2017, Br. León Guerin (Yves-Bernard).

# 13 THURSDAY Feria

**Intention:** We pray for the student Brothers

► *Rule of Life 26c :*

Following the example of Jesus, in a spirit of filial trust, every baptized person seeks God's will through human mediation.

► *To the priests of Saint-Méen, sermon 'Obligation to strive for perfection':*

Let us bless the Lord and eagerly take advantage of the many and precious helps he gives us to make progress in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ.

DEPARTED:

*We commemorate the death of **Bro. Paul Roger Talbot** who died on this date. He arrived as missionary in 1950 and after a few years, he was constrained to return to USA due to poor health in 1953 where he died shortly after, that same year. He was just over 25 years of age when he died. He is buried at Waterville.*

OTHER DEPARTED BROTHERS

1965, Br. Chrysostome-Marie Laudée. - 1970, Br. Pierre-Marie Edy (Barthélemy). - 1972, Br. August Le Thomas (Jean-August.). - 1983, Br. Joseph Le Botmel (Blaise-Joseph). - 2006, Br. Fernand Ménard (Patrice-Joseph), Assistant Superior General from 1964 to 1970.- 2014, Br. Miguel Angel Merino Solá (Assistant Superior General from 2006 to 2012). - 2022, Br. Albert Le Capitaine (Albert-Stanislas).

# 14 FRIDAY

Sts. CYRIL, monk, and METHODIUS, Bishop, Patrons of Europe  
[†9<sup>th</sup> Century St Valentin, M., [†270].

► *Rule of Life 27a :*

The Brother, consecrated to God, allows himself to be configured to the One who, "being of divine condition, emptied himself by taking on the condition of a servant". He imitates Christ who, although Son, learned obedience and thus attained the total offering of himself.

► *To Melle Amable Chenu, 18 September 1813 :*

Let's learn to detach ourselves from everything, to rely on God alone: He never fails us...

*Birthday anniversary of Brothers Byaruhangga Gerard Majella and Mulindwa Spelto Valentino*

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1980, Br. Jean-Louis Trudeau (Gatien). - 1985, Br. Georges Robin (Hilaire-Maurice)



**15 SATURDAY** Feria

St. Onesimus, disciple of St. Paul, Bishop, M., [†95]; St. Claude la Colombière, S.J., [†1682].

**Intention:** - *That the missionary spirit within the Congregation be rejuvenated.*  
 - The community of Bro Alphonsus Zayera, Kisubi, (Uganda).

► **Rule of Life 276 :**

From the very birth of the Institute, Jean-Marie de la Mennais emphasized the specific nature of the Brother's religious consecration in his humble search for and acceptance of God's will. "The spirit of humility and obedience is the spirit of religious life, or rather, is religious life itself."

► **Memorial, p. 107:**

Leaving God for God is such a difficult task that I would not dare to say that all the saints have mastered it.

## DEPARTED:

*We commemorate the death of Bro. Joachim Leo Donat Collerete, he was one of the four first missionaries who arrived on 4<sup>th</sup> August 1926. He was a prayerful and committed religious. After 20 years in Uganda, he returned to Canada in 1946. The zeal for missionary work saw him return to Uganda in 1956 and stayed until 1962 when he returned to Canada definitely. He died on this date in 1971 and he is buried in our Montreal cemetery.*

*We also commemorate the death of Bro. Alphonsus Joseph (Benedictus) Zayera who died on this date in 2003. He was one of the first five Ugandan Novices to profess as Brothers of Christian Instruction in January 1938. He was a very prayerful Brother. He had a great devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. He was always cheerful and fully resigned to the providence of God which he saw everywhere as so often repeated. He worked in a number of schools, but the final years were spent in the houses of formation. He is buried in the Kisubi FIC cemetery.*

## OTHER DEPARTED BROTHERS

1971, Br. Gabriel Cyr (Raymond-Maurice). - 1976, Br. Lionel Pellerin (Godefroy-Marie). - 1988, Br. Ambroise Castel (Théophile-Ernest). - 1993, Brs. Armand Boucher (Marcel-Marie) and Camille Héon (Jude-Marie). - 2007, Br. Félix Le Gallo (Barnabé-Julien). - 2015, Br. Sylvio Beauchamp (Rodriguez-Marie). - 2017, Br. Francis Kerbrat (Robert-Alain). - 2018, Br. Camille Orain (Pierre-Théophane).

**16 SUNDAY** 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

In the Breviary: Second Week

► **Rule of Life 27c :**

Reflecting this enduring spirit of our origins, the Brother lives out obedience in humility as a personal and community strength, a guarantee of fidelity and a sign of authenticity in mission.

► **Memorial, pp. 118-119:**

I know that here below our union with God cannot be perfect, but we must strive for it by ceaseless efforts. It is especially when you have the happiness of receiving Jesus Christ that you must ask him for this ineffable grace.

***Birthday anniversary of Brother Komakech Emmanuel***

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1973, Br. Marcel Jossot (Gilles-Marie). - 1987, Br. Fermín Robredo Castresana (Saturnino). - 1989, Brs. Lucien Baffaro, Normand Berger, Rémi Claveau, Robert Duchesneau : *victims of a plane crash in DRC*. - 1993, Br. Damián Arroyo Alvaro (Eduardo). - 1996, Br. Joseph Libert (Hubert-Marie). - 1998, Br. Léonard Boisvert (Camille-Constant). - 2007, Br. Donatien Guibert (Gildas-Marie). - 2013, Br. Eugène Le Gall (Raphaël-Étienne).

**17 MONDAY Feria**

Sts. Alexis Falconieri and his six companions: the holy Founders of the Order of the Servites of Mary [†13th Century]

► ***Rule of Life 28 :***

By the vow of obedience, the Brother commits himself to obey the legitimate authorities of the Institute in all that conforms to the Constitutions.

► ***To Bro. André Labousse, 17 October 1823 :***

I recommend that you be deeply humble, that you do not conceal any of your faults from yourself, but that you do not limit yourself to just acknowledging them and moaning; you must rather renew your resolution every day not to fall into them again.

***Birthday anniversary of Brother Kalunga Clement Peter***

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1968, Br. Émile Legault (David). - 1988, Br. Joseph Houde (Adélarde). - 1998, Br. François Brunet (Hermann-Marie). - 2011, Br. Alejandro Aparicio. - 2014, Brs. Jean-Marie Tassin (Laurent-Bernard) and André Bourdaud (Gabriel-Archange).

**18 TUESDAY Feria**

St. Bernadette Soubirous, Virgin, [†1879].

*Novena for the Beatification of Jean-Marie de la Mennais*

► ***Rule of Life 28.1 :***

The obligation to obey in virtue of the vow is given solely by the-Superior General or Major Superiors and only in exceptional cases. It should only be done in writing or in the presence of two witnesses.

► **Memorial, p. 62:**

I like men who have a heart that allows them to forget what has passed. It's a horrible thing not to forget anything!

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1987, Br. Romain Gareau (André-Gérard).

**19 WEDNESDAY** Feria

*Second day of the novena.*

**Intention:** Brother Superior General and members of his Council.

► **Rule of Life 29 :**

The community is formed of a communion of persons who profess to seek and fulfil God's will together. Thus, religious obedience and fraternal communion lend each other mutual support.

► **Memorial, pp. 123-124:**

Let us not confine ourselves to recognising our faults and lamenting our misery. Let us strive to acquire that unalterable serenity, that calmness of mind, that sweetness full of joy, peace, love and hope, which has been promised and is given to those who, rising above nature and the senses, see God and see only God in everything.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Kyamanywa Stephen*

DEPARTED

*On this date we commemorate the death of **Bro. Arthur Marie (Maurice Boisvert Greenwood)** who died on this date in 2009. He arrived in Uganda in 1940; a hard-working and humble missionary who served in several capacities including that of Provincial. 1977 was transferred to Tanzania where he served in various roles, serving twice as Vice Provincial. The establishment and development of Moshi Brothers Centre is a fruit of his untiring energy. He returned to Canada in 1991 where he continued actively to serve up the very last days of his life. He is buried at La Prairie.*

OTHER DEPARTED BROTHERS

1966, Br. Florentin-Louis Patard. - 1982, Br. August Bernard (Anatole-Marie). - 1996, Br. Henri Guertin (Corentin).

**20 THURSDAY** Feria

Sts Francisco and Jacinta Marto, visionaries of the Blessed Virgin at Fatima

**1855 - Death of Brother Mathurin Provost, first member of the Congregation.**

**1881 - Death of Fr. Foucault, former Superior of the Brothers of Normandy.**

*Third day of the novena*

**Intention:** The members of the Mennaisian Family: Brothers and Lay people

► *Rule of Life 29.1 :*

The community, enriched by the inspiration and reflections of each of its members, in whom the Spirit speaks and acts, is a privileged place for the practice of discernment. In this way, the Brothers seek the common good, rectify their personal views in the light of those of others, analyze events and discern the best ways to respond to the calls of the Church and the world.

► *To Brother Porphire-Marie Person, 20 February 1844:*

He who does not know how to put up with a little discomfort, he knows not the order of salvation, and how can such a one believe oneself to be a true disciple of Jesus Christ crucified?

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Kakyomya Victor*

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1965, Br. Laumer Gervaise. - 1968, Br. Lucas de Miguel (Juan Ramón). - 1974, Br. Joseph Legendre (Cyprius). - 1985, Br. René Noury (René-Hervé). - 1988, Br. Lionel Bélisle (Léopold-Jean). - 1996, Br. Germain Lefebvre (Zéphirin-Victor). - 1998, Br. Armand Poulain (Armand-Pierre). - 2000, Br. André Bellefeuille (André-Charles). - 2014, Br. André Le Martelot (Ernest-André). - 2020, Br. Joseph Bourmalo (Augustin-Paul)

21

FRIDAY

Feria

St. Peter Damien, Bishop of Ostia, D., [†1072].

*Fourth day of the novena*

**Intention:** Our Brothers and students experiencing difficulties

► *Rule of Life 29.2 :*

The Brother Superior participates in the community's discernment of God's will. At the end of this common search, it is up to him to take the necessary decisions.

► *To Brother Hervé Monnerais, 3 December 1846:*

I recommend to you once again the spirit of religious simplicity, which is nothing other than the spirit of faith; thus, simplicity in your tastes, in your language, in your relations with the world.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Barigye Vincent*

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1970, Br. François Laurans (Laurence). - 1981, Br. Charles-Édouard Chabot (Adelmar-Marie). - 1994, Br. Roger Petit (Ange-Augustin). - 1998, Br. Joseph L'Hélias (Joseph-Simplicien). - 2003, Br. Roger Hébert (Alcide-Jean). - 2018, Br. Rosaire Caux (Raymond-Gérard). - 2024, Br. José Luis Arteta (Jerónimo).

22

**SATURDAY** FEAST OF THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER  
*Fifth day of the novena*

**Intention:** The Supreme Pontiff.

► *Rule of Life 30a :*

The Lord Jesus, in the form of his earthly life, expressed the intimate union that exists between mission and obedience. In his image, the Brother is sent into the world as a prophet of his Word and a witness to his love: “Jesus Christ sends you as his Father sent him.

► *To Bruté de Rémur, 4 September 1824 :*

God bless your sacrifice and your work! Go and spread the kingdom of Jesus Christ far and wide, and work with fresh zeal to lay the foundations of a new Church.

DEPARTED:

*On this date we commemorate the death of Bro. Philippe Arsenault (James Marie) who arrived in Uganda in 1932. He served in many communities and schools in Uganda, Tanzania and Seychelles, even though he was mainly in the houses of formation. He had a very good memory and maintained extraordinary links with his former students. He was a prayerful and very generous religious. He reluctantly accepted to return to Canada in 1989 until his death on this date in 1992. He is buried in the La Prairie cemetery.*

OTHER DEPARTED BROTHER

1967, Br. Yves Pleybert (Joseph-Candide).

23

**SUNDAY** 7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C  
 St. Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrne, M., [†156].

*Sixth day of the novena*

**Intention:** The Bishops of the dioceses where we are established.

In the Breviary: Third Week

► *Rule of Life 30b :*

The Brother, with a generous availability, receives as his own the mission that God entrusts to him through the mediation of his superiors. He finds in the services entrusted to him a vast field in which to apply the resources of his intelligence and will, his natural talents and the gifts of grace.

► *To the faithful, sermon 'On Unbelief'.:*

The reason people tend to reject belief in religious matters is that they do not want to live by its obligations. The teaching of religion is rejected because its morals are an inconvenience to man's passions.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Ssengendo Charles Lwanga.*

**DEPARTED:**

*We commemorate the death of **Bro. Stefano Bwanika** who died on this date in 2004. He was one of the first five Ugandan Novices to profess as Brothers of Christian Instruction in January 1938. He was a committed, selfless, firm and kind educator and administrator. He worked in a number of schools both in Uganda and Tanzania, as well as some years in the houses of formation. His death deprived of his confreres a humble, wise and courageous Brother, who among other many gifts was an accomplished languages and mathematics teacher. He is buried in the Kisubi FIC cemetery*

*We also commemorate the death of **Bro. Rémi Pilon (Fabien-Robert)** that occurred on this date in 2009. He arrived in 1961 commencing his missionary work at St. Mary's S.S, Nsumba, followed by a few years at Kisubi then from 1965 he served in a couple of communities in Tanzania. In 1977 he was transferred to Kenya at Muhoho High Sch until his return to Canada in 1982. In retirement he continued some active apostolate for a time. He is buried at the La Prairie cemetery.*

**OTHER DEPARTED BROTHERS**

1990, Br. Joseph Poirier (Pascal Baylon). - 2003, Br. Jean-Marie Le Lay (Constant-Joseph). - 2005, Br. Léonide Julien (Martin-Joseph). - 2015, Br. Bernard Vachon (Gustave-Émile).

**24**

**MONDAY**

Feria

*Seventh day of the novena*

► ***Rule of Life 30.1 :***

The Brother asks the Superior for the necessary permissions, especially relating to activities or initiatives beyond the regular framework of community life or apostolic work.

► ***To Miss Marie Jallobert de Monville, 26 May 1817:***

Do not be troubled by all your sufferings: they purify you; they sanctify you; it is in his love that God sends them to you.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Mugabo Augustine*

**DEPARTED:**

*We commemorate the death of **Bro. Joseph Pomerleau (Clément-Charles)** that occurred on this date in 2009. He arrived in 1956 and taught in a couple of schools in Uganda up to 1961. From that year he was transferred to St. Mary's S.S., Nsumba -Tanzania, up to 1971 when he returned to Canada. Later he returned to Africa as a missionary in DRC after which he retired to Canada where he died and he is buried in the Shediac cemetery.*

## OTHER DEPARTED BROTHERS

1995, Br. Félix Le Bris (Gonzague-Paul). - 1997, Br. André Guimond (Théodore-Marie). - 2003, Br. Jean Jarlégan (Pierre-Antoine). - 2020, Br. Guy Leclerc (Luc-Marie).

**25****TUESDAY**

Feria

**1804 - Jean-Marie de la Mennais is ordained a priest in Rennes by Bishop Jean-Baptiste de Maillé.**

*Eighth day of the novena*

► ***Rule of Life 30.2 :***

To accept assignments or responsibilities which do not come from the Institute, the Brother requests the written authorization of the Major Superior.

► ***To Brother Lambert Le Boullier, 5 June 1846:***

Get rid of all disturbing and dark thoughts; look upon them as very dangerous temptations.

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

1975, Br. Louis Dupré (Simplice). - 1988, Brs. Joseph Colliaux (Joseph-Mathieu) and Antonin Cossette (Gabriel-Amable). - 1989, Br. Alphonse Baril (Robert-Marie). - 2022, Br. Raymond Hould (Gérard-Arthur).

**26****WEDNESDAY**

Feria

*Last day of the novena*

**Intentions:** - The beatification of our Venerable Father  
- The community of Luján de Cuyo (Argentina)

► ***Rule of Life 30.3 :***

Even if he engages in an apostolate outside the Institute, the Brother remains subject to the authority of the Major Superior and to the discipline of the Institute.

► ***To the priests of Saint-Méen, sermon on the False idea of perfection':***

Be certain that everything that discourages and leads you to melancholy, to murmuring, to distrust your superiors, even to feel disgust of your state of life, is only a temptation.

## DEPARTED:

*We commemorate the death of Bro. Cosma Kafeero Kiwanuka who died on this date in 2014. He was an outstanding selfless, firm religious educator and school administrator in a number of schools in Uganda but also taught in Kenya at Starehe Boys College. He was an accomplished academic: PhD holder in science. A distinguished teacher and university lecturer, a sportsman and musician. He is buried in the Kisubi FIC cemetery.*

## OTHER DEPARTED BROTHERS

1967, Br. Yves-Marie Le Huérou (Anatolius). - 1970, Br. Joseph Prigent (Germain-Édouard). - 1998, Br. Hubert Poulain (Eugénien). - 2008, Br. Roland Drouin (Philip-Arthur).

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**27****THURSDAY** Feria

St. Gabriel Addolorata, Italian Passionist, [†1862].

**1854: - Death of Father Félicité Lamennais****1970: - Brother Albert Tremblay is elected Superior General.**► *Rule of Life 31a :*

In religious life, the interaction between authority and obedience denotes a spirit of collaboration in faith and love, excluding any form of power relationship. It reflects the spirit of the Gospel, where the leader is the one who serves.

► *To Brother Ambroise Le Haiget, 23 March 1847:*

Good courage, my dear child, work each day with untiring enthusiasm for your own sanctification and that of so many souls entrusted to you.

*Birthday anniversary of Brothers Timuzigu Allan*

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

1976, Br. Bernardino Gutiérrez (Guillermo). - 1985, Br. Paul Le Moal (Hippolyte-Marie). - 2009, Br. Michel Dussault. - 2017, Br. Yves Moqué.

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**28****FRIDAY** Feria

Blessed Daniel Brottier, Spiritan, [†1936]

► *Rule of Life 31b :*

The Brother Superior exercises authority as a service in such a way as to express the love which the Lord bears for each of his Brothers. He remembers that "the subject and goal of all social institutions is and must always be the human person" and considers each member of his community in the totality of his being, not merely in terms of professional or apostolic activities to be carried out.

He fulfils his ministry in a spirit of charity, simplicity, humility, prudence, and wisdom.

► *To Brother Étienne-Marie Malenfant, 3 November 1842 :*

Let us suffer with patience and with joy and without extending present sufferings into the future by some anxious, painful foresight, which is our greatest torment.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Kamoga Deo*

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

1974, Br. José Martinez (Pablo). - 1976, Br. Henri Bourassa (August-Marie). - 1988, Br. Alain Marant. - 1992, Br. Gérard Cloutier (Clément). - 1994, Br. Pierre Nicolas (Sébastien-Antoine). - 1995, Br. Raymond Désy (Constant-Paul). - 2014, Br. Anic and Langlois (Fabien-Jean)



# MONTH OF MARCH

## *Consecrated to saint Joseph*

Apostleship of prayer

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### *For families in crisis.*

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

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## **1**            **SATURDAY**            Feria

St. Albin Bishop of Angers, [†550].

St. David, Bishop, patron of Wales, [†554].

**1910.- The Decree of Final and Perpetual approbation of the Constitutions is issued by the Sacred Congregation of Religious.**

**Intention:** The community of Guérande (France)

### ► *Rule of Life 32a:*

The Brother Superior shows great confidence in his Brothers and strives to obtain their cooperation in faith, through free and loyal obedience.

### ► *Memorial, p. 100:*

Men whose reason is the strongest sometimes unreason with an assurance that saddens. God probably allows this so that we may place our faith and trust in Him alone. He alone is all light and all truth.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Ssemanda Wasswa Leonard*

### DEPARTED BROTHERS

1988, Br. Charles-Édouard Jourdain (Aibert).

## 2 SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

In the Breviary: Forth Week

► *Rule of Life 326* :

With this same spirit of obedience, Brothers, in all humility and charity, make their point of view known to their Brother Superiors, particularly when they believe that a decision would be inadequate or inappropriate. Yet, they remain ready to accept the final decision once it is made.

► *Sermon to the priests of Saint-Méen* :

We must love the Church as we love Jesus Christ, whose bride she is and who is one body and one flesh with her, that is, with all our heart, with all our will and with all our strength

*Birthday anniversary of Brothers Tirwomwe Desiderio and Ssebitosi John Bosco*

### DEPARTED BROTHERS

2006, Br. Arsène Gall (Yves-Charles). - 2007, Br. François Cloarec (Pol-Joseph). - 2008, Br. Eugène Thomas (Rogatien-Yves). - 2010, Br. Adalbert Couture (Raphaël-Marie).

## 3 MONDAY Feria St. Catherine Drexel, Virgin [†1955].

► *Rule of Life 33a* :

The Brother's obedient love commits him to being a witness and artisan of the spirituality of communion at the heart of the Church. The gift of religious obedience thus leads to “sentire cum ecclesia”: a way of believing, thinking, speaking and serving with the Church.

► *To the priests of Saint-Méen, sermon 'The priest-religious must imitate Jesus Christ in his total self-emptying'* :

We shall receive a hundredfold of what we have left: but we shall also have our cross to bear, our chalice to drink, our nails, our thorns, our flagellation.

### DEPARTED BROTHERS

1974, Br. Paul-Émile Lelièvre (Adrias-Joseph). - 2013, Br. Albert David (Antonin-Yves). - 2021, Br. Gérard Parisien (Norbert-Marie).

## 4 TUESDAY Feria St. Casimir, Patron of Poland, [†1484].

**1792.- Gabriel Deshayes is ordained a priest in Jersey by Mgr Augustin Le Mintier, the last bishop of Tréguier.**

► *Rule of Life 33b :*

Following the example of Jean-Marie de la Mennais and by virtue of the vow of obedience, the Brothers profess total obedience to the Pope, their first Superior.

► *To Bruté de Rémur, 18 December 1820:*

Don't be afraid of obstacles: they are everywhere, you have to see them and overcome them.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Twinomugisha Innocent*

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1969, Br. Gregorio Onaindia. - 1977, Br. Athanase Guéguen (Florentin-Charles). - 1979, Br. Jean Gaudin (Sixte-Joseph). - 1989, Br. Philippe Lambert (Agathange-Marie). - 1996, Br. Michel Deman (Théophane Vénard), Assistant from 1964 to 1982.- 1998, Br. Bernard Jourdan (Gabriel-Bernard). - 2002, Br. Yves Balthazar (Marcien-Joseph), Assistant from 1964 to 1970.- 2014, Br. Robert Jarnoux (Robert-André).

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## 5 ASH WEDNESDAY

*Triduum in honour to St. Joseph for vocations*

*Intentions :- That new vocations to the Brothers give vitality to the mission of the Congregation*

**Day of fasting and abstinence**

In the Breviary: Fourth Week

► *Rule of Life 52.2 :*

It is desirable, during Lent for example, that the Brothers choose a community deprivation, especially in view of sharing with the poorest.

► *Au F. Hippolyte Morin, le 31 mars 1829 :*

Ranimez votre piété à cette grande époque de l'année ; voyez ce que notre Sauveur a fait pour vous et apprenez, par ses exemples, ce que vous devez faire pour lui.

DEPARTED BROTHERS

2008, Br. Luis Ruiz Estébanez (Vicente). - 2014, Br. Jean Courcier (Benoît-Charles).

## 6

## THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

► *Rule of Life 35:*

"No one has greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends". Jesus lived out this gift of himself to the extreme through an undivided love for the Father and a universal love for humanity. Following in Jesus' footsteps, the Brother opens himself to this radical love through the vow of chastity in consecrated celibacy for the Kingdom.

► *Memorial, pp. 119-120:*

The soul which is docile and supple in the hand of God, which does not resist the inspirations of His grace, which believes that it is He who directs men and their counsels, this soul, I say, far from being irritated by contradiction and painfully agitated by continual movements of impatience and vexation, tastes a peace which nothing alters, and always blesses, adores, with a delectable joy and tender love, the designs of Providence upon it.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Nyesiga Moses*

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

1996, Br. Henri Cabillic (Sébastien-Joseph). - 2001, Br. Jean Birrien (Gabriel-Vincent). - 2016, Br. François Even (Briec-Joseph).

## 7

## FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

Saints Felicity and Perpetua, Martyrs in North Africa, [†203].

**Day of fasting and abstinence**► *Rule of Life 36:*

By the vow of chastity, a sign and anticipation of the blessed life in the Kingdom of Heaven, the Brother commits himself wholeheartedly to following Jesus in the free and total gift of self.

The vow of chastity includes the obligation to observe perfect continence in celibacy.

► *To Miss Amable Chenu, 18 September 1813:*

If we are blind, sorrowful and weak, it is because we do not come to God with sufficiently strong faith and tender trust.

*Birthday anniversary of Brothers Kitone Bigezo Delto and Kisakeni Fidelis*

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

2001, Br. Jean Gouret (Marcellin-François). - 2005, Br. Maximino Lozano Miguel (Demetrio).#

## 8 SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY

St. John of God, Founder of the Hospitallers Brothers in Spain [†1550].

**Intention:** The beatification of the Venerable Father.

### ► *Rule of Life 37a :*

Chastity is received as a gift from God, a grace and a fruit of the Spirit. It transforms the Brother in the very depths of his being and makes him participate in the paschal mystery of Christ and thus become a source of life and fruitfulness.

### ► *To Miss Marie Jallobert de Monville, 1813 :*

Nothing that is said or happens can disturb the peace of the one whom faith raises to an infinite height and whom it makes rest on the bosom of God himself.

### DEPARTED BROTHERS

2001, Br. Réal Brodeur. - 2011, Br. André Guibert (Fulbert)

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## 9 SUNDAY 1<sup>er</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

St. Grégoire of Nyssa, Bishop., [†395].

St. Frances of Rome, Widow, [†1440].

St. Dominique Savio, adolescent of Turino in Italy [† 1857].

**1915.- The Sacred Congregation of Rites pronounces a favourable sentence, *non cultu*, for our Venerable Father.**

In the Breviary: First Week

### ► *Rule of Life 37bc :*

This "precious gift" is welcomed and renewed by the Brother in prayer and in the sacraments of the Eucharist and Reconciliation.

Through the chastity thus chosen and assumed, lived in humility, simplicity and transparency, the Brother bears joyful witness to the gift received.

### ► *Sermon 319 on 'Heaven'.*

God present as truth, as justice, as goodness, infinitely communicative; God present in the heart and dwelling there, abiding there, acting there with freedom, walking there, as the Scripture says, *deambulabo in eis*, - it is not an empty presence, but a presence full of love.

### DEPARTED:

*We commemorate the death of Bro. Hermenegilde (Abel Joseph) Lalonde which occurred on this date in 1937. He was a missionary in Uganda from 1931 but due health challenges he was constrained to return home on sick-leave in 1934. He was a generous and humble Brother.*

## OTHER DEPARTED BROTHERS

1972, Br. Jean-Marie Piton (Maurice-Joseph). - 1976, Br. Jean-Louis Rivard (Fabien-Louis). - 2003, Br. Évarist. Grandbois (Louis-Émile). - 2013, Br. Louis Le Roux. - 2020, Br. Michel Jamois (Louis-Berchmans).

**10****MONDAY**

Feria

**Intentions:** - The pupils and students of our schools and their educators.  
- The community of Maldonado (Uruguay)

► *Rule of Life 38a:*

Chastity is a dynamic state, a choice that is renewed throughout life. It is a commitment that the Brother undertakes day after day, 'an apprenticeship in self-control that is a way of teaching freedom'.

► *To Bro. Anastase Gélébart, 6 June 1844:*

Above all, I recommend to you great fidelity in your exercises and great reserve in your dealings with the people of the world: many have perished because they did not keep sufficiently on their guard, forgetting this word of our divine Master: "Watch and pray without ceasing, lest you enter into temptation."

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Kyobe Edward*

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

1994, Br. Louis Louarn (Abel). - 2012, Br. Eugène Thomas (Emmanuel-Grégoire).

**11****TUESDAY**

Feria

**Intention:** That the members of the Mennaisian Family, Brothers and Lay people, may be signs of communion in the Church.

► *Rule of Life 38b:*

By living out the evangelical counsel of chastity, the Brother accepts the inevitable loneliness of his condition as a cross to be carried in Christ's footsteps. He accepts his sexuality and temperament with lucidity and serenity and strives to grow in maturity and in his capacity to love. He does not overestimate his strength but seeks living conditions that favour wholesome psycho-emotional balance. Maintaining a watchful attitude over his senses, the Brother acquires through asceticism the personal discipline by which he assumes his celibacy and integrates it into the development of his personality.

► ***To Father Ruault, 15 October 1830:***

Undoubtedly, the burden with which you are charged is heavy: but since the good Lord has placed it on your shoulders, he will give you the strength to carry it; have confidence, then, that he never abandons those who devote themselves to his glory.

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1968, Br. Eugène Gréget (Marcien). - 1980, Br. François Trudel (Simplicius-Joseph). - 2001, Br. Cristóbal Aparicio García (Miguel-José). - 2002, Br. François Roy (Sébastien-Henri).

12

WEDNESDAY

Feria

St. Theophany, abbot in Greece, [†787].

**Intention:** The community of Jacmel (Haïti).

► ***Rule of Life 38.1 :***

At each stage of initial formation, candidates and young Brothers receive appropriate formation in the area of affective relationships and sexuality.

► ***To Brother Ferdinand Tourtier, 15 October 1839:***

I bless the Lord for what I have to suffer, for we must carry this cross by which we have been saved.

*Birthday anniversary of Brothers **Kagaba Sylvester** and **Byarugaba Crescent***

DEPARTED:

*Today we remember the death of **Bro. James Paul Monette** who died on this day in 2003. He arrived in 1946 and taught in several schools in Uganda and Tanzania. Among these several schools, he is much remembered for the outstanding work at St. Edward's Bukuumi and at St. Thomas More College, Ihungo. He returned to Canada at the end of 1975. He died at La Prairie where he is buried.*

OTHER DEPARTED BROTHERS

- 2006, Br. Benoît Aubrée. - 2022, Br. Paul Tiriau (Gustave-Claude).

13

THURSDAY

Feria

2013.- Election of Pope Francis

**Intention:** The Supreme Pontiff.

► ***Rule of Life 38.2 :***

In the context of ongoing formation, the Provinces and Districts help the Brothers to continue their psycho-affective growth through appropriate formation and renewal experiences.

► **Memorial, p. 86:**

It is a truth of faith that Jesus Christ is hungry, that Jesus Christ is thirsty, and it is a truth of experience that Christians let Jesus Christ starve, that they do not care to give him a glass of cold water.

DEPARTED:

Today we remember the death of **Bro. Peter Katanga (Joseph)**. After the long and successful service as teacher and headteacher of several schools in Uganda; and for some time taking the responsibility of Education Secretary at Uganda Catholic Secretariate, Nsambya, he retired at Kisubi in relatively poor health. He was a committed, focused, firm and prayerful religious. In his retirement at Kisubi, he was particularly devoted to the daily recitation of the rosary to which he attracted several students of St. Mary's College. He died in 1997 and is buried in the Kisubi FIC cemetery.

**14 FRIDAY** Feria  
Day of fasting and abstinence

► **Rule of Life 38.3 :**

Through a personal accompaniment and the support of competent persons, the Brother avails himself the necessary help to grow in his capacity to love, in fidelity to his vow of chastity.

► **To Brother Étienne-Marie, 14 December 1839:**

Do not neglect anything so that your children make progress; but above all, try to instruct them in religion and to inspire them with a spirit of piety.

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1968, Br. Théodore Poidevin (Gonzalve-Joseph). - 1969, Br. Ferdinand-Pierre Faillé. - 1971, Br. Louis Rousselot (Yves-François). - 1975, Br. Ange-Marie Gégard (Gilbert-Marie). - 1983, Br. Yves Bleunven (Tharsicius). - 2000, Br. Germain Ménard (Prosper-André). - 2012, Br. Marcel Deshalliers (Charles-Louis).

**15 SATURDAY** Feria  
St. Louise de Marillac, Religious, Patron of Social workers, [†1660].

St. Clement-Marie Hofbauer, Redemptorist, [†1820].

**2006.- Brother Yannick Houssay was elected Superior General.**

**Intention:** - *That the missionary spirit within the Congregation be rejuvenated.*

► **Rule of Life 39a :**

Chastity models the relational life of the Brother, who weaves bonds of fraternity in the name of a privileged relationship with God, the Father of all.



► ***To the priests of Saint-Méen, opening of the 1826 retreat:***

What does it matter if we get a little more tired for a little more work? Tomorrow we shall die! Tomorrow will enter eternity!

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1965, Br. Ambroise-Henri Bécam.- 1977, Br. Miguel Orive (Miguel).- 1997, Br. Angel De Santiago Campo (Eulogio).- 2013, Br. Jean PrévotEAU (Armel-Marie).- 2022, Br. François Le Goff (François-Gabriel).

# 16 SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

**1891.- Decree of Final approval of our Institute by the Holy See.**

**1933.- Departure from Nanclares (Spain) of the first three Brothers for Argentina.**

In the Breviary : Second Week

► ***Rule of Life 396 :***

This fraternity is lived out especially in community where Brothers strive to live together the joyful gift of themselves, in mutual trust and in tactful concern for others. To better support each other spiritually, they remember, especially Superiors, that chastity "is more easily preserved when there is authentic charity among the Brothers". They know how to show appropriate concern and offer timely support to those who are in difficulty.

► ***Rule of Life of 1823:***

The Brothers shall carefully avoid any subject of quarrel, showing neither estrangement nor ill humour to one another; they shall also avoid any harsh, bitter or reproachful words, any mark of contempt or impatience; they shall speak to one another with unalterable gentleness.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Mpinga Francis*

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1977, Br. Hubert Tétrault (Albert-Joseph). - 1978, Br. Indalecio Sáinz (Bernardino).

# 17 MONDAY Feria

St. Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland, [†461].

**2018.- Brother Hervé Zamor is elected Superior General.**

► ***Rule of Life 39.1 :***

Chastity is fundamentally linked to charity. Aware that no one in this world can live without love and that turning in on oneself remains sterile, the Brother is

happy to love his neighbour in relationships based on respect for others, simplicity, clarity and prudence.

► **To Brother Bertrand Robidou, 21 November 1844:**

It is your too frequent contact with the world that has shaken your vocation and made you lose, by imperceptible degrees, the spirit of your holy state. It is impossible to be in the world and in Jesus Christ at the same time; no one can serve two masters.

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1968, Br. Joseph Le Roux (Alarius). - 1995, Br. Jean-Marie Le Quéau (Étienne-Joseph). - 1998, Br. Pedro Miera Redondo (Isidoro). - 1999, Br. François Richomme (Nicolas). - 2003, Br. Étienne Guiné. - 2008, Br. Paul Hays. - 2019, Br. Pierre Piron (Michel-Pierre).

**18**

**TUESDAY**

Feria

St. Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, D., [†386].

St. Christian, Cistercian Abbot in Ireland.

**1814.- Arrival at Saint-Brieuc of Father Jean Marie de la Mennais as private secretary to Bishop Jean-Baptiste Caffarelli.**

**1982.- Brother Bernard Gaudeul is elected Superior General.**

*Day one for the Novena for the Beatification of Jean-Marie de la Mennais;*

In the Breviary: First Vespers of **St. Joseph, husband of Mary**

► **Rule of Life 40a :**

Consecrated celibacy opens to the Brother a love imbued with thoughtfulness and kindness. He makes himself a brother to all, especially the most disadvantaged. The choice of consecrated celibacy gives him a greater apostolic readiness and strengthens his obedience for the mission.

► **Memorial, pp. 15-16:**

When the soul is dried up and sadness grips it, go in spirit to the Garden of Olives, kneel down beside Jesus Christ, take the chalice offered to us and say, "Father, not my will but yours be done.

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1992, Br. Octave Soulard (Ernest-Pierre). - 1996, Br. Joseph Bainvel (Lazarus). - 2024, Br. Eugène Gauthier (Hubert-Eugène).

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**WEDNESDAY ST JOSEPH, husband of the Blessed**

**Virgin Mary, Principal patron of Canada.**

**1891.- First group of Postulants begin the Novitiate (taking of the habit) at the Novitiate of La Prairie (Canada)**

**1934.- From this date on, the Brothers in the East African Mission (at that time in Uganda and Kenya), began to wear white cassocks replacing the traditional black colour cassocks.**

*Second day of the novena*

► ***Rule of Life 11.1 :***

Fidèles à la tradition constante de l'Institut, les Frère invoquent, d'une façon spéciale, saint Joseph, modèle des éducateurs et gardien des vocations.

► ***Au F. Ambroise Le Haiget, le 5 juin 1846 :***

Travaillons chaque jour avec un nouveau courage à la gloire de notre bon Maître ; mettons notre confiance en lui seul, et n'attendons que de lui notre récompense.

DEPARTED:

*We commemorate today the death of **Bro. Roland Baribeau (Felix Charles)** who died on this date in 2011. He arrived as missionary in 1937. He served in some schools in Uganda: Kitovu, Mbarara and Kisubi, but of these, he was longest at Kitovu. From 1956 he was transferred to Tanzania where he served in several schools: St. Mary's Nsumba, St. Thomas More, Bukoba, Kilema Seminary in Moshi and at Morogoro - Bigwa Sisters School. He was Superior at Moshi Brothers Centre where he constructed the second phase of buildings. From 1984 he was posted at Upanga House as superior and held several other responsibilities there until 1997 when he retired in Canada. He was very committed, generous and humble Brother. He is buried at La Prairie.*

OTHER DEPARTED BROTHERS

1982, Br. Pierre Sizun (Gabriel-Édouard), Assistant Superior General from 1946 to 1952.- 1993, Br. Henri Pérussel (Henri-Stanislas). - 1994, Brs. Pierre Tardif (Émile-Joseph) and Francis Leborgne (Raoul-Marie). - 2017, Br. Michel Letort (Michel-Archange).

**20 THURSDAY** Feria

*Third day of the novena*

**Intention:** The community of Nanclares de la Oca (Spain).

► ***Rule of Life 406 :***

His Religious state of consecration, awareness of his weakness and strict respect for others call for prudence and vigilance on the part of the Brother in his living, working and leisure environments and in his use of social networks.

► ***To Bruté de Rémur, 10 August 1815 :***

What awful times we live in, my dear friend! Nevertheless, we must submit to the adorable will of the One who knocks and heals, and go forward into the future with our eyes closed, or rather with them raised towards the mountain from which we await our help.

Birth day anniversary of Brother Kiddawalime Alex

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

1979, Br. Hervé Lacerte (Flavien-Joseph). - 2017, Br. Claude Simon (Louis-René).

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**21****FRIDAY**

Feria

*Fourth day of the novena*

Day of fasting and abstinence

▶ ***Rule of Life 40c :***

As a safeguard for the protection of children and young people with whom he comes into contact, the Brother observes the protocols currently in force across the Congregation, dioceses, and educational institutions.

▶ ***To Bro. Cyprien Chevreau, 7 December 1846:***

The more completely you have given yourself to God, the happier you should be, and the happier you will be.

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

1966, Br. Germain Désert. - 1983, Br. Jean Kermarrec (Michaël-Joseph). - 2017, Br. Marcel Hébert (Charles-Antoine). - 2018, Br. André Godin (Gabriel-Anastase).

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**22****SATURDAY**

Feria

**1911.- Pope Pius X signs the decree of Introduction of the Cause of Beatification and Canonisation of Jean-Marie Robert de la Mennais.***Fifth day of the novena*

**Intention:** Our sick and infirm Brothers.

▶ ***Rule of Life 41a :***

In his prayer, the Brother asks, "with humility and perseverance, for the grace of fidelity". Knowing in whom he has put his trust, he moves forward with joyful pride in hope.

▶ ***To Bro. André Labousse, 26 December 1823:***

Try to be more recollected, more attentive to the presence of God: distractions are your great enemy; you must fight them every day with new courage and zeal.

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

1981, Br. Martin Etcheverry (Alvaro). - 2002, Br. Gérard Duhaime (Norbert-Vincent), - 2008, Br. Louis Stéphan (Jean de Kenty). - 2020, Br. Virgilio Gutiérrez Rodríguez (Julián).

**23**      **SUNDAY**      3<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop, [†1606].

**1863.- Death of Father Pierre Ruault, first chaplain of the Mother House, close friend and faithful adviser of Father de la Mennais.**

**Intention:** The community of Ouanaminthe (pronounced as: *Wanamenti*) (Haïti).

*Sixth day of the novena*

In the Breviary: Third Week

► *Rule of Life 42a:*

By his incarnation, Christ, 'who was rich, became poor so that through his poverty you might be enriched'. He annihilated himself by renouncing all will to power and accepting his dependence on the Father.

► *To Mr. Querret, 29 March 1814:*

Let us love in God and for God. Let Him be the only centre in which we find ourselves at all times! Oh, how fragile and futile are all the rest!

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Nsubuga K. Leonard*

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1994, Br. Eugène Bousseau (Eugène-Arthur). - 2012, Br. Laurent Colléoc (Cyprien-August.). - 2017, Br. Albert Côté (Robert-Yves). - 2020, Br. Efrén Fernandez Aparicio (Luis-María). - 2021, Br. André Tremblay (Thomas-André) - 2023, F. Jean Pelu (Ludovic-Marie).

**24**      **MONDAY**      Feria

St. Oscar Romero, Bishop, M., [†1980].

**1858.- Death of Mother Marguerite-Marie (Marie Conan), first Superior General of the Daughters of Providence of Saint-Brieuc.**

**1993.- John Paul II declares this day of remembrance of the death of Mgr ROMÉRO, a day of fasting and prayer in memory of the Missionary Martyrs all over the world, even of our days now.**

*Seventh day of the novena*

In the Breviary: First Vepers of the Feast of the **Annunciation**

► *Rule of Life 42b:*

The Brother makes the vow of poverty so as to be more closely configured to his Lord. He detaches his heart from what he has and from what he is. He lives as one who has freely received a unique treasure: "My God, you will be everything to me: life is nothing, reputation is nothing, knowledge is nothing, health is nothing, fortune is nothing; God alone!"

► *Aux prêtres de Saint-Méen, sermon 'Obstacles à l'établissement de la Congrégation':*

Il n'y a point d'hommes parfaits : mais de toutes les imperfections, la plus grande serait de ne vouloir rien souffrir et d'exiger des autres plus de vertu qu'on en a soi-même.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Mutakirwa Onesimus*

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1967, Br. Hippolyte-Louis Collet. - 1975, Br. Joseph Le Boulch (Gérard-Pierre). - 1980, Br. Benoît Lessard (Daniel-François). - 1998, Br. Joseph Bussières (Léonard-Jean). - 2017, Br. Jean Audrain (Donatien-Michel).

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## 25 TUESDAY SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

**1821.-** The Daughters of Providence receive the Constitutions of their Institute from Father de La Mennais and, on the same day, take their vows.

**1943.-** In the chapel of the Motherhouse at Ploermel, the Rev. Brother Etienne Barbier, S.G solemnly consecrates the Institute to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

**1988.-** In the Basilica of St Mary Major in Rome, Brother Bernard Gaudeul, Superior General, renews the solemn consecration of the Institute to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

**2012.-** In the Chapel of the Mother House at Ploermel, Brother Yannick Houssay, Superior General, renewed the solemn consecration of the Institute to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

**Intention:** The Congregation of the Daughters of Providence.

*Eighth day of the novena*

► *Rule of Life 116 :*

The Brothers venerate the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Mystery of Christ and the Church. The handmaid of the Lord, fully docile to the Holy Spirit, totally devoted to the person and work of her Son, is for them the model of their consecrated life, obedient, chaste and poor.

► *Sermon on the Feast of the Annunciation:*

It was by an express act of God's will that Mary helped to give us Jesus Christ, and God, in order to reward her obedience, wanted her to contribute equally to all the operations of grace which are only a continuation of this mystery.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Kyamanywa Ronald*

**26 WEDNESDAY** Feria*Last day of the novena***Intention:** The beatification of our Venerable Father Jean Marie de la Mennais.► ***Rule of Life 42c :***

By the vow of poverty, the Brother undertakes to live in dependence and limitation in the use and disposition of goods according to the proper law of the Institute.

► ***To Brother Hyacinthe Fichou, 16 March 1846 :***

Continue to work for the glory of God and the salvation of souls, according to your strength, and be convinced that the good Lord asks nothing more of you than that you do what you do.

## DEPARTED BROTHER

1965, Br. Martín García. - 1973, Br. Joseph Leduby (Isidore-Louis). - 2012, Br. Bernard Franey (Augustine Joseph). - 2014, Br. Albert Hémono (Louis-Yves).

**27 THURSDAY** Feria

**1900.- Decree of the Sacred Congregation of Rites ordering the research of the writings of our Venerable Father de la Mennais.**

**Intention:** The community of Nairobi – Providence House (Kenya).► ***Rule of Life 43a :***

The poverty that Jesus taught through his Word and manifested by his life is a gift of the Spirit that leads into the Kingdom of God. In turn, it requires of the Brother that disposition of heart marked by detachment and joy, rooted in the certainty that God is his most beautiful inheritance, a heritage that is reserved for him and which will not be taken away.

► ***At the Congregation of St Méen, sermon :***

We will no longer consider persons, things or events in a way that is entirely natural and therefore misleading, but we will consider them in relation to eternity, in the light of God himself, and we will judge them as God judges them.

***Birthday anniversary of Brother Ampereza Vian Isaac***

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

1996, Br. André Normandin (Maurice-Paul). - 2000, Br. Desmond O'Brien (Paul-Thomas). - 2002, Br. Gilbert Laganière (François-Joseph). - 2020, Br. Ismael Sáinz Castañeda (Lucas) and Br. Dámaso Cereceda García.

28

FRIDAY Feria  
Day of fasting and abstinence

► *Rule of Life 43b :*

In experiencing God's love, freely given, the Brother lives with great inner freedom in relation to temporal goods, in a spirit of joyful openness and willingness to share. He puts what he has received at the service of others: his life, his talents, his time, and the goods he uses.

► *Au F. Urbain Clérice, 29 mai 1848 :*

Let us desire only the accomplishment of God's holy will in ourselves and in all things.

DEPARTED:

*We commemorate today the death of Bro. Germain Brunet (Héraclius-Albert) who died on this date in 1995. He arrived as missionary in 1931. He spent only two years at Yala (Kenya) and was transferred to then thriving mission in Egypt where he remained up to 1955 during the political upheavals that eventually led to the close of the mission. He returned to Canada where he died and he is buried at La Prairie.*

OTHER DEPARTED BROTHERS

1977, Br. Victor Côté (Augustin-Victor). - 2009, Br. Jean-Baptiste Gendrot (François-Jean). - 2018, Br. Albert Lohard (Daniel-Hubert).

29

SATURDAY Feria

► *Rule of Life 44 :*

In dependence on the Brother Superiors and in liaison with the community, the Brother seeks to make use of the goods of this world without attaching his heart to them.

► *To Miss Anne de Lucinière, 28 January 1837 :*

When the mind has lost its rule, it gives birth to a thousand fantasies of which it is the object; it no longer believes, it dreams.

*Birthday anniversary of Brothers Mukasa Robert Gonzaga and Mukwire Christopher.*

DEPARTED:

1998, Br. Ernest Paquette (Michel-Amand). - 2020, Br. Javier García González (Francisco-Javier).



# 30 SUNDAY 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

St. John Climacus, abbot at Mount Sinai, [†600], Blessed Amadeo, Duc of Savoie (Southern France), [†1472].

In the Breviary Four Week

► *Rule of Life 44.1a :*

The Brother cannot dispose of money without accounting for it. He submits his current expenses to the local Superior, according to the procedures defined at provincial or district level.

► *Mémorial, p. 68 :*

There are two main rules: be as little as you can, lower yourself, shrink yourself, annihilate yourself; and, do the best you can for the interests of God alone when you are something, without worrying about your own self-esteem.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Twijukye Alex*

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

1982, Br. James Durkin (Stephen Mary). - 1996, Br. Louis Chevalier (Hervé-Henri). - 2020, Br. Pablo García González (Bernardo).

# 31 MONDAY Feria

**1994.- Brother José Antonio Obeso Vega is elected Superior General.**

**Intention:** The Superior General and the members of his Council

► *Rule of Life 44.16c :*

For major expenses, according to the indications of the Province or District, he requests the authorization of the local Brother Superior and, where appropriate, seeks his advice before resorting to the competent authority. Permission does not remove the need for prior discernment, nor the personal responsibility for the way it is used.

► *To Brother Hippolyte Morin, 31 March 1829 :*

I recommend that you be faithful to the holy exercise of the presence of God. This means and the consideration of the passion of Jesus Christ are the best way to rekindle the fire of divine love in your heart.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Wasswa Peter*

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

1987, Br. Rodrigue Lorrain (Eusèbe). - 1988, Br. Gaston Martel (Héraclas).

# MONTH OF APRIL

## *Consecrated to Jesus the Redeemer*

Apostleship of prayer

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*For the use of the new technologies.*

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

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**1**      **TUESDAY**      Feria

**Intention:** The community of Buenos Aires (Argentina).

► *Rule of Life 45a:*

The Brother can always deepen his personal practice of evangelical poverty. There are many ways in which he can be "poor in fact and in spirit", always in collaboration with his community:

- by excluding not only the superfluous, but also what is useful and pleasant.

► *To Bro. Julien Kerdavid, May 1844:*

Our Lord said to Martha, the sister of Lazarus: Martha, Martha, you are busy with many things. Mary chose the best part. Mary's part was silence, humility, prayer.

*Birthday anniversary of Brothers: Kiula Abel Augustine and Wafula Galison*

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1986, Br. Charles Trémel (Charles-Firmin). - 2002, Br. Pierre Daniel (Laurentius-Joseph). - 2011, Br. Roger Senécal (Ermel).

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**2**      **WEDNESDAY**      Feria

St. Francis of Paula, Hermit and founder of the Minimes, [†1507].

St. Pedro Calungsod, youth lay martyr in Philippines, [†1672].

*Triduum à Saint Joseph pour les vocations*

**Intention :-** *That new vocations to the Brothers give vitality to the mission of the Congregation*

► *Rule of Life 45b :*

There are many ways in which he can be "poor in fact and in spirit", always in collaboration with his community: - by accepting with joy certain forms of austerity, the privations imposed by circumstances, and even destitution; and by freeing his heart from temporal values: the comforts and conveniences of life, positions and functions, esteem, success and cultural fulfilment

► *Instructions to the Brothers of Guadeloupe, 26 November 1837 :*

The Brothers, deeply convinced of the greatness and holiness of their mission, will leave no stone unturned to fulfil it well, and no sacrifice, even that of their lives, will seem too painful to them for that.

DEPARTED:

*We commemorate on this date the death of Bro. Palmasio (Martin Vianney) Kalungi which occurred in 2003. He served in several communities and schools. He was a convinced, prayerful and friendly Brother. He was attentive and to every event or circumstance and always made the best out of it. Indeed, his motto that he often repeated was 'neglect nothing' - (N.N). He is particularly remembered for his great work and extensive contacts as Public Relations Officer of the Province. He is buried in the Kisubi FIC cemetery.*

OTHER DEPARTED BROTHERS

1976, Br. Jean-Louis Menthéour (Clémentin-Marie). - 1980, Br. Henri Caudal (Célerin). - 1981, Br. Raphaël Delanoë (Césaire).

### 3

THURSDAY

Feria

► *Rule of Life 45c :*

There are many ways in which the Brother can be 'poor in fact and in spirit', always in connection with the community: - by banishing the desire to appropriate for himself and the tendency to worry about the future; and by willingly putting his time and talent at the service of the poor.

► *To Brother Arthur Greffier, 24 November 1840 :*

I have urged you to be patient and I urge you to be patient again, because things never go according to our desires; the good Lord allows these kinds of trials in order to increase our merits and our virtue.

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1970, Br. Gilles Bournival (Michel-Henri). - 2014, Br. Henri Bernier (Alban-Marie).

## 4 FRIDAY Feria

St. Isidore, Bishop of Seville, [†636].

Day of fasting and abstinence

### *Rule of Life 46:*

The Brother retains bare ownership of his patrimony and the ability to acquire other property by inheritance or gift; but he must transfer the administration, usufruct, and use of his property to whomever he wishes, even to his Institute if he prefers. This transfer must be made in writing, before his first profession if he already has property, or when he acquires property.

### ► *Rule of 1825:*

Whatever progress you have made in the spiritual life, always strive to make new progress; for never, during your exile on earth, will you penetrate so deeply into God that it is no longer possible for you to penetrate further.

### DEPARTED BROTHERS

1982, Br. Léon Delanoë (Marie-Bernard). - 2002, Br. Jean-Paul Laneuville (Herménégilde-Joseph). - 2005, Br. Constant Blandel (Ferréol). - 2006, Br. Jean-Marie Poullélaouen (Tugdual-Marie). - 2007, Br. Marcel Flouriot (Yves-Marcel). - 2015, Br. Marcel Guibert (Léontien-Joseph). - 2020, Br. Joseph-André Gauthier (Lucien-Gilles).

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## 5 SATURDAY Feria

St. Vincent Ferrier, Dominican, [†1419].

**Intention** - The community of Sault-Saint-Louis, La Prairie (Canada).

### ► *Rule of Life 46.1:*

A professed Brother may perform the acts of ownership provided for by law, provided he does so with the authorization of the Brother Provincial or Brother Visitor.

### ► *To the priests of Saint-Méen, sermon 'Obligation to strive for perfection':*

Nothing is more advantageous than to be part of a Congregation that offers support to our weakness and surrounds us with barriers to prevent us from falling backwards.

### *BirtOhday anniversary of Brother Turyatamba Sliaco*

### DEPARTED BROTHERS

1968, Br. Joseph Besnard (Gabriel-Ange). - 1982, Br. Gaudencio Arnaiz (Gaudencio). -1996, Br. Napoléon Boisvert (Amédée-Joseph). - 2000, Br. Juan José Rioja. - 2020, Br. Miguel-Ángel Román Villalabeitia. - 2021, Br. Pierre St. Laurent (Gérard-François) and Br. Robert Gonneville.

## 6 SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

In the Breviary: First Week

### ► *Rule of Life 47 and 47.1 :*

Before his perpetual profession or as soon as he acquires property, the Brother freely disposes of his assets by means of a will valid in civil law.

To modify these administrative or testamentary dispositions, the authorization of the Brother Provincial or Brother Visitor is required.

### ► *Memorial, p. 13 :*

Trusting in mercy is a reason to obtain mercy.

### DEPARTED BROTHERS

1979, Br. Noël Stéphane (Gérard-Noël). - 1992, Br. Ernest Alarie (Gustave-Albert). - 2008, Br. Louis Séité (Ronan-Louis). - 2012, Br. Henri Caroff (Henri-Marie). - 2015, Br. Jean-Pierre Boissière.

## 7 MONDAY Feria

St. John-Baptist de la Salle, Patron of Educators, [†1719].

Blessed Hermann-Joseph, Premonstratensian Monk and mystic [†1236].

**Intention:** The Christian Educators, and especially, the teaching Brothers.

### ► *Rule of Life 48 :*

Professed members of perpetual vows who so desire may renounce all or part of their patrimonial goods. This renunciation cannot be made before five years of perpetual profession, nor without the prior permission of the Superior General and the consent of his Council.

In his decision, the Brother considers his family's circumstances, and the needs of the poor, his Institute and the Church.

### ► *To Miss Marie Jallobert de Monville, 1813 :*

Do you want to acquire an unalterable gentleness? Lose yourself in God, that is, let him lead you even in the smallest things. Always walk in the light of his face.

### DEPARTED BROTHERS

1976 Br. Célestin Trégret (Cyprius-Célestin). - 1978, Br. Donat Fontaine (Laurent-Marie). - 2003, Br. François Goaréguer (François-Adrien). - 2005, Br. Jean Le Doeuff (Laurent-Alain). - 2023, F. Louis Pirot (Louis-Pierre)

## 8 TUESDAY Feria

St. Walter of Pontoise, Abbot, † 1095.

**Intention:** The beatification of our Venerable Father

► *Rule of Life 49a :*

Following the example of the first Christian community, where no one claimed as his own what belonged to him, the Brothers live by sharing their goods in common.

► *Opening of a retreat for the Brothers, S VII 2247 :*

My children, all the awards for martyrdom, for the confessors of the faith and for apostolic zeal have not yet been distributed; there are still some for us. Let us go with joy to meet those that are offered to us to conquer; let us rush to seize them; and if we persevere to the end, they will be ours.

DEPARTED: *We remember on this date the death of Bro Émile Chouinard (Eugène-Louis). He arrived in Uganda in 1946 and served in a couple of schools and communities including: Kitabi Seminary, St. Mary's College, St. Henry's College and St. Leo's High School, Virika. During this same period, he also taught for a short time, (1964- 65) at Ihungo, Tanzania. From 1973 he was transferred to Seychelles where he served until death on this date in 1996. He was buried in the Seychelles.*

OTHER DEPARTED BROTHERS

1986, Br. Albert Lauzon (Méréal-Marie). - 2012, Br. Gustave Vachon (Isidore-Julien). - 2016, Br. Luis Miguel Gómez Quintano.

## 9 WEDNESDAY Feria

► *Rule of Life 49b :*

This pooling and sharing of goods is an essential element of religious poverty. It allows the Brothers, aware of the close ties that unite them, to practice solidarity and to ensure the future life of the Institute and its undertakings.

► *To Mr. Querret, 29 March 1814 :*

Wisdom, like happiness, consists solely in seeing God and seeing only God in everything.

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1974, Br. Cléridan Lafortune (Amélius). - 1993, Br. Arthur Héon (Cyrille).- 2011, Br. André Bergeron (Gérard-Robert).

## 10 THURSDAY Feria

### ► *Rule of Life 49c* :

Everything that accrues to the Brothers as a result of their work, or that they receive as gifts, pensions, insurance, or in any other way, belongs by right to the Institute and must therefore be faithfully and promptly handed over to it, according to the norms proper to each Province or District.

### ► *To Congreganists, 'Renewal of the Act of Consecration to Our Lady'*:

God no longer sees you as an isolated person but considers you in the whole body of which you are a part; the spiritual riches of your brethren belong to you, and what you do not have, you find in this mysterious unity.

### DEPARTED BROTHERS

1968, Brs. René Chefedor (Gaston) and Yves Thomas (Dieudonné-Étienne). - 1977, Br. Pierre Cochard (Rogatien-Pierre). - 1978, Br. Honoré Côté (Adolphe-Joseph). - 1979, Br. Léo Jacques (Louis-Georges). - 1985, Br. Denis Pocard (Rodrigue). - 1990, Br. Émile Leduc (Gérard-Joseph). - 2013, Br. Léopold Sarrazin (Léopold-Eugène).

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## 11 FRIDAY Feria

St. Stanislas, Bishop of Cracovia, M., [†1079].

**Intention** : The Superior General and his Council

Day of fasting and abstinence

### ► *Rule of Life 49.1* :

The pooling of goods should not lead to affluence; in fact, the spirit of poverty calls for a simple standard of living. The community adopts the lifestyle of people of modest means for food and clothing, for housing and travel, excluding luxury and superfluity: "Economy, simplicity in everything, this must be your motto, because it is your Rule."

### ► *To Bro. André Labousse, 24 May 1824*:

Do not stifle the Holy Spirit by infidelities that prevent Him from filling you with His gifts and graces. Be a true religious and then you will taste consolation, peace and all the heavenly joys.

### DEPARTED BROTHERS

1976, Br. Eugène Salaün (Amans-Alexis). - 1977, Br. Jean-Louis Breton (Aimé). - 1999, Br. Joseph Leblanc (Isidore).

## 12 SATURDAY FERIA

St. Therese of the Andes, Carmelite nun in Chile, V., [†1920].

In the Breviary First Vespers of PALM and PASSION SUNDAY

### ► *Rule of Life 49.2 :*

Responding to the Church's call to safeguard Creation, the Brothers are committed to ecological conversion. Each local community specifies the terms of its commitment in its community project.

### ► *To the priests of St.-Méen, sermon 'On humility and separation from the world':*

Another form of pride is the vanity of knowledge, that immoderate desire to learn, not in order to work more successfully for the glory of God, but to glorify oneself for having learned.

*Birthday anniversary of Brothers Kazibwe Rogers Michael and Ndyamukama Edmund Augustine*

### DEPARTED BROTHERS

1968, Br. Louis Bourdon (Louis-Flavien). - 1978, Br. Eugène Kérébel (Basilide-Jean). - 1982, Br. Pierre Hémidy (Guénaël). - 1993, Br. François Couëdelo (François Caracciolo). - 1994, Br. Louis Éveno (Pierre Chrysologue). - 2005, Brs. Augustin Quillévéré (Hervé-Bernard) and Jean-Paul Compagna (Cyrille-Maurice).

## 13 PALM AND PASSION SUNDAY

St. Martin 1<sup>st</sup>, Pope. M., [†655].

### 1952.- Brother Élisée Rannou is elected Superior General.

**Intention:** The community of La Mennais, Makerere, Kampala (Uganda).

### ► *Rule of Life 50 a :*

The Brothers generously submit to the universal law of work, thus contributing to the support of communities and the undertakings of the Institute. They ensure that they take the necessary steps to benefit from the social advantages provided for by law.

### ► *Circulaire pour la retraite, le 13 juin 1824 :*

Il faut être bien résolu à renoncer entièrement au monde, sans cela on serait indigne d'être membre d'une Congrégation qui a pris pour devise ces deux mots expressifs : DIEU SEUL.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Muriungi Kimathi Pius*



## DEPARTED BROTHERS

1982, Br. Henri Bertin (Gonzalve). - 2001, Br. Germain Parisien (Marcel-Jacques). - 2004, Br. Jean-Marie Le Goff (Joseph-Jean).

**14 MONDAY IN THE HOLY WEEK**

**Intention:** The community of Bain-de-Bretagne (France).

In the Breviary : Second Week

► ***Rule of Life 50b :***

The insecurity resulting from the constant changes in the world is accepted and lived in community with great confidence in the Lord: ‘The secret of happiness is to rest gently in the bosom of Providence’.

► ***To the priests of Saint-Méen, closing of a retreat:***

The little sacrifices that the Rule asks us to make every hour cost more than we think, because they are often repeated.

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

1967, Br. François-Marie Mellier. - 2004, Br. Estban Puebla De La Serna (Laudelino). - 2005, Br. Pierre Torlay (Alcime-Joseph). - 2014, Br. Célestin Tandjare.

**15 TUESDAY IN THE HOLY WEEK**

St. Paternus, Bishop of Vannes in 5<sup>th</sup> Century.

**Intention:** - *That the missionary spirit within the Congregation be rejuvenated.*

► ***Rule of Life 51 :***

The Brothers help each other to practice personal and communal poverty. They are kept informed about the management of goods and share responsibility for their proper use.

► ***To Br. Louis-Joseph Bodo, 10 June 1843:***

It is through humility, patience and gentleness that you will triumph. These are your weapons: God will bless them.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Monday Henry*

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

1948, Br. Étienne Barbier (Victor), Superior General from 1933 to 1946.- 1966, Br. Émilien-Jean Ricard. - 1974, Br. Louis Le Lagadec (Odon-Marie). - 1976, Br. Yves Quiniou (Urbain). - 1982, Br. Léonard Campeau (Edbert-Marie). - 1995 Br. Georges Bourassa (Émile-Marie). - 2013, Br. Jean Nédélec (Armel-Louis).- 2023, F. Benjamín Fernández (Florentino).

## 16 WEDNESDAY IN THE HOLY WEEK

St. Benedict-Joseph Labre, [†1783].

► *Rule of Life 51.1 :*

The preparation of the community project and the annual budget allow the Brothers to specify and evaluate the use they make of their goods. They examine their lifestyle and reflect on what might be, even unknowingly, a counter witness to poverty,

► *To Brother Hippolyte Morin, 31 March 1829 :*

See what your Saviour has done for you, and learn from his example what you should do for him; he loved you to the point of shedding the last drop of his blood for your salvation: is it too much to embarrass yourself a little in order to serve him?

### DEPARTED BROTHERS

1970, Br. Paul Le Roux (Léonien). - 1977, Br. Michel Le Goff (Zéphirin-Marie). - 1980, Br. Joseph-Edmond Dupuis (Omer-Joseph). - 2013, Br. Joachim le Corronc (Robert-Valentin). - 2018, Br. Marcel Lacasse (Jacques-Lucien). - 2020, Br. Jules Rancourt (Louis-Victor).

## 17 HOLY THURSDAY

St. Stephen Harding, Abbot of Citeaux, [†1134].

St. Kateri Tekakwitha, V., [†1680].

Thanksgiving for the institution of the Holy Eucharist

► *Rule of Life 52a :*

Living a spirituality rooted in the mystery of the Incarnation, where the encounter with God is experienced at the heart of reality, the Brothers are invited to true communion with the poor, who are ‘sacred’ to them. Like Christ, they love them and are committed to resolutely combating destitution...

► *To a Congregationists, sermon on frequent communion:*

To receive Communion is not only to unite our body to the sacred body of Our Saviour; it is also to unite our spirit to his spirit, our soul to his soul. And this union can only take place insofar as we enter into the sentiments of Jesus Christ.

### DEPARTED BROTHERS

1968, Br. Eugène Guillory (Saturnin). - 2001, Br. Gérard Bénard (Thomas-Gérard).

## 18 GOOD FRIDAY

Blessed Mary-Anne Sureau Blondin, Nun., [†1890].

*Novena for the Beatification of Jean-Marie de la Mennais*

Day of fasting and abstinence

### ► *Rule of Life 526 :*

It is mainly through their community and their Institute that the Brothers practise sharing.

### ► *Memorial, p. 28 :*

They show me the cross and say to me, ‘Flee! No, I will not flee, I will go forward, I will take up the cross, I will clasp it, for it is through the cross that I have been saved. O cross, my only hope, divine cross, I embrace you alive; it is on you that I want to die.

### *Birthday anniversary of Brother Amusiime Pancras*

DEPARTED:

*We commemorate the death of Bro. Odone Wamanya Kasasira who died on this date in 1996. He was a soft-spoken and committed Brother. He was called to the Father’s house when he was quite young, he had taught only at the Primary school at Bukuumi. He was a pleasant Brother in community and a kind teacher to his pupils. He died shortly after pronouncing his final vows. He is buried in the Kisubi FIC cemetery.*

OTHER DEPARTED BROTHERS

1974, Br. Ernest Crépeau (Clémentien-Marie). - 1991, Br. Michel Morvan (Michel-Alain). - 2002, Br. Réal Larose (Amance-Joseph).

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## 19 HOLY SATURDAY

Blessed Marcel Callo, M., [†1945].

**Intention:** The community of Redon (France)

*Second day of the novena*

### ► *Rule of Life 52.1 :*

Each community strives to intervene in a concrete and immediate way in favour of the poor around it. The Brothers regularly reflect together, within the framework of the community project, on what it is possible to give and how to give it. These gestures of sharing take on even more meaning when

they are accompanied by deprivation on the part of each one and by personal involvement.

► *To the priests of St Méen, sermon on 'Perfection':*

O my Jesus, when I see you tied to the cross, when I see your body bruised and all bloody, when I count the thorns that pierce your head, and when, afterwards, I come to consider my sensuality, my extreme sensitivity, my shameful softness, and this apprehension so lively of all that can afflict my flesh or break my pride, can I really say, O my Jesus, that I am your disciple?

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1984, Br. Jean Le Menn (René-Olivier). - 2020, Br. Jean Laprotte (François-Georges). - 2024, F. Marcel Gautier (Michel-Eugène).

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## 20 EASTER SUNDAY

*Third day of the novena*

**Intention:** The community of Mbeya (Tanzania)

► *Rule of Life 33.1:*

Attentive to the growth of charity in the local Church, the Brothers work in communion with the bishops and, in keeping with the charism of the Institute, offer their collaboration to all in the fields of evangelization, catechesis and parish life.

► *Sermon 548 for the taking of vows. :*

When Our Lord Jesus Christ appeared for the first time after his resurrection in the midst of his disciples, what did he say to them?

Peace be with you. And these are also my words to you, or rather the promise I make to you at this moment when you come to take your first pledge at the foot of the holy altar. Pax vobis

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1977, Br. Otilio Calderón (Ignacio). - 2004, Br. Henri Denis (Honorat-Marie).

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## 21 MONDAY IN THE EASTER OCTAVE

St. Anselm Bishop of Canterbury, D., [†1109].

**Intention:** The community of Thian, Parakou (Bénin).

*Fourth day of the novena*

► *Rule of Life 52.3:*

At the heart of the educational mission, the communities, Provinces and Districts discern how they can live in close solidarity with the most disadvantaged children and young people, and the victims of new forms of poverty.

► ***To the priests of Saint-Méen, sermon 'Obligation to strive for perfection':***

Is God not our model? Consider his adorable perfections one by one, his justice, his goodness, his charity, his mercy, his patience, his divine attributes and see if you are his images

DEPARTED

*Today we remember the death of **Bro. Ernest Paquet (Thomas Francis)** who died on this date in 2023. He arrived as missionary in Uganda in 1947. For a total of 15 years he served in several schools in Uganda. He was at St. Thomas More, Ihungo at Bukoba, Tanzania for 10 years, and finally 2 years teacher at Muranga in Kenya. He left East Africa in 1975 to Southampton, England where he taught for 6 years. Finally, returning to the United States, he joined Walsh University in 1981 where he lectured until his total retirement in 2007. He was a convinced and prayerful religious, humerous, self-disciplined, he always found the energy and courage to move joyfully even in the face of trials and health difficulties.*

OTHER DEPARTED BROTHERS

1988, Br. Jean Métairie (Fidentien-Alphonse). - 2004, Br. Alcide Tessier (Samuel-Marie). - 2010, Br. André Rigaud (Rogatien-Bernard). - 2022, Br. Yvon Poitras (Yvon-Maurice)

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### TUESDAY IN THE EASTER OCTAVE

Blessed Alfred, Bishop in Germany, [†874].

*Fifth day of the novena*

**Intention:** That the members of the Mennaisian Family, Brothers and Lay people, may be signs of communion in the Church.

► ***Rule of Life 53 :***

Members of a Congregation established by its Founders to "provide the children of the population with solidly pious teachers", the Brothers know that one of the best ways to combat poverty is to fulfil their specific mission.

They therefore show preferential concern for children and young people deprived of instruction and education.

► ***To congreganists, sermon 'On the Silence':***

Far from complaining that we are forbidden any kind of conversation for a few moments during the day, we should be glad to leave the noise and haste of the world to be alone with God.

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1964, Br. Céleste Le Roux. - 1998, Br. Charles Le Guern (Charles-Émile).- 2008, Br. Lucien Le Gall (Alain-Michel).

## 23

## WEDNESDAY IN THE EASTER OCTAVE

St. George, Soldier and Martyr, Patron of England [†303].

Blessed Gilles (Egidius) of Assisi, [†1272].

Patronal Feast Day of Pope Francis.

*Sixth day of the novena*

**Intention:** The Sovereign Pontiff.

► *Rule of Life 54 :*

Evangelical poverty finds its radical realization in death. By following the example of Christ, the Brother reaches the highest point of self-denial. He is then ready to receive the true reward promised to those who have left everything to follow Christ.

► *Memorial, p. 86:*

O my God, if only we had faith! that living faith, that living faith which penetrates and almost hears the mysteries of heaven! that faith which sees the dawn of the eternal day!

*Birthday anniversary of Brother, Ssenfuma Matthias*

DEPARTED:

*We remember on this date the death of Bro. Ernest Rene Julien (Sulpice-Marie) who died in 1966. He arrived in Uganda in 1960 and had so far served only at St. Mary's College, Kisubi when his missionary activity was cut short by death that occurred on this date resulting from a bad fall off a ladder in the science laboratory. He was an accomplished teacher of science, a generous and pleasant religious to live with. He is buried in the Kisubi FIC cemetery.*

OTHER DEPARTED BROTHER

- 2017, Br. Joseph Lautrou (Fernand).

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## 24

## THURSDAY IN THE EASTER OCTAVE

St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, O.F.M. Cap., M., [†1622].

St. Mary-Euphrasia Pelletier, V., foundress of the Congregation of the Good Shepherd of Angers, [†1868].

*Seventh day of the novena*

**2024.- In the Basilica of Saint Mary Major in Rome, Brother Hervé Zamor, Superior General, at the end of the General Chapter, renews the solemn consecration of the Institute to the Virgin Mary.**

**Intention:** The community of Kambuga (Uganda).

► *Rule of Life 55:*

Trinitarian communion is the source and model of fraternity. The Brothers are brought together by the Spirit in the name of Christ and are maintained in unity by his prayer to the Father: "That they also may be one in us". This fraternal life is a gift received, lived out and celebrated, and offered to all by the community.

► *Memorial, p. 43:*

When God has no more authority, what man can keep his? Remember that the demon of pride (is the same as that of rebellion against authority) is called legion.

DEPARTED:

*We remember the death of **Bro. Richard Lionel (Georges-Richard)** which occurred on this date in 2004 at Alfred Maine (USA). He arrived in Uganda in 1960 and was headteacher and bursar mainly in two schools: St. Henry's College Kitovu then St. Mary's College Kisubi. He was also in the Seychelles for two years. From 1982 he was in Kenya: Muhoho High school for a year and the rest of the time at the Nairobi Brothers' House. Here, he was involved in a number of services, among others as bursar. He was a friendly and serious religious and a good and orderly steward. He returned to USA in 1993 where he continued to be active almost up to his death.*

OTHER DEPARTED BROTHERS

1977, Br. Ambroise Le Saux (Émile-Eugène). - 1989, Br. Teófilo Aparicio (Francisco María), Assistant Superior General from 1952 to 1970.- 1993, Br. Joseph Loaëc (Romaric). - 1995, Br. Raoul Lemaître-Duhaime (Élisée). - 2004, Brs. Pierre Dréan (Pierre-Joseph).

## 25

### FRIDAY IN THE EASTER OCTAVE ST. MARK, EVANGELIST.

*Eighth day of the novena*

**Intention:** The community of the Novitiate, Kasasa (Uganda)

► *Rule of Life 56a:*

The religious consecration, experienced in community, expresses a prophetic witness for the world of today: - through an obedience which is the search for God's will, the Brothers are united by a common project, with respect for each person and recognising the diversity of their gifts.

► *To Bro. Arthur Greffier, 3 April 1842:*

Avoid with great care the spirit of prejudice, complaints, murmuring, everything that hurts and divides; in a word, try to have only one heart and one soul, and to be all animated by the purest charity.

Birthday anniversary of Brother *Kayiwa Francis Xavier*

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

1964, Br. Sophrone-Joseph Allaire.- 1966, Br. Antoine Eonnet.- 1993, Br. Rafael García Busta-mante (Heraclio).

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## 26 SATURDAY IN THE EASTER OCTAVE

### OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL

*Last day of the novena*

**Intention:** The beatification of our Venerable Father.

► *Rule of Life 566c :*

The religious consecration, experienced in community, expresses a prophetic witness for the world of today: - through a chastity which broadens the capacity to love, the Brothers live to the full their relationships in community and their availability for serving others; and - through a poverty which implies a sober and simple lifestyle, the Brothers share their goods and talents in order to live in communion.

► **To Bro. Urbain Clérice, 27 December 1844:**

You will find in frequent communion a remedy for your miseries and the strength you need to triumph over the enemy of your salvation.

Birthday anniversary of Brother *Kihaumbi John Peter*

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

1968, Br. Baudilio Fernández de Larrea (Rafael). - 2006, Br. Raymond Coutard (Bernard-Henri). - 2010, Br. Roland Bélanger (Léandre-Jean).

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## 27 SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER ;

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

**Intention:** The community of Savenay (France).

In the breviary : Second Week

► *Rule of Life 57 :*

Religious fraternal life in community is founded on the Word of God and the Eucharist. Together, Brothers bear the responsibility for their prayer life. Together, they meditate on the Word of God, celebrate the Divine Office and participate in the Eucharist.



► ***To a Daughter of Mary, 13 August 1814 :***

Let not the feeling of your unworthiness lead you away from your Divine Master, for his mercies are even greater than your misery.

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1968, Br. François Guillouet (Andronic-Joseph). - 1975, Br. Donat Clermont (Mathias-Marie). - 2011, Br. Albert Pruneau (Victor-Albert). - 2018, Br. Jean Demy (Jean-André). - 2022, Br. Maurice-Paul Lallemand (Aubin-August.).

**28**

**MONDAY**

Feria

St. Peter Chanel (Pierre-Marie Chanel), M. in Ocenia, [†1841].

St. Louis-Mary Grignion de Montfort, Founder of the Montfort Congregations [†1716].

**Intention:** The Brothers of the Delegation of St. Peter Chanel, (Tahiti, Marquises).

► ***Rule of Life 57.1 :***

The Brothers observe Sunday as the Lord's Day and periodically schedule for themselves opportunities for spiritual renewal.

► ***Memorial, pp 17-18 :***

Avoid with extreme care, in our relations with people, any kind of singularity; be careful with their weaknesses; one cannot take too many precautions only to finish by breaking the reed that is already broken, or not to extinguish the wick that is still smoldering.

***Birthday anniversary of Brother Mwití Paul Joshua***

DEPARTED:

*We commemorate the death of Bro. Thomas O'Donnell (Austin Mary) on this date in 1993. A missionary who arrived from England 1931. In Uganda, he served especially at St. Mary's College Kisubi and St. Leo's High School. From 1950 he was transferred to Seychelles where he uninterrupted years of service, except for a few years, until 1976. He died at Southampton and is buried there. An excellent pleasant personality, generous, prayerful, convinced, a good and focused and administrator.*

OTHER DEPARTED BROTHERS

- 1993, Graciniano Aparicio Aparicio (Faustino). - 2003, Br. Alain Audoire.

## 29 TUESDAY

St. Catherine of Siena V., D., [†1380], Patron of Italy

**Intention:** The Brothers in Italy

► *Rule of Life 58 :*

In simplicity and joy, the Brothers willingly share what they are, what they do and what they have. Chosen and brought together by God, they seek to know and love each other with the heart of Christ. Through daily self-denial and the generous gift of self, they work at becoming a community that welcomes and forgives, heals wounds and lives in authentic fraternal communion..

► *To Bro. Lucien Deniau, 7 June 1843:*

A religious should, more than anyone else, avoid breaking the already broken reed and causing the least pain to those who cause him the most suffering.

### DEPARTED BROTHERS

1969, Br. Arsidas Tessier (François de Paule). - 1986, Br. Ernest Soulaïne (Claudien). - 1988, Br. Alphonse Caron (Donat-Alphonse). - 1994, Br. Adrien Blouin (Alcide-Joseph). - 2003, Br. Marc Durand. - 2006, Br. Raymond Martel (Raymond-Guy).

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## 30 WEDNESDAY

St. Pie V, P., [†1572]; St. Robert of Molesme, Abbot, [†1110]. St. Marie of the Incarnation, Widow and Religious, [†1672].

**Intention:** The community of Lomé (Togo)

► *Rule of Life 59 :*

Brothers take care above all to ensure the quality of their fraternal relations. They are attentive to each other and spare no effort to understand each other, engage in dialogue and demonstrate good humour towards everyone. They accept the inevitable constraints of living together and see cultural and intergenerational differences as a source of richness. They are open to young people and ready to help them, and they show a particular concern for the elderly, the sick and those in difficulty.

► *To the faithful, sermon 'On the efficacy of prayer':*

If prayer was so powerful in the old covenant, how much more so must it not be in the new, since Jesus Christ has consecrated it in a very special way, since we are now one voice with Him!

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Mwesigye Eugene*

### DEPARTED BROTHER

2009, Br. Édouard Mérot (Arsène)

## MONTH OF MAY

### *Consecrated to Mary, Virgin and Mother*

Apostleship of prayer

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#### *For working conditions.*

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanized.

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## **1 THURSDAY ST. JOSEPH, THE WORKER**

**1822.- Ordinance of Louis XVIII authorising the Society of the Brothers of Christian Instruction to operate in Brittany.**

**Intention:** Workers all over the world.

► *Rule of Life 60a :*

“The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus.” This joy permeates the different moments of their lives. Times of leisure and relaxation, mealtimes, weekends, and holidays, in particular, are moments to cherish.

► *To Bro. Ambroise Le Haiget, 5 April 1843:*

What then, for a little gold, we face the greatest dangers, we expose ourselves to everything, we suffer everything; it is only for God that we refuse to suffer! Read the lives of the saints: all of them, following the example of St. Paul, overflowed with joy in their tribulations, and what are ours compared to theirs?

*Birthday anniversary of Brothers Tinkasimire Joseph and Sakilu Joseph*

#### DEPARTED BROTHERS

1972, Br. André Lampron. - 1978, Br. Aréonil Blais (Isidore). - 2003, Br. Alexandre Nogré (Édouard-Pierre).

## 2

## FRIDAY

St. Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, D., [†373] (3).

► *Rule of Life 60b :*

So that their “joy may be complete”, Brothers also endeavour to forgive and to forget wrongs. Despite inevitable conflicts, they seek to live together in peace, because it is “the most precious of all treasures, and one cannot make too many sacrifices to preserve it”.

► *To Congreganists, sermon 'Devotion to the Blessed Virgin for the day of purification'*

O Mother, here is your son, do not turn your eyes away from him, but rather, let one of those tears of mercy and tenderness fall on your child, which, by renewing his soul, will give him back the peace that the awareness of his faults takes away.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Agaba Charles*

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1991 Br. Eugène Chilou (Jean Climaque). - 2000, Br. Rolland Durocher (Fabien-Marie).

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## 3

## SATURDAY

St. PHILIP and St. JAMES (Minor), APOSTLES

Blessed Léonie Paradis, Foundress of the Sisters of the Holy Family, V., [†1912].

**1822.- Death of Bro. Yves Le Fichant, the first Brother to die in the Congregation.**

*Triduum in honour of St. Joseph for vocations.*

**Intention:** - *That the new vocations to the Brothers give vitality to the missionary spirit of the Congregation.*

- The community of Lubaga (Uganda).

► *Rule of Life 61 :*

Fraternal life in community grows through communication, dialogue and encounter. Regular community meetings are opportunities for discussion and sharing on their life and mission, and for ongoing formation.

► *To Congreganists, sermon on 'the benefits of congregations' :*

Oh Mary, in your maternal goodness, guide through the dangers that beset them, all the members of this congregation whose patroness you are.

DEPARTED BROTHERS 1968, Br. Martin Eyhéabide (Angel). - 1970, Br. Eugène Lorand (Anaclet). - 1986, Br. Francis Launay (Christophe). - 1988, Br. Charles-André Yergeau (Libère-Marie). - 1992, Br. Pierre Ollivier (Gabriel-Alain).

## 4 SUNDAY 3<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

**1876.- The General Chapter accepts the request for the complete fusion of the Brothers of Gascony with the Brothers of (Ploermel) Brittany.**

► ***Rule of Life 61.1:***

Discussions where Brothers can express themselves and listen to each other in truth and kindness are a precious means of sharing information, fraternal correction, consultation, and discussion: "Above all, my children, let great charity and perfect union reign among you"..

► ***To the priests of Saint-Méen, sermon 'The spirit of the Congregation of Saint-Méen':***

The smallest friction of character, repeated almost every hour, soon causes tears and big wounds; the oil of charity must soften and heal them.

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1986, Br. François Mainguet (Marc-André). - 2002, Br. Gerard Vanasse (Henry-Gabriel), Assistant Superior General from 1970 to 1982. - 2019, F. Marcel Sylvestre (Ignatius Mary), Assistant de 1982 à 1994.

## 5 MONDAY Feria

St. Ange, Carmelite in Sicily [†1225].

**Intention:** Our Chaplains and the Priests of our Parishes.

► ***Rule of Life 61.2 :***

Brothers use digital technology and social networks with discernment as sources of information and means of communication. They are especially careful to preserve the interpersonal relationships that these tools cannot replace.

► ***To Bro. André Labousse, 17 October 1823:***

If you are inwardly minded, if you remember, as it were, at every moment that God sees you, and if you seek only to glorify Him in all your actions, there will be none that is not truly worthy of a religious.

***Birthday anniversary of Brothers Tumwebaze Augustine, Kihara David and Mrina Deogratias Gabriel***

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1981, Br. Sotero Gil de la Hera (Ambrosio). - 1994, Br. Pierre Buzaré (Victorin). - 2016, Br. Lucien Simon (André-Dominique)- 2023, F Theodore Letendre (Theodore).

## 6 TUESDAY Feria

St. François de Montmorency-Laval, 1<sup>st</sup> Bishop of Québec, [†1708].

St. Dominic Savio, Youth in Torino - Italy, [†1857].

**Intention:** The pupils and students of our schools

► ***Rule of Life 62 :***

In their diversity, the personal gifts, talents, intuitions, and charisms of the Brothers bear witness to the freedom of the Holy Spirit "who blows where it wills". In union with those in authority, the Brothers, discern together and ensure that these particular gifts and the resulting initiatives serve the mission of the Institute, so as to impart a real dynamism to the life of the community.

► ***Memorial, p. 110:***

Trials are a fire that should purify us and not burn (harm) us.

### DEPARTED BROTHERS

1969, Br. Jean-François Hulin (Octavius). - 1992, Br. Henri Jeuland (Crémence-Marie). - 1995, Br. Saturnino Fernández de Labastida (Aurelio). - 2002, Br. Ernest Croisier (Léonard-Marie) - 2024, F. René Hébert (René).

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## 7 WEDNESDAY Feria

**Intention:** The community of Villa Gobernador Gálvez (Argentine)

*Triduum to Saint Joseph for the vocations*

**Intention :-** *That new vocations to the Brothers give vitality to the mission of the Congregation.*

► ***Rule of Life 63 :***

To remain true to its identity and mission, at the beginning of each year the community takes the time to formulate its community project which is the responsibility of all. Each Brother is also invited to formulate his own personnel project.

► ***To the priests of Saint-Méen, sermon on the 'False idea of perfection':***

Remember that perfection does not consist in feeling no weakness in one's will and in being freed from all the miseries inseparable from our condition here below; it does not consist in doing something extraordinary and great; it consists in being humble, supple under the hand of God, in being full of indulgence and charity for one's brethren, esteeming oneself to be the last and most imperfect of all.

### DEPARTED BROTHER

1969, Br. Pedro Aparicio (Justino).

## 8 THURSDAY FERIA

Our Lady of Luján, Patron of Argentine; Blessed Catherine of St.-Augustin, [†1688].

**Intentions:** - The beatification of our Venerable Father  
- The Brothers of Argentine.

### ► *Rule of Life 63.1 :*

The community project updates the mission of the community and its particular way of “being Brothers together”, based on the guidelines of the Congregation, the Province or the District. It describes the community's form of presence in the Church and society, taking into account the mission of lay people in the Mennaisian Family, as well as vocations and youth ministry in general. It indicates the practical organisation of daily community life relating to prayer, sacramental life, meetings, meals, daily tasks and hospitality. The project is then submitted to the Brother Major Superior for approval.

### ► *To Bruté de Rémur, 18 July 1807 :*

My God, perhaps our crimes will force your justice to allow the wicked to triumph and prevent us from doing good tonight; but, my God, your mercy still leaves us free to do good this morning. Ah, my God, we will do good this morning, blessing your mercy.

### DEPARTED BROTHERS

1976, Br. Camille St. Onge (Antoine-Marie). - 1980, Br. Omer Dudemaine (Benjamin-Joseph). - 2005, Br. Pierre Robert (Bruno-Paul). - 2014, Br. Regino Martínez Sáez (Atanasio).

## 9 FRIDAY FERIA

St. Pachomius, Founder of cenobitic life, [†348].

**Intention:** The community of Châteaulin (France).

### ► *Rule of Life 63.2 :*

Each Brother develops his own personal project in the spirit of the community project, with a view to unifying his life. He specifies the means and attitudes needed for putting it into practice through a process of human and spiritual growth, of ongoing formation and apostolic commitment..

### ► *To Brother Ambroise Le Haiget, 1 June 1841 :*

Without doubt, the Brothers must lack nothing that is necessary for them; but no expenditure on luxury and delicacy; with that it is impossible to preserve the religious spirit: economy, simplicity in everything, that must be your motto, because it is your rule.

Birthday anniversary of Brothers Sanya Deogratias and Sserugga Noah Mawaggali

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1967, Br. Rémi-Marie Thibault. - 1979, Br. Pierre Oxibar (Alpert-Joseph). - 2007, Br. Joseph Savard (Guillaume-Joseph).

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**10**      **SATURDAY**      Feria

St. Damian of Molokai, Apostle of the Lepers [†1889].

**Intention:** So that the Brothers and Lay people of the Mennaisian Family may be attentive to the most needy.

► ***Rule of Life 64:***

The Superior is at the service of fraternal life. He exercises his ministry in readiness to serve his Brothers and in consultation with them: "Be their model: in your relations with them, always edify them by your exact observance of the Rule, by your humility and your reverence".

► ***To Mr. Querret, 22 June 1814:***

The help that Jesus Christ has promised us is independent of men and it is from him alone that we must await it.

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1989, Br. Marcel Doucet (Roger-Lucien). - 1992, Br. Paul Leclair (Bernard-Victor). - 2006, Br. Henri Briel (Ange-Emile). - 2007, Br. Laurent Stéphan (Bernard-Marie).

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**11**      **SUNDAY**      **4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

World Day for prayers for vocations

In the Breviary : Fourth Week

► ***Rule of Life 64.1:***

The Superior has the main responsibility for overseeing and animating the fraternal life of his community. He sees to the implementation of the community project. He encourages opportunities for dialogue, striving to obtain a convergence of wills and considering his Brothers' opinions when making decisions. He sees to it that tasks are assumed in co-responsibility so as to promote the well-being of each person and harmony among all

► ***Thought of Father Gabriel Deshayes:***

Address yourselves often to the Blessed Virgin; she is your Mother, your Advocate, your Patroness.

DEPARTED BROTHER

2004, Br. Marcel Lafontaine (Gilbert-Eugène).



**12 MONDAY** Feria

Saints Nereus and Achilles and Pancras, Mm., [†304].

**Intention:** The community of Santo Domingo de la Calzada (Spain)

► *Rule of Life 65 :*

The Brothers furnish their houses and structure their community life in such a way as to favour prayer, work, and fraternal relationships. The house includes quarters for the Brothers' exclusive use.

In includes an oratory where the Eucharist forms the heart of the community.

► *To Congreganists, sermon 'Unity among Congreganists':*

Let each of us, at the sight of the throne prepared for him/her in the palace of the King of kings, take on thoughts in conformity with the rank he/she will one day hold.

*Birthday anniversary of Brothers **Byekwaso Achilleo and Masereka Stephen***

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1974, Br. Jean-Paul Pédrón. - 1980, Br. Henri Bourniche (Maximien). - 1999, Br. Yves Berrou (Eustache-Marie). - 2003, Br. Jean-Marie Trudel (Bertrand-Marie). - 2015, Br. Nil Rousseau (Léon-Maurice).

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**13 TUESDAY**  
OUR LADY OF FATIMA.

**1864.- Arrival of the first four Brothers in Haiti.**

**Intention:** The community of Cayes (Haiti).

► *Rule of Life 66a :*

The community “is always a brotherhood for mission”. Dedicated to the common task of evangelization, the community revises its orientations, adjusts its approaches, and reflects on the meaning of its witness with humility and realism, recognizing the need for continual reassessment.

► *To Bro. Liguori-Marie Langlumé, 1st December 1846:*

The good Lord will make up for what I am not telling you, if you are careful to listen to him in prayer, for that is where he speaks to our hearts.

DEPARTED BROTHERS

2002, Br. Louis Tanguy (Louis-Hervé) and Br. Marcel Cheval (Louis-Dominique). - 2003, Br. Marcel Cornec (Laurent-Eugène).

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**14 WEDNESDAY** St. MATTHIAS, APOSTLE.

St. Michel Garicoits, Founder of the Priests of Sacred Heart of Betharram, [†1863].

► *Rule of Life 666* :

Through collaboration with lay people in schools, other educational establishments and places of evangelisation, Brothers work with them to build a true educational community that inspires and supports each of its members.

► *To Bro. Césaire Nicoul, 28 November 1845:*

Our sacrifice must be complete as it should be, and as we have promised. Unfortunately, nature too often opposes this: it murmurs and cries out.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Bazimaziki Emmanuel*

DEPARTED:

We commemorate **Bro. William O'Neil (Ermel-Marie)** who arrived as missionary in 1957. He predominantly served at St. Mary's College Kisubi but also served for brief moments at the Postulate, Ibanda, St. Leo's College Kyegobe. He died on this day in 1972 at Kisubi after a short illness and he is buried in the Kisubi FIC cemetery. He was a good and friendly teacher as well as a prayerful and helpful Brother.

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1964, Br. Arsène-Louis Le Greneur. - 1966, Br. Théodicien Dréano. -1974, Br. Henri Grandbois (Aubert-Joseph). - 1988, Br. Jean Toutous (Henri-René).

15

THURSDAY Feria

St. Isidore the Farmer, Patron of Madrid, [†1130].

**Intention:** - *That the missionary spirit within the Congregation be rejuvenated.*  
- the community of Madrid - Menesiano (Spain).

► *Rule of Life 67* :

Through their availability, serenity and assiduous prayer, elderly Brothers and those who have ceased regular employment bear faithful witness and are a precious factor of harmony in their communities. According to their abilities and strengths, they make themselves available to serve in the mission and in the life of the community.

► *To the priests of Saint-Méen, sermon 'Means to preserve the fruits of retreat':*

Let us take care to keep our soul always within our control, as it were, keep it under the eyes of God, so that it acts only by his spirit and by the inspirations of his grace.

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1985, Br. Amet Boulic (Judicaël). - 2003, Br. Théodore Volant (Mériadec). - 2018, Br. Rafael Pérez.

16

FRIDAY Feria

St. John Nepomucene, M. at Prague, [†1383].

St. Andrew Bobola, Polish Jesuit, M. [†1657].

► ***Rule of Life 68 :***

Brothers make it their duty to be welcoming to all, especially to their own confreres, their relatives, young people and the poor. They receive their guests warmly, with simplicity, and openness, bearing in mind the needs and priorities of community life.

► ***Instructions for the Brothers of St. Pierre and Miquelon, 10 April 1842:***

I recommend to the Brothers to be more devout than ever towards Mary and to have recourse to her with great confidence in all their dangers and sorrows.

DEPARTED:

*We commemorate the death anniversary of **Bro. Parisio Waduma** who died on this date in 2014. He perfectly combined the qualities of an educator, administrator and formator. He served in a number of schools and communities in Uganda and Tanzania. He was a committed and selfless Brother. He excelled above all as a formator in all the various levels of formation. He had begun at St. Michael Postulate at Nsumba in Mwanza in 1969 – 71 and then Master of Novices at Kisubi from 1974 – 86. From 1988 up to 1998 he was at Moshi formation house and then Vice Provincial. He returned to Uganda in 1999 and remained active almost up to death. He is buried in the Kisubi FIC cemetery.*

OTHER DEPARTED BROTHERS

1979, Br. Napoléon St.-Denis (Anthime). - 2001, Br. Marcel Frohard (Dominique). -

**17**

**SATURDAY**

Feria

St. Pascal Baylon, Spanish Franciscan, [†1592].

► ***Rule of Life 68.1 :***

The community pays special attention to the welcome of lay Mennaisians with whom it shares its mission and spirituality. The mutual bonds developed in this way are strengthened through times of prayer and encounter.

► ***To the Daughters of Providence, February 1823:***

What does it matter if we are in one place or another on this earth for which we are not made and where we pass like shadows? Let us not follow the example of the foolish who place all their hopes in this life which, as it were, is no more.

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1982, Br. Armand Robillard (Alphonse de Liguori). - 1987, Br. Henri Stum (Corentin-Marie), Assistant Superior General from 1952 to 1964.

**18**

**SUNDAY**

**5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

St. John 1<sup>st</sup>, Pope and Martyr, [†526];

St. Eric, King of Sweden, M., [†1161].

*Novena for the Beatification of Jean-Marie de la Mennais*

In Breviary : First Week

► ***Rule of Life 68.2:***

Outside the community, the Brothers act with prudence and discernment, developing, as religious, a kind of "spiritual instinct" to guide them in all their activities, outings, and relationships.

► ***Rule of 1823:***

In carrying out their duties, and in general during the day, the Brothers should take care to place themselves from time to time in the presence of God, to lift up their hearts to him and to sanctify their work and all their actions by offering them to him.

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1973, Br. Louis Quéau (Évergilde-Marie). - 2005, Br. Pierre Jéhan (Joseph-Noël).

**19**

**MONDAY**

Feria

St. Yves, (Ivo), priest, † 1303.

*Second day of the novena*

**Intention:** Our pupils and students who are most tried.

► ***Rule of Life 69:***

The community seeks to understand the wider Church and the world, so as to be better acquainted with their needs, issues and deepest aspirations. Brothers are interested in the lives of their fellow human beings, especially the poor. They readily participate in cultural and social activities that promote inclusive human relations and a fraternity open to all.

► ***To Mr. Querret, 26 January 1825:***

No regrets, no anxious foresight; rest gently in the bosom of Providence, that is the secret of happiness.

***Birthday anniversary of Brother Kanaabi Zziwa Joseph Mary***

DEPARTED:

*We commemorate **Bro. Robert Letarte (Paul-Albert)** who arrived as missionary in 1950. For about 18 years, he was in Uganda where he served in a couple of schools. He is particularly remembered for many years passed, and contributions done at St. Edward's S.S. Bukuumi. The other 26 years of his life as a missionary were spent in Seychelles, especially at Victoria Hermitage until his death on this date in 1995; he is buried there. He was a generous and helpful Brother; a developmental and straight-forward and courageous administrator.*

OTHER DEPARTED BROTHERS

1988, Br. Jean Retière (Paul). - 2014, Br. Miguel Ortega Bascos (Marcellino).

## 20 TUESDAY Feria

St. Bernardine of Sienna, Italian Franciscan, [†1444].

*Third day of the novena*

**Intention:** Our student Brothers

► ***Rule of Life 70a :***

Christ's prayer, during his earthly life, flowed constantly from his intimacy with the Father. He invites his disciples to pray, too, without ceasing.

► ***To Father Mazelier, 21 December 1835:***

I am touched by your trust in God: without him, what are we able to do, weak creatures, that we are? He has already blessed you; he will bless you again, and more and more, be sure of it. It is not the great number that makes the strength, it is the good spirit of those we have.

### DEPARTED BROTHERS

1991, Br. Louis Ruélin (Joël). - 2004, Br. Braulio Sáinz Castañeda (Domingo). 2023, Br. Alfredo Aparicio (Pedro Luis).

## 21 WEDNESDAY Feria

St. Eugène de Mazenod, Bishop & founder of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. [†1861]; St. Christopher Magallanes and companions, Martyrs in Mexico, [†1927].

**1886.- Arrival in Montreal of Brother Yriez-Marie Chapel, Assistant, and Brother Ulysse Baron, Superior-founder of our North American mission.**

*Fourth day of the novena*

**Intentions:** - The community of Huatusco (Mexico).

► ***Rule of Life 70b :***

The Brother seeks God in truth, in his prayer life and his apostolic activities, guided by the Spirit and following in Christ's footsteps. His vocation becomes a way to sanctification within a community that is, for him, a school of spiritual life and formation. He thus allows himself to be configured to Christ through an obedient listening to the Word of God and living a sacramental life which gradually unify his whole being.

► ***To the Sisters Daughters of Providence, February 1823:***

Providence of my God, O Mother, whom I have invoked so many times, do with us whatever you please: we have no other will than to fulfil yours in all things, in humiliation, in greatness, in poverty, in riches, in health, in sickness, in life, in death.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Kakooza Peter*

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

1964, Br. Stanislas-Raphaël Lisano. - 1978, Br. Henri Quélais (Maximilien). - 1993, Br. André Laffiac (Alban-Maurice). - 1999, Br. Rodias Gratton (Victorien-Joseph). - 2001, Br. Raymond Ménard (Hervé-Germain). - 2015, Br. Yves Latraverse (Lucien) and Br. Alphonse Barre (Angebert-Joseph).

22

MONDAY

Feria

St. Rita of Cascia, Religious., [†1457]; St. Emilian, M. in North Africa, [†250].

*Fifth day of the novena (page 15).*

► **Rule of Life 71a :**

The Brother's whole life can be expressed as a listening to the Word which transforms and gives life. During the special time of meditation, the Brother seeks Christ by meditating on the Word of God and contemplating his mysteries. He thereby learns "to live in familiar and constant companionship with the Father, through his Son Jesus Christ, in the Holy Spirit".

► **To priests, speech on the renewal of clerical promises, 29 October 1815:**

Let nothing shake your courage when it comes to defending the truth, which must be more precious to you than life. The world that persecutes it will undoubtedly grieve you; but be confident: Jesus Christ has overcome the world.

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

1969, Br. Henri Courteille (Rodriguez-Marie). - 1976, Br. Edmond Beaudoin (Denis). - 1990, Br. Irénée Blouin (René-Louis). - 2004, Br. Jean Roudaut (René-Bernard). - 2009, Br. Robert Ollivier.

23

FRIDAY

Feria

St. Didier, Bishop of Langres, Martyr., [†607].

*Sixth day of the novena*

► **Rule of Life 71b :**

The Brothers devote thirty minutes in community each morning to this spiritual exercise, which "must not be cut short under any pretext whatsoever, for of all the exercises it is the most necessary".

► **To Brother Ambroise Le Haiget, 18 May 1832:**

Humility, charity, gentleness, these are your weapons; charges that are too strong only serve to irritate those to whom they are addressed.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Mandikwo Festo*

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

1998, Br. Maurice Lemieux (Alexis-Joseph). - 2003, Br. Raymond Letourneur (Raymond-Bernard).

## 24 SATURDAY FERIA

Our Lady, Help of Christians also, Our Lady of Sheshan, China.

Sts. Donatian et Rogatian, brothers and martyrs at Nantes, [†304].

Blessed Louis-Zephirin Moreau, Bishop of Ottawa, [†1901].

Day of Prayer for the Catholic Church in China

*Seventh day of the novena*

**Intentions:** - The community of de Derval (France).  
- Christians in China.

► ***Rule of Life 72 :***

*Lectio divina*, a meditative, prayerful, and contemplative reading of Scriptures, opens up the Brother to the richness of the Word of God. It helps to develop a spiritual instinct that enables him to "discern God's will about what is good, perfect and pleasing to Him". Experienced in community, it contributes to the building of a fraternity where Christ is the centre

► ***To Ms. Hélène de Lucinière, 27 March 1848 :***

Let us pray to the Mother of Mercy with a confidence that is all the greater the same way as our needs is greater: may she be our life, our joy, our hope.

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

1994, Br. Albert Cabon (Antoine-Gabriel).- 1995, Br. Odias Quirion (Romaric-Joseph).- 1999, Br. Gabriel Hall (Alexandre-Jean).- 2006, Br. Hercule Brosseau (Maurice-Arthur).

## 25 SUNDAY 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

St. Bede the Venerable, English Benedictine, D., † 735.

St. Gregory VII, Pope, [†1085]; St. Madeleine-Sophia Barat, V., Foundress of the Ladies of the Sacred Heart, [†1865].

*Eighth day of the novena*

**Intention:** The community of Campóo (Spain).

In the Breviary : Second Week

► ***Rule of Life 73a :***

The celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours introduces the Brother to the official prayer of the Church which "offers incessantly to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name". His life is therefore marked by the rhythm of listening to the word of God and praying the Psalms. In this all his activities find meaning.

► **To Bro. Hyacinthe Fichou, 21 April 1846:**

God only asks of us that we can do: if our zeal is ardent, it must also be peaceful.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Kisekka Remigious*

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1977, Br. Louis Arondel (Louis-Clément). - 1988, Br. Alfred Crépeau (Boniface). - 2005, Br. Santiago Montero Roldán (Adrián-José).

**26 MONDAY** Feria

St. Philip Neri, Founder of the Oratorians, [†1595] (3)

*Last day of the novena*

**Intention:** The beatification of our Venerable Father.

► **Rule of Life 736 :**

In the morning, the Brothers celebrate Lauds either before or after their meditation. In the evening, they come together for 30 minutes prayer: Vespers, a time of adoration and lectio vitae. Their prayer joins that of the People of God, who intercede for the salvation of the world, and present to the Lord the hopes, joys, and anxieties of humanity.

► **To Bro. Méloir-Marie Lefèvre, 1834 :**

Pray to the Blessed Virgin, pray to her from the bottom of your soul, to show today more than ever that she is your good mother by preserving you from all inconstancy.

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1977, Br. Henri Le Moigne (Adrien-François). - 1986, Br. Francis Frappin (Emmanuel-René). - 1994, Br. Ambroise Guérolé (Ambroise-Jean). - 2018, Br. Renzo Coppetti (Giovanni).

**27 TUESDAY** Feria

St. Augustin of Canterbury, Bishop, Apostle of England, [†604].

**Intention:** All members, of the Mennaisian Family, Brothers and Lay people.

► **Rule of Life 73.1 :**

Daily lectio vitae opens the Brother to the presence of God and his promptings. It enables him to recognize the areas where he puts up resistance to the action of the Spirit. It helps him to unify all aspects of his life and renders him more open to the Lord working in him.

► **To Ms. Marie Jallobert de Monville, 1813 :**

When your heart is heavy with bitterness, remember that this is the time of trial, and trust in God all the more keenly as you feel weaker.



## DEPARTED BROTHERS

1977, Br. Lionel Gendron (Bonaventure-Joseph). - 1996, Br. Joseph Bourrée (Séraphin). - 1999, Br. Isidore Meslé (Daniel-Paul). - 2017, Br. Juan Luis Barturen (Cirilo).

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## 28 WEDNESDAY Feria

St. Germain, Bishop of Paris, [†596].

**1880.- Brother Cyprien signs, with Father August. Foucault, the treaty of annexation of the Brothers of Normandy to the Institute of Ploërmel.**

► *Rule of Life 74a :*

To continuously nourish their spiritual life, Brothers set aside at least two hours a week for spiritual reading, giving priority to a more in-depth study of Scripture, the principal documents of the Church and those of the Congregation.

► *To the priests of Saint-Méen, sermon 'Obstacles to the establishment of the Congregation' :*

Let's remember that we have to carry each other's burdens, and that ours is perhaps the heaviest of all, without our even realising it..

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

1971, Br. Bernard Lafontaine (Godefroy). - 1998, Br. Jean Talvat (Romain-Pierre). - 2010, Br. René Côté (Roger-Bernard). - 2016, Br. Pierre Volard (Gabriel-Maurice). - 2018, Br. Arthur Aubry (Lucien-Marcel).

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## 29 THURSDAY Feria (or ASCENSION OF THE LORD)

St. Maximin, Bishop of Trèves, † 439; St. Paul VI, Pope, [†1978].

► *Rule of Life 74b :*

Each community is invited to determine times of common spiritual reading. These texts can then serve as excellent starting points for fruitful community discussion.

► *To Bro. Ambrose Le Haiget, 1st June 1841:*

Undoubtedly, the Brothers should lack nothing that is necessary for them; but no expenditure on luxuries and delicacies; with that it is impossible to preserve the religious spirit: economy, simplicity in everything, this should be your motto, because it is your rule.

## DEPARTED:

*We commemorate anniversary of the death Bro. Marius Ntwatwa (Marius Mary) who died on this date in 2014. He served in a number of schools and communities in Uganda. He had a long and successful service as a teacher, headteacher, formator and Superior of the Province. He was the first Africa Brother in the Province to*

serve as Master of Novices and was second African Provincial. He was an exceptionally humble and serviceable; and a Brother with a big smile. He was a deeply religious person. He retired at Kisubi and gradually weakened until he died. He is buried in the Kisubi FIC cemetery.

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## 30 FRIDAY FERIA

St. Felix 1<sup>st</sup>, Pope, M., [†274].

St. Ferdinand King of Castille and León, [†1252] ; St. Joan of Arc, V., [†1431], secondary patron of France.

### ► *Rule of Life 76a :*

The Eucharist, "sign of unity and bond of charity," the fount and apex of community life. It is "the source of divine love, zeal and devotion". Therein Brothers find inspiration and nourishment. They associate themselves with the offering of Christ and renew their consecration. In this way, they draw comfort and impetus from the Eucharist so as to be a sign of God's free and fruitful love for humanity.

### ► *To Bro. Ambroise Le Haiget, 1st May 1843:*

If we were never frustrated, and if all our efforts were fully successful, where would our merits lie? Read the lives of the holy founders of religious congregations and the missionaries and learn and be inspired by their examples.

### DEPARTED:

We commemorate **Bro. Wilfrid Lachance (Philippe-Joseph)** who arrived as missionary in 1929 a young Brother then aged only 23. He served in a couple of schools, between 1929 and 1954; with a majority of the years passed at St. Mary's College Kisubi. These 25 years of missionary life were only punctuated by the time of his studies in England. From 1954 he returned to Canada where he continued to serve in various capacities in a number of schools. He died on this date in 1976.

### OTHER DEPARTED BROTHERS

1963, Br. Justin Rives. - 1974, Br. Joseph Morvan (Numérien) 1990, Br. Henri Vincent (Simplice-Joseph).- 2005, Br. Isaías López Fernández (Anselmo).- 2011, Br. Miguel Angel Blanco Rodríguez.

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## 31 SATURDAY THE VISTATION OF THE VIRGIN

First Vespers of the Ascension of our Lord

**Intention:** Brother Superior General and the member of his Council.

### ► *Rule of Life 34 :*

Through her "Fiat", the Blessed Virgin Mary became the model of total obedience in faith. Attentive to the Word that dwelt within her, Mary adopted a constant attitude of listening and fulfilment of God's will. Welcomed as Mother of the Lord by Elisabeth, she presents herself as the Handmaid of the Lord. By unceasingly

conforming herself to God's will, she makes her own the obedient attitude of Jesus; "The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve".

► ***Instructions to the Brothers in Guadeloupe, 26 November 1837:***

The Brothers will have the most tender devotion to the Blessed Virgin: they will have recourse to her very often, as to their Mother, and they will endeavour, by imitating her virtues, to merit that she should draw the blessings of God upon their work.

**DEPARTED BROTHERS**

1992, Br. Désiré-Charles Beaulieu (Arthur). - 2018, Br. Alfred Larivée (Marc-Alfred). - 2021, Br. Médéric Boutin (Roch-Marie).

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## MONTH OF JUNE

### *Consecrated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus*

Apostleship of prayer

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*That the world might grow in compassion.*

Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

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## **1**      **SUNDAY**      **ASCENSION OF OUR LORD** Or 7th SUNDAY of EASTER

St. Justin, Philosopher and Apologist, M., [†165]. (3)

Christian Day of Communication

**Intention :** The Lay people and the Brothers responsible for information (reviews, websites, etc.)

In the Breviary: Third Week

► *Rule of Life 766 :*

Each day, Brothers participate in the Mass. If this is not possible, they are invited to celebrate a liturgy of the Word, with communion to the Body of Christ, if permitted by the directives of their Bishops' Conference.

► *Instruction pour la fête de l'Ascension :*

Jésus-Christ monte au ciel pour y être notre avocat auprès de son Père et notre pontife présent devant le trône de Dieu. Il intercède continuellement pour nous, comme pour ses frères.

*Birthday anniversary of Brothers Tumutegerize Vincent and Maniriho Schadrack*

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1964, Br. Éphrem-Pierre Morin. - 1984, Br. Pierre Drouadène (Édouard-Marie). - 1994, Br. Antimo García Escalada (Avelino).

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## **2**      **MONDAY**      Feria

Sts Pothinus and Blandina, and their companions, Martyrs at Lyon, [†177].

Sts. Marcellinus et Peter, Martyrs, [†304].

**Intention:** The community of St. Charles Lwanga, Kasasa (Uganda).

► *Rule of Life 77a :*

For the conversion of his heart to God, the Brother frequently has recourse to the sacrament of reconciliation prepared by a daily review of life. Through this act of faith, he sincerely acknowledges his failings before God and gratefully receives the ecclesial sign of the Father's forgiveness. Community Superiors facilitate the reception of this sacrament.

► *To the Brothers, retreat of 1835 :*

It is my earnest desire that we should see no more of those men who try to reconcile what are irreconcilable: the principles of the Gospel and the ideas of the world.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Tumwakiire Evaristo and Mualuko Mathias David*

DEPARTED:

*We commemorate the death of **Bro. Bosco Mary Bajuga (Abraham)** who died on this date in 2014. He was a convinced, prayerful, joyous and very humorous religious Brother. An accomplished Scout having risen to the highest rank in the society. In the early years he taught in a couple of schools and headed some. In the later years he retired at Mt. St. Teresa Kisubi where he remained very active in a variety of community services despite some health challenges. He is buried in the Kisubi FIC cemetery.*

OTHER DEPARTED BROTHERS

1973, Br. Énos Tousignant (Éloi-Joseph). - 1991, Brs. Julien Belsoeur (Ludovic) and Charles-Joseph Foucaud (Jean-Gabriel Perboyre). - 2002, Brs. Félix López Fernández (Joaquín-María) and Albert Morin (Bertin-Joseph). - 2003, Br. Jean-Baptiste Renaud (Jean-Alain). - 2013, Br. Henri Ferchaux (Octavien-Louis). - 2022, Br. Henri Guigo (Henri-Bernard).

3

TUESDAY

Feria

Saints Charles Lwanga and his 21 companions, Martyrs in Uganda,  
[†1885-87]

**Intention:** The Brothers in Uganda and South Sudan, and their works.

► *Rule of Life 776 :*

With humility and trust, the Brother reaches out to his fellow Brothers to offer them forgiveness or to apologize for his faults in order to strengthen the bonds of fraternal charity.

► *Memorial, p. 63:*

The most reasonable person would be the one who would nourish his thoughts with only one single thought: God alone! But only the Christian heart understands these words: God alone.

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

1993, Br. Ignacio María Corta (Germán). - 2006, Br. Alphonse Chapeau (Athanase).

## 4 WEDNESDAY Feria

St. Clotilde, Widow, [†545] ; St. Francis Caracciolo, Founder of the Minor Regular Clerics, [†1608].

*Triduum to Saint Joseph for the vocations*

**Intentions** :- *That new vocations to the Brothers give vitality to the mission of the Congregation.*

► **Rule of Life 78 :**

The same Spirit that animates the Brother throughout his life invites him to praise God in prayer and serve him in apostolic action. Attentive to the demands of his various tasks, he maintains the daily rhythm of prayer essential for a relationship with Christ. Dealing with the twofold demands of his vocation sometimes means having to make difficult choices, and prayer can be more difficult on days when he is tired. Accepting this tension, the Brother remains faithful to his commitment, remembering that God never fails those who seek him.

► **To Bro. Ambroise Le Haiget, 15 July 1842:**

Do not be discouraged; be calm in all your actions and in all your words, whatever the harm done to you: know how to suffer as a Christian.

*Birthdays anniversary of Brothers **Leroux Claude** and **Protas Mangu***

## DEPARTED BROTHER

1968, Br. Grégoire Bernard (Bernard-Éloi).

## 5 THURSDAY Feria

St. Boniface, Apostle of German, Bishop, Martyr, [†754]

► **Rule of Life 78.1 :**

When circumstances prevent a Brother from participating in community prayer, he makes the effort to compensate privately. The community, for its part, holds absent Brothers in its prayer.

► **To the priests of Saint-Méen, sermon on the false idea of perfection:**

Open up, broaden the mind, and then God will make a river of grace, light and peace flow delightfully through it.

## DEPARTED:

*We commemorate the death of Bro. **Bernard Mwebaze**, who died on this date in 2020. A soft spoken, hard-working and developmental Brother. He was a convinced*

*religious, professional teacher and developmental school administrator. He is mainly remembered for his leadership and developments at St. Donozio Ssebuggwawo Primary School at Kisubi. He died very suddenly on this day in the evening, after fully accomplishing well his last day's work. He is buried in the Kisubi FIC cemetery.*

#### OTHER DEPARTED BROTHERS

1998, Br. Roland Hardy (Eugène-Alphonse). - 2005, Br. Albert Youinou. - 2019, Br. Donatien Mbohiline.

## 6 FRIDAY FERIA

St. Norbert, Bishop of Magdebourg, Founder of the Premontrians, [†1134]; St. Claude, Abbot in the Jura, [†703]; St. Marcellinus Champagnat, Founder of the Marist Brothers, [†1840].

**1819.- Our Founders, Jean-Marie Robert de la Mennais and Gabriel Deshayes, signed a treaty in Saint-Brieuc which stipulated the merger of their two foundations.**

**1861.- Death of Mgr Nicolas-Augustin de la Croix d'Azolette, Archbishop of Auch, Founder of our Brothers of Southern France, (who later joined the Ploermel (FIC) Brothers).**

**Intention:** Priestly vocations in Europe and America

### ► *Rule of Life 1a :*

The Congregation of the Brothers of Christian Instruction of Ploërmel is a religious institute of Brothers of pontifical right. It was founded by Jean-Marie Robert de la Mennais and Gabriel Deshayes. On June 6<sup>th</sup>, 1819, at Saint-Brieuc, the two founders laid the foundations for the nascent Congregation through their Treaty of Union. In September 1820, at the retreat in Auray, it received its definitive form through the choice of its name, rule, and motto.

### ► *To Bro. Louis-Joseph Bodo, 10 June 1843:*

All your actions must be sanctified by obedience and they would cease to be pleasing to God if you did them outside the rules prescribed for you.

### *Birthday anniversary of Brother Musisi Anthony*

#### DEPARTED:

*We commemorate the death of Bro. Alfred Paquin (André Avellin), who died on this date at La Prairie in Canada. He arrived in Uganda in 1948 and remained a member of the Province until his death in 2004. He served in a number of communities and schools as well as in the houses of formation in Uganda. He taught at St. Thomas More T.T.C, Bukoba, before it was phased out. Then, briefly a missionary in Rwanda in 1986 and finally served at the Generalate in Rome for a good number of years. He*

*was very generous, hard-working and prayerful Brother. He retired back to Canada where he died and is buried in the La Prairie cemetery.*

#### OTHER DEPARTED BROTHERS

1973, Br. Édouard Delorme (Florentin). - 1987, Br. Adélarde Croteau (Eugène-Victor). - 1998, Br. Pierre-Jean Cosquer (Euchariste). - 2003, Br. Remo Andreucci (Guido-Maria) 2009, Br. Pierre Lefeuve (Dominique-André). - 2011, Br. Alphonse Guilloux (Alphonse-Étienne).

## 7 SATURDAY FERIA

### 1853.- Father de La Mennais celebrates the first Mass in the chapel of the Daughters of Providence in Saint-Brieuc.

**Intention:** - Daughters of Providence of Saint-Brieuc.  
 - The community of Nebbi (Uganda).  
 - The priests in our Parishes and our Chaplains

In the Breviary : First Vespers of **Pentecost**

#### ► *Rule of Life 79 :*

United in response to the Spirit's call and working together in the Father's vineyard, the Brothers strive to maintain an atmosphere of true fraternal charity that provides an indispensable framework for their individual and community prayer. Likewise, their faithful and regular participation in times of community prayer and the spiritual support and encouragement they offer each other contribute greatly to reinforcing their fraternal communion in Christ.

#### ► *Circular for retreat, 13 June 1824 :*

Don't wait for the time when the pious exercises of retreat begin to prepare you for them; do it today by praying more fervently, by being more attentive to yourself and to everything you do.

#### *Birthday anniversary of Brother Byabasheija Hilary*

#### DEPARTED BROTHER

1981, Br. Armand St. Onge (Léonard de Port-Maurice).

## 8 PENTECOST SUNDAY

**Intention:** The beatification of our Venerable Father.

#### ► *Rule of Life 80a :*

Each Brother assumes responsibility for his own fidelity, aware that his prayer is much more than just a matter of submitting to a daily timetable. It is rather a listening to the Word in love and a freely chosen devotion to the person of Christ. Amid a



hectic world, where he is kept busy by tasks that require so much of his time and energy, the Brother centres his life on God alone who invites him to walk in His presence.

► **Memorial, pp. 70-71 :**

*Requiescat super eos Spiritus Domini – (The Spirit of the Lord will rest on them).* What a promise! This repose of God's Spirit on a soul is ineffable. Who can understand and recount these secrets of love, these mysteries of heaven? A soul beloved of the Spirit of God. A soul that he delights in enriching and adorning, and on which he rests!

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Mwebe Gerard Majella*

DEPARTED:

*We commemorate the death of **Bro. Emmanuel Bwete (John Vianney)**, who died on this date at a young age of 30 years in a car accident in Kampala. At the time of death, he was a teacher at Mugwanya Preparatory School Kabojja. He was a lively teacher who gave special attention the children. He was a good and friendly community-minded Brother. He is buried in the Kisubi FIC cemetery.*

*We also commemorate the death of **Bro. Raymond Berube (Raymond-Albert)**, who died on this date in Canada. He was a missionary for a very short time (1965 – 1968) serving in the Seychelles, Bukuumi and Kitovu. He returned to USA and remained active there. He died on this date in 2011 and is buried in the New Brunswick (Canada) cemetery.*

OTHER DEPARTED BROTHERS

1966, Br. Vincent Bédard. - 1982, Br. Isidore Guitot (Fernand-Louis). - 2003, Br. Lionel Trudel (Antonin-Jean). - 2017, Br. Paul Caron (Edouard-Jean). - 2019, Br. Guy Lambert (Laurent-Guy). - 2023, F. Emilio De la Peña (Nicanor).

9

**MONDAY Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church**

St. Ephrem, Deacon, [†375]; Saints Felician, [†240] and Primo, [†286] Martyrs; St. Columban [†597] Abbot; Blessed Nicholas of Gesturi [†1958] Religious.

**1973.- Blessing of the Generalate in Rome.**

**Intention:** The community of the Generalate House (Rome).

In the Breviary: Second Week

► **Rule of Life 806 :**

The Brother further pursues and deepens his prayer life beyond the prescribed times, seeking an ever-closer union with Christ.

► **Opening of the Retreat, talk on the vocation, 1840:**

Be in the hand of God like humble, docile little children who allow themselves to be held, carried, lifted up, and laid down, who are flexible and ready for all kinds of

movements, and God will enlighten you, bless you, and reward you in eternity for the good you have wished to do, as well as the good you have done.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Ismael Edward Michael*

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1963, Br. Germain-Antoine Poupon. - 2005, Br. Maurice Plourde (Matthieu). - 2007, Br. Gérard Brodeur (Fernand-Gérard).

**10**            **TUESDAY**            Feria

**1926.- Departure from La Prairie (Canada) of the first four Brothers for Uganda that eventually developed into the East Africa mission comprising of Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya and Seychelles.**

**Intention:** The community of Mount Saint Teresa, Kisubi (Uganda).

► *Rule of Life 81 :*

The Brother remembers that the spirit of prayer is nourished by inner calm and silence, by a self-discipline that promotes physical and mental health. To free himself from the obstacles which prevent him from hearing the voice of God within him, he integrates into his life the necessary ascesis that leads to an ongoing conversion of the heart. On this journey to inner liberation, the Brother becomes more able to enter into intimate union with his Lord and to give generously of himself to others.

► *To the priests of Saint-Méen, opening of the retreat of 1826:*

The Most Blessed Virgin, our patroness and special protector, is at this moment praying with us, and undoubtedly, if we put no obstacle in the way of the efficacy of her prayers, we shall obtain through her the most excellent and precious graces.

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1996, Br. Simon Bergeron (Florian-Robert). - 2000, Br. Victor Dubourg (Louis-Henri).

**11**            **WEDNESDAY**  
                  St. Barnabas, Apostle, 1<sup>st</sup> Century;  
                  St. Parisio, Camaldolese Hermit, [†1367].

**1924.- Apostolic decree confirming the reputation of holiness of our Venerable Father.**

**Intention:** All members, Brothers and Lay people, of the Mennaisian Family.

► ***Rule of Life 81.1 :***

Everything that promotes self-control enables the Brother to attain, little by little, the inner liberation that the Lord asks of him: the daily effort to rise punctually; to pray authentically; to respect the community timetable; to be silent; to seek physical, psychological and spiritual well-being; to ensure appropriate use of information and communication technologies; to know and accept one's limits; to resist the constant temptations of comfort and selfishness; to ensure moderation in the use of tobacco and alcohol, and even abstention from them.

► ***To the priests of Saint-Méen, sermon 'The priest-religious must imitate Jesus Christ in his total self-denial':***

Where are the people who don't reserve anything at all for God, who don't make a kind of bargain with him in which they, moreover, negotiate at the lowest possible price?

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1974, Br. Charles Bocherel (Clair-Joseph). - 1975, Br. Honorio Saiz (Narciso). - 2006, Br. Louis-Joseph Legendre (Lucien-Jean). - 2011, Br. Joseph Mosset (Pierre-Louis). - 2014, Br. Raymond Émeraud (Philibert-Marie).

12

THURSDAY Feria

St. Guy, Italian Franciscan, [†1247].

► ***Rule of Life 82 :***

The Brother, weighed down by age, illness, or the gradual loss of his faculties, does not become self-centered. Without losing his sense of profound joy, he opens himself up to God's grace, as well as to the kindly, devoted help offered by his fellow Brothers and those around him. Through self-abandonment and trust in Providence, he unites himself in a new way with the suffering Christ for the salvation of the world, becoming with him "a spiritual offering pleasing to God".

► ***To Bro. Césaire Nicoul, 6 January 1846:***

Try, therefore, to lift your soul and free it from all earthly affections. Attachment to one place rather than another, the too great regret of certain human consolations, these are great miseries.

*Birthday anniversary of Brothers Ssekitooleko Deogratias and Mugisha Alex*

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1963, Br. Jean-Yves Gélinas- 1965, Br. Louis-Pierre Lampron. - 1973, Br. Henri Lozach (Léonide-Marie). - 1997, Br. Alain Gentric (Gonéry). - 2006, Br. Yvan Lampron (Achille-René).

## 13 FRIDAY

St. Anthony of Padua, Portuguese Franciscan, D., [†1231].

### ► *Rule of Life 82.1 :*

Brother Superiors ensure, with the fraternal support of their fellow Brothers in community, that the elderly and suffering are offered the strength and comfort of the anointing of the sick.

### ► *To Bruté de Rémur, 4 July 1807:*

We must not precipitate the future onto the present, or else we will be crushed. Let us not anticipate too much; it is the Holy Spirit who advises us.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Kiwanuka Achilleo*

### DEPARTED BROTHERS

1970, Br. Émile Goulet (Théophane). - 1979, Br. Siro de Ambrosis (Augustin-Cyr). - 2002, Br. Arsenio Bustamante Escalada (Estanislao). - 2005, Br. Maurice Blais (Victor-Maurice).

## 14

## SATURDAY

Feria

**Intention:** The community of Kabojja (Uganda).

In the Breviary : First Vespers of the **Most Holy Trinity**

### ► *Rule of Life 83 :*

The Brother welcomes with patience and hope his gradual decline in mind and body. He knows that he bears within himself a seed of immortality. In Jesus Christ, his death is no longer just an inevitable fate to which he is resigned: it is considered “a gain”. Full of confidence, he “desires to depart and be with Christ”, to whom he is consecrated.

### ► *To Bro. André Labousse, 24 May 1824:*

Do not frustrate the Holy Spirit by that continual unfaithfulness which prevent him from filling you with the abundance of his gifts and graces.

### DEPARTED BROTHERS

1983, Br. Vincent Jolivet (Jean Damascène). - 2016, Br. Gaston Manceau (Yves-Alexandre).

## 15

## MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY

**Intention:** - *That the missionary spirit within the Congregation be rejuvenated.*

### ► *Rule of Life 84 :*

The Brothers faithfully keep alive the memory of their deceased confreres, especially those they knew and loved. In their daily prayer and the Eucharist, they remember them and express their communion with them. This prayer is an expression of the

hope that inspires them: "We will strengthen more and more the bonds that unite us, bonds that are so dear to us that even death could not sever them."

► ***To Bro. Méloir-Marie Lefèvre, 1834:***

To want all that God wants and to want it forever, for everything, without reserve, this is the kingdom of God whose coming we ask of him each time we recite the Our Father.

DEPARTED BROTHER

1969, Br. Adélard Dupré (Épiphanie).

**16**

**MONDAY**

11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. John Francis Regis, Franciscan Jesuit, [†1640].

**Intentions:** - Our sick and infirm Brothers.

In the Breviary: Third Week.

► ***Rule of Life 84.1:***

The death of a Brother or novice is announced promptly throughout the Institute. During the week that follows, the Brothers commend the deceased to the Lord in their community prayer. The Institute requests the celebration of thirty Masses for the repose of the soul of the deceased Brother, the stipends for which are paid by each Province or District.

► ***To Miss Marie Jallobert de Monville, 27 January 1815:***

Seek in God and in God alone consolation for your sorrows: he does not forbid you to taste his joy when he gives it to you, but hold on to him more than to his gifts.

DEPARTED BROTHER

1995, Br. Bernard Levesque (Richard). - 2022, Br. Bernier Bourassa (Gérard-Eugène).

**17**

**TUESDAY**

Feria

St. Hervé, Hermit in Brittany, [†6th Century].

► ***Rule of Life 84.2:***

The Brothers regularly commend to the Lord their deceased confreres, family members, Lay Mennaisians, students and benefactors. During the annual retreat, a memorial Mass is celebrated for the repose of the souls of those who have died in the past year.

► ***To the priests of Saint-Méen, sermon 'Perfection', 1839:***

To be truly holy, we must do nothing less than take the Holy of Holies as our model and become like him, a likeness which begins on earth where it is always imperfect, but which is completed and consummated in heaven.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Kateregga Pius Luwaga*

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

1981, Br. Adrián Santos (Arturo José). - 1997, Br. Jean Pénarguéar (Paul-Henri)

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**18** WEDNESDAY Feria

Saints Mark et Marcellinus, Martyrs, [†304].

*Novena for the Beatification of Jean-Marie de la Mennais*

**Intention:** The community of Laval (Canada).

▶ *Rule of Life 85:*

Periodically, the Brothers take the opportunity for renewal of their commitment to follow Christ, especially during the peak moments of the Church's liturgical year.

▶ *To Bro. André Labousse, 24 May 1824:*

When will you be completely for God? Why do you refuse to offer him the light sacrifices He asks of you?

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Kakooza Celestine*

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

1976, Br. Mathias Gerbeau (Léonidas-Joseph). - 1988, Br. August Bergeron (Archange-Marie). - 1998, Br. Pierre-Marie Le Cheviller (Guérin-Marie). - 2008, Br. Jean-Paul Larocque (Gustave-Joseph). - 2012, Br. Pierre Tousignant.

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**19** THURSDAY Feria

St. Romuald, Abbot, Founder of the Camaldolese Hermits, [†1027].

Saints Gervais and Protase, Martyrs at Milan, [†225].

*Second day of the novena*

**1782.-Birth of Félicité de la Mennais.**

**Intention:** The community of Saint Romuald, Lévis (Canada).

▶ *Rule of Life 85.1:*

The local community, possibly in conjunction with the Lay Mennaisians, organizes its times of recollection in accordance with the guidelines of the Province or District.

▶ *Sermon to the priests of Saint-Méen:*

We must love the Church as we love Jesus Christ, whose bride she is and who is one body and one flesh with her, that is, with all our heart, all our will and all our strength.

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

1981, Br. Laurent Rozon (Tite). - 1995, Br. Franck D'Méza (Philippe-Marie). - 2022, Br. Jean Arqué (Jean-Didier)

## 20

## FRIDAY

Feria

*Third day of the novena*

**Intention:** The spiritual success of our annual retreats organised about this period

► *Rule of Life 86a :*

The annual retreat gives the Brother an excellent opportunity to intensify his quest for God in solitude, silence, and prayer. In more intimate union with his Lord, he rekindles his spiritual life, draws lessons from the past and resumes his journey towards God with renewed hope in His grace.

► *To Sisters, speech given at the House of Refuge in Saint-Brieuc, 10 February 1822:*

God wants His hand alone to appear in His works, and for them to bear the stamp of His high wisdom. He advances only by degrees, and does not complete his designs until all human hope of seeing them fulfilled is entirely extinguished.

DEPARTED:

*We commemorate the death anniversary of **Bro. Godfrey Lule** which occurred on this date in 2003. He was a quiet, peaceful and friendly Brother. He was a committed teacher and a friend to his learners and fellow teachers. He is especially remembered as a teacher at Kabojja and St. Charles Lwanga Kasasa. He died young and after a relatively short illness. He is buried in the Kisubi FIC cemetery.*

OTHER DEPARTED BROTHERS

1967, Br. Roland-Marie Ricordel. - 1968, Br. Donatien Caillon (Euchariste-Joseph). - 1976, Br. Joseph Tonnerre (Tudy-Joseph). - 1981, Br. Yves Cabel (Yves-Joseph). - 1984, Br. Pierre Tanguy (Benjamin). - 2014, Br. Louis Kérivel (Louis-Armel).

## 21

## SATURDAY

St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Jesuit, Patron of the Scholasticates [†1591].

*Fourth day of the novena*

**Intentions:** - The Brothers of the Province of St. Aloysius Gonzaga (Haiti).

- The Brother Scholastics.

- The community of the Postulate and Novitiate, Pétion-Ville (Haiti).

In the Breviary: Frist Vespers for the feast of the **Most Holy Sacrament**

► *Rule of Life 86b :*

Setting aside his daily concerns and avoiding anything that might distract him, each Brother gives the retreat top priority. He attends "not only to be present in body but with a sincere desire to listen to God, to examine his conscience in the light of faith, and to profit from all the new graces that will be offered to him".

► **To Bro. Ferdinand Tourtier, 1 February 1842:**

Yes, my dear child, you are quite right to say that your happiness is the aim of all my labours and all my desires, but above all, do not forget, your happiness in eternity!

*Birthday anniversary of Brothers **Mlengule Essau and Mutebi Vincent***

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1966, Br. Simplicius Nevou. - 1971, Br. Frédéric Perreault (Frédéric-Marie). - 1976, Br. Charles Berthier (Charles-Yves).

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## 22

### SUNDAY : SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY SACRAMENT (Corpus Christi Sunday)

St. Paul of Nola Bishop, [†431]; St. Alban, first martyr of England [†287]; St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More, martyrs in England, [†1535].

*Fifth day of the novena*

**Intention:** The Gabriel Deshayes community, Abidjan (Ivory Coast).

► ***Rule of Life 86.1 :***

The Brother Major Superiors oversee the material and spiritual organization of their Province or District retreats. They take particular care in proposing times that are suitable for all and locations that are conducive to recollection and prayer

► ***Circular of 1825 :***

During your thanksgiving after communion, you will listen in silence to the voice of Jesus Christ truly present within you; you will tell him your needs and ask him for the virtues you lack.

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1968, Br. Alphonse Delisle (Joseph-Hermann). - 1987, Br. Albert Gentric (Grégoire-Joseph).

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## 23

### MONDAY Feria

*Sixth day of the novena*

In the Breviary: First Vespers of the **Nativity of St. John the Baptist**).

In the Breviary: Fourth Week

► ***Rule of Life 87 :***

Enlightened by faith, nourished daily by the Word, the Brother reviews his life and looks "attentively for the signs of God and the promptings of his grace amidst the varied events of life". Aware of his weaknesses and trusting in God's grace, he knows that he needs human intermediaries to bring unity to his life, to grow in inner freedom



and to remain docile to the Spirit. For this reason, he seeks spiritual accompaniment at each stage of his journey through life.

► ***To Father Évain, 29 May 1842 :***

Advise the Brothers often to be on their guard against the prejudices which sometimes take hold of the mind without us noticing, and against the jealous suspicions which disturb peace, embitter the mind and break the union of hearts, a union so necessary, a union so precious.

DEPARTED:

*We commemorate the death of Bro. Marcel De Serre (Mizaël). He arrived in Uganda in 1946 and was a missionary for a short time. After serving at St. Henry's College, Kitovu, then St. Mary's College Kisubi, and finally at St. Thomas More College, Ihungo – Bukoba, in that order, he returned to Canada in 1950 and there-after, he was a missionary in Japan. He died on this date in a car accident while on home leave in 1976. He was a committed and generous Brother ready to take up any mission. He is buried at Pointe-du-Lac (Canada).*

OTHER DEPARTED BROTHERS

1980, Br. Louis-Charles Mayrand (Irénee-Joseph). - 1990, Br. Ulysse Saint-Martin (Jules-Joseph). - 1994, Br. Alexandre Desrochers (Marc-Alexandre). - 2003, Br. Joseph Milot (Simon-Marie). - 2004, Br. Mathieu Kerouédan (Corentin-Pierre). - 2006, Br. Lionel Morneau (Omer-Marie). - 2019, Br. Juan Guimard (Barthélémy-Joseph).

24

**TUESDAY NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN BAPTIST**

Special Patron of the French Canadians (Quebec)

*Seventh day of the novena*

**Intention:** The Brothers of the Province of Saint John Baptist (France-England).

► ***Rule of Life 88 :***

The missionary activity of the Church originates within the Trinity, from which it draws its dynamism. It is linked to the missions of both the Son and the Holy Spirit and aims to accomplish in the world the Father's plan of love: that all people be adopted as His sons and daughters through Jesus Christ.

► ***To Bruté de Rémur, 22 June 1809 :***

Feast of Saint John the Baptist, feast of brother John. Ask the good Lord to create in me a pure heart, a heart that loves him! Ask him to give me the grace to be all his, his alone, and for ever.

DEPARTED BROTHERS

2004, Br. Arthur Sylvestre (Marcel-Émile). - 2012, Br. Corentin Cotonéa (Yves-Laurent). - 2018, Br. Philippe Ozawa.

**25****WEDNESDAY**

Feria

St. William, Abbot, [†1142].

*Eighth day of the novena***Intention :** The community of Kupang (Indonesia).► *Rule of Life 89a :*

The baptismal and religious consecrations commit the Brothers to participate in the redemptive mission of Christ through proclaiming the Gospel: "Do not consider yourselves as secular teachers, but as a missionary responsible for establishing the Kingdom of God in souls: this indeed is your vocation, and it will be by making saints that you will sanctify yourselves..."

► *To Congreganists, Sermon 'On Backbiting':*

Is it not enough for you to know that nothing is more opposed to the spirit of Christianity than these malicious criticisms, so that you never allow any of them?

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Orikiriza Maricario*

DEPARTED:

*We commemorate the death anniversary of Bro. Pius Kihuru. He was a wholeheartedly committed Brother and dedicated educator. He showed particular attention to the students, to the teaching and support staff in the schools. He served in several roles: as teacher, Superior, Headteacher and Vice-Provincial. He is especially remembered for his untiring effort and development at both Majengo S.S and St. Anthony S.S. Mbagala. He worked assiduously to found and develop St. Mary's S.S. Duluti. He died suddenly on this date in 2008. He is buried at the Brothers' Cemetery Moshi.*

OTHER DEPARTED BROTHER

1980, Br. Pierre Verdon (Élie). - 2024, F. Jean-Guy Godbout.

**26****THURSDAY**

Feria

St. Jose María Escrivá de Balaguer, Founder of the Opus Dei [†1975].

*Last day of the novena***Intention:** The beatification of our Venerable Father Jean Marie de la MennaisIn the Breviary : First Vespers of the feast of the **Sacred Heart of Jesus.**► *Rule of Life 896 :*

‘The apostolate is lived out in the faith, hope and charity that the Holy Spirit diffuses in the hearts of all’. The Brothers are therefore aware that they carry out their mission as co-workers with God, who is constantly at work in the world. They maintain an intense spiritual life, a source of sanctification for themselves and for others.

► ***To the priests of Saint-Méen, sermon Abandonment to Providence':***

The rule of my thoughts and conduct is to want what God wants, as he wants, when he wants.

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1972, Br. Jean-Pierre Gru (Hervé). - 1976, Br. Jean-Marie Diascorn (Octavien-Marie). - 1981, Br. Amédée Patenaude (Albertin-Joseph). - 1993, Br. François Proulx (Victoric-Marie). - 2001, Br. Hervé Lucas (Norbert-Joseph). - 2003, Br. Henri Ézanno (St. anislas-Pierre).- 2013, Br. Paul Charest (Benoît-Émile).

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## 27 FRIDAY FEAST OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop, D., [†444]; Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Patron of Haiti.

**Intentions:** - The Brothers of the Province St. Aloysius Gonzaga (Haiti) and the  
 - Brothers of the United States of America.  
 - The priests in our Parishes and our Chaplains.

► ***Rule of Life 89c:***

Remembering that every apostolate draws its fruitfulness from God alone, the Brothers generously commit themselves and make use of the appropriate human tools: "Work as if everything depended on you, and yet expect success only from God alone."

► ***To the Brothers, notice of retreat:***

May the Lord make you men after his own heart, devoted to his Church, selfless, poor in spirit, humble, zealous, ready to undertake anything and to suffer anything.

DEPARTED:

*We commemorate the death of **Bro. Alphonse Lambert (Alphonse-Maurice)**, who arrived as a missionary in Uganda in 1931. He succeeded Bro. Charles Jules Poitras and thus, he is the second Provincial of the vast East African Mission; and later serving as Assistant Provincial. He was either Head teacher or Superior most of the time. He served for a time at St. Mary's School Yala, St. Mary's College Kisubi, St. Thomas More College Ihungo, and a year at Lubaga Secondary School. The rest of the time he was at Mount Saint Teresa Kisubi, until he returned to Canada in 1973. He was an outstanding religious Brother and great collaborator of Bro. Charles. A planner and a builder for the future. The extension of the mission to Tanzania and Seychelles was under his wise and courageous leadership. He died on this date at La Prairie in 1986 and he is buried there.*

OTHER DEPARTED BROTHER

2003, Br. Gérard Bourque (August-Eugène).

## 28 SATURDAY THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

*The Chapel of the Mother House at Ploërmel is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.*

St. Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyon, Martyr, [†202]

**Intention :** The community of the Mother House, Ploërmel (France).

In the Breviary: First Vespers of the **Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul**, Apostles.

### ► *Rule of Life 90a :*

The Institute participates in the mission of the Church. Its specific charism is the human and Christian education of children and young people, especially the poorest. Schools are therefore the focus of its apostolate. The Institute is also open to other types of activity in the vast field of education.

### ► *To Miss Amable Chenu, 7 January 1821*

Your heart must become like the Heart of Mary, animated by the same spirit of charity, humility, zeal, gentleness, purity and detachment from sensible things.

### *Birthday anniversary of Brother Mugema Deogratias*

#### DEPARTED:

*We commemorate the death of Bro. James O'Byrne (Columbkil Mary), who arrived as a missionary in Uganda towards the end of 1930. He was a Brother with indefatigable effort and burning missionary zeal. He served St. Henry's College Kitovu, Bikira (St. Joseph's T.T.C), St. Aloysius School Hoima, St. Leo's College Virika, St. Thomas More College - Ihungo, Morogoro Holy Ghost T.T.C and St. Mary's S. S. Nsumba – Mwanza. Formator at Mount Saint Teresa Kisubi Novitiate and at Kasasa in the same capacity. Teacher at Likonde Seminary - Peramiho and Uru Seminary at Moshi. Finally, he devoted his energy at Moshi Brothers Centre. He remained active practically up to the end of his life. He returned to England towards the end of 1983 and died in 1984 on this date. He is buried at Southampton-England.*

#### DEPARTED BROTHERS

1966, Br. Séraphin-Joseph Miriel. - 1967, Br. Jean Haran. - 1969, Br. Joseph Gru (Salvius). - 1976, Br. Jules Le Métayer (Firmin) 1991, Br. Joseph Robin (Lucidas-Joseph). - 1997, Br. Louis Scouarnec (Joachim-Joseph). - 2008, Br. Luc Maynard (Luc-Henri).

## 29 SUNDAY FEAST OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

**Intentions:** - The Church and the Supreme Pontiff.

- The Brothers of the District of St Paul (West Africa) and their works.

► *Rule of Life 90b* :

The Brothers' mission has an officially recognized status, the Institute having been approved by the Holy See. In fidelity to their own vocation and to the teachings of their Founders, the Brothers take special care to respond to the pastoral directives of the Pope and the Bishops, who have primary responsibility for the apostolate.

► *To Bruté de Rémur, 2 February 1808;*

If the enemies of the holy Church put together their talents, their means, their hatred, their audacity, why not combine forces and encourage each other to fight and win?

*Birthday anniversary of Brothers **Kazzekulya Peter and Mukwasoha John Bosco***

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1997, Br. Gratien Deslauriers (Ange-Célestin). - 2002, Br. Louis-Philippe Olivier (Raoul-Étienne).

**30**

**MONDAY**

Feria

The First Holy Martyrs of the Church of Rome, [†1<sup>st</sup> Century]

St. Martial, Bishop of Limoges, [†3<sup>rd</sup> Century]; St. Bertrand, Bishop of Aquilla, Martyr, [†1350].

**Intention:** The community of Bibwa- Kinshasha (Democratic Republic of Congo).  
In the Breviary: First Week

► *Rule of Life 90c* :

All the Brothers, whatever their functions, age or health, are truly committed to the mission of the Institute through their prayer, their work, their sufferings and the holiness of their lives.

► *Thought of Father Gabriel Deshayes:*

Be simple, my dear Brothers, be simple: it is by the simplicity of your life that you will please God and gain the esteem and affection of all.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother **Lubega Andrew***

DEPARTED:

*We commemorate the death of **Bro. Joseph Byamukama**, who died on this date in 2021. A soft-spoken and hard-working Brother. He was a teacher and head teacher in a couple of schools. He is mainly remembered for his leadership achievements at St. Edward's S.S, Bukuumi. He was for a very short time head teacher at St. Leo's College, Fort-Portal, and finally at Kitala S.S. Upon retirement, he remained at Kisubi and remained cheerful, despite his poor health. He is buried in the Kisubi FIC cemetery.*

OTHER DEPARTED BROTHERS

1997, Br. Alexandre Chesnel (Louis-Marie de Montfort). - 2002, Br. Jean Guéguen (Edme-Marie). - 2014 Br. Paul Quéguiner (Michel-Paul)

## MONTH OF JULY

### *Consecrated to the Most precious Blood of Our Lord*

Apostleship of prayer

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#### *For formation in discernment.*

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

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**1**            **TUESDAY**            Feria

**2017.- Creation of the new St. Francis Xavier District**  
(Indonesia – Japan – Philippines)

***Rule of Life 91a :***

Like the first disciples of Christ, the Brothers form a single body for the mission: together, they are called and sent. Fraternal communion is both the source and the outcome of the mission.

► ***Circular on the retreat, 13 June 1824:***

As the days of our annual retreat approach, you should rejoice in the Lord and prepare to enjoy the very special graces that will be offered to you in this holy time.

**DEPARTED BROTHERS**

1963, Br. André-Marie Moreau. - 1985, Br. Arthur Lefrançois (Charles-Albert). - 1999, Br. Jean-Marie Grall (François-Libermann).

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**2**            **WEDNESDAY**            Feria

*Triduum to Saint Joseph for the vocations*

***Intentions :- That new vocations to the Brothers give vitality to the mission of the Congregation.***

► ***Rule of Life 91b :***

Each community participates in the mission through its apostolic activities its witness of fraternal communion and the support it gives to individual Brothers in their various commitments..

► **To Bro. Césaire Nicoul, 28 November 1845:**

When a religious believes he has reason to complain about others, to console himself for their wrongs against him, it is enough for him to remember the examples of Jesus Christ and to look at his crucifix.

DEPARTED BROTHERS

2004, Br. Fernand Dussault (Léonce-Marie). - 2009, Br. André Robert (André-Corsini). - 2022, Br. Bruno Laroche (Charles-Alphonse).

### 3

## THURSDAY

## ST. THOMAS, APOSTLE.

**1982.- Opening of our Mission in Togo.**

**Intention:** The community of Ogaro (Togo).

► ***Rule of Life 92a :***

The call to a shared mission received from the Spirit by Brothers and Lay people invites them to live the Mennaisian charism in communion.

► ***To the priests of Saint-Méen, retreat of 1828:***

It is in the retreat that we have so often seen the Lord unfold his power, set souls ablaze, renew them, penetrate them with his heavenly blessings; it is there that the lukewarm warm up, that the fervent become more so.

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1967, Br. Hipparque Kergal. - 1975, Br. Hervé Lemay (Bertin). - 1976, Br. Joachim Le Texier (Francis-Joseph). - 1985, Br. Fidel Martín (José Luis). - 1998, Br. Jean Desmots (Stéphane). - 2002, Br. Julien Collo (Aubert-Julien).

### 4

## FRIDAY

## Feria

St. Elisabeth of Portugal, Widow, [†1336].

**Intention :** Brother Superior General and the members of his Council.

► ***Rule of Life 92b :***

Together, Lay people and Brothers discern the purpose and focus of their shared mission and deepen together their spirituality. They follow the appropriate formation to better live out and implement the Mennaisian charism. They engage in collaborative experiences of communion, respecting the demands of their different states of life.

► ***To Bro. Julien Kerdavid, 12 May 1844:***

In order for God to bless the congregation and for it to continue, it is necessary that you all be animated by the spirit of faith, humility, simplicity and obedience.

DEPARTED BROTHER

1997, Br. Gérald Lalande (Emilas).

## 5 SATURDAY Feria

St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria, Founder of the Barnabites, [†1539].

### ► *Rule of Life 92c :*

Within the Mennaisian Family, the Brother, for his part, is called to be a witness to the primacy of God, a prophetic sign of fraternity and a reminder of the charism.

### ► *To Bro. Ambroise Le Haiget, 17 June 1844:*

Our very faults become advantageous to us when they humble us and teach us to distrust our own minds.

### DEPARTED:

*We commemorate the death of **Bro. Jean Belanger (Marcel-Adrien)**, who arrived as a missionary in Uganda in 1947. He served in many communities and schools in Uganda as both head teacher and teacher up to 1961. From 1962 he was transferred to Tanzania and served at St. Thomas More College (1962 – 66). He then served as Secretary to the Tanzania Episcopal Conference in Dar es Salaam, (1967 – 71) at that same time was also appointed Vice Provincial. He remained at Upanga House up to 1976. He returned to Canada towards the end of 1976 continued to be active in USA then Japan and finally back to Canada . He was a tireless and cheerful Brother, ready for all sorts of tasks. He died on this date in 2000 and he is buried at La Prairie - Canada.*

### OTHER DEPARTED BROTHERS

1989, Br. Eugène Potier (André). - 1995, Br. Alexandre Raoult (Samson). 2015, Br. Gérard Chatelier.

## 6 SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr, [†1902].

### 2001.-Opening of the community at Singe and taking charge of the direction of Singe Secondary School at Babati in the Diocese of Mbulu, Tanzania

In the Breviary: Second Week

### ► *Rule of Life 93 :*

The Brother participates in the work of evangelization and salvation accomplished by Jesus Christ through his consecration, lived out daily joyfully, through his fraternal life in an apostolic community and through his commitment to Christian instruction and education.

### ► *To the priests of Saint-Méen, retreat of 1828:*

During the retreat, let us speak only with Jesus Christ, but let it be with confidence, with sincerity and honesty, with the amiable simplicity of faith of those little children whom he himself has given us as models

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Mukasa Pontian*



## DEPARTED:

We commemorate the death of **Bro. Michael Mulabannaku (Aidan-Michael)** who died on this date in 1986 at Moshi. He was a committed, selfless, firm and generous religious educator and a gifted administrator. He worked in a number of schools in Uganda; but he is most remembered as teacher and Headmaster at St. Henry's College, Kitovu (1962 – 1978). From 1979 to the end of 1983, he was teacher in Kenya (Ituru High School and Starehe Boys College). From 1984 until his death, he was Superior at Moshi Brothers Centre. He is buried in the Kisubi FIC cemetery.

We also commemorate the death of **Bro. Joseph Mary Etuubire**, who died on this same date in 2012. A soft-spoken but very humorous Brother. A hard-working, committed religious and devoted teacher. He was a strict disciplinarian but at the same time possessed a gentle heart towards the students. He had extraordinary gift of patience and endurance in times of trials and pain. He is buried in the Kisubi FIC cemetery.

## OTHER DEPARTED BROTHERS

1971, Br. Eugène Sère (Hubert-Joseph). - 1984, Br. Sabin Larose (Maximin).-

7

MONDAY Feria

St. Raoul, Lay man at Winchester, [†1591].

**Intention:** The community of Kakooge, St. Jude (Uganda).

► *Rule of Life 93.1 :*

There is a fundamental unity and reciprocity of influence between the Brother's religious state and his educational mission. His religious consecration expresses itself through his apostolic commitment and specifies its focus, whilst his apostolic commitment nourishes and characterizes his consecrated life. This interaction plays out in every area of his life.

► *Memorial, p. 5 :*

The beginnings of conversion are always painful; one does not break oneself from the previous habits without a cost.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Nkunga Deusdedit and Mukisa Enoch Fred*

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

1968, Br. François-Xavier Poitras (Félix-Marie). - 1978, Br. Pierre Kernaflen (Félicissime-Marie).

8

TUESDAY Feria

**1825.- Bishop Claude-Louis de Lesquen, after approving the Rules and Statutes of the statutes of the priests of Saint-Méen, appointed Father de La Mennais Superior General of this congregation.**

## 2019.-Creation of the new District Divina Providencia (Argentina-Bolivia-Chile-Uruguay)

**Intentions:** - The Brothers of the District Divina Providencia [Argentina, Uruguay, Bolivia and Chile].

- The beatification of our Venerable Father.

### ► *Rule of Life 94 :*

“Jesus himself gave us the perfect example of how we can link communion with the Father to an intensely active life.” Following in his footsteps, the Brother constantly seeks this fundamental unity. He recognizes that the apostle's relationship with others will be genuine if it reflects a deep union with God and leads back to him.

### ► *To Bro. Élisée Dupas, 7 November 1848:*

The only path that never leads astray is that of obedience.

### DEPARTED BROTHERS

1966 Br. Mamilien-François Trellu. - 1983, Br. Ernest Rochette (Damase). - 1997, Br. Jean Naouennec (Alphonse). - 2010, Br. Paul-Henri Thibaudeau (Jérôme-André).

## 9 WEDNESDAY Feria

St. Augustin Zhao Rong, Priest and his companions, Martyrs in China, [†1815].

**Intention:** Persecuted Christians

### ► *Rule of Life 94.1 :*

The Brother prays for all those for whom he is responsible or with whom he works. From time to time, he invites them to share in the prayer of the community, just as he joins in that of his local Catholic communities.

### ► *Memorial, p. 31:*

The smallest wounds of self-esteem soon become big sores when they are not quickly healed.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Katongole Matthew*

### DEPARTED BROTHERS

1967, Br. Clarus Hervieux. - 2014, Br. Yves Hubon (Yves-Armel).

## 10 THURSDAY Feria

### ► *Rule of Life 95 :*

The Brother's call includes the commitment to dedicate himself entirely to the mission which, “more than in external works, consists in making Christ present to the world through personal witness”.

► **To Bro. Étienne-Marie Malenfant, 14 December 1839 :**

Your intentions are good, and I am convinced that it is Our Lord who inspires them in you; however, I fear that they are too exalted, and that you lack calm, resignation and abandonment: wait in peace until God's time has come.

DEPARTED:

*We commemorate the death of Bro. Bernadine of Siena (Conrad Crépeau) which occurred on this date in 1966. He arrived in the early days of the mission in 1933. He is especially remembered as the first Master of Novices and therefore the Master of Novices of the first group of Novices. He was a very prayerful Brother and a good spiritual guide. He returned to Canada in 1939 and remained active until death in 1966. He is buried at La Prairie.*

*We also commemorate the death of Bro. Edmond Aubin (John Leonard). He arrived towards the end of 1937 and remained until 1973. He served in St. Joseph T.T.C Bikira, St. Mary's College Kisubi and St. Henry's College Kitovu. mainly in Uganda; but also taught for a short time at Likonde Seminary, Peramiho. He was a formator at the various levels of formation (Juniorate, Postulate, Novitiate and Scholasticate) both at Kisubi and at Kasasa, including being Master of Novices. He died on this date in 1988 at La Prairie and is buried there.*

OTHER DEPARTED BROTHER

1981, Br. René Roy (Conrad-Marie).

# 11

## FRIDAY

St. Benedict, Abbot and Patriarch of Western Monasticism, Patron of Europe [†547].

**Intention:** For the Church in Europe, and especially for the dioceses where the Congregation is present.

► **Rule of Life 95.1 :**

Following in the footsteps of Jesus, the Brother is a witness to universal fraternity. He makes his witness perceptible especially through the quality of his human relationships and the joy he radiates in serving God and His people.

► **To Bro. Ambroise Le Haiget, 20 August 1836:**

Your soul is suffering a lot whereas it would be enjoying a deep peace if you only had the will of God manifested through your superiors

THE DEPARTED:

*\*\*On this date, at Mount Saint Teresa Kisubi, we remember Father Cleuren Hubert Gisbert, an Augustinian Assumptionist Missionary Priest, from Belgium, who was serving in DRC at that time. He suddenly died in Kampala on this date in 1963. His Superiors requested for his burial in the Brothers' cemetery at Kisubi which was granted; and he is buried there.*

## 12 SATURDAY FERIA

Saint Louis Martin, [†1894], and Saint Zelia Guérin, [†1877], parents of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus (Thérèse of Lisieux).

### ► *Rule of Life 96a:*

The Brother's vows encourage his total availability: - religious obedience opens the Brother's heart and makes him more available for apostolic responsibilities proposed by his Superiors and his community.

### ► *To Bro. Alfred-Marie Laborie, 7 July 1844:*

For today, I limit myself to urging you to have only God in view in your smallest actions: seek only his glory, and not that which comes from men: beware of their applause and their praise; and if you have some successes, report them to Him from whom they come and from whom all grace flows.

### DEPARTED BROTHERS

1981, Br. Georges Pelland (Oscar-Marie). - 2007, Br. Henri Denoual (Joseph-Alexandre)

## 13 SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

St. Henry, Emperor of German [†1024]. St. Eugene, Bishop of Carthage, [†6<sup>th</sup> C.]  
In the Breviary: Third Week

### ► *Rule of Life 96b:*

The Brother's vows encourage his total availability: - consecrated chastity helps him be a Brother to all, through simple and genuine relationships which expresses Christ's universal love.

### ► *To Bro. Hyacinthe Fichoux, 19 February 1842:*

Faith must console you and strengthen you more and more in the resolution to persevere to the end.

### DEPARTED BROTHERS

1987, Br. René Chartrand (Orens) and Br. Prosper Fritz (Éric-Marie). - 1998, Br. Henri Bourdin (Lucidas-Odile).

## 14 MONDAY FERIA

Saint Camillus of Lellis, Founder of Camillian Hospitalers, [†1614].

**Intention:** The sick, infirm and the abandoned.

### ► *Rule of Life 96c:*

The Brother's vows encourage his total availability: - evangelical poverty leads the Brother to a pooling of resources for apostolic work. The spirit of detachment facilitates true dialogue and moves him to share the benefits of his culture with others, especially the least fortunate.

► **To Bro. Ambroise Le Haiget, 5 January 1839:**

The strong feeling you have of your misery is good, provided that instead of giving in to discouragement, you have recourse to God with great confidence, and that you count on his help.

DEPARTED:

*We commemorate the death of Bro. Donatus Ferdinand Anthony Kalyegira who died on this date in 1953. He accidentally died by drowning in Lake Nabugabo in the exercise of trying to save the students during a boat expedition, unfortunately, most of whom died with him. He died at a young age; it was during his first year in the community after the scholasticate. He was teaching at St. Henry's College, Kitovu. He is buried in the Kisubi FIC cemetery.*

OTHER DEPARTED BROTHERS

1897, Br. Cyprien Chevreau (Pierre), Superior General from 1861 to 1897.- 2004, Br. Ignacio Arberas (Victorino). - 2018, Br. Francisco Javier Revilla García.

15

TUESDAY

St. Bonaventure, Franciscan, Bishop of Albano, D., [†1274];

St. Roland, Abbot, [†1200]; Blessed Anne-Marie Javouhey, Founderess of the Sisters of St. Joseph de Cluny, [†1851].

**Intention:** - *That the missionary spirit within the Congregation be rejuvenated.*

► **Rule of Life 97:**

The Brother, as a missionary disciple, does not focus solely on the qualities and weaknesses of the people around him; he sees them in the manner of Christ, with love and without pre-conceived judgements. He approaches them with a "partiality of heart", a favourable pre-disposition which goes beyond a simple objectivity.

► **To Bro. Polycarp Ollivier, 3 December 1835:**

Inner dryness is a painful trial; God allows it in order to purify our virtue more and more and to help us acquire greater merits. You must not, therefore, be distressed by them, and above all you must not be troubled by them.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Drapari A. B. Isaac*

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1988, Br. René Poussin (Norbert). - 1989, Br. Abundio Matabuena (Ireneo). - 1990, Br. Antoine Denis (Justinien).

16

WEDNESDAY

Feria

Notre Dame of Mount Carmel.

**Intention:** The community of Portugalete (Spain).

**2013:- On this date, in the Mount Saint Teresa chapel, was held the ceremony of farewell and commissioning of the first two Brothers leaving for the mission in South Sudan.**

► *Rule of Life 97.1:*

Working to inculcate the Gospel, the Brothers seek to adapt their lifestyle, their methods and their educational works to the conditions and cultures of the countries and environments in which they are involved.

► *To Bro. Ambroise Le Haiget, 11 July 1830:*

Rekindle your fervour, therefore, and know how to submit in all things, like a good religious, with perfect resignation to the holy will of God.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Mwithiga G. Eric*

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1969, Br. Yves Bouroullec (Amédée). - 1992, Br. Joseph Rivard (Colman). - 2020, Br. Yves Leroux (Jean-Bernard).

17

THURSDAY

Feria

St. Alexis, [† 4<sup>th</sup> Century].

**Intention:** The community of Nkozi (Uganda).

► *Rule of Life 98:*

The Brother accepts the renunciations required by the demands of the apostolate and the tasks of education. The concern to adapt, the desire to increase one's competence and to perfect one's human and religious culture, the judicious and disinterested use of time, the availability to pupils and their families, the courage to overcome the weariness of work that must always be repeated, the acceptance of the apparent ineffectiveness of one's apostolate are all forms of an asceticism from which the Brother's action draws fruitfulness.

► *To Bro. Polycarp Ollivier, 3 December 1835:*

In times of pain, be more faithful than ever to your exercises; even if you find no taste for them, do them exactly and in a spirit of faith, without expecting the sensible consolations that God has denied you, not because he is angry with you, but because he wants to make you more like his divine Son, whose soul was also sad and sorrowful until death.

DEPARTED BROTHER

2015, Br. Pierre Lamandé (Célestin-Pierre).

18

FRIDAY

Feria

St. Frederick, Bishop of Utrecht, Martyr, [†838].

**2008.- Creation of the Province of Saint Michael Archangel, Kenya-Tanzania.**

*Novena for the Beatification of Jean-Marie de la Mennais.*

**Intention:** The community of Moshi (Tanzania)

► *Rule of Life 99a :*

The Institute chose the school as the preferred means of education. Even today, as in the time of Jean-Marie de la Mennais and Gabriel Deshayes, the school provides an essential service to mankind and society by forming free and responsible people. The Christian school does more: it links, in the same act, the acquisition of knowledge, formation in freedom and education in the faith.

► *To Bro. Ambroise Le Haiget, 8 October 1830:*

Our Congregation has never been better. We must humbly thank God for this, and this is a good way to console us for the contradictions that can happen to us from outside.

*Birthdays anniversary of Brother Odhiambo Benedict*

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1975, Br. Jean Hélias (Fabien). - 1985, Br. François Nédélec (François-Emmanuel). - 1992, Br. Joseph Gendron (Charles-Marie).

**19** SATURDAY FERIA

St. Arsene, Hermit in Egypt, [†450].

**2013.- Arrival of the first two Brothers in South Sudan to begin our mission at Riimenze, in the Diocese of Tombura-Yambio.**

*Second day of the novena*

**Intention:** The community of Riimenze (South Sudan).

► *Rule of Life 996 :*

In fidelity to the Founders' project, the Mennaisian school aims to be a “temple”, a “workshop” and a “hospital”. It seeks to form ‘the whole man, his heart as well as his mind’. It combines instruction, education and evangelisation, in the service of the development of the whole human person.

► *To Miss Anne de Lucinière, 21 February 1835:*

My sufferings are getting more and more severe; hope is fleeing before me; only prayer remains, but it is all-powerful.

*Birthdays anniversary of Brother Birungi John Baptist*

DEPARTED:

*We commemorate the death of Bro. Evarist Ngowi who died on this date in 2013. He served in a few communities and schools. He was a soft-spoken, generous and amiable Brother. However, before he could fully exercise the teaching career as a competent science teacher, he got sick and his health deteriorated quickly and died at a young age. He is buried in the Brothers Centre cemetery Moshi.*

OTHER DEPARTED BROTHERS

1997, Br. Raymond Boursin (Samuel-Joseph). - 2010, Br. Emmanuel Champalaune (Marce-Eugène) and Br. Antoine Allain (Eugène-Gilbert). - 2013, Br. Antonino Mayoral San Sebastian (Lorenzo).

## 20

**SUNDAY** 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C  
St. Apollinaris, Bishop of Ravenna, Martyr, [†2<sup>nd</sup> Century]

**1951.- Arrival in Japan of the first three Brothers from the District of Saint Francis Xavier (La Pointe-du-Lac, Canada).**

**Intention:** The community of Yokohama (Japan).

*Third day of the novena*

In the Breviary: Forth Week

► *Rule of Life 99.1 :*

In an effort to live the Mennaisian charism in its specific context, each Province or District, in keeping with the orientations of the Institute and in conjunction with the laity, draws up its own Mennaisian educational project. This serves as a reference for the project of its educational establishments.

► *To the priests of Saint-Méen, sermon 'Spirit of the Congregation':*

We must not have a lukewarm and sluggish zeal, but a zeal that never tires and is never exhausted, to which everything is a blessing, that everything that can contribute to the glory of God delights and encourages

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1964, Br. Ambroise-Émile Le Guen. - 1989, Br. Florent Dulude (Gilles). - 1992, Br. David Garcia De Miguel (Emeterio). - 1993, Br. Frank Casey (Gregory Mary).

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## 21

**MONDAY** Feria

St. Lawrence of Brindisi, OFM cap. D., [†1619];  
St. Victor, Martyr, [†290].

*Fourth day of the novena*

**Intention:** Our pupils and students.

► *Rule of Life 100 :*

The Mennaisian school aims to provide a quality education that adapts to cultural changes and to the needs of children and young people.

► *To the Priests of Saint-Méen, sermon of the 'Spirit of Congregation'.*

Zealousness is too often confused with a kind of jealousy against the good that is not done, and the congregations themselves are not immune to it.

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1987, Br. Yves Maout (Bernard-Hilarion). - 2017, Br. Charles Rubion.

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## 22

**TUESDAY** ST. MARY MAGDALENE, the Penitent.

*Fifth day of the novena*

**2020.- Approval by the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life of the Statutes of the Association "Lay Mennaisian Associates".**



► *Rule of Life 100.1 :*

The teaching is given with respect for the requirements of the different specialities. Nevertheless, the Brother endeavours ‘to link the whole of human culture to the proclamation of salvation, in order to enlighten by faith the gradual knowledge that students acquire of the world, of life and of man’.

► *Memorial, p. 12:*

Nothing is so humiliating for man as to need to be preached at to be humble.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Kanyesigye Godwin*

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1981, Br. Thomas Sauvageau (Dorotheé). - 1989, Br. Louis Naël (Grégoire-Marie).- 2006, Br. Raymond Robin (Raymond-Clément).- 2013, Br. Ladislao Aparicio Gutiérrez (Ildefonso).

## 23

### WEDNESDAY

St. Bridget of Sweden, Widow and religious, Patron of Europe [†1373].

**1946.- Joyful outcome of the ante-preparatory Congregation in Rome, concerning the heroic virtues of our Venerable Father de la Mennais**

*Sixth day of the novena*

► *Rule of Life 101 :*

Mennaisian education promotes the person in all his or her dimensions: body, mind and heart, and in his or her fundamental dignity as a man or woman in the image of God. At the service of the Mennaisian educational project, the educator is both teacher and witness.

► *To the priests of Saint-Méen, retreat of 1828:*

It is easy to say that one wants to be all things to God, but that it is rare that one wants it fully, strongly, and without letting a half-sick and weak will wander to one side or the other.

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1967, Br. Théodore-Pierre Boschet. - 1969, Br. Corentin Menthéour (Bruno-Marie). - 2012, Br. Jean Le Duff (Augustin-Hervé). - 2020, Br. Francis Ménard (René).

## 24

### THURSDAY

Feria

St. Charbel Makhlouf, Priest, [†1898].

*Seventh day of the novena*

**Intention:** The community of St. Savio, Kisubi (Uganda).

► *Rule of Life 101.1 :*

Inspired by the social doctrine of the Church, Mennaisian education prepares children and young people for engagement in society. It develops in them a sense of

the common good, awakens their awareness of the challenges of the world and the aspirations of humanity. It prepares them to work at creating a more humane and fraternal world. It opens them up to a vision of the world that is respectful of creation and invites them to assume an authentic "sense of environmental responsibility".

► *To the priests of Saint-Méen, sermon "Purpose of the priestly and religious vocation":*

Do not fail to repeat every day in the secret of your heart: I have come here to become a saint, to make my salvation more

#### DEPARTED BROTHERS

1968, Br. Laurent Beaudoin (Gérard-Ernest). - 1985, Br. Ange Roquier (Marcel-Joseph). - 1997, Br. Stephen Lefebvre (Cyprien-Joseph).

**25 FRIDAY** ST. JAMES (Major) Apostle.  
St. Christopher, Martyr., [†250].

*Eighth day of the novena*

**Intention:** The Bishops of the Dioceses where we are established

► *Rule of Life 102 :*

In the presence of different religious traditions, at the heart of pluralist and secularised societies, the Mennaisian school makes Jesus Christ and his Gospel known. Brothers and lay people strive to create an atmosphere conducive to the Christian faith. They encourage pupils to want to know the person of the Lord Jesus and his message, the Church and its history. They help everyone to be open to dialogue and to interiority.

► *To Bro. Jean-Marie Le Net, 31 October 1826 :*

It is not a change of place that you need, but a change of character.

#### DEPARTED:

*We commemorate the death anniversary of Bro. Gallus Ndunguru who died on this date in 1995. After the Scholasticate he was selected to be part of the Brothers who founded our Meru community in 1993. He had embarked on his studies in USA, when his health begun to fail and was forced to return. Shortly after he died at a young age; just at the start of a promising career of a religious educator. He is remembered as a friendly and selfless young Brother. He is buried in the Moshi Brothers Centre cemetery.*

**26 SATURDAY**

St. Joachim and St. Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
(St. Anne is a special Patroness of the Province of Québec).

*Last day of the novena*

**Intention:** The beatification of our Venerable Father.

► *Rule of Life 102.1a :*

The Brothers bear witness to the love of Christ for all and respond positively to any requests for instruction in the faith.

► *To Bro. Maximilien Bernard, 9 October 1843:*

Remember often what Jesus Christ suffered at the hands of men, and rejoice that you also have something to suffer for his love.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Mwesigye Felix*

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1966, Br. Laurentius-André Pichette. - 1973, Br. Lauréat Jolivet (JuSt.in-Jean). - 1988, Br. Paul-Émile Allard (Bertrand-Joseph).

**27**

**SUNDAY**      17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

**Intentions:** The Superior General and members of his Council  
The grandparents and the elderly persons.

In the Breviary: First Week

► *Rule of Life 102.16 :*

To those who have been touched by grace and who desire to deepen their faith further, the Brothers provide more in-depth instruction and preparation for the sacraments of Christian initiation.

► *To M. Querret, 22 June 1814 :*

You cannot believe how happy I am with all that you show me: the tranquility that you are experiencing is a very precious grace and one that must be carefully managed.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Kazooba Samuel*

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1966, Br. Basilien Trudel. - 1977, Br. Sylvio Vincent (Gaétan-Joseph). - 1980, Br. Maurice Blais (Donatien). - 1985, Br. Joseph Caudal (Claudien-Joseph). - 2001, Br. Jean Savary (Benjamin-Henri)

**28**

**MONDAY**      Feria

**Intention:** The community of Kitovu (Uganda).

► *Rule of Life 102.1c :*

The Brothers, in addition, show special concern for their Catholic pupils by providing them with more extensive catechesis to help them live their faith in their own environment.

► **To Bro. *Alméride-Marie Aucher*, 10 November 1850:**

I recommend to you in a special way the exercise of the presence of God; there is none more suitable to preserve you from temptation and to strengthen you in the practice of all the religious virtues. Walk before God and you will be perfect: God himself said this to Abraham.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother **Muhereza Silverno***

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1975, Br. Léon Marin (Honorat). - 1977, Br. Victor Louâpre (Maurice-Crémence). - 1980, Br. Josaphat Langlois (Yves-Jean-Marie). - 2003, Br. Lionel Belisle (Eugène-Patrice).

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## 29 SATURDAY

St. Martha, St. Mary and St. Lazarus, friends of Jesus.

**Intention:** The service staff in our communities.

► *Rule of Life 103 :*

The Brother's educational action is founded on love and respect. He recognizes in each person their fundamental dignity, destined to live in union with his/her Creator. He understands that characters can only flourish and grow in a climate of sympathy, personal contact and dialogue built on trust.

► *To the priests of Saint-Méen, sermon 'On humility':*

Sometimes we think we have completely destroyed pride and the next moment we find that it has disguised itself by applying itself to spiritual objects: it no longer feeds on gross flattery, but on virtues and sometimes on the very glory of humility.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother **Murongo Marius F.***

DEPARTED BROTHER

1989, Br. Hormisdas Gamelin (Hormisdas-Marie).

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## 30 WEDNESDAY FERIA

St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop of Ravenna, D., [†450].

**Intention:** Brothers and Lay people involved in the educational activities in our institutions.

► *Rule of Life 104a :*

At the heart of the Mennaisian school, the educational community is called to become 'an experience of communion and a place of grace, where the educational project contributes to uniting in a harmonious synthesis the divine and the human, the Gospel and culture, faith and life'.

► ***To Bruté de Rémur, 25 May 1810 :***

You are messengers of love and peace who seem to have come down from heaven to teach people to know and love God.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Kagaba Paul*

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1968, Br. Fabien Toupin (Elzéar). - 1998, Br. Donat Desjardins (Basilide-Raymond). - 2003, Br. Roger Amiaut (Joseph-André). - 2013, Br. Michel Gallon (Pierre-Michel). - 2015, Br. Benedicto de Francisco. - 2018, Br. Philippe Baillargeon (Louis-Jean). - 2024, F. Gilles Hainse (Antonin-Jules).

## 31 THURSDAY

St. Ignatius of Loyola, Founder of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits). [†1556]

**1903.- Opening in Lujua, near Bilbao, of our first community in Spain.**

**Intention:** The community of Berrio Otxoa, Bilbao (Spain).

► ***Rule of Life 1046 :***

The effectiveness of this community requires the collaboration and witness of all its members. The students themselves are invited to gradually take responsibility for their personal lives and their situation.

► ***To Miss Hélène de Lucinière, 24 January 1853:***

God's holy will be done! I want to work for his glory until the last hour of my last day!

DEPARTED:

*We commemorate the death of **Bro. Gérard Nadeau (Augustin-Gérard)**. He arrived in Uganda towards the end of 1956 and stayed up to 1960. During that time, he taught at St. Mary's College and St. Henry's College. After a brief period of study in USA he returned in 1964 and was posted at St. Thomas More College, Ihungo - Bukoba. From 1968 he was posted at Dar es Salaam community as science teacher at Dar es Salaam T.T.C. Unfortunately, during his home leave in Canada in 1971, he was involved in a car accident which took his life on this date. He was a jovial Brother and an enterprising science teacher.*

*We also commemorate the death of **Bro. Cassian Kihuru** who died in a car accident on this date in 2005. He was a very hard-working, fervent and sincere and convinced Brother who endeavoured to fulfil the mission assigned to him in spite of the challenges. At the time of death, he was the Treasurer of the then Vice Province and was stationed at Duluti. He is buried in the Moshi Brothers Centre cemetery.*

OTHER DEPARTED BROTHER

2009, Br. François-Louis Fournier (Louis-Angésile).

# MONTH OF AUGUST

## *Consecrated to the Purest Heart of Mary*

Apostleship of prayer

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### *For mutual coexistence.*

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.

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## **1**      **FRIDAY**      Feria

St. Alphonsus de Liguori, Founder of the Redemptorists, Bishop, D,  
[†1787]

### ► *Rule of Life 105 :*

"The poorest and most unfortunate must have our preference." The Brothers are particularly attentive to the needs of children and young people who experience any of the different forms of handicap and poverty. They meet their needs in their own educational establishments or by creating specialized educational projects contributing to a greater sense of sharing and solidarity among all.

### ► *To Bruté de Rémur, le 26 avril 1808 :*

Ah, when will we ever be entirely the Lord's? Nothing is easier, in a moment of fervour, than to give him everything, but I experience every day how difficult it is not to take hold of myself and to be his in full.

### DEPARTED BROTHERS

1995, Br. Albert Andouard (Bernard-Michel). - 2011, Br. Rémi Brodeur (Rémi-Gérard). - 2014, Br. Paul-Émile Comeau (Eusèbe-Marie).

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## **2**      **SATURDAY**      Feria

St. Pierre-Julien Eymard, Founder of the Blessed Sacrament Priests,  
[†1868].

### ► *Rule of Life 106a :*

Brothers and Lay people consider as a priority the protection, dignity and well-being of children and young people. "They will remember that they are like guardian angels, the guardians of the innocence of children whom Providence has entrusted to them."

► *To the priests of Saint-Méen, sermon 'On humility and separation from the world':*

Does it not happen that, after having renounced all the goods and honours of the world, we want to be rich in consideration in our society, to be placed there with distinction, to enjoy a reputation for talent and knowledge? Oh, what misery!

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Ssekajigo Aloysius*

DEPARTED BROTHERS:

1974, Br. Sylvester Molloy (Ambrose Joseph). - 1983 Br. José Saiz (Isidro). - 2016, Br. Romain Dudemaine (Romain-Georges). - 2020, Br. Léo-Paul Cloutier (Laurent-Noël).

### 3 SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

**1823.- The Novitiate is transferred from Saint-Brieuc to Josselin.**

*Triduum to St Joseph for vocations*

**Intention:** Novices and their Formators.

In the Breviary: Second Week

► *Rule of Life 1066 :*

Under the responsibility of the Major Superior, each Province and District ensures it has a protocol for the “Protection of children and vulnerable adults” that conforms to national and international legislation, to the norms of the Church and to the directives of the Institute.

► *To the priests of Saint-Méen, sermon 'On the Rule', 1827:*

We rightly attach great value to the advice of our friends; we would think that we were making a great imprudence in rejecting it. Does God have less light, then, or would he have less authority?

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1977, Br. Félicien Barsalou (Justin-Marie). - 1994, Br. Julien Rouat (Joël-Marie). - 1995, Br. Jean Le Bihan (Tharsicius-Joseph). - 2004, Br. Benoît Mercier (René-Paul). - 2009, Br. Marius Théaux (Matthieu-Marie). - 2012, Br. Marcel Choquette (Fernand-Marcel).

### 4 MONDAY

St. John-Mary Vianney, Parish Priest of Ars, [†1859]

**Intention:** Our Chaplains and Priests in our Parishes.

**1869.- The professed Brothers gathered at Ploërmel, 376 in number, to elect the Superior General and the members of the Council, decided, by 358 votes, to form a General Chapter.**

**1926.- Arrival of the first four Brothers at Kisubi: Bro. Charles Jules Poitras, Bro. Leo Colleratte, Bro. Eugene Paquette and Bro. Stanislas Taillefer.**

► *Rule of Life 107a:*

Education in the faith must be the major concern of all the Brothers. As well as giving personal witness and developing a spirit of evangelical fraternity, freedom and charity in their schools, the Brothers pay special attention to catechesis, pastoral care, the animation of youth movements and vocation ministry.

► *To Bro. Urbain Clérice, 24 May 1841:*

You should not neglect your education in the humanities, not for the sake of pleasure, but so that you can be of greater service to the children in your care.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Shija Stanislaus*

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1979, Br. Adrien Chauvette (Amand). - 1988, Br. Antonio Saínez (Amancio). - 2004, Br. Ernest Borgat (Marc-Henri).

**5**      **TUESDAY**      DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF SAINT MARY MAJOR IN ROME.

Blessed Frederick Jansoone, O.F.M., [†1916].

**Intention:** The community of El Alto (Bolivia).

► *Rule of Life 107.1a:*

Catechesis is a participation in the ministry of the Word. It is only fruitful if it is supported by deep personal convictions and is in harmony with the life witness given by the educator.

► *To Mr. Querret, 2 June 1816:*

I long for you to be a saint; yes, a saint, and I don't know why one almost fears to deserve this title here on earth, although one must necessarily be a saint on earth if one wants to live in heaven!

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1978, Br. Noël Le Bot (Stanislas-Louis). - 1992, Br. Joseph Guillaume (Gustavien). - 2002, Br. Théotime Pellerin (Dalmace-Marie). - 2007, Br. Henri Blais (Canisius-Joseph).

**6**      **WEDNESDAY**      TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

**1900.- Transfer of the body of Ven. Jean-Marie de la Mennais from the cemetery to our chapel at Ploërmel.**

*Triduum to Saint Joseph for the vocations*

**Intention :-** *That new vocations to the Brothers give vitality to the mission of the Congregation.*



► *Rule of Life 107.16 :*

The Brother constantly updates his doctrinal and catechetical formation and collaborates closely with other educators of the faith in the wider Christian community.

► *To Bro. Abel Lucas, 30 March 1852:*

You have a tendency to become sad, which you should be cautious of: you often feel upset about very small things and often exaggerate those that are likely to cause you distress. Be more patient and above all more tolerant of yourself and of others.

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1973, Br. Henri Louis (Christophe-Marie). - 1979, Br. Louis-Georges Paquin (Rémi). - 1991, Br. Hector Bourassa (Boniface-Marie). - 2009, Br. Edward Harrison (Edward Leo). - 2021, Br. Jean Urvoy (Théophane-Marcel).

7

THURSDAY Feria

St. Sixtus II, Pope and companions Martyrs [†258].

St. Gaetan (Cajetan) of Thienne, Founder of the Theatins, [†1547].

► *Rule of Life 107.2 :*

Education in the faith is deepened through the activities of Catholic youth groups and movements. Respectful of the structures of these movements, the Brother collaborates with those in charge.

► *To the priests of Saint-Méen, sermon 'Abandonment to Providence':*

Let us do everything calmly, without too much haste, without pretending to subject God's will to our own.

DEPARTED BROTHERS

2004, Br. Étienne Doceul (Gilbert-Joseph). - 2016, Br. Santiago De Miguel Rodríguez (Salvador).

8

FRIDAY

St. Dominic, Founder of the Order of Preachers, [†1221]

**1946.- Brother Gustave-Marie Hemery is elected Superior General.**

**2006.- Arrival of the first Brothers in Mexico.**

**Intention:** The beatification of our Venerable Father

► *Rule of Life 107.3 :*

Attentive to the special vocation of each person, the Brother willingly listens to his students in order to understand and help them. Mindful of promoting the laity in the Church, he encourages and supports all vocations among young people. They pay particular attention to those who are considering the priesthood and consecrated life.

► ***To the priests of Saint-Méen, sermon 'Spirit of the Congregation':***

Let us love each other as brothers and sisters. Let nothing ever alter our peace, our unity. This bond will not even be broken by death, it will be eternal like God himself.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Munana Martin*

DEPARTED BROTHERS

2005, Br. Percy Villemure (Gabriel-Antoine). - 2017, Br. Joseph Bourgeois.

**9**

**SATURDAY**

Feria

St. Therese of the Cross (Edith Stein), virgin and martyr [†1942].

St. Romain, soldier and martyr, † 258.

► ***Rule of Life 107.4 :***

Having been called to work at the growth of divine life in souls, the Brother has recourse to Mary's help in his ministry of evangelization and strives to promote her devotion among his students.

► ***To the Brothers, advice for the retreat:***

We need mature minds, capable of taking a decision, who know the right path and do not turn away from it because they are inconvenienced or because they are given careless advice.

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1972, Br. Gustave Le Mut (Odilon-Marie). - 2007, Br. Romeo Francoeur (Robert). - 2014, Br. Emmanuel Pédrone (Bernard-Vincent). - 2015, Br. Dominique Prescott (Ernest-Émile). - 2022, Br. Jean-Pierre Le Rest.

**10**

**SUNDAY**

19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

St. LAWRENCE, Deacon and Martyr [†258]

**1890.- At La Prairie (Canada), the first public profession of the three perpetual vows of religion in the Institute.**

**1909.- Brother Jean-Joseph Quirion is elected Superior General.**

**Intention:** The community of Alfred, Maine (United States).

In the Breviary: Third Week

► ***Rule of Life 108 :***

The Brothers use information and communication technologies as means to reach young people in the context of evangelization. They educate them to make a constructive and respectful use of these technologies for the building of a fraternal society.

► ***To the priests of Saint-Méen, sermon 'Obligation to strive for perfection':***

Which of us, when we compare what we are today with what we were yesterday, does not have strong reasons to humble oneself, to wail and to tremble?

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1983, Br. Patrice Langlois (Pacôme-Marie). - 2001, Br. Eugene Roberts (Eugene-Edmond).

# 11 MONDAY

St. Clare, Virgin, Founder of the Poor Clares at Assisi, [†1253]

► ***Rule of Life 109:***

The Brothers by the virtue of their baptism are Missionary-disciples, and by virtue of their consecration they are called to participate in various ways in the missionary activity of the Church, at all times and in all places. Through their proclamation of the Gospel and their service to all, they respond to the urgent call of Jesus: "Give them something to eat yourselves".

The Congregation remains attentive to developing a genuine missionary spirit in all its members.

► ***To Bro. Urbain Clérice, 13 June 1839:***

Beware of the temptations of discouragement and distaste; they are very dangerous: the best way to cure yourself of them is to pray, to offer your actions to God and to do none of them except for his glory.

***Birthday anniversary of Brother Angako Albert***

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1979, Br. Joseph Champagne (Camille-Joseph). - 2011, Br. Jean-Paul Laforest (Donald-Raphaël). - 2024, Br. Marcello Simeoni.

# 12 TUESDAY FERIA

St. Jane-Frances Frémiot de Chantal, widow, co-founder of the Visitation Order, [†1641].; Blessed Isidore Bakanja, Catechist and martyr in D.R. Congo, [†1909].

**1890.- At Ploërmel, one hundred and ten Brothers, led by the Superior General and his Assistants, took the three perpetual vows of religion.**

**Intention:** The Brothers in Congo (RDC)

► ***Rule of Life 109.1 :***

Missionary experiences outside their home Province or District may be proposed to the Brothers, especially to the youngest among them.

► ***To the priests of Saint-Méen, sermon 'Obligation to strive for perfection':***

Let us not be discouraged: let us help each other to walk with steady steps in the way that God calls us and that should lead us to him.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Nyati Mark*

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1978, Br. Joseph Le Saux (Joseph-René). - 2002, Br. Gérard Drouin (Raynald-Marie). - 2006, Br. Robert Hervé (Hervé-François). - 2015, Br. Raymond Guillemet (Louis-Julien).

**13**

**WEDNESDAY**

Feria

St. Pontian, Pope and St. Hippolytus, Martyrs. [†235].

St. Benilde, a Brother of Christian Schools, [†1862].

**1933.- Brother Étienne Barbier is elected Superior General.**

**Intention:** Our pupils and students.

► ***Rule of Life 110:***

Since the origins of the Institute, it has sent Brothers to evangelize outside their country or place of origin..

► ***To Bro. Ambroise Le Haiget, 27 August 1840:***

Now, do not look back, be calm, resigned and even full of joy, for the will of God is manifest and you must only think of fulfilling it.

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1975, Br. Paul-Yvon Boucher (Albert-Jean). - 1988, Br. Germain Le Page (Maurice-André). - 1998, Br. Raymond Hamelin (Cyprien).

**14**

**THURSDAY**

Feria

St. Maximilian Kolbe, Martyr, [†1941]

**1865.- Brother Cyprian solemnly consecrates the Institute to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.**

In the evening, the First Vespers of the **Solemnity of the Assumption**

**Intention:** The community of Mbagala - Dar es Salaam (Tanzania).

► ***Rule of Life 110.1:***

The Provinces and Districts actively commit themselves to support the missionary endeavor of the Institute according to their own realities.

► ***To Bro. Lucien Deniau, 12 March 1849:***

We must pity those who do the bad things and pray for them, but without ever being irritated by their injustice and ingratitude.

*Birthday anniversary of Brothers Mbae K. Gilbert, Ndemere Davis and Niwamanya Austin*

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

1965, Br. Gratiën-Raphaël (Saint-Cyr). - 2006, Br. Jean-Guy Gosselin (Léo-Marie).

# 15 TUESDAY ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

## PATRONAL FEAST DAY OF THE INSTITUTE

**2001.- Opening of Brother Charles Jules Poitras Scholasticate at Kanywa also marking opening of the year marking the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the arrival of the Brothers in Uganda.**

**Intention:** - *That the new vocations to the Brothers may give vitality to the missionary spirit of the Congregation.*  
 - The community of Shediak Cape (Canada).

► *Rule of Life 11a:*

"We have chosen Mary as our principal patroness." Faithful to the wishes of Jean-Marie de la Mennais, the Institute honours the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. It celebrates her in a special way on August 15<sup>th</sup>.

► *To the faithful of Ploërmel, for the feast of the Assumption, 15 August 1825:*

The birth of the Word and the assumption of Mary are two mysteries closely linked together, for Jesus Christ having deigned to take a body in Mary's womb similar to ours, it was right that he should preserve her from the corruption of the tomb.

## DEPARTED

*Today we commemorate the death of **Bro. John Bosco Kato** which happened on this date in 2023. He was a very jolly and friendly Brother and a committed, hardworking school administrator. He taught in a couple of schools, but he is mainly remembered for his many years of faithful service, and bringing about numerous developments, at Bishop Comboni College, Kambuga. He died suddenly and he is buried in the Kisubi FIC cemetery.*

# 16 SATURDAY FERIA

## St. Armel, Hermit at Ploërmel, [†570]. St. Stephen, King of Hungary, [†1038].

► *Rule of Life 111:*

Through the Holy Spirit, who distributes gifts as he pleases, some Brothers receive a specific call from God to leave their country for the service of Mission Ad Gentes.

► *To Bro. Bertrand Robidou, 21 November 1844:*

Ah, more than ever, serve with love Him to whom you have pledged yourselves by promises that nothing can now break.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Aizire Casio*

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

1971, Br. Raymond Lebeau (René-Marie). - 2023, Br. César Calvo Fernández.

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**17**                      **SUNDAY**              20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C  
 St. Jane Delanoue, Virgin, [†1736].

**2003.- Solemn closing of the Jubilee Year marking the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the presence of the Brothers in East Africa at Kisubi.**

**Intention:** The community of the Postulate-Scholasticate of Yogyakarta (Indonesia).

In the Breviary: Forth Week

► *Rule of Life 111.1a* :

Superiors carefully select some Brothers to send to the missions in whom they discern this particular call from God, manifested by a serious desire and the necessary aptitudes. These include a generous openness of mind and heart, adaptability, empathy, a spirit of initiative and creativity.

► *To Bro. Césaire Nicoul, 6 January 1846:*

Return everything to God, my dear child, and do nothing except for the sake of eternity: let this be your only thought.

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

1966, Br. Céphas-Marie Aubry. - 2005, Br. Michel Piron (Charles-Félix). - 2015, Br. Paul Gicquel (Eugène-Félix).

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**18**                      **MONDAY**                      Feria  
 St. Alberto Hurtado Cruchaga, [†1952]. St. Héléne, widow.

**1922.- Transfer of the Novitiate from Southampton (England) to Jersey.**

**Opening of Bon-Secours, (*Our Lady of Good help*), House (Highlands College), which became the residence of the General Administration until 1972.**

*Start of the monthly novena for the Beatification of Jean-Marie de la Mennais*

► *Rule of Life 111.16* :

They provide these Brothers with an appropriate formation, especially in relation to missionary activity and interreligious dialogue. This formation, begun in the country of origin, is continued in the country to which they are sent through a serious study of the local language, national history, culture, social structures, moral values, religious mentality, etc.

► *Sermon for a men's retreat:*

It is my hope that you will emerge from this retreat like the apostles in the Cenacle, full of strength, piety, fervour and zeal.

Birthday anniversary of Brother Ssemanda Steven

## DEPARTED:

We commemorate the death anniversary of **Bro. Gabriel Wilberforce Lule**. He was a prayerful, jovial and aimable Brother. Other than the time he took while on studies, he passed the rest at the formation house at Kisubi. He was a highly organized, neat, knowledgeable and committed formator and recruiter who led both by word and by example. He was also involved in other positions of services in the Province. He died very suddenly on this date in 1989. He is buried in the Kisubi FIC cemetery.

## OTHER DEPARTED BROTHERS

1969, Br. Lucien Paquin (Pierre-Henri). - 1979, Br. Alfred Michaud (August. -François 1999, Br. Paul Cueff (Célestin-Paul), Assistant Superior General from 1947 to 1970.- 2020, Br. Joaquín Blanco Rodríguez .- 2024, Br. Roger Bourassa (Roger-Jean)..

**19****TUESDAY**

Feria

St. John Eudes, Founder of the Society of Jesus and Mary, [† 1680].

**1931.- Arrival of the three first Brothers at Yala, Kenya (St. Mary's S.S.) at the invitation of Bishop Brandsma. They travelled by boat from Entebbe to Kisumu aboard the Clement Hill. A journey of 26 hours at that time.**

*Second day of the novena*

► **Rule of Life 112a :**

"All who believe in Christ, whatever their condition or state, are called by the Lord, each in his own way, to that perfect holiness whereby the Father Himself is perfect."

► **To Father Foucault, 6 December 1853:**

There is something dark and sad in your last letter; but I hope that this little cloud will soon vanish, and that you will say like the prophet: "After the storm, you provide the calm, Lord".

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

1973, Br. Édouard Ménégent (Stanislas-Marie). - 2000, Br. Joseph Pédrón (Fernand-Jules). - 2001, Br. Pierre Robic (Edbert) and Br. Vincent Raguénès (Casimir-Joseph). - 2004, Br. Henri Gourmelin (Henri-Raphaël).

**20****WEDNESDAY**

Feria

St. Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, D., [† 1153].

*Third day of the novena*

**Intention:** All the members, Brothers and Lay people, of the Mennaisian Family.

► ***Rule of Life 112b :***

Vocation ministry aims at helping people within the People of God to commit themselves in a free and enlightened way to the state of life to which God is calling them.

► ***To the priests of Saint-Méen, 'Dispositions for a good retreat':***

Keep silence not so much because it is prescribed for you, but because you feel the need to enter into yourself in order to hear the voice of God and to speak with him alone.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Nuwagaba Ferious*

DEPARTED BROTHER

2003, Br. Wilfrid Paquin (Léon-Victor).

21

MONDAY

St. Pius X, Pope, [†1914].

*Fourth day of the novena*

**Intention:** Brother Superior General and the members of his Council.

► ***Rule of Life 112c :***

Brothers take an active interest in the awakening of all vocations in the Church, with particular attention paid to the vocation of Brother. For this, they need the support of the Superiors at all levels.

► ***To the priests of Saint-Méen, sermon 'Renunciation of the world and of oneself':***

Let us only know one thing: Jesus and Jesus crucified; whether we are despised, insulted or persecuted, it does not matter, or rather we should rejoice.

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1985, Br. Robert Gelly (Edmond-Joseph). - 2009, Br. Léon Herrouin (René-Alain). - 2016, Br. Gabriel Goudreau (Euchariste-Albert). - 2019, Br. Jean-Paul Boisvert (Bernard-Antoine).

22

FRIDAY THE QUEENSHIP OF MARY.

*Fifth day of the novena*

► ***Rule of Life 113 :***

In each Province or District, the Major Superior appoints one or more Brothers in charge of vocation ministry. Ideally, each entity should set up a vocation ministry team made up of Brothers and Lay Mennaisians.

► ***To Congreganists, sermon: 'Precautions to preserve the faith':***

It is impossible to resist the seductions of bad examples and doctrines if we do not unite ourselves strongly to God through prayer.



*Birthday anniversary of Brother Mutethia K. Wilson*

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

1985, Br. Arthur Lacroix (Abel). - 1991, Br. Jean-Louis Kerviel (Raphaël-Eugène). - 2005, Br. Émile Michel (Canisius-Marie). - 2020, Br. André-Louis Millette (Roger-Edmond).

**23****SATURDAY** Feria

St. Rose de Lima, [†1617].

**1827.- For the first time in the Institute 13 Brothers take the perpetual vow of Obedience****Intention:** The community of Culiprán (Chili).*Sixth day of the novena*► ***Rule of Life 113.1 :***

Brothers and Lay Mennaisians strive to develop within their educational activities a culture of vocation that shows to young people that their life is a response to a fundamental call to love and to serve.

► ***Memorial, p. 18:***

Think often of God in talking with people, and pray in secret, but without pressure, without strenuous effort, but with great simplicity of love.

*Birthday anniversary of Brothers Mulindwa Kizito Aloysius and Ruhweza Deo*

## DEPARTED:

*We commemorate the death anniversary of Bro. Gerard Ajuang (Gerard Celestine) on this date in 2003. He was an old student of St. Mary's S.S., Yala in Kenya, who admired the Brothers when they were teaching there and later joined them. After various teaching appointments both in Uganda and in Tanzania, he was appointed the first African Provincial in 1969 – 74. After his tenure as Provincial he accepted to join the Brothers who were teaching in Kenya. He taught at Muranga and Muhoho for a couple of years before settling at Nairobi Brothers' House as Superior. Later he joined Meru community where he died. He was a generous, pious and humble Brother but a giant biology teacher. He is buried in the Mujwa cemetery of Meru Diocese.*

## OTHER DEPARTED BROTHER

1986, Br. Germain Lalanne (Léontin-Jean).

**24****SUNDAY** 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

ST. BARTHOLOMEW, Apostle.

*Seventh day of the novena***Intention:** The community of Ibanda (Uganda).

In the Breviary: First Week

► ***Rule of Life 113.2:***

Brothers and Lay Mennaisians commit themselves to pray for vocations: “My God, you know that at the sight of this immense harvest of which your Gospel speaks, I often ask for workers to bring it in...”

► ***To Bro. Charles Borromeo Le Roy, 20 June 1853:***

I think that you are not sufficiently on guard against your imagination, and that you are too touchy: you would be the happiest of men if you acted with more simplicity with everyone, and always in a spirit of faith.

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1965, Br. Alcide-Marie Marineau. - 1968, Br. Jean Hascoët. (Jean-Baptiste de la Salle). - 2009, Br. Jacques Poulain (Amédée-Victor).

**25**

**MONDAY**

Feria

St. Louis, King of France, [†1270].

St. Joseph Calasanz, Founder of a teaching congregation, [†1648].

*Eighth day of the novena*

► ***Rule of Life 113.3:***

Each community determines appropriate means to promote vocations in the Mennaisian Family, in particular the vocation of Brother, and formulates this in its community project. It regularly questions the quality of its evangelical witness

► ***To Miss Marie Jallobert de Monville, 7 January 1815:***

Lower yourselves, enter into the depths of your nothingness: it will be at the bottom of this abyss that you will find the peace of God.

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1965, Br. Cléonique-Joseph Ablée. - 2006, Br. Laurentino Fernández Martínez. - 2024, Br. Émilien Doucet (Prosper-Émile).

**26**

**TUESDAY**

Feria

St. Caesarius of Arles, [†543].

*Last day of the novena*

**Intention:** The beatification of our Venerable Father.

► ***Rule of Life 113.4:***

There are numerous possible ways that a young person might explore and discern their vocation, each offering the chance for an authentic spiritual experience: involvement in apostolic movements, sharing life with the most vulnerable, missionary solidarity projects, Mennaisian volunteer projects.

► **To Bro. Ambroise Le Haiget, 24 July 1829:**

Nowhere would you be safer than where obedience places you: whether it be against your taste, it is all the more reason to hope that the good Lord will grant you special graces.

Birthday anniversary of Brother **Wanambwa Martin**

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1985, Br. Henri Viel (Anastase-Marie). - 1987, Br. Bonifacio Sainz Perez (Laurencio). - 1990, Br. Michel Béasse (Joseph-Victor). - 2009, Br. Roger Le Marc (Dominique-Joseph).

**27**

**WEDNESDAY**

St. Monica, Mother of St. Augustine, window, [†387].

**Intention:** The community of Tilleuls, Nantes (France).

► **Rule of Life 114a :**

An aptitude for the Brother's life and an attraction that has stood the test of time are signs of an invitation from the Lord.

► **To the religious of Saint-Peter's, 7 September 1834:**

Our freedom, our body, our life, all belong to the Lord. We are no longer our own, we are God's alone.

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1994, Brs. Joseph Breton (Blaise) and Roger Louis (Félix-Joseph).

**28**

**MONDAY**

ST. AUGUSTINE, BISHOP OF HIPPO, D., [†430].

► **Rule of Life 114b :**

A vocation calls for the total gift of self out of love. It requires regular personal accompaniment with a view to an authentic ~~true~~ discernment. It is also refined and cultivated with the help of others who become instruments of God's grace.

► **To Father Foucault, 6 December 1853:**

Go on, courage and perseverance! That is the price of the crown. What merit would you have if you did not have to suffer? I repeat: Courage! Long live the Cross!

Birthday anniversary of Brother **Temaeli Raphael Mdiluta**

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1972, Br. Henri Crenn (Arthur-François). - 1978, Br. Aurèle Hébert (Richard-Marie).- 1984, Br. Juan Ramón Rizzo (Carmelo), Assistant Superior General from 1970 to 1982.- 1985, Br. Juan Saez Moraza y Villanuova (Pedro María).- 1993, Br. Joachim Le Marec (Emmanuel-Henri).- 1995, Br. Michel Deregnaucourt (Floribert-Joseph).

## 29 FRIDAY THE BEHEADING OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.

**1908.- First time of taking of the habit in Spain, at the novitiate at Dancharinea.**

**2004.- Opening of University of Kisubi predecessor: Kisubi Brothers University College**

### ► *Rule of Life 115:*

Various possible pathways to the postulancy are available to aspirants. These may include vocation discernment centres or groups, the juniorate, or a personalized itinerary. These different approaches provide candidates with a first contact with the Brother's vocation and offer them appropriate accompaniment.

### ► *To Bro. Marcel Deschamps, 6 December 1827:*

I cannot recommend to you enough the strict observance of your holy Rule: it is the only way to support yourself.

### DEPARTED BROTHERS

1981, Br. Émile Giroux (Adelphe-Joseph). - 2008, Br. Paul Rémillard (Arthur-Émile) and Br. André Morvan (Félix).

## 30 SATURDAY FERIA

St. Jeanne Jugan, Founderess of the Little Sisters of the Poor, [†1879].

**1969.- Arrival of the first four Brothers in Congo (DRC)**

**Intention:** The community of Dungu (D. R. Congo)

### ► *Rule of Life 116:*

Formation is the journey of a lifetime. It constitutes a pathway of holistic growth for the Brother in his process of configuration to Christ: "When God says that he wants our sanctification, it is as if he were saying that he wants to find in us the perfections of his Son." This growth is experienced in community and is lived out in the mission, in fidelity to the Mennaisian charism and in a process of ongoing conversion.

### ► *To Bro. Ambroise le Haiget, 1st June 1841:*

I thank God for the graces he has bestowed on you and for deigning to shower so many blessings on your work: be courageous and have only his glory in mind.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Tusasirwe Noah*

### DEPARTED BROTHERS

1984, Br. Henri Granger (Cécilius). - 1988, Br. Joseph Lecomte (Léontien-Marie). - 1992, Br. Eduardo Merino López (Emilio Celestino). - 2006, Br. Jean Le Gall (Gonzague-Christophe). - 2012, Br. Louis Souchet (Louis-Florent). - 2022, Br. Noël Lachance (Ludger-François).

# 31 SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

Our Lady Mediatrix of all graces.

St. Raymond Nonnat, of the Order of Mercy, [†1240].

**Intention:** The community of Bro Aloysius Lutaya, Kisubi (Uganda).

In the Breviary: Second Week

## ► *Rule of Life 117a* :

The formation process is above all the work of the Spirit who forms and shapes the hearts of those who are called.

## ► *To the priests of Saint-Méen, sermon 'The priest-religious must imitate J-C in his total deprivation':*

Yes, let us be all for God: let us do everything for God: God alone! What! God alone would not be enough for us!

## DEPARTED:

*We commemorate the death of **Bro. Yosefu Lutaya (Aloysius Mary)** who died on this date in 1999. He was one of the first five Ugandan Novices to profess as Brothers of Christian Instruction in January 1938. He served in several communities and schools in Uganda. From 1949 – 51, then 1963 - 1974 he taught in a number of schools in Tanzania. He returned to Uganda in 1974 up almost his death, he served selflessly in the formation house at Kisubi. He combined so well the deep prayerful life and action. He was a unique counsellor: to the young, the youth, the married as well as to fellow religious men and women. He was a cheerful Brother and an active social worker. He is remembered as well for his 'apostolic bicycle' that carried him everywhere to take the Lord and to console those in pain. He died at Kisubi and he is buried in the Kisubi FIC cemetery.*

## OTHER DEPARTED BROTHERS

1972, Br. Gratien Fournier (Alcime-Marie). - 1992, Br. Albert Penvern (Aristide). - 1999, Br. Guillermo Hurtado López (Pascual María). - 2000, Br. Pierre Bolloré (Pierre-Alain). - 2010, Br. Lévi Fortier (Raoul-Joseph)

## MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

*Consecrated to St. Michael the Archangel and to all the holy Angels*

Apostleship of prayer

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*For our relationship with all of creation.*

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

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**1**            **MONDAY**            Feria

St. Gilles, Abbot near Nîmes, [†721].

World Day of Prayer for the Integrity and protection of the nature of our environment

► *Rule of Life 1176* :

Formation takes its source from the Word of God, and the teachings of the Church. It is imbued with the spirit of the Founders and the aims of the Congregation. It takes into consideration the family environment and socio-cultural conditions which will continue to influence the life and mission of the Brother. It leads him progressively towards full human and spiritual maturity, develops his sense of personal responsibility and initiates him in prayer, community life and apostolic work.

► *To Br. Anastase Gélébart, 25 July 1845:*

You are quite right to consider your vocation as a great grace: the good Lord could not have given you a greater one, since he has called you to continue the mission that his own Son carried out on earth.

DEPARTED:

*We commemorate the death of Bro. Charles-Édouard Delorme (Edgar-Marie). He arrived as a young missionary in 1927 and stayed up to 1976. In Uganda he taught in a number of schools including Kitabi Seminary, where four of his students became bishops and always talked about his kindness and love of the Blessed Sacrament. He served in several capacities in the communities and as well as the formation houses. He was practically in Uganda up to 1966 except for two years at St. Thomas More T.T.C. Ihungo and a year in the Seychelles. From 1967-68, he was at Nsumba and then 1969 – 72 at Kilimanjaro S. S., and finally at Likonde Minor Seminary, Peramiho from 1973 – 76 when he returned to Canada. He remained active until towards his death which occurred on this date in 1985. He is buried at La Prairie. He was a very prayerful, generous, and humble and a pleasant person in the community.*

## OTHER DEPARTED BROTHERS

1969 Br. Roméo Nadeau (Samuel). - 1983, Br. Émile Bélanger (Victor). - 1995, F. Joseph Touchette (David-Joseph). - 2003, Br. Pierre Hamon (Pierre-Yves). - 2011, Br. René Demers (Antoine-Charles).

## 2

## TUESDAY

Feria

St. Salomon Leclercq, a Brother of Christian Schools [†1792].

▶ *Rule of Life 118:*

Formation encompasses the three dimensions of the Brother's vocation as a religious educator: - the human dimension which aims at knowledge and acceptance of himself, as well as of the world around him - the Christian dimension which enables faith in Jesus Christ to grow in a Church context; - the Mennaisian dimension which leads to the appropriation of the Institute's charism.

▶ *To the Brothers in Guadeloupe, 6 December 1837:*

Complete and truly religious obedience is indispensable for order, charity and peace to reign in the community.

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

1970, Br. Teofilo Peña (Ricardo). - 1979, Br. Marcel Milon (Adolphe-Émile). - 1982, Br. François Uguen (François-Goulven). - 1992, Br. Gabriel Lecointre (Georges-Gabriel). - 2004, Br. Gabriel Asensio Rojo. - 2005, Br. Rogatien Bourdeau (Hermann-Étienne).

## 3

## WEDNESDAY

St. Gregory the Great, Pope, D., [†604]

*Triduum to Saint Joseph for vocations.*

**Intention:** - *That new vocations to the Brothers give vitality to the missionary spirit of the Congregation*

- The community of Mubende (Uganda).

▶ *Rule of Life 119a:*

Formators must be people with a solid personal foundation in terms of their own vocational journey, their search for God, their willingness to serve and their experience of the educational mission with children and young people.

▶ *To Brother Gérard le Texier, 29 April 1843:*

Avoid with the greatest care anything that might in the least disturb the peace; it is the most precious of all treasures, and one cannot refuse any sacrifices to preserve it.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Kahangire Dominic*

## DEPARTED:

We commemorate the death anniversary of **Bro. Vincent Ssenkandwa** on this date in 2005. He was one of the few scholastics who did their Teacher Training at Holy Ghost T.T.C at Morogoro in Tanzania. He served in a couple of communities and schools but he served longer than elsewhere at Lubaga Primary School and at Kabojja. He was a skilful educator and organizer with a keen interest in the pupils. Whenever he was sent, he served with joy. In retirement he devoted his energy to serving the students of the University of Kisubi. He died at Kisubi and he is buried in the Kisubi FIC cemetery.

## OTHER DEPARTED BROTHERS

1971, Br. Arthur Chauvette (Léopold-Joseph). - 1981, Br. Eugène Gosselin (Octave). - 1984, Br. Paul Le Commandeur (Patrice-Marie). - 2001, Br. François Cloître (Xavier 2007, Br. Camille Bournival (Stanislas-Etienne). )- 2023, Br. Pietro Aresti (Gabriele Maria).

## 4

## THURSDAY

Feria

Blessed Dina Bélanger, Religious, [†1929].

**1889.- The General Chapter votes unanimously on the public profession of the three religious vows in our Institute and instructs the Superior General to take the necessary steps to obtain the canonical approval of our Institute.**

► *Rule of Life 1196* :

With a view to ensuring quality formation in the Congregation, the Brothers Major Superiors consider the formation of formators to be essential. They must be willing to prepare them in theology, spirituality and the sciences of education. Particular attention is paid to their Mennaisian formation and accompaniment.

► *To Father Mazelier, 21 January 1830:*

I pray with all my heart that God will also bless your work: you seek only his glory and the sanctification of children; I have the sweet confidence that you will succeed more and more, and that your new venture will grow and develop.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Lusanika James Zephania*

## DEPARTED:

We commemorate the death of **Bro. Rosario Laberge (Fortunat)**. He was a missionary with a special technical qualification in library management. He arrived in 1965 and stayed up to 1969. Although he was officially stationed at Mount Saint Teresa Kisubi, he actually went round several communities and schools in Uganda, Tanzania and Seychelles organising the libraries and training local librarians. Whenever he passed, the quality of his work and life in community were greatly appreciated. He died on this date in 1980 at Oka and he is buried at La Prairie.

## OTHER DEPARTED BROTHER

2001, Br. Gérard Clément (Charles-Henri).



**5****FRIDAY**

Feria

St. Teresa (Mother Teresa) of Calcutta, [†1997].

International Day of Charity.

▶ *Rule of Life 120 :*

Both initial and ongoing formation promote a sense of belonging to the Mennaisian Family. All its members, Brothers and Lay people alike, share this concern and respond to it in accordance with their own specific paths to holiness.

▶ *To Miss Amable Chenu, 17 June 1814:*

Is a few years of patience and hardship too much to merit God showing himself to us face to face and without a veil?

DEPARTED BROTHER

1978, Br. Jean Bétrom (Jean-Hervé)

**6****SATURDAY**

Feria

St. Bertrand, Dominican, [†1230].

**Intention:** - The Superiors of Communities.▶ *Rule of Life 122 :*

Initial formation extends from postulancy to perpetual profession. Through it the person commits to a journey of growth in faith, in understanding of the charism and in communion with his Brothers. It leads him to the total and joyful gift of himself to God as a missionary disciple.

▶ *To the priests of Saint-Méen, sermon 'Abandonment to Providence':*

It is the people who are devoted in secret to humble and hidden works whose salvation is most secure and whose share is best.

*Birthday anniversary of Brothers Omukundwa Kiiza Joseph and Ndawula Robert*

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1966, Br. Gabriel-André Fréneau. - 1987, Br. Élie Guyot (Élie-Marie). - 1994, Br. Camille Bourassa (Longin).

**7****SUNDAY**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

In the Breviary: Third Week

▶ *Rule of Life 123 :*

The formators work at helping each candidate to discern his call to be a Brother of Christian Instruction by accompanying him throughout his journey. The formators encourage his growth in maturity and his openness to God by prayer, to others by

developing his aptitude for community life, to children and young people by encouraging an interest in the educational mission.

The beauty, the solidity and the fruitfulness of the Congregation depend largely on this discernment.

► ***To the Brothers, Sermon 'On Humility':***

I fear, my dear children, that in the details of your conduct you will allow pride, presumption and vainglory to dominate your actions and take all the credit for them.

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1970, Br. Sebastian Peña (Teodoro José). - 1980, Br. Alexis Jain (Alexis-Yves). - 1996, Br. Antoine Gourmelon (Marcel-Antoine). - 2001, Br. Yves Riou (Marcellin-Yves).

**8 MONDAY NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

St. Adrian, soldier and martyr, [†4<sup>th</sup> Century].

**1780.- Birth of Jean-Marie de la Mennais in Saint-Malo.**

**1854.- First mass said in our chapel in Ploërmel. It was celebrated by Father de la Mennais on the 74th anniversary of his birth.**

**1987.- Arrival of the first Brothers in the Philippines.**

**Intentions:** - The beatification of our Venerable Father  
- The Brothers in the Philippines.

► ***Rule of Life 121:***

At every stage of his formation, the Brother finds in Mary a constant support on the path of configuration to Christ. At the foot of the cross, the Brother receives her as his Mother together with the apostle John. Like her, he lets himself be transformed and celebrates the wonders of God that he experiences in his life. Following her example, he listens to the Word, treasures it, meditates on it in his heart and puts it into practice.

► ***To congreganists sermon for the consecration to Our Lady:***

Remember that you are children of Mary, that from heaven she is watching you, that you are striving under her eyes.

***Birthday anniversary of Brother Njogerere John Fisher***

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1979, Br. Alberto Imatz (Justo). - 2001, Br. Robert Deschênes. - 2007, Br. Réal Dion (Donat).

**9 TUESDAY FERIA**

St. Peter Claver, [†1654]; St. Omer, Bishop, [†7<sup>th</sup> Century].

**1820.- The Brothers, gathered for the annual retreat, in the Chapel of Pere Eternal (Eternal Father) in Auray received from our two Founders the**

**name of BROTHERS OF CHRISTIAN INSTRUCTION, with the motto GOD ALONE - The RULE is promulgated and the Religious HABIT is given; and those who had had sufficient preparation, they also took the VOW of obedience on that day.**

► *Rule of Life 124 :*

The formation programmes are usually implemented by the Provinces and Districts. If individual houses of formation are common to several administrative entities, they are governed by statutes approved by the Brother Superior General with the consent of his Council.

► *Thought of Father Gabriel Deshayes:*

I wish that the peace of the Lord may accompany you in your work and that the desire to serve him and to have him served may grow in your soul as time goes on and the years of your life multiply, bringing you closer and closer to eternity.

*Birthday anniversary of Brothers Ssenkabirwa John Bosco, Kizza Lawrence B., Bigirwa-Ngoma Joachim and Mukalazi Kizito.*

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1965, Br. Maxime-Louis Bélanger. - 2000, Br. René Mochet (Natalis). - 2013 Br. Eugène Trihan (Gervais) - 2024, Br. Florentino Garcia Pérez.

**10**                      **WEDNESDAY**                      Feria

**1856.- Mgr Alexandre Jaquemet, Bishop of Nantes, consecrates the chapel of the Mother House in Ploërmel.**

► *Rule of Life 124.1 :*

Due to circumstances, a particular formation program may be common to several Congregations of Religious Brothers for one or more stages of formation. In this case, a Brother formator is appointed to deliver formation relating specifically to the Congregation and to accompany its candidates.

► *To Miss Marie Jallobert de Monville, 23 March 1816:*

One may still wish at least to enjoy oneself even after renouncing the enjoyment of pleasures, honours and riches; this enjoyment is as well no less empty than the riches.

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1966, Br. Hyacinthe Hamelin. - 1983, Br. Paul-Émile Bleau (Marien). - 1996, Br. Constant Chaussée (Stanislas-Bernard). - 2000, Brs. Léo Garceau (Louis-François) and Paul Bolduc (Paul-Joseph). - 2006, Br. Albert Geffray (Stanislas-Marcel).

**11****THURSDAY** Feria

St. Jean-Gabriel Perboyre, Martyr in China, [†1840].

**Intention:** The volunteers in the missions.▶ *Rule of Life 125:*

Masters of Novices, Directors of Scholasticate and Directors of Postulate are appointed by the Brother Superior General with the consent of his Council, following recommendations made by the Major Superiors.

▶ *To Bro. Ephrem Jégorel, 3 May 1846:*

When Our Lord himself preached and performed miracles, he did not convert all the Jews: so, you too do not cease to do, with great zeal, all that you are charged to do.

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

1978, Br. Moïse Roussel (Bertrand). - 2008, Br. Roland Vigeant (Roland-Alphonse). - 2021, Br. Albert Castel.

**12****FRIDAY** Feria  
**THE HOLY NAME OF MARY****1968.- Arrival of the first Brothers in Rwanda.****Intention:** The community of Gisenyi (Rwanda).▶ *Rule of Life 126a:*

The postulancy provides a more direct preparation for the novitiate by deepening the Christian life of the candidate and providing a deeper discernment of God's call. It is preferable for the postulancy to take place outside the novitiate, but those in charge will liaise with the Master of Novices.

▶ *To Bro. Liguori-Marie, November 1849:*

I see with pleasure the progress of your pupils in the human sciences; however, what I desire above all is to learn that they will make even greater progress in the science of the saints: you have to give them not only instruction, but also Christian education; let this therefore be the main object of your care and your work

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

1981, Br. Adélard Laliberté (Alexandre-Louis). - 1991, Br. Guy Jolicoeur (Florentien-Marie). - 1992, Br. Eugène Bédard (Paul-André).

**13****SATURDAY** Feria

St. John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, D., [†407]

**Intention:** Lay people involved in the Mennaisian education mission.▶ *Rule of Life 127:*

Before entering the novitiate, the candidate undergoes a medical examination and a psychological assessment by qualified personnel. Particular attention is paid to the

requirements of the Institute's protocol on the protection of children and vulnerable adults.

► ***To Bro. Anastase Gélébart, 1st June 1846:***

Yes, you have a beautiful mission, and I bless God for giving it to you, because by working for the sanctification of the children entrusted to you, you are also working for your own sanctification.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Byankya K. Leonard*

DEPARTED

*We commemorate the death of Bro. Charles Jules Poitras (Henry). He was one of the four first missionaries who arrived on 4<sup>th</sup> August 1926 and the leader of the group. He was the founding Superior with a title of Director General, and later took the title of Visitor (Provincial), up to 1945. He was a prayerful and committed, courageous and daring true leader. He was the first Brother Headmaster of St. Mary's College. In his capacity of Superior of the mission, he visited and encouraged the Brothers in their various missions as well as ensuring their spiritual growth. He was a very respected Brother with a wide scope of contacts. From very early he encouraged the recruitment of local candidates and made sure that they, like the missionaries, lived the same quality of life. Worn out by the very demanding mission, his life weakened and on this date in 1947 he died. He is buried in the Kisubi FIC cemetery.*

OTHER DEPARTED BROTHERS

1966, Br. Adalbert-Benoît Fraser. - 1997, Br. Remo Carnir (Costantino). - 2006 Br. Marcel Hubert (Hubert).

14

SUNDAY 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C  
THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS

► ***Rule of Life 128:***

Admission to the novitiate is the responsibility of the Major Superior, with the consent of his Council. In due course, the applicant sends a written request to the Provincial or to the Visitor.

► ***To the priests of Saint-Méen, sermon 'The priest-religious must imitate Jesus Christ in his total deprivation':***

The sacrifice of Jesus Christ was complete: renunciation of goods, of the honours of the world, of the comforts of life, from the manger to Calvary.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Kalisa Pierre Celestin*

DEPARTED:

*We commemorate the death of Bro. Leo Barnaby (Michael Ernest). He arrived in 1953 and stayed up to 1969. Within that period, he extended his services to a couple of schools in Uganda: St. Aloysius School Hoima, St. Edward's Bukuumi and St. Mary's College Kisubi. In Tanzania at St. Mary's Nsumba, and Seychelles College in the Seychelles. He later returned to USA where he kept on teaching almost up to*

*his death. He is buried at Alfred, Maine. He was a happy, audacious and generous Brother.*

#### OTHER DEPARTED BROTHERS

1978, Br. Henri Laroche (Marcel). - 1985, Br. Herménégilde Delisle (Aristide-Joseph). - 1996, Br. André Terrienne (Donatien-Francis). - 1997, Br. Valmore Antaya (Damien-Joseph).

# 15

## MONDAY

## OUR LADY OF SORROWS

### 1980.- Arrival of the Brothers in Ivory Coast.

**Intention:** - *That the missionary spirit within the Congregation be rejuvenated.*

- The community of Jean de la Mennais, Abidjan (Ivory Coast).

In the Breviary: Forth Week

#### ► *Rule of Life 129 :*

The following may not be validly admitted to the novitiate: those under the age of seventeen; those already bound by marriage; those still bound by sacred commitments in an Institute of Consecrated Life or Society of Apostolic Life, or who have concealed their former membership of such an Institute; those entering under the influence of violence, serious fear or fraud, or whom the Superior would otherwise admit were it not for impediments as prescribed by Canon Law.

#### ► *To Sisters, talk at the House of Refuge in St. Brieuç, 10 February 1822:*

Mary's heart, like that of Jesus Christ, is filled with sorrow; and like him again, subject to the will of the heavenly Father, she desires only the salvation of the world.

#### DEPARTED BROTHERS

1969, Br. Georges Louis (Marcel-Georges). - 1993, Br. Gérard Lafontaine (Andronic). - 2013, Br. Maurice Passard (Maurice-Léon).

# 16

## TUESDAY

## Feria

St. Cornelius, Pope and Martyr, [†253] and St. Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, Martyr. [†258].

**Intentions:** - The Postulate community, Kisubi (Uganda).

- The Superior General and members of his Council.

#### ► *Rule of Life 131 :*

It is the responsibility of the Brother Superior General, with the consent of his Council, to give written authorisation to erect, transfer or suppress a novitiate and to determine the particular operational modalities.

#### ► *Instructions to the Brothers in Guadeloupe, November 1837:*

The Brothers will remember that they are called not so much to spread profane instruction as the knowledge of Jesus Christ and his love.

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

1971, Br. Joseph Delisle (Urbain-Marie). - 1986, Br. Joseph Hamel (Joseph). - 1988, Br. Paulino Rodríguez Fernández (Constancio). - 1994, Br. Hector Lacroix (Philibert). - 1996, Br. Ferdinand Frappier (Elric-Joseph).

17

WEDNESDAY Feria

St. Robert Bellarmin, S.J., Bishop of Capoua, D., [†1621].  
St. Hildegard of Bingen, D., [†1179].

**Intention:** Brother Provincials and Brother Visitors

► *Rule of Life 132 :*

Entry into the novitiate is marked by a celebration during which the novice expresses his desire to follow Christ as a Brother and the formation community expresses to him its fraternal welcome.

► *To Bro. Liguori-Marie Langlumé, 20 November 1847:*

After having tested you, the good Lord blesses your establishment in an admirable way: you must thank him for this, but do not fail to bring him all the glory of your successes, and do not allow yourself to be tempted by vanity: that would be to lose the merit of the good you can do.

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

1963, Br. Louis-Joseph Le Gloan. - 1975, Br. Louis Sicot (Jean-Baptiste). - 1976, Br. Julián Fernández de Larrea (Bonifacio). - 1979, Br. Henri Gingras (Achille). - 2000, Br. Crescente Fernández Ruiz (Heliodoro). - 2012, Br. Moïse Friot (Philippe). - 2018, Br. Henri Diquelou (Gilbert-Gabriel).

18

MONDAY Feria

*Start of the Novena for the Beatification of Jean-Marie de la Mennais*

► *Rule of Life 133a :*

A novice seeks to develop a deeper knowledge of Christ and a personal relationship with him. He starts to explore more fully the Mennaisian vocation and comes to appreciate its demands. He begins an apprenticeship in the practice of the evangelical counsels, striving to integrate the contemplative and active dimensions of apostolic religious life into his identity as a person, with a view to a greater love of God.

► *To Father Mazelier, 8 February 1833:*

Let us do even much more to save souls than others do to ruin them: this is not an exaggeration.

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

1983, Br. Camille Robert (Léon-Jean). - 1987, Br. Louis Guillé (Fernand-Marie). - 1990, Br. Louis Divanac'h.

## 19

## FRIDAY

Feria

St. Januarius and his companions, Martyrs, [†305].

*Second day of the novena (page 15).***Intention:** The community of Bro. Charles Jules Poitras, Scolasticate Kisubi (Uganda).► *Rule of Life 1336 :*

The novice seeks a greater knowledge of the Institute through a study of its history and activities, and the life and spirituality of its Founders. As part of a fraternal community, he prepares himself through reflection and prayer to make an informed, personal, and independent decision. accompanied by the Master of Novices.

► *To the Daughters of Mary of Saint-Servan, 15 June 1814:*

Let us see only our Divine Master, let us seek only him, let us live in his adorable heart: that is where is a place of our rest.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Nsemereirwe Anselm*

DEPARTED BROTHER

2024, Br. Yves Nédélec.

## 20

## SATURDAY

St. Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest and his companions, martyrs in Korea, [†1839 – 1867].

*Third day of the novena***Intention:** All members, Brothers and Lay people, of the Mennaisian Family.► *Rule of Life 134 :*

In the novitiate, scriptural and theological studies are not aimed at obtaining diplomas. Such formation is rather designed to deepen the novice's faith and help him grow in the knowledge and love of God.

► *To the priests of St.-Méén, sermon 'Spirit of the Congregation':*

Let us consider only the glory of Jesus Christ and support with our efforts all those who work to bring it about.

DEPARTED:

*We commemorate the death anniversary of Bro. Marcellinus Luwaga who died as a result of a motorcycle accident he was involved in while being transported from Bukuumi. He was an energetic, firm, talented French language teacher and attentive, especially, to the plight of the poor and helpless children. He was a prayerful, and aimable Brother who was convinced that wholistic teaching could not be achieved without discipline of mind and body. He died on this date in 2009. He is buried in the Kisubi FIC cemetery.*



## OTHER DEPARTED BROTHERS

1974, Br. Louis Cadoret (Léophane). - 1994, Br. Alphonse Quérard (Alphonse-Marie).- 1996, Br. Nicolas Courtay (Armel-Charles).

**21****SUNDAY**

25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C  
St. MATTHEW, Apostle and Evangelist.

*Fourth day of the novena*

In the Breviary: First Week

► ***Rule of Life 135 :***

The nature and purpose of the novitiate, and the demands of a life in a particularly close-knit community of novices, call for a certain degree of withdrawal from the world. This does not exclude the possibility of discussions and encounters with members of the Institute, Lay Mennaisians and others, at the discretion of the Brother Master of Novices.

► ***To Bro. Ambroise Le Haiget, 18 January 1833***

Let us often remember, in the midst of our trials, how short they are and how great will be the happiness that must be the reward.

***Birthday anniversary of Brother Mutebi Kato Emmanuel***

**DEPARTED:**

*We commemorate the death of **Bro. Lawrence Mutabazi**. He served as a teacher in some few schools before undertaking studies that prepared him for formation service. He taught in the formation houses at Kisubi, and finally, he was appointment Master of Novices in 1989, becoming the first Master of Novices at Kasasa after the Novitiate's relocation there in that same year. He was a prayerful, humble, friendly and a good spiritual guide. He died on this date in 1996. He is buried in the Kisubi FIC cemetery.*

*We also commemorate the death of **Bro. Frederick K. Sserunkuma**. At the time of death, he was the Vice Provincial of the then K-T Vice Province. After serving in a few schools and communities in Uganda, he was selected as the leader of the founding team composed of 3 Ugandan Brothers and 1 Tanzania Brother to found the mission at Meru in Kenya in 1993. He carried out this role with remarkable success in spite of the numerous challenges. He was a prayerful, jovial, and an organized administrator. As a leader, the team reinvigorated the recruitment of Kenyan candidates. He died on this date in 2001 and he is buried in the Kisubi FIC cemetery.*

**OTHER DEPARTED BROTHER**

1973, Br. Pierre Stéphan (Sylvestre-Joseph).

22

MONDAY

Feria

St. Maurice and his companions, soldier and martyrs, [†286].

**1990.- Arrival of the Brothers in Benin.***Fifth day of the novena***Intention:** The community of Thian (Benin).▶ ***Rule of Life 136a :***

The Brother Master of Novices may, if he deems it useful, propose to a novice or to an entire group, one or more experiences away from the novitiate involving activities in keeping with the character of the Congregation. In such situations, the novices remain under the responsibility of the Master of Novices.

▶ ***To priests, sermon for the renewal of clerical promises, 29 October 1815:***

Do not allow yourselves to be discouraged: remember unceasingly these words of your divine Master: "The world will grieve you, but take courage, I have overcome the world."

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

2007, Br. Joseph Eon (Marcel-Bernard). - 2014, Br. Florian L'Écuyer (Rémi-Vincent)., 2024, Br. Charles Fontaine (Charles-Marcel).

23

TUESDAY

ST. PIO OF PIETRELCINA (PADRE PIO), Priest, [†1968].

*Sixth day of the novena*▶ ***Rule of Life 136b :***

These activities are not intended to provide the novices with professional training, but rather to help them know themselves better and discover both the demands of a Brother's vocation and the means of preserving union with God in the context of a busy life.

▶ ***To Bro. Ambroise Le Haiget, 13 May 1824:***

The temptations you experience must humble you, but not discourage you; pray to the good Lord to deliver you from them; ask for his grace, hope in him and neither your prayers nor your hopes will be disappointed.

## DEPARTED:

*We also commemorate the death of Bro. Bernardine Joseph Kumalaki on this date in 1991. He was a man of a wealth of talents that did not parade. He is remembered especially for his great contribution and development of Uganda Martyrs High School, Lubaga, where he was teacher but especially as headmaster from 1964 to 1987. Thereafter, he taught at Bukuumi then at Caltec Academy. He is particularly remembered for his interest in Sports, especially, football and for assisting many lads to train and access professional football. He is one of the great minds behind the La*

*Mennais Tournament. He died on this date in 1991 and he is buried in the Kisubi FIC cemetery.*

#### OTHER DEPARTED BROTHERS

1996, Br. Louis Le Pape (Albert-Louis). - 2009 Br. Julio Marroquín (Feliciano).

# 24

## WEDNESDAY

### Feria

Our Lady of Mercy; Blessed Emilia Tavernier-Gamelin, religious, [†1851].

#### 1803.- Jean-Marie de la Mennais is ordained a deacon in Rennes by Bishop Jean-Baptiste de Maillé.

*Seventh day of the novena*

#### ► *Rule of Life 137a:*

To be a valid novitiate, it must be made in a duly designated house under the direction of the Brother Master of Novices. The time spent in experiences away from the novitiate is added to the twelve months of presence required for validity. The novitiate can thus be lengthened to a maximum of two years.

#### ► *To Miss Hélène de Lucinière, 27 March 1848:*

It would undoubtedly be desirable, today more than ever, to have recourse to the protection of the Mother of Mercy; what others do not do, let us at least do ourselves; let us pray to her with a confidence that is all the greater as our needs are greater.

#### DEPARTED:

*We commemorate the death of Bro. Arthur Lambert (Méréal). He arrived as a missionary in 1960 and stayed up to 1972. After serving for some years in many capacities in Canada, including being Provincial and then Assistant Superior General, he was appointed Provincial for the Uganda Province. After his tenure as Provincial he became headmaster of St. Mary's College and then Director at Mount Saint Teresa and finally as Master of Novices at Kisubi and at Peramiho when the novitiate was moved there. At the end of 1972 he returned to Canada, where for a time he remained active. He died on this day in 1984 and is buried at La Prairie.*

#### OTHER DEPARTED BROTHERS

1981, Br. Évence Mallédant (Vital) - 2009, Br. Norman Simoneau (Benjamin Félix).

# 25

## THURSDAY

### Feria

*Eighth day of the novena .*

**Intention:** The community of Taiohae (Marquises Islands in French Polynesia).

#### ► *Rule of Life 138:*

In exceptional cases, the Brother Superior General, with his Council's consent, may allow a candidate to make his formation as a novice in a house other than the novitiate house, under the direction of a Brother appointed to accompany him.

► **To Bro. Ambroise Le Haiget, 17 June 1842:**

I recommend to you once again to be filled with kindness, with compassion for all your Brothers: yes, for all of them without exception and also for those whom you think you have reason to complain about.

Birthday anniversary of Brother **Kahuka Kristantus**

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1992, Br. Pierre Bourges (Gildas). - 1993, Br. Marcel Godin (Alfred-Marcel). - 2020, Br. Roland Fortin (David-Marie).

**26**

**FRIDAY**

Feria

Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs., [†about 286].

Sts. Jean de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues and their companions, Martyrs in Canada, †1642-1649.

*Last day of the novena*

**Intention:** The beatification of our Venerable Father.

► ***Rule of Life 139 :***

Novices are always free to withdraw from the novitiate. The dismissal of a novice is made by the Major Superior upon the recommendation of the Master of Novices.

► **To Bro. Ephrem Jégorel, 3 May 1846:**

Pray much for your pupils and, if their parents do not support you, ask God to multiply his graces in proportion to the needs of these dear children.

Birthday anniversary of Brother **Kiiza Joseph**

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1963, Br. Yves-Pierre Courtay. - 1984, Br. Teófilo Calderón (José María). - 1993, Brs. Emiliano Hernando Hernando (Miguel-Angel) and Maurice Delorme (Aimé-Marie). - 2005, Br. August Marguerie (Guy-Joseph).

**27**

**SATURDAY**

Feria

St. Vincent de Paul, Founder of the Lazarists and the Daughters of Charity, † 1660.

**1841.- First sending of Brothers to Senegal.**

**Intention:** The Brothers in Senegal

► ***Rule of Life 140 :***

Admission to the first profession is granted by the Brother Major Superior with the consent of his Council. It is made on the written request of the novice after verification that all canonical prescriptions have been fulfilled and after study of the written opinion of the Master of Novices and his colleagues in the formation community.

► **To Bro. Ambroise Le Haiget, 15 July 1842:**

Be calm in all your actions and gentle in all your words, whatever wrongs are done to you; learn to suffer as a Christian.

DEPARTED BROTHER

1996, Br. Louis Duhoux.

**28**

**SUNDAY** 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

World Day of Migrants and Refugees.

St. Wenceslaus, M., (X<sup>th</sup> Century.).

St. Lawrence Ruiz and companions, Martyrs in Japan, [†1636].

**Intention:** The community of Pointe-du-Lac, Trois-Rivières (Canada).

In the Breviary: Second Week

► ***Rule of Life 143 :***

The initial formation of young religious continues right up to perpetual profession, according to the will of the Church. It takes place in two successive stages: first in the scholasticate, then in an apostolic community with specific accompaniment by an appointed Brother.

► **To Bro. Yves Hérelle, 15 March 1833:**

A true christian... and all the more so a religious, desires only to do the will of God.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Nyabuto John Ototo*

DEPARTED BROTHERS

2001, Br. Jules Sawyer (Pierre Nolasque). - 2009 Br. François Nogr  (Edouard Berchmans).  
2012, Br. Gilles Guay (Andr -Gilles).

**29**

**MONDAY** ST. MICHAEL, ST. GABRIEL AND ST  
. RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS.

**Intention:** For the Brothers of the Province Saint-Michael-Archangel, Kenya – Tanzania.

***Rule of Life 144a :***

The scholasticate continues the deepening of the religious consecration and Mennaisian formation as an extension of the novitiate. It prepares the Brother for his apostolic mission through studies in theology, pastoral ministry, and educational sciences.

► **To Miss Marie Jallobert de Monville, 1813 :**

Take the blessed and saintly habit of seeing God, and seeing only God, in everything.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Gwae Shadrack Emmanuel*

DEPARTED BROTHER

1988, Br. Alexandre Le Gras (Delphin).

**30****TUESDAY**

St. Jerome, D., [†420]

**Intention:** Our works in favour of the poorest and most disadvantaged.▶ *Rule of Life 1446:*

The team of formators is made up of members who combine a deep religious commitment, pedagogical competence, and a missionary spirit.

▶ *To Bro. Arthur Greffier, 23 November 1846:*

Your mission must always be one of gentleness and charity; moreover, nothing is gained by harshness, you make yourself detestable and you lose the merit of your work.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Irumba Edward*

DEPARTED BROTHER

2017, Br. Georges Pencolé (Léandre-Bernard).

# MONTH OF OCTOBER

## *Consecrated to Mary, Queen of the Rosary*

Apostleship of prayer

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### *For collaboration between different religious traditions.*

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.

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1

## WEDNESDAY

St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, Virgin, D., [†1897]

*Triduum to Saint Joseph for vocations.*

**Intention:** *That new vocations to the Brothers give vitality to the missionary spirit of the Congregation.*

- The Brothers of the Province of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus (Uganda and South Sudan).

### ► *Rule of Life 145:*

Integrated into an apostolic community, the Brother in temporary vows continues his formation in all its dimensions. Engaged in the tasks of education and apostolate, he learns to shoulder his responsibilities in a more personal way and to cooperate, through dialogue and collaborative effort, in the success of a common endeavour. It will be easier for him to overcome his difficulties if he can count on the attention and support of a fraternal and open-minded community.

### ► *To Bro. Lucien Deniau, 6 March 1842:*

When you feel overwhelmed, look at your crucifix and, remembering what Our Lord suffered for you, pick up the courage to suffer for His love.

### *Birthday anniversary of Brother Muthee Martin*

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

1979, Br. Jean Drageon (Edmond-Marie). - 1997, Br. Albert Lecomte (Patern-René). - 2004, Br. Gabriel Loric (Victor-Henri). - 2017 Br. Donald Lapointe (Jean-Albert).

## 2

## THURSDAY

## THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS.

**1993.- Arrival of the Brothers in Bolivia.**

**Intentions:** - The protection of the holy Angels upon our pupils and students.  
- the Brothers in Bolivia.

▶ *Rule of Life 145.1 :*

During the period the Brother in temporary vows is integrated into an apostolic community, the Major Superior ensures that the young Brother is accompanied spiritually.

▶ *To the congreganists, sermon 'On the choice of a counsellor':*

You cannot thank God enough that he has placed so close to you vigilant and sincere guides who carry you, as it were, in their hands, lest your feet should hit against the stone, and whom you need only consult to be sure you will never go wrong.

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

1971, Br. Donat Lambert (Alfred-Marie). - 1977, Br. François Mathieu (Honorat-Joseph). - 1984, Br. Rufino Ruiz (Fernando María). - 2001, Br. Clément Bellamy (Clément-Dominique). - 2004, Br. Eugenio Arenas (Roberto). - 2006, Br. Gaston Dauphinais (Emilien Joseph). - 2007 Br. Abundio Poza Ramos (Antonino). - 2008, Br. Henri Dugast (Donatien-Jules). - 2016, Br. Raúl Panozzo (Bernardo Raúl).

## 3

## FRIDAY

## Feria

**Intention:** The community of Zamora (Spain).

**1960.- Solemn celebration of the consecration of the chapel of Mount Saint Teresa Kisubi by His Eminence Laurean Cardinal Rugambwa.**▶ *Rule of Life 145.2a :*

Each Province or District gives great importance to the Brothers' higher studies for to enable a better service to the Church and humanity to. Spiritual and community support is provided to student Brothers by whatever means fraternal love, understanding and dedication, especially on the part of Superiors, can inspire and implement..

▶ *Retreat to the first priests of Saint-Méen, 1825:*

We expect only from God the success of our undertakings; we know that he always uses the weakest to overwhelm the strongest.

Birthday anniversary of Brothers *Luwerekera Bernard, Muramuzi Gastoni and Agaba Anthony*



## DEPARTED BROTHERS

1981, Br. François Etcheverry (Gerardo María). - 1984, Br. Albert Eveno (André-Bernard). - 1986, Br. François Gélébart (Anatole-Joseph). - 2018, Br. Julien Lesieur (Jean d'Avila) and Br. Richard Tremblay (Antonin-Marie).

## 4

## SATURDAY

St. Francis of Assisi, † [1226].

**1848.- Father de la Mennais asks Pope Pius IX for the first approval of our Institute.**

- The community of Francis of Assisi, Papeete (Tahiti).

► *Rule of Life 145.26 :*

Whenever possible, the Brothers engaged in advanced studies participate in the life and apostolic mission of a community.

► *At the funeral of Alexandre Nogues, novice of the society of priests of Saint-Méen, December 1825:*

Humility is the mother of obedience, and mother and daughter are inseparable; thus, for obedience to abide among us, we must be humble.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Muhwezi Alexander*

## DEPARTED BROTHER

1978, Br. François Kerneur (Elphège-Lucien).

## 5

## SUNDAY

27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

St. Real, M. in Sicily; St. Faustine Kowalska, V. [†1938].

In the Breviary: Third Week

**2007.- Opening of the Academic Centre Building at (KBUC) the University of Kisubi and First Graduation of the pioneer students.**

► *Rule of Life 145.3 :*

The Major Superior makes sure that a Brother's immediate preparation  $\text{to}$  for the perpetual profession is sufficiently long and detailed, for example, an extended retreat, a special year of preparation, and in particular, participation in formations organized by the Congregation.

► *To Miss Hélène de Lucinière, 8 January 1838:*

The works of God grow only in the shadows, and it is in the night that the dew of heaven falls.

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

1985, Br. Hervé Méar (Francis). - 1988, Br. Onil Hamel (Louis-Bertrand). - 2016, Br. Roger Provost (August-Louis).

## 6

## MONDAY

Feria

St. Bruno, Abbot, Founder of Carthusians, †1101.

Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher, V., Foundress of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, [†1849].

**Intention:** Our student Brothers

► *Rule of Life 146:*

Admission to perpetual profession is granted by the Brother Superior General, with the consent of his Council. Perpetual profession is made after six years of temporary vows. The duration of temporary vows may be extended by the Major Superior, but not beyond nine years.

► *To Bro. André Labousse, 24 May 1824:*

Be at last what you should be and what you want to be: a true religious, and then you will taste in the depths of your soul the consolations, the peace and all the heavenly joys

## DEPARTED BROTHER

1993, Br. André Fontaine (Émery-Marie) ).- 2024, Br. André Even (Ernest-Yves).

## 7

## TUESDAY

OUR LADY OF THE HOLY ROSARY

St. Sergius, M. [†3th Century]; St. August, Abbot at Bourges, [†560].

**1899.- Bishop Latieule, Bishop of Vannes, constituted, in the chapel of the Mother House, the Tribunal in charge of the process of Beatification and Canonization of the Servant of God, Jean-Marie Robert de la Mennais.**

**Intention:** The community of Isiro (Congo DRC).

► *Rule of Life 756:*

They entrust to her maternal care their religious and apostolic life. They do this, in particular, through the daily recitation of the rosary, a traditional prayer of the Institute.

► *Rule of 1825*

The rosary is one of the most beautiful devotions to Mary, and one of the holiest prayers... Always carry the rosary with you, for it is the attire of Mary's servants, and the mark of her children.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Ssenkayi Daniel*

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

1967, Br. Gonzalve-Albert Kerboriou. - 1987, Br. Léon Blanchet (Maxime-Marie).

8

WEDNESDAY

Feria

**Intention:** The beatification of our Venerable Father.

► *Rule of Life 147:*

Ongoing formation is part of the requirements of religious consecration. It involves the Brother allowing himself to be touched, educated, and challenged by the Spirit on a daily basis. It principally involves following the propositions offered in community and by the congregation as a whole. This formation strengthens him in his vocation: "We need mature minds, capable of firm resolution (...) strong souls capable of overcoming a repulsion, an obstacle, a peril or their own weakness."

► *To the priests of Saint-Méen, sermon 'Abandonment to Providence'.*

Since our undertaking is a good one, we may well hope that it will grow stronger, develop and increase. We should even make every effort to do so.

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

1968, Br. Eutiquio Basconillos (Jaime). - 1988, Br. Thomas Farrell (Thomas Stephen). - 1990, Br. Maurice Kervarec (Jude).

9

THURSDAY

Feria

Sts. Denis, Bishop of Paris and his companions, Martyrs, [†3th Century]; St. John Leonardi, Priest, [†1609]; St. John Henry Newman, [†1890].

**Intention:** The community of St. Mary's, Kisubi (Uganda).

► *Rule of Life 148:*

Ongoing formation sets in motion a process of renewal that encompasses all the dimensions of the Brother's life. It allows him to respond to the questions he faces at different stages of his life. It makes him aware of the need to improve his skills and abilities to better serve his apostolate.

► *To the priests of Saint-Méen, sermon 'Abandonment to Providence':*

We who are passing so quickly on earth are impatient to reap what we have sown. God is in less of a hurry: he does not rush anything, and his delays, which sometimes seem so long to us, are a proof of his very power.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Ngabirano Alex*

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

1965, Br. Emmanuel-Marie Guénéguou. - 1967, Br. Gratien-Marie Officialdéguy. - 1991, Br. Hervé Quéré (Hervé-Joseph). - 2002, Br. Yves Le Gall (Guillaume-Marie).

**10****FRIDAY**

Feria

St. Daniel Comboni, Bishop, Founder of Comboni Missionaries, [†1881].

**Intention:** The community of San Borja (Bolivia)

► *Rule of Life 148.1 :*

The Brother himself has the principal responsibility for his own formation. To help him along this path, he has two valuable means at his disposal: the drafting and regular evaluation of his personal life project and the spiritual accompaniment of an experienced guide.

► *Memorial, p. 90:*

Oh! How I wish that you would separate yourself immediately from what will be stripped from you in a moment! That you would begin to live eternal life now!

*Birthdays anniversary of Brothers Bamugaya Simon Peter, Mukhwana James, Tamale Ssali Peter and Makokha Kizito*

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

1975, Br. Pierre Guérin (Arthur). - 1983, Br. Jean Didailier (Ange-Gabriel). - 2023, Br. François Quéméneur.

**11****SATURDAY**

Feria

St. John XXIII, Pope, † 1963.

**1962.- Opening of the Second Vatican Council.**

**Intention:** The community of Zombo (Uganda).

► *Rule of Life 148.2 :*

The local community, a place of human and spiritual growth, constitutes the principal environment in which the Brother's ongoing formation takes place day after day. The community project is the preferred instrument for this. The local Superior has an essential role in the animation of the community project.

► *To Bro. Lucien Deniau, 5 February 1835:*

Gentleness is the best way to get what you want from your children; if you scold and punish them too much, they will get angry with you and their temper will turn sour.

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

1988, Br. David Guindon (Bernard). - 1996, Br. Lucien Laillet (Claudius). - 2014, Br. Hervé Le Coz (Hervé-Jean).

12

SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

Nuestra Señora del Pilar (Our Lady of the Pilar).

**Intention:** Our Brothers and their works in the Province of Nuestra Señora del Pilar - Our Lady of the Pilar, (Spain).

Start of the World Mission Week

In the Breviary: Forth Week

► *Rule of Life 148.3 :*

The Brother Major Superiors take care to accompany the important stages in the life of their Brothers: integration into the apostolic life, change of mission or community, professional retirement, illness, ageing, etc. They do this through fraternal support and the help of appropriate formation.

► *To Bruté de Rémur, 11 September 1815 :*

God! Eternity! Sometimes I imagine that I understand these two words, and the next moment I realise that I am unworthy even of uttering them.

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

1985, Brs. François-Xavier Boulerice (Michel) and René Le Roy (René-Yves).- 2006, Br. Alain Louchouarn (Joseph-Alain).

13

MONDAY

Feria

St. Edward, King of England, [†1066].

World Mission Week

**Intention:** We pray for our English Brothers

► *Rule of Life 148.4 :*

The Brother Superior General and his Council promote the essential elements of a formation program common to the entire Congregation. By means of the orientations and resources proposed, the General Council fosters and accompanies the initiatives of the Provinces and Districts. In particular, it oversees the formation of formators and community Superiors.

► *To Bro. Lucien Deniau, 18 November 1832:*

Do not attach any importance to what you have been told, and do not accuse those who are supposed to have said it: the good Lord will reward this little sacrifice you are making to him. Take courage, my dear child.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Kagoda Richard*

## DEPARTED:

We commemorate the death anniversary of **Bro. Gerard Majella Nsubuga (Majella of Jesus)**. A religious who combined a variety of gifts that included a: teacher, schools administrator, philosopher, formator and counsellor, among many others. He was convinced that theory had to go hand-in-hand with practice and thus was a great advocate of practical studies. He served in a couple of communities and schools in Uganda; he taught also at St. Mary's S. S. Nsumba (Tanzania); later at Ituru H.S (Kenya). He was a formator of the Brothers for many years, he is also remembered for extending this same service and experience to a number of religious congregations of men and women who greatly appreciated his selfless charity. He died on this date in 2011, and is buried in the Kisubi FIC cemetery.

## OTHER DEPARTED BROTHERS

1969, Br. Louis Houis (Adrien-Charles), - 2014, Br. Henri Rivière (Guy-Léon).

**14****TUESDAY** FeriaSt. Callixtus 1<sup>st</sup>, Pope, Martyr. [†c. 222 or 223].

**Intention:** The community of Nyundo (Rwanda).

► *Rule of Life 149:*

By following this formation journey over time, the Brother continues to receive his vocation with gratitude as a gift that is ever new. Thus trained in evangelical vigilance for himself and his community, he can now hear how the Spirit invites him to implement the charism received from the Founders in today's world.

► *To the priests of Saint-Méen, sermon 'Obligation to strive for perfection':*

Oh, how beautiful our vocation is! What happiness for us to be, in a way, compelled to always do better the next day than the day before!

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

1995, Br. René Boursier (Cléonice-Joseph). - 2000, Br. Narciso Angulo (Cipriano).

2008, Br. Ildefonso García Báscones (Aureliano).

**15****WEDNESDAY**

Feria

St. Therese of Jesus, reformer of the Carmelite Order, V., D., [†1582].

**1851.- The Brothers of Normandy, founded by Father Charles-Augustin Duguey, were established in Tinchebray.**

**Intention:** - *That the missionary spirit within the Congregation be rejuvenated.*

- The Carmelites and contemplative nuns.

► *Rule of Life 150 :*

A Brother with temporary vows is free to withdraw from the Institute when his vows expire. He may not leave the Institute before the expiration of his vows unless he has been validly and legitimately dispensed.

► *Thought of Father Gabriel Deshayes:*

Give all your attention to giving the children entrusted to you a solid and Christian instruction which will make them know and cherish the truth. This is a precious office in the eyes of the Lord, and one which will bring His blessings upon you if, as I hope, you fulfil it in such a way as to glorify Him.

DEPARTED BROTHER

2002, Br. Octave Gosselin (Mathias).

**16**                    **THURSDAY**                    Feria

St. Margaret-Mary Alacoque, Visitation Sister, V., [†1690].

St. Gerard Majella, redemptorist, [†1755]; St. Margaret d'Youville, Widow, Foundress of the Grey Sisters of Montréal, [†1771].

**1790.-First communion and confirmation of Jean Marie de la Mennais.**

**Intention:** The community of Montréal (Canada).

► *Rule of Life 151 :*

The Brother Provincial or Brother Visitor, with his council's consent, may, with good reason, refuse the request of a Brother to renew his temporary vows. Likewise, the Superior General may, with his Council's consent, refuse a Brother's request to make his perpetual vows.

► *To the priests of Saint-Méen, sermon 'On Humility':*

If we are distressed to the point of being disturbed for not being virtuous, this distress would come from a secret pride, irritated at not being able to reach perfection all of a sudden to enjoy it, to take pleasure in it, to admire it.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother **Bukenya Edward***

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1976, Br. Félicien Cormier (Étienne-Marie). - 2018, Br. Joseph Le Goff.

**17**                    **FRIDAY**

St. Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, M., [†c.110].

World Day to Overcome Extreme Poverty

**1849.- Father de La Mennais agreed to take charge of the top management of the establishments of the Brothers of Christian Instruction who had been founded in the South of France.**

**1860.- Four Brothers, who had left Ploërmel on 3 September 1859, arrived in**

**Tahiti. The school they opened on December 5, 1860 was the last of the schools founded by Father de la Mennais.**

**Intention:** All members, Brothers and Lay people, of the Mennaisian Family.

► ***Rule of Life 152 :***

The Superior General, with the consent of his Council, may agree to the request of a perpetually professed Brother who, for a sufficiently serious reason, asks for an indult of exclaustation, up to a limit of five years. The granting of an eventual extension is reserved for the Holy See. The exclaustated Brother remains under the authority of the Major Superior. During this time, he has neither an active nor a passive voice within the Institute.

► ***Rule of 1825:***

Get used to the fact that by a proper orientation of your intention, you will bring all your actions to the glory of God and unite them to the actions of Jesus Christ, so that they may receive an infinite price from his merits.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Muhindo Delefino*

DEPARTED:

*We commemorate the death of Bro. Adelinus Kinga, an open and generous young Brother. After the scholasticate he undertook studies to prepare for his professional training; and having terminated his teacher training, he offered himself whole heartedly to the teaching mission at St. Martin's S.S. Meru, unfortunately shortly after, he fell sick and died at a young age on this date in 1998. He is buried at Moshi Brothers Centre cemetery.*

OTHER DEPARTED BROTHER

1976, Br. Félix Moreno (Evaristo).

**18**

**SATURDAY St. LUKE, EVANGELIST.**

**1983.- Decree of approval of the renewed text of our Constitutions.**

*Start of the Novena for the Beatification of Jean-Marie de la Mennais*

**Intention:** For the Catechists and other persons involved in catechetical work.

► ***Rule of Life 154.1 :***

A Brother is considered to have been dismissed ipso facto from the Institute if he has notoriously abandoned the Catholic faith, if he has contracted a marriage or has attempted to do so, if he has been unlawfully absent from his community for twelve consecutive months, and if it is impossible to know where he is.

► ***To the Brothers of Cayenne, 15 January 1856:***

Strive more and more to acquire the perfection of your holy state; the means are easy for you, for it is enough for you to stick to the faithful observance of your holy Rule.

*Birthday anniversary of Brothers Mubiru Tibyasa Joseph and Zobole E. Pius*



## DEPARTED BROTHERS

1987, Br. Maurice Belliot (Paul-Antoine). - 1989, Br. Joachim Le Cheviller (Joachim-Dominique). - 1991, Br. Julien Potier (Gabriel-Henri). - 2010, Brs. André Poisson and Germain Bigras (Philippe-Henri). - 2014, Br. Jean-Marie Labrie (Georges-Aimé).

## 19

SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

## MISSION SUNDAY OF THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH

Saints. Jean de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, René Goupil and their companions, Martyrs [†1642 – 1649]; St. Paul of the Cross, Founder of the Passionists, [†1775].

*Second day of the novena*

**Intention:** The community of the Mother house of La Prairie, (Canada).

In the Breviary: First Week

► *Rule of Life 158:*

Every Brother forms part of a community. As a rule, communities are grouped into Provinces or Districts. Communities, Provinces, Districts, and the Institute as a whole, under the authority of their respective Brother Superiors, aim to form a single body animated by the same spirit and the same heart.

► *To the priests of Saint-Méen, sermon on the false idea of perfection:*

Be certain that all the thoughts that lead you into discouragement and confusion, that bring weakness and despair to your zeal, do not come from God and cannot lead you to him.

*Birthdays anniversary of Brothers Lagemwa Emmanuel and Kaweesi Jude Thadeus*

## DEPARTED:

*We commemorate the death of Bro. Louis Dansereau (Gonzalès-Joseph). He arrived from USA as a missionary in 1931 and returned at the end of 1945. A simple and prayerful Brother. He was a teacher who wished to teach by the example of his own life. Within that relatively short time he served in some 6 schools in Uganda: St. Mary's College Kisubi, St. Henry's college Kitovu, St. Joseph's Nyamitanga, St. George's T.T.C, Ibanda and Kitabi Seminary as well as a year at Yala in Kenya. From 1946 he lived and worked at Alfred, where he died on this date in 1995 and is buried.*

## OTHER DEPARTED BROTHERS

1975, Br. Pierre Rousselot (Anatolien-Méven). - 2011, F. Cyril Power (Joseph Mary).

20

MONDAY

Feria

*Third day of the novena*▶ *Rule of Life 159a* :

Brother Superiors exercise their ministry in a spirit of service, with a view to the common good, according to universal and proper law. They seek the advice of the Brothers and of their Councils.

▶ *To the brothers, at the start of the retreat:*

It will be especially when you reach the end of such a beautiful and holy career that your joy will be great in the Lord; you will go to him full of confidence, as servants present themselves without fear before their master after generous labours, after long and painful battles fought for his sake and for his glory.

*Birthday anniversary of Brothers Yiga Andrew and Kiténgejja Joseph*

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

1987, Br. Jean Rannou (Élisée), Superior General from 1952 to 1970.- 1965, Br. Samuel-Louis Salaün. - 1969, Br. Alphonse Pasquier (Dieudonné). - 1986, Br. Henry Roberts (Benedict Joseph). - 2004, Br. Jules Champalaune (Emmanuel-Constant). - 2015, Br. Gabriel Gélinas.

21

TUESDAY

Feria

St. Ursula and her companions Virgins, Martyrs, [†4<sup>th</sup> Century]

**1821.- Death of Miss Marie-Anne Cartel, Founderess of the Providence House, in Saint-Brieuc.**

*Fourth day of the novena.***Intention:** The sick and infirm Brothers...▶ *Rule of Life 1596* :

The primary purpose of authority is to watch over the fidelity to Christ of each person according to the spirit of the Founders in the mission entrusted to them by the Church. He also takes charge of the administrative or material life of the Institute.

▶ *To Miss Hélène de Lucinière, 8 January 1838:*

The good Lord will give us, hour by hour, the strength we need to carry our burden: what more do we need than such sweet assurance?

## DEPARTED BROTHER

1972, Br. Henri Gailloux (Sylvestre).

**22****WEDNESDAY** Feria

St. John Paul II, Pope, [†2005].

*Fifth day of the novena***► Rule of Life 160 :**

In each community, a duly appointed local Brother Superior exercises the authority.

**► To Bro. Irénée Le Guyader, 16 May 1848:**

Today more than ever you must keep to your holy rule: to do otherwise would be to go out of the way in which God wants me to lead you and for you to walk.

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

1984, Br. Louis Truffaut (Raphaël-René). - 1988, Br. Jean Caugant (Pierre d'Alcantara). - 1995, Br. Aristide Noël (Marie-François). - 1998, Br. Roméo Laroche (Évarist.). - 2008, Br. Loïc Lefeuvre. - 2021, Br. Albert Tremblay (Léonard-Albert), Superior General from 1970 to 1982.

**23****THURSDAY** Feria

St. John of Capistrano, priest [† 1456]. Blessed Arnould, Brother of Christian Schools, [†1890].

*Sixth day of the novena***Intention:** For the victims of famine around the world.**► Rule of Life 161 :**

In the Institute, the Major Superiors are the Superior General, the Provincials, and the Visitors.

**► To the priests of Saint-Méen, sermon 'On the Rule', 1827:**

Never excuse yourself for breaking the Rule because others are breaking it: always look at those in front of you, never at those behind you.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Katusiime Denis*

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

1994, Br. Julien-François Larmet. - 2016, Br. Clemente García González.

**24****FRIDAY** Feria

St. Anthony-Mary Claret, Bishop of Santiago de Cuba, Founder of the Claretians, [†1870].

*Seventh day of the novena***Intention** The community of Babati (Tanzania).**► Rule of Life 161.1 :**

The Assistants General are Major Superiors when the Superior General gives them a special assignment, notably for the canonical visitation of communities.

► **To Bro. Alfred-Marie Laborie, 7 July 1844:**

Do not consider yourself as a secular teacher, but as a missionary charged with establishing the reign of God in souls: this is indeed your vocation, and it will be by making saints that you will sanctify yourself.

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1992, Br. Paul Gaudreau (Sylvère-Paul). - 2002, Br. Gregorio Cabria Fernández (Virgilio). - 2010, Br. Jean-Marc Bédard (Marc-Henri). - 2014, Br. Alphonse Cobigo (Félicissime-Joseph).

25

SATURDAY

Feria

**1983.- Arrival of the Brothers in Chili.**

*Eighth day of the novena*

**Intention:** The Brothers of Chili.

► ***Rule of Life 162 :***

The General Chapter represents all the Brothers and is the supreme collegial authority of the Institute.

► **To Bro. Ambroise Le Haiget, 14 March 1844:**

Beware of the sad ideas that sometimes tire you and lead you to lack perseverance; they are real and very dangerous temptations

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Ssempijja Richard*

DEPARTED:

*We commemorate the death of Bro. Raymond Boisvert (Gérard-Marie), who arrived from Canada in 1948 to Uganda where his elder brother (Bro. Greenwood), had already been missionary. In general, his missionary activity can be divided thus: First, the years 1948 – 1958 which he spent in the communities and schools in Uganda either as teacher or headteacher. Second, the years 1959 – 1971 in the schools in Tanzania (St. Thomas More Ihungo, St. Mary's Nsumba and Morogoro T.T.C.) Third, the years 1972 – 1998 spent in Kenya where he taught especially at Muranga H.S and Mangu H.S. until 1992. In the final years, he was Editor of the Pauline Publications in Nairobi. He was hard-working, a pleasant person to live with and ever-available for fraternal service. He died on this date in 1998 and is buried at Moshi Brothers Centre cemetery.*

OTHER DEPARTED BROTHERS

1968, Br. Gaston Archambault (Hervé-Marie). - 1989, Br. Gérard Rivard (Stanislas-Alphonse). - 2004, Br. Joseph Loxq (Joseph-Félix).

## 26 SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

St. Alain, Bishop of Quimper.

*Last day of the novena*

**Intention:** The beatification of the Venerable Father.

In the Breviary: Second Week

► ***Rule of Life 163 :***

At all levels, the principle of subsidiarity is respected, whereby those in charge make the decisions for which they are responsible, substitution taking place only in cases of need or deficiency.

► ***Memorial, p. 5:***

When truth enters the heart, it first troubles it; only when it is accepted to reign in the depths of the soul does it then bring the peace of God to dwell there with it.

*Birthdays anniversary of Brothers Byarugaba Francis Xavier and Masereka Wilfred*

### DEPARTED BROTHERS

1995, Br. Guy Parrot (Omer). - 1996, Br. Emmanuel Moal (Dizier).- 2017, Br. Wenceslao Molina.

## 27 MONDAY FERIA

► ***Rule of Life 164 :***

The local community is the basic unit of the Institute. It is made up of Brothers brought together by the competent authority to live out their religious consecration, and usually to share the same apostolic mission.

► ***Instructions to the Brothers in Guadeloupe, 26 November 1837:***

The Brothers, deeply convinced of the greatness and holiness of their mission, will leave no stone unturned in order to fulfil it, and no sacrifice, even that of their lives, will seem to them too painful for that.

*DEPARTED BROTHERS: There is no Brother who has departed in the recent past on this date. We pray for all the souls in purgatory.*

## 28 TUESDAY SAINTS: SIMON AND JUDE, Apostles.

**Intention:** The bishops of the dioceses where we are established.

► ***Rule of Life 165 a :***

The Brothers lead community life in regularly constituted houses. For absences, they ask for permission from the local Superior.

► **To Bruté de Rémur, 25 May 1810 :**

Let all our thoughts be thoughts of love; let all our feelings be feelings of love until the moment when our poor soul itself breathes out a last sigh of love.

Birthday anniversary of Brother **Tumuheise Barnabas**

DEPARTED:

*We commemorate the death of **Bro. Aderit Joseph Murray**, who arrived as missionary in 1940, starting at St. Mary's S.S. Yala in Kenya and a year later was posted at St. Mary's College Kisubi. For the rest of the years, he taught mainly at St. Mary's College Kisubi and S. Henry's College Kitovu; apart from a year at Kitabi and another at Kasasa Juniorate. He liked to be with the children and was naturally liked by them. He had understood that study without play would render them dull...he spent time teaching them sports. Unfortunately, he died at relatively young age on this date in 1956 after a short illness. He is buried at the Kisubi FIC cemetery.*

OTHER DEPARTED BROTHER

2010, Br. Léo Martin (Hervé-Georges).

29

WEDNESDAY

1897.- **Brother Abel Gaudichon is elected Superior General.**

1931.- **Opening of the Sant'Ivo house in Rome.**

**Intention:** The community of Sant'Ivo, Rome (Italy)

► ***Rule of Life 165b :***

For extended absences, permission depends on the Provincial or Visitor who can, with the consent of his Council and for good reasons, grant leaves of up to one year or even longer if such absences are for reasons of health, for studies or for apostolic work mandated by the Institute.

► ***To a Daughter of Mary, 28 February 1815:***

To want only what the good Lord wants, this is a beautiful maxim which should not only be on our lips, but also in our hearts.

Birthday anniversary of Brothers **Musisi Charles, Tumwesigye Raymond and Ochwo Simon Peter**

DEPARTED: *We commemorate the death of **Bro. Vincent Kirangwa (Vincent-Anthony)**. He was friendly and great story teller. A lover of nature who planted a number of trees and shrubs wherever he passed. He was a profession teacher who always had the children at the centre of his apostolate. He taught in a couple of schools, including St. Aloysius, Hoima, Lubaga before joining St. Savio School, where he stayed longest. He had a productive stint of time as headteacher at Kisubi Boys and later was teacher at St. Jude, Kakooge before finally retiring at Mt St.*

*Teresa Kisubi. He was indeed a pleasant and exemplary religious Brother. He died on this date in 2018 and is buried at the Kisubi FIC cemetery.*

#### OTHER DEPARTED BROTHERS

1986, Br. Joseph Le Béon (Jean-Léon). - 2003, Br. Louis Bordier (Rogatien-Louis).

# 30

## THURSDAY

Feria

### ► *Rule of Life 166a:*

The local Brother Superior, who must have perpetual vows, is appointed for three years by the Provincial or the Visitor, with the consent of his Council, after appropriate consultation.

### ► *To Bro. Liguori-Marie Langlumé, 14 July 1846:*

It will not be long before we are reunited in the bosom of God with the loved ones taken from us by death, if we deserve, by living as saints, to die as saints.

#### DEPARTED BROTHERS

1974, Br. Louis Le Gal (Vicente María). - 1990, Br. Joseph Soulard (Benoît-Labre).

# 31

## FRIDAY

Feria

St. Alphonsus Rodríguez, a Spanish Jesuit Brother, [†1617].

In the Breviary: First Vespers of ALL SAINTS

**Intention:** The Superior General and members of his Council.

### ► *Rule of Life 166b:*

Il peut être maintenu dans sa charge pour un deuxième puis un troisième triennat. Au-delà du troisième triennat, il faut l'autorisation du Frère Supérieur Général du consentement de son Conseil.

### ► *To the priests of Saint-Méen, sermon 'Means to preserve the fruits of retreat':*

In union with God, the principle of all light, all wisdom, all life, we shall find our consolation, our joy and our strength.

#### DEPARTED BROTHERS

1996, Br. Clément Couët. - 2000, Br. Br. Walter Dessureault (Maurice). - 2012, Br. Réal Duval (Alexandre-Eugène). - 2020, Br. Camille Léger (Camille-Guillaume)

## MONTH OF NOVEMBER

*Consecrated to the souls in purgatory*

Apostleship of prayer

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*For the prevention of suicide.*

Let us pray that those who are tempted to commit suicide might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

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### **1 SATURDAY FEAST OF ALL SAINTS**

**1950.- Solemn definition of the Dogma of the Corporal Assumption of Mary..**

► *Rule of Life 167:*

When the new Superior takes office, he verifies, in the presence of the Major Superior or his delegate, all documents relating to the life of the community, including the community accounts. When he leaves office, he informs his successor of the current situation, using the same procedure.

► *To a friend at St. Sulpice, 1813:*

A bad night is soon over, and when one thinks that the first ray of dawn will light up the immensity of eternity, that after the turmoil of a short sleep, one will wake up in the middle of this beautiful sky where everything is peace, security, light and love, and that without end, without weakening, without mixing, one is surprised to find oneself so sensitive to all the miseries of time.

*Birthday anniversary of Brothers Rukundo Franklin and Kinyera Simon Richard*

#### DEPARTED BROTHERS

1974, Br. Jean Rondeau (Raymond-Louis). - 1982, Br. Yves Pichon (Nicandre).- 1993, Br. Yves Saint-Onge (Yves-René).- 1996, Br. Réal Dupont (Réal-Jean).- 2007, Br. Ramón Gomez Junquero (Alberto), Assistant Superior General from 1982 to 1988.



## 2 SUNDAY 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE DEPARTED FAITHFUL

**Intention:** Our departed Brothers, Parents, friends and Benefactors and all souls in purgatory

► *Rule of Life 167.1 :*

The beginning of the new Superior's mission is marked by a celebration with the members of his community, in the presence, if possible, of the Major Superior or his delegate.

► *To Bro. Paul Guyot, 9 April 1847:*

Be ready. And far from being saddened by the thought of death, rejoice with the prophet when you see the end of all your miseries approaching, and the time when you will go to the house of the Lord, to praise and bless him and love him forever without division.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Tumusiime Francis*

### DEPARTED BROTHERS

1980, Br. Léon-Paul Paquette (Ferdinand-Léon). - 1988, Br. Marcel Sauvé (Bénigne). - 2007, Br. Paul Émile Lalanne (Sébastien-Eugène). - 2009, Br. Jean-Marie Le Métayer (Benoît-Eugène).

## 3 MONDAY Feria

St. Hubert, Bishop of Liège, [†727].

St. Martin de Porres, Religious Dominican Brother, [†1639].

**1804.- Father de la Mennais is appointed Vicar at Saint-Malo.**

**1824.- The Novitiate is transferred from Josselin to Ploërmel.**

**Intention:** The community of Saint-Malo (France).

In the Breviary: Third Week

► *Rule of Life 168 :*

The Brother Superior is the principal animator of community life. He is also responsible for the organization of the house. In particular, he ensures that the premises intended for the Brothers are, in fact, reserved for them.

► *To Miss Helene de Lucinière, 2 February 1844*

Let us go to heaven, where so many holy friends have gone before us and where they are awaiting us.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Mukasa Alfred*

### DEPARTED BROTHER

1992, Br. Noël Guay (Émery-Joseph).

## 4 TUESDAY Feria

St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop of Milan, [†1584].

St. Felix de Valois, co-founder of the Trinitarians, [†1211].

**Intention:** The community of Aneho (Togo)

► *Rule of Life 168.1:*

At the beginning of the school year, he draws up with the Brothers the community project, including the distribution of responsibilities and the organization of the community's prayer life. Once it has been finalized, the community project is then sent to the Major Superior for approval.

► *To Bro. Euthyme Moy, 19 June 1846:*

Since your departure, we have lost several of our Brothers: their death was as holy as their life, and I have the sweet confidence that they left this world only to receive the reward of their virtues in the next.

### DEPARTED BROTHERS

1985, Br. Julien Robé (Émilien-André). - 2006, Br. André Célibert (Laurent-Joseph).

## 5 WEDNESDAY Feria

St. Zachary and St. Elizabeth, parents of St. John the Baptist

*Triduum to Saint Joseph for vocations.*

**Intention:-** *That new vocations to the Brothers give vitality to the missionary spirit of the Congregation.*

- Young Mennaisian volunteers.

► *Rule of Life 168.2:*

The Superior determines with his Brothers, the practical means by which the community is to give its religious witness. He ensures the periodic reading of the Rule of Life in community and brings to the Brothers' attention documents dealing with the life and spirit of the Institute, especially communications from Major Superiors.

► *To Miss Amable Chenu, 27 January 1821:*

May all of you love more and more each day the God who is so good; and respond with greater fidelity to the vocation you have received!

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Nsiimire Primus*

### DEPARTED BROTHERS

2014, Br. Jesús Rodríguez. - 2016, Br. Raymond Lortie (Léonis-Joseph).

## 6

## THURSDAY

Feria

**Intention:** The community of Duluti (Tanzania).

► *Rule of Life 168.3 :*

Together with the Brothers of the community, the Superior participates in the animation of the local Mennaisian Family. Together, Brothers and Lay people develop a common Mennaisian community project at the service of the mission.

► *To Bro. Ambroise Le Haiget, 9 April 1845:*

Oh, how many protectors we have near the throne of God! How many saints intercede for us! May we one day increase their number!

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1951, Br. Gustave-Marie Hémary (François-Pierre-Marie), Superior General from 1946 to 1951.-1963, Br. Félicien-Yves Boulic. - 1969, Br. Édouard Hamon (Albin-Marie). - 1985, Br. José Martínez de Aramayona (Benigno José). - 2001, Br. Enrique Berganza Perea (Jaime).

## 7

## FRIDAY

Feria

St. Ernest, Martyr, [†1148].

**Intention:** The community of Diourbel (Senegal).

► *Rule of Life 169 :*

The community Superior may be different from the Director of the school or other apostolic project staffed by the Brothers; nevertheless, the Superior is concerned with their apostolic and professional activity and with all other aspects of their religious life.

► *To the priests of Saint-Méen, sermon 'On Perfection', 1839:*

I can only become a saint insofar as I imitate Jesus Christ and faithfully put into practice the truths, he has taught me and the virtues he has exemplified.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Habiyaremye Callixte*

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1994, Br. Jacques Delgue (Anastasius-Marie). - 2008, Br. Roland Couture (Henri-François).

## 8

## SATURDAY

Feria

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity, Virgin, [†1906].

**Intention:** The beatification of our Venerable Father.

► *Rule of Life 170 :*

The local Brother Superior is responsible for the administration of the community's goods. He may manage them himself though, if possible, do so through a Treasurer

placed under his responsibility. On the dates specified by the relevant authority, he provides the statements of accounts and the reports as requested.

► *To the priests of Saint-Méen, sermon False idea of perfection':*

Perfection consists especially for you in doing with love, with simplicity and with unalterable peace everything that is in the order of obedience.

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1997, Br. Jean-Baptiste Caradec (Alexis-Paul).- 2003, Br. Francisco Goikoetxea Lloná (Celestino).

**9**

**SUNDAY** 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C  
DEDICATION OF ST. JOHN LATERAN BASILICA

**1822.- Jean-Marie de La Mennais is appointed Vicar General of the Grand Chaplaincy of France.**

**1960.- Blessing of the chapel of St. Mary's College Kisubi by Archbishop Emmanuel Nsubuga of Kampala.**

**Intention:** The Church and the Supreme Pontiff.

► *Rule of Life 170.1 :*

The local Brother Superior communicates to the Brothers useful information concerning the running of the community, its economic and material situation, projects, work to be undertaken, etc. He listens to the Brothers and is open to their suggestions. He sees to the upkeep of the annals, archives, and community accounts.

► *To the priests of Saint-Méen, sermon 'On humility':*

Let us pray to God to fill our hearts with his love so that there is no room for self-love.

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1972, Br. Jules Côté (Gabriel). - 2005, Br. Noël Duval (Herman-Joseph). - 2006, Br. John Keating (Valentine-Aidan). - 2016, Br. Raymond Labbé (Yves-Jean). - 2019, Br. Toussaint Chaussée (Bernard-Gabriel).

**10**

**MONDAY** Feria

St. Leo the Great, Pope, D., [†461], St. Andrew Avellin, Italian Theatins, [†1608].

In the Breviary: Forth Week

► *Rule of Life 171 :*

The Congregation is organized into Provinces and Districts. The creation, delimitation and suppression of different entities are the responsibility of the Superior General with the consent of his Council.

► *To the priests of Saint-Méen, sermon on 'La Perfection', 1839:*

When God says that he wants us to be sanctified, it is as if he were saying that he wants to find in us the perfections of his Son.

DEPARTED BROTHERS

- 1999, Br. Donat Lapiere (Engelbert-Marie).

**11**

**TUESDAY**

Feria

St. Martin, Bishop of Tours, [†397].

**Intentions:** - Peace in the world.

- The community of Josselin (France).

► *Rule of Life 172ab :*

The Province is composed of local communities under the authority of a Brother Provincial. In principle, it should be self-sufficient for personnel and finances. Its relative autonomy, the stability of its membership and the management of common apostolic concerns all contribute to a deep solidarity among the Brothers and a true family spirit in the service of a common ecclesial mission.

► *To the Brothers, advise for the retreat.*

My children, I implore you once again, endeavour, strive more than you have done up to now, to become holy religious, completely dead to yourselves and to the world.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Turyananuka Emmanuel*

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1989, Br. Léon Dublanc (Florien-Albert) and Br. Eugène Le Doujet (Armand-Marie). - 2003, Br. Louis St. Pierre. - 2004, Br. Michel Bourget (Miche-Léon). - 2012, Br. René Quélard (Christophe-Laurent). - 2014, Br. Mathurin Le Port (Joseph-Stanislas).

**12**

**WEDNESDAY**

Feria

St. Josaphat, Bishop in Poland, Martyr, [†1623],

St. René, Bishop of Angers, † 5<sup>th</sup> Century, St. Christian, Martyr, †1003.

**Intention:** The community of La Vallée (Haiti).

► *Rule of Life 172c :*

The animation and administration of a Province are entrusted to the Brother Provincial assisted by a Council. He is assisted in his task by an Assistant Provincial.

► ***To the priests of Saint-Méen, sermon 'Obligation to strive for perfection':***

Is it not a great foolishness to close one's eyes and imagine that, because one voluntarily deceives oneself, and thus, will also deceive God?

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Nsubuga Simon Peter*

DEPARTED:

*We also commemorate the death of Bro. Lionel Gauvin (Gaston-Adrien). He arrived in 1964 and just stayed for a year. Upon ending his mandate as Assistant Superior General (1958 – 1964) He came to Uganda and served as Provincial Treasurer; after which he returned to Canada. He died there on this date in 1986 and he is buried in the La Prairie Cemetery.*

OTHER DEPARTED BROTHERS

1970, Br. Napoléon Gélinas (Elzéar-Marie). - 1982, Br. Alonso Mediavilla (Alfonso María). - 2003, Br. Émile Le Borgne (André de Candie).

# 13

## THURSDAY

Feria

St. Stanislas Kostka, Patron of the Novices in our Institute, [†1568].

**Intention:** Our Old Students' Associations.

► ***Rule of Life 173 :***

The District is composed of local communities under the authority of a Brother Visitor. Usually, it is made up of a small number of Brothers or does not have sufficient financial autonomy. The animation and administration of the District are entrusted to a Brother Visitor assisted by a Council. He is assisted in his task by an Assistant Visitor.

► ***To Bro. Ambroise Le Haiget, 7 June 1843:***

Ah, my dear child, it was to death and to the death of the cross that Jesus Christ worked for your salvation and mine. Our Lord suffered for your salvation and for mine. Let us not forget this.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Twinamasiko Nazario*

DEPARTED:

*We commemorate the death of Bro. Marshal Ndyomugenyi. He taught very briefly at St. John Fisher S.S. Ibanda; after which he was sent for further studies, and shortly upon completion of which he was appointed Master of Novices in June 2004. Unfortunately, he died at a young age as a result of a bus accident he was travelling in on this date in 2006. He is buried in the Kisubi FIC cemetery. He was a Brother with firm convictions and friendly character.*

OTHER DEPARTED BROTHERS

1977, Br. Gabriel Loho (Aubin). - 2011, Br. Jean-Jacques Campagna (Laurentius-Marie).

# 14 FRIDAY Feria

**Intention:** The community of Vélingara (Senegal).

► ***Rule of Life 173.1:***

Under the authority of the Superior General and his Council, gestures of solidarity involving the transfer of Brothers or financial support can be established between a Province and a District.

► ***Memorial, pp. 33-34:***

When the good Lord turns his back on us, he is no less close to us: we do not see him, it is true, but he is at our side to defend us and help us.

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1990, Br. Jean Guiriec (Laurent Justinien). - 1993, Br. Louis Delabouère (Maximin-Joseph). - 2012, Br. Andrés Pérez Millán.

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# 15 SATURDAY Feria

St. Albert the Great, Dominican, Bishop of Ratisbon, D., [†1280].

**Intention:** - *That the missionary spirit within the Congregation be rejuvenated.*

► ***Rule of Life 174:***

In exceptional cases, the Brother Superior General, with the consent of his Council, may set up a Delegation.

► ***To Bro. Ambroise Le Haiget, 18 October 1829:***

Take courage and patience and you will see that the good Lord will help you in a very special way, if you put your trust in him.

*Birthday anniversary of Brothers Ochwo Pius and Tamale John Paul*

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1981, Br. Joseph Jacob (Josaphat-Marie). - 1995, Br. Jean Picard (Jean-Stanislas). - 1996, Br. August Uguen (Charles-Jean). - 2002, Br. Frédéric Marteil (Frédéric-Yves).

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# 16 SUNDAY 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

St. Gertrude, Nun, [†1302], St. Margaret of Scotland, Widow, [†1093].

**Intention:** Gabriel Deshayes community, Pétion-Ville (Haiti).

In the Breviary: First Week

► ***Rule of Life 174.1:***

The Delegation is under the immediate dependence of the Superior General who determines the structures and appoints its leader.

► ***To the priests of Saint-Méen, sermon 'Humility, love of the Church':***

My children, be humble, have the simplicity of little children; like them, be flexible, be docile, for it is the little children whom the Lord has blessed and to whom he has promised his kingdom.

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1963, Br. Albert Dubé (Lanfranc). - 1969, Br. Florimond Bergeron (Ignace-Joseph). - 1994, Br. Armand Noël (Albéric-Marie). - 2015, Br. Marcel Vierron (Théophane-Michel).

# 17

## MONDAY

Feria

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Widow, [†1231]

**1819.- After five years as a Vicar Capitular at Saint-Brieuc, Father de la Mennais became Vicar General to Bishop de la Romagère.**

**Intention:** The Daughters of Providence of Saint-Brieuc.

► ***Rule of Life 175a :***

After appropriate consultation with the members of the Province or District, the Brother Superior General, with the consent of his Council, appoints the Brother Provincial or Brother Visitor for a four-year term.

► ***To the priests of Saint-Méen, sermon on the false idea of perfection:***

Do you not have a secret longing, not only to be perfect, but to know that you are perfect, to see yourself without spot or blemish in your own eyes? God will always reject this recognition because he wants us to be secure, not in our innocence, but in his mercy.

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1978, Br. Guillaume Carrière (Benoît-Joseph). - 2004, Br. Valeriano Basconillos. - 2020, Br. Jean Charron (Jean-Thomas).

# 18

## TUESDAY

DEDICATION OF THE BASILICAS OF ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL IN ROME.

**1840.- Brother Ambroise leaves from Ploermel for Martinique, with the title of Director General for the Brothers and mission in the Antilles.**

*Opening of the novena in preparation for the Day of our Venerable Father.*

**Intention:** The communities of the Brothers in the Congregation.

► ***Rule of Life 175b :***

The Provincial or Visitor must be at least thirty-five years old and have at least five years of perpetual vows. He may be re-appointed for a second and, in exceptional circumstances, a third mandate. Upon leaving office, he cannot be a member of the next provincial or District Council.



► **To Bro. Abel Lucas, 20 May 1848:**

Beware of giving in to too much anxiety; trust in divine Providence: sometimes you are tested by Her, but She is a good mother.

Birthday anniversary of Brother Mulumba Mathias

DEPARTED BROTHER

2008, Br. Émile Geffroy (Louis de Gonzague).

19

WEDNESDAY

Feria

*Second day of the novena*

**Intention:** Lay people and Brothers involved in the Mennaisian educational mission.

► **Rule of Life 176 :**

The Brother Provincial or Brother Visitor is the Major Superior of the Province or District and has authority over its members and its apostolic activities. With the help of his Council, he administers the Province or District according to the Constitutions, the Directories, and the directives of the Brother Superior General. The Major Superior has delegation from the Superior General to receive temporary and perpetual vows and has the right to subdelegate that power to other Brothers.

► **To Bro. Porphire-Marie Person, 3 June 1848:**

Be all very fervent, very exact in observing the Rule in all its points and very zealous for the instruction of the children entrusted to you.

Birthday anniversary of Brother Matovu Constantino

DEPARTED:

*To commemorate the death of Adélard Quévillon (Camille de Lellis). He arrived at the beginning of 1937. His first appointment was to St. Mary's School, Yala in Kenya from where he joined St. Mary's College Kisubi for a good number of years. Then was transferred to the Seychelles and then to St. Mary's S.S. Nsumba in Mwanza. He also served at Kisubi Juniorate and Kisubi Postulate. From 1958 up to 1967 he was again in the Seychelles. He returned to Canada still strong enough and continued some services there. He died on this date in 1989 and he is buried at La Prairie.*

OTHER DEPARTED BROTHERS

1974, Br. Pierre Toutous (Zéphirin-Louis). - 1983, Br. Joseph Thomas (Ambroise-Joseph). - 1998, Br. Jean-Claude Deschênes (Gabriel-Bertrand). - 2001, Br. Pierre Lizeul (Gabriel-René). - 2013, Br. Gilles Gauthier (Gérard-Louis).

## 20

THURSDAY

Feria

St. Edmund, English Prince, [† 870].

**Universal Children's Day.***Third day of the novena***Intention:** Lay Mennaisian Associates and all those who are in exploration towards a commitment to the Mennaisian Family.▶ *Rule of Life 177:*

Before all else, the Major Superior is the animator of the religious and apostolic life of the Brothers and the promoter of an ever-necessary renewal.

▶ *To Bro. Louis-Joseph Bodo, 4 July 1848:*

Times are difficult, but let us not be discouraged. The good Lord is watching over us, let us work with great zeal for his glory.

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

1982, Br. Napoléon Hamelin (Geoffroy). - 1999, Br. Denis Beaupré (Roger-Claude). 2022, Br. René Le Coz (Hervé-Norbert).

## 21

FRIDAY

PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

**1822.- The first Daughters of Providence receive, at Saint-Brieuc, the religious habit of their Institute.**

**1949.- The arrival of the first two Brothers from Kisubi to open the mission in the Seychelles.**

*Fourth day of the novena***Intention:** The Youth of the different Mennaisian networks of the Congregation.▶ *Rule of Life 177.1a:*

The Major Superior takes care to assign local responsibilities to Brothers who combine competence and religious spirit, fraternal charity, and dedication to the mission.

▶ *To Bro. Élisée Dupas, 7 November 1848:*

The good Lord is doing you a great grace by making you aware of your faults and inspiring you with the desire to correct them.

## DEPARTED:

*We commemorate the death of Bro. Emmanuel Kyemwa (Anthony-Joseph). He served in a number of schools but he is most remembered as the first African Headmaster of St. Mary's College Kisubi from 1969 to 1979. He is credited for bringing about several developments in the school. He was equally a headteacher at St. Henry's College Kitovu and Principal at Caltec Academy, Makerere. He served the Province in several other capacities, including being Assistant Provincial. Even in retirement at Kisubi, he still served in a number of assignments until his energies*

waned. He was a pleasant, humble, prudent and exemplary religious Brother and a distinguished Artist whose art pieces can still be admired at Kisubi and an outstanding schools' administrator. He died on this date in 2017 and he is buried in the Kisubi FIC cemetery.

#### OTHER DEPARTED BROTHERS

1978, Br. Joseph Lavrilloux (Didier-Joseph). - 1993, Br. Germain Lafontaine (Grégoire-Jean). - 2005, Br. Antoine Melanson.- 2007, Br. Roger Monfette (Dominique-Roger).-- 2019, Br. Joachim Le Tohic (Berchmans-Marie).

## 22

### SATURDAY

### Feria

St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr in Rome, [†230].

*Fifth day of the novena*

**Intention:** Those in formation and their formators

In the Breviary: First Vespers of **Christ King of the Universe**.

► **Rule of Life 177.3 :**

The Major Superior frees himself as much as possible from tasks which could hinder his being present among his fellow Brothers or his sharing their life. He considers himself a servant among his confreres. He shows concern and charity to all, particularly the young, the sick and the elderly.

► **To the brethren, sermon 'Benefits of the retreat':**

The Congregation can only survive and do good as long as you are all edifying and fervent religious.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Aganze Francis Xavier*

#### DEPARTED BROTHERS

1990, Br. Maurice Lefebvre (Damase-Marie). - 1997, Br. Amédée Le Pennuen (Gordien-Joseph). - 2019, Br. Robert Léaustic.

## 23

### SUNDAY CHRIST THE KING OF THE UNIVERSE SUNDAY

34<sup>th</sup> and Last Sunday of the Year C

St. Clement 1<sup>st</sup>, Pope and Martyr [†97], St. Columban, Abbot, [†615], Blessed Miguel Augustin Pro, Martyr [†1927].

**1903.- At Vitré, Captain Henry de Sonis refuses to participate in the expulsion of the Brothers from La Guerche and opts to resign.**

**Intention:** The vocations of Brothers and Lay Mennaisian Associates.

*Sixth day of the novena*

► *Rule of Life* 177.4 :

The Major Superior encourages personal and community initiatives in harmony with the Rule of Life and invites the Brothers to support those taken at the Congregation level. Aware of the inevitable diversity among the persons entrusted to him, he stimulates and co-ordinates everyone's efforts for the mission and encourages the development of an authentic Mennaisian spirit. He also strives to maintain the unity of minds and hearts which gives strength to the Institute.

► *To Miss Hélène de Lucinière, 27 March 1848:*

I love this Divine Providence so dearly. I want to let myself be devoured by her in life and in death. I bless her.

*Birthday anniversary of Brothers Mbalangu Mugwanya Adolf and Olang' Eric*

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1989, Br. Albert Picard (Félix-Albert).- 2000, Br. Oscar Gagné (Isidore-Jean) and Br/ Omer Poulin (Candidien-Marie).

24

MONDAY

Feria

Saints Andrew Dung-Lac, priest, and his 116 companions,  
Martyrs of Vietnam, [†1745 - 1862].

*Seventh day of the novena*

**Intention:** The Superior General, his Council and all the Major Superiors of the Congregation.

In the Breviary: Second Week

*Rule of Life* 177.5 :

In each Province or District, the Major Superior oversees the organization, animation, and accompaniment of the Mennaisian Family. He assumes his responsibilities regarding the Lay Mennaisian Associates in keeping with the Statutes of the Association.

► *To the priests of Saint-Méen, sermon 'Obligation to strive for perfection':*

Oh, how beautiful our vocation is! What happiness for us to be constantly reminded by our exercises, by our rule, by the examples of our brothers to practice the duties of our holy state!

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1982, Br. Juan Goyenaga (Agustín). - 1991, Br. Dominique Iriart (Dominique-Bertrand). - 2014, Br. Marcel Crete (Sylvestre-Marc). - 2018, Br. Gustave Sérot (Charles-Gustave).

**25****TUESDAY**

Feria

St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr, [†310].

*Eighth day of the novena***Intention:** The sick who recommend themselves through the intercession of Jean-Marie de la Mennais**► *Rule of Life 178:***

The Major Superior visits each community at least twice a year. One of the visitations is the canonical visit. On this occasion, he meets with each Brother and examines with the entire community ways of promoting the religious and apostolic life. Once a year, he informs the Superior General of his most important observations.

**► *To the priests of Saint-Méen, sermon 'Spirit of the Congregation'.***

Ask God for that apostolic zeal which will make you repeat unceasingly in your heart this beautiful word of Jesus Christ: "I have come to bring fire to the earth".

*There is Brother who has died on this date in the recent past. We pray for the souls in purgatory*

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**26****WEDNESDAY**

Feria

St. Conrad, Bishop, [†976], Leonard of Port-Maurice, [†1751].

St. Jean-Berchmans, S.J, Patron of the Postulants, [†1621].

Blessed James Alberione, Founder of Paulin Congregations, [†1971].

**DAY OF OUR VENERABLE FATHER JEAN MARIE DE LA MENNAIS.**

Offering of the Mass and the works of the day for his beatification.

**Intention:** The Brothers of the Jean de la Mennais Province (Canada, Mexico, USA).**► *Rule of Life 179:***

The Major Superior regularly reminds the Brothers of their vital role in the awakening of all vocations, especially the religious and priestly vocations. He gives particular support to those engaged in vocation ministry, and with them oversees the organization and animation of that ministry within the Mennaisian Family.

**► *To Bro. Ambroise Le Haiget, 6 May 1824:***

Religious obedience consists more in submitting one's mind than one's actions to the will of the Superiors.

**DEPARTED BROTHERS**

1972, Br. Maximiano Doce (José de la Cruz). - 1982, Br. Jean-Baptiste Latxague (Claude).

**1830.- Manifestation of the Miraculous Medal of the Blessed Virgin Mary to a young nun, St. Catherine Laboure.**

**1837.- Departure from Ploërmel of the five Brothers to found the mission in Guadeloupe.**

**1972.- Transfer of the Generalate from Jersey to Rome.**

**Intention:** Our Missionary Brothers.

► *Rule of Life 180 :*

The Major Superior gives care and attention to all those who are in the initial stages of formation, notably by frequently visiting the houses of formation. The Major Superior assigns them to communities whose members are likely to provide help and encouragement during the early years of their apostolic life. He visits them often and oversees their formation.

► *To Bro. Euthyme Moy, 10 July 1843:*

Beware of allowing the fervour in your souls to weaken, and on the contrary, make sure that it always increases: have only God and Heaven in mind.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Oluma Cadri Andrew*

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1979, Br. Philippe Langlois (Clément-Marie). - 1984, Br. Élisée Tousignant (Jean-Marie). - 1987, Br. Jean Etcheverry (Éphrem-Joseph). - 1999, Br. Jules Bétrom (Laurentin-Joseph).

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**Intention:** The District of Rwanda and community of Kirambo (Rwanda).

► *Rule of Life 181 :*

The Brother Major Superior is responsible for the material and financial administration of the Province or District. He entrusts the temporal management to a Treasurer who may be assisted by competent professionals. Guided by evangelical poverty in the administration of temporal goods and mindful of demonstrating an appropriate use of resources, he tries to meet the needs of the communities and their apostolic works. He ensures the fraternal sharing of resources..

► *To Bro. Étienne-Marie Malenfant, 9 January 1853:*

Love one another; live together in perfect union; have one heart and one soul.

*Birthday anniversary of Brothers Muramuzi John Paul and Malala O. Ronald*

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

1970, Br. René Poitras (Adrien-Joseph). - 1998, Br. Jean-Luc Hudon (Bernardin-Jean). - 1999, Br. Pierre-Émile Podeur (Léry-Marie). - 2001, Br. Joseph Corniquel (Achille-Eugène). - 2009, Br. François-Marcel Le Pape (Pascal-Eugène).

29

SATURDAY

Feria

**Intention:** Our Brothers, students and pupils, who are most tried  
In the Breviary: First Vespers of the **First Sunday of Advent.**

► *Rule of Life 182 :*

The Assistant Provincial or Assistant Visitor, who must have at least five years of perpetual vows, is appointed by the Superior General, with his Council's consent, from a list of 3 Brothers submitted by the Provincial or the Visitor. He is appointed for four years.

► *To Bro. Alfred-Marie Laborie, 7 July 1844:*

I urge you to have only God in mind in your every action: seek only his glory, not that which comes from men.

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

1979, Br. Oswald Messier (Noël-Jean). - 1992, Br. Félix Gauthier (Théodorit) and Br. François Cardinal. - 1994, Br. François Le Juge (Laurentin). - 1996, Br. Euximio Garcia Gutierrez (Fermín). - 2002, Br. Emile Levaque (Aurèle-Marie). - 2005, Br. René Colin (Théophane-Pierre). 2022 Br. Gabriel L'Hostis (Michel-Corentin)

30

SUNDAY

1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR A  
ST. ANDREW, Apostle

**Intention:** The Superior General and the members of his Council  
In the Breviary: First Week

► *Rule of Life 183 :*

The Brother Assistant Provincial or Brother Assistant Visitor helps the Major Superior and performs the duties to which the latter assigns him. He replaces the Major Superior in case of absence or impediment. Should the Major Superior die, he replaces him until a successor is appointed.

► *To the priests of Saint-Méen, sermon 'Obligation to strive for perfection'.*

As good Brothers and as faithful children, closely united, let us help one another to walk firmly along the way to which our Father calls us and which leads us to him.

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

1969, Br. André Ménez. - 1994, Br. Adrien Piché (Théophane-Henri).

# MONTH OF DECEMBER

*Consecrated to the Immaculate conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Apostleship of prayer

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*For Christians in areas of conflict.*

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

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**1**                      **MONDAY**                      Feria

St. Charles de Foucauld, [†1916].

Blessed Anuarite Nengapeta, Virgin and Martyr in Congo DRC [†1964].

**Intention** The community of Bunia (Congo DRC).

► *Rule of Life 184:*

The Brother Treasurer of the Province or District is appointed for three years by the Brother Major Superior with the consent of his Council. His mandate is renewable.

► *To Bro. Abel Lucas, 2 January 1839:*

There are people who only dream of changes and take them all as improvements, even though they abandon the next day what they had adopted the day before.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Monday Justus*

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

1968, Br. Charles Rulon (Thaddée). - 1972, Br. Gervasio Lopez (Fausto). - 1991 Br. Philippe Poulin (Théodose-Marie). - 1995, Br. Conrad Therrien (Omer-Louis). - 2000, Br. Louis Berthelin (Césaire-Marie). - 2003, Br. Armand Bruchec (Gabriel de l'Addolorata). - 2019, Br. Gerald Michaud (Robert-Louis).



## 2

## TUESDAY

Feria

**Intention:** Men and women persecuted for their religious views.

► *Rule of Life 185a :*

Under the authority and the control of the Brother Major Superior, the Brother Treasurer is responsible for the financial management of the Province or District, the verification of accounts, the proper keeping of accounting books and the control of movable and immovable property. Major works undertaken in the houses of the Province or District are placed under his financial control.

► *Retreat of the first priests of Saint-Méen to Ploërmel, 1825.*

In order for God to bless our work and to be associated with it in some way, the first thing to do is to establish his kingdom within us and to unite ourselves to him in an ever more intimate way.

*Birthday anniversary of Brothers Mkenda Frimin and Katusabe Innocent*

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1999, Br. Roger-Louis Quennesson (Jean-Stanislas). - 2002, Br. André Le Bail (Pascal). - 2014, Br. Albert Métayer (Cyprien-Marie). - 2021, Br. André Prigent (Jean-Marcel).

## 3

## WEDNESDAY

St. Francis Xavier, S.J., Apostle of India and Japan, Patron saint of the Missions, [†1552]

*Triduum to Saint Joseph for vocations.*

**Intention:-** *That new vocations to the Brothers give vitality to the missionary spirit of the Congregation.*

The Brothers of the District of Saint-Francis-Xavier (Japan, Philippines, Indonesia)

► *Rule of Life 186 :*

The Provincial Council is composed of a member by right, together with the Assistant Provincial, and elected members who must be perpetually professed. Similarly, the District Council is composed of a member by right, the Assistant Visitor, and elected members who must be perpetually professed. The Major Superior is the President by right of the Council.

► *To Bro. Ambrose Le Haiget, 2 December 1838:*

I know how delicate your position is and how much vigilance and precaution it requires, but at the same time I see the hand of God stretched out over you to defend and support you.

Birthday anniversary of Brothers *Beyendeza Wilbroad and Stephano Christian Petro*

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1984, Br. Andrés Goicoechea (Victor Luis). - 1996, Br. Paul-André Hébert (Dacien-Marie). - 1997, Br. Valentín Aostri y Ugarte (Florencio). - 2020, Br. Ángel De Luis Teruelo.

**4 THURSDAY** Feria

St. John Damascene, [†749].

**Intention:** The community of Nzega (Tanzania).

***Rule of Life 190, 190.1:***

The Provincial or District Chapter studies the realities of life in the Province or District and takes orientations and decisions conducive to the common good. It meets at least once between two General Chapters. It is convoked by the Brother Assistant delegated by the Brother Superior General, who, if possible, presides over it.

► ***To Bro. Jérôme Haimon, 7 April 1838:***

I recommend you to be exact in getting up at the appointed hour; if you cannot take it upon yourself to make this little sacrifice, what on earth are you capable of?

Birthday anniversary of Brothers *Rukundo Hilary, Mutungi Robert and Twinomugisha Herman*

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1989, Br. Yves Glinec (Dominique-Yves). - 1998, Br. Jesús Eguiluz Robredo (Paulino). - 2005, Roland Gaudette (Roland Armand). - 2015, Br. Léon Quéruel (Ange-Victor).

**5 FRIDAY** Feria

► ***Rule of Life 192:***

The Province or District Chapter has powers of decision and of recommendation. Taken within the framework of the orientations of the General Chapter and of the General Government, and adopted by an absolute majority of votes, its decisions are binding in the Province or District, after approval by the Brother Superior General with the consent of his Council..

► ***To Bro. Ambroise Le Haiget, 2 December 1838***

The real dangers are not those we fear, but those we close our eyes to and ignore.

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1986, Br. François Berrou (Raphaël-Joseph) and Br. Albert Saint-Michel (Maximin-Marie), 1990, Br. Georges Fortier (Ladislas-Marie). - 2000, Br. Antonio Bilodeau (Gérard).

## 6

## SATURDAY

Feria

St. Nicholas, Bishop of Myre, in Asia Minor, [†324], St. Peter Pascal, Martyr, [†1300].

**1767.- Birth of Father Gabriel Deshayes at Beignon.**

*Intention:* - Brother Superior General and the members of his Council.

► *Rule of Life 193a :*

The General Chapter is an assembly of members by right and of elected members from the various parts of the Congregation. In this way, it displays "a true sign of its unity in charity".

► *Thought of Father Gabriel Deshayes:*

The best way to prove your attachment to me and to make me happy is to give me the consolation of knowing that you are all a cause of edification for the people with whom you have some contact, and that you live as true religious.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Byarugaba Damian*

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1966, Br. Paul Commereuc (Antelli-Joseph). - 1970, Br. François Berthelot (Antonin). - 1981, Br. Louis Fournier (Louis-Ollivier). - 1987, Br. Adrien Pertuisel (Colomban-Joseph). - 2001, Br. Luis Del Vigo Fernández (Eusebio). - 2003, Br. Paul-Émile Bergeron (Augustin-Félix). - 2004 Br. August Abjean (Protogène-Marie). - 2015, Br. Henri Roger (Louis-Charles). - 2020, Br. Ernest Kerfourm.

## 7

## SUNDAY

2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR A

St. Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, D., [†397].

**Intention:** The community of Bukuumi (Uganda).

In the Breviary: First Vespers of the **Immaculate Conception**)

► *Rule of Life 1936 :*

The members of the General Chapter by right are: the Brother Superior General and the Brother Assistants; the former Brother Superior General, during the six years following the end of his generalate; and the Major Superiors.

The elected members, who must be perpetually professed, are always more numerous than the members by right.

► *To Bro. Ambroise Le Haiget, 7 April 1838:*

Cast away all stressful thoughts and constantly revive the spirit of faith through meditation and prayer.

DEPARTED:

*We commemorate the death of Bro. Peter Lyimo who died on this date in 2020 quite suddenly. He was a very hard-working and humorous Brother. He was particularly*

*sensitive to the poor students. He is remembered especially for his contribution as administrator of Majengo Sec. School in Moshi. He is buried in the Brothers Centre cemetery Moshi.*

#### OTHER DEPARTED BROTHERS

1965, Br. Exupère Moal.- 1982, Br. René Laframboise (Roger).- 1986, Br. Robert Gagné (Isidore-François).- 1996, Br. Luís Rodríguez Chaves (Alfonso).- 1999, Br. Alphonse Bourse (Armel).- 2019, Br. Daniel Bouche

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## 8 MONDAY IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**1942.- Pope Pius XII consecrates the whole world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.**

**1965.- Closure of the Vatican Council II.**

**Intentions:** - The beatification of our Venerable Father.

- The Brothers of Uruguay

- The Brothers of the United States (Patronal feast of USA)

In the Breviary: Second Week.

### ► *Rule of Life 194:*

The Chapter is convened: ordinarily, every six years, by the Brother Superior General; extraordinarily, when he deems it necessary, with his Council's consent, and after consultation with the Major Superiors; and exceptionally, by the General Council, if the Superior General and the Brother First Assistant were to default at the same time.

### ► *To the Brothers, opening of the retreat of 1833.*

My children, do you want to avoid falling into the traps of the devil? Place yourselves under the protection of the Blessed Virgin, our Patroness and Mother.

#### DEPARTED BROTHERS

1993, Br. Vincent Séité (Méloir). - 1994, Br. Louis Caradec (Xavier-Louis). - 1995, Br. François Bergeron (Stéphane-Marie). - 1999, Br. Jean Raguénès (Alphonse-René). - 2010, Br. David Vigeant (Albin-Joseph).

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## 9 TUESDAY Feria

St. John Diego Cuatlatatzin, [†1548], the visionary of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Guadalupe). He has been declared the saint "protector and defender of the indigenous peoples".

► *Rule of Life 195a :*

The ordinary General Chapter has the following mission: to define the orientations of the Congregation; to adapt the structures and activities of the Institute to its proper purpose according to the needs of the time; and to elect the General Government.

► *To Bro. André Labousse, 17 October 1823:*

If you continue to make efforts to correct your faults and to pray to God to help you in this holy struggle, I have no doubt that you will achieve a full victory.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Yiga Bob Robert*

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1977, Br. Andrés Fernández (Jacinto). - 1980, Br. François Le Hénaff (Alain). - 1987, Br. Guillermo Gutiérrez (Tarsicio).

**10**

WEDNESDAY

Feria

**1907.- The Sacred Congregation of Rites pronounces the Nihil Obstat regarding the writings of Jean-Marie de la Mennais.**

**Intention:** Those whose Rights are ignored and are not recognised.

► *Rule of Life 198 :*

The General Government of the Institute is made up of the Brother Superior General and the Brother Assistants who constitute his Council. He is assisted by the Brothers who, under his authority, are responsible for the services of the General Administration: the Secretary, Treasurer, Procurator to the Holy See and Postulator.

► *To Bro. André Labousse, 17 October 1823.*

If you remember at all times that God sees you and if you seek only to glorify Him in all your actions, there will be none that is truly worthy of a religious person.

DEPARTED:

*We commemorate the death of Bro. Gabriel Labelle (Edmund Joseph). He arrived in 1932. He was for a long time a teacher and headteacher of a couple of schools, as well as Superior in several communities in Uganda, as well as working in the houses of formation. His assignment was serving as recruiter (62-64). From 1965 he was posited in Tanzania and stayed until 1983. He served mainly as a formator, first as Director of St. Michael Postulate, Nsumba, then teacher in a number of seminaries: Likonde Minor Seminary, Peramiho Major Seminary, Uru Seminary and Kilema seminary. From 1980 – 82 was at Moshi Brothers Centre and lastly at Upanga House in 1983. He returned to Canada in rather poor health towards the end of 1983. He died on this date in 1987 at La Prairie and he is buried there. He was a committed, prayerful and exemplary religious Brother.*

## OTHER DEPARTED BROTHERS

1968, Br. Adolphe Tousignant (Sébastien-Marie). - 1973, Br. Ernest Beauchamp (Désiré-Marie). - 1999, Br. Émile Charest (Armand-Paul). - 2001, Br. Gilles Parent (Stanislas-André). - 2007, Br. Roland Saint-Pierre (Edgard). - 2018, Br. Pierre David (Pierre-Pascal). - 2019, Br. Jacques Guay (André-Louis) and Br. Charles-August Lampron (Jean-Charles). - 2021, Br. Raymond Goupil (René-Pierre).

## 11

## THURSDAY

Feria

St. Damasus 1<sup>st</sup>, Pope, [†384]; St. Daniel the stylite, [†493]

**Intention:** The members of the Mennaisian Family: Brothers and Lay people.

► *Rule of Life 199 :*

The Brother Superior General presides by right over the General Council and, in order to act validly, must either obtain its consent or seek its advice in cases provided for by the universal law of the Church and by the Institute's own (proper) law.

► *To Bro. Ambroise Le Haiget, 22 October 1826*

If you sincerely wish to make progress in perfection, be humbled by your miseries, but do not be troubled and do not imagine that inconsistency is the remedy.

## DEPARTED:

*We commemorate the death of Bro. Marcel Denicourt (David-Thomas) He arrived towards the end of 1954 and started his services at St. Leo's High School at Virika. He was one of the indomitable team of Brothers who through hard work and sacrifice transferred it to Kyegobe, as St. Leo's College in 1959. He served also at St. Mary's College Kisubi and at St. Thomas More S.S. Ihungo at Bukoba. He was the Assistant Provincial to Bro. Gerard Ajuang. From 1975 he was transferred to the Seychelles where he stayed until 1995 when he returned to his native USA. He remained quite active for some good time there. He died on this date in 2019 at Alfred ME and is buried there.*

## OTHER DEPARTED BROTHERS

1975, Br. Pierre Moreau (Pierre-Gabriel). - 1994, Br. Georges-Étienne Boucher (Célestin-Émile).

## 12

## FRIDAY

Feria

**Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patron of the Americas**

**Intention:** The communities in the Americas

► *Rule of Life 200a :*

With faith and realism, the Brother Superior General, together with his Council, studies questions of interest to the Congregation, paying special attention to the areas of spiritual life, vocations, formation, apostolate, and government.

► *To Bro. Ambroise Le Haiget, 17 June 1842:*

A superior must always be calm and never crush an already broken reed, nor extinguish the wick that is still smoldering.

*Birthday anniversary of Brothers Azamuke John and Gwaoos James*

DEPARTED BROTHERS: 1990, Br. Guillaume Abiven (Alain-Joseph). - 1991, Br. Louis-Georges Gélinas (Louis-Célestin). - 2009, Br. Michel Blin (Michel-Augustin). - 2010, Br. Lucien Ruel (Antoine-Eugène) and Br. Yves Le Borgne (Stanislas Kostka).

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**13****SATURDAY**

St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr, at Syracuse, in Sicily, [†304].

**Intention:** Our sick and infirm Brothers.

► *Rule of Life 2006c:*

The Brother Superior General, together with his Council, set the general orientations and make the decisions needed to foster the proper functioning and unity of the Congregation in conformity with the Constitutions. Brother Superior General ensures that the Rule of Life and the Chapter documents are applied and examines the validity of decisions taken by the various provincial or district authorities.

► *Advice to Sisters on Poverty and Obedience:*

There is another sacrifice, very real, which must be renewed every day, which the soul does not make without experiencing a series of tears: I am referring to that poverty of spirit which Our Lady represents as the first beatitude and which is the first character of the religious life.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Ahimbisibwe John Chrysostom*

*There is no Brother who has died on this date in the recent past. We pray for the souls in purgatory*

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**14****SUNDAY****3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR A**

St. John of the Cross, Carmelite, D., [†1591].

**Intention:** The community of Cap-Haitien (Haiti).

In the Breviary: Third Week

► *Rule of Life 200.1:*

The Brother Superior General and his Assistants constitute a force of animation and dynamism in the service of communion, mission, and formation. They form a community and together they seek unity of vision and spirit for the good of the Congregation.

► **To Mr. Querret, 30 January 1816:**

If we judge the future with our fears, it is certain that our troubles are not over. Is it not better to sleep a sweet sleep of faith, of love, of confidence in Providence?

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Aganyira Deodati*

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1977, Br. Jean-Louis Méhault (Flavien). - 1980, Br. François Jouquand (Chrysostome). - 2011, Br. Léodomir Barakagendana. - 2013 Br. Raymond Drouin (Edmond Gabriel). - 2014, Br. Gilles Jutras (Gilles-Raymond). - 2017, Br. Jean Le Jeune (Pascal-Joseph).

**15**

**MONDAY**

Feria

St. Charles Steeb, Religious Priest, Founder of the Sisters of Mercy of Verona, [†1856].

**1966.- Pope Paul VI proclaims the decree attesting to the heroic virtues of the Servant of God, Jean-Marie de la Mennais**

**1914.- Blessing of the Nanclares Novitiate by Bishop Melo of Vitoria. The Balneario becomes the main house in Spain.**

**Intention:** - *That the missionary spirit within the Congregation be rejuvenated.*

► **Rule of Life 203 :**

The Brother Superior General is elected for six years by the General Chapter. He must be at least forty years old and have at least ten years of perpetual vows.

The Superior General is re-eligible. Yet, after a second term, he can only be postulated, that is, he must receive at least two-thirds of the votes and be confirmed in his charge by the Holy See. If he fails to obtain the needed majority after two ballots, he is ineligible thereafter.

► **Memorial, p. 118:**

If you are not completely detached from yourself, every word of contradiction will give your soul a painful wound.

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1979, Br. Donat Legault (Laurent-August). - 2008, Br. Alexis Champalaune (Alexis-Julien). - 2010, Br. Pierre Le Mat (Éphrem-Eugène).

**16**

**TUESDAY**

Feria

**1847.- Father de la Mennais is struck by a stroke as he begins to celebrate mass in the church at Guingamp.**

**Intention:** The community of Thiès (Senegal).

► **Rule of Life 206 :**

The Brother Superior General is the supreme ordinary authority in the Congregation. He has direct and immediate authority over the Provinces, Districts, communities,



and individual Brothers which he must exercise according to the proper law of the Institute.

► ***To Bruté de Rémur, 1809:***

We must be willing to fight pride all the time, and it would be unreasonable to give up doing good for fear of being vain of the little good we could do.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Gift Shio Vicent*

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1989, Br. Joaquín Elguézabal (Victoriano). - 2014, Br. Charles Pilon (Georges-Arthur).

**17**

**WEDNESDAY**

Feria

**1820.- Father Gabriel Deshayes is appointed assistant to the Superior General of the Missionaries of Mary and the Daughters of Wisdom.**

**1936.- Birth of Jorge Maria Bergoglio, future Pope Francis**

**Intention:** The Supreme Pontiff

► ***Rule of Life 207 :***

As he deems fit, Brother Superior General delegates some of his powers to Brother Assistants and Major Superiors beyond their usual attributions. He may also delegate his powers to other Brothers for specific missions. He may revoke any authority which he has delegated.

► ***To Bro. Ambroise Le Haiget, 27 November 1848:***

God's work does not depend on this or that person, it depends only on God, and we must put all our trust in him.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Ngabirano Eusebius*

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1980, Br. Eugène Moro (Silas). - 1987, Br. Henri Croteau (Eugénus). - 2006 Br. Charles Saint-James (Edmund). - 2009, Br. Adrien Tardif (Odilon-Joseph). - 2012, Br. Paul Fréneau (Émilien-François).

**18**

**THURSDAY**

Feria

*Start of the monthly Novena for the Beatification of Jean-Marie de la Mennais*

► ***Rule of Life 208.1 :***

The Superior General oversees the animation of the Mennaisian Family and is the first person in charge of the Association of "Lay Mennaisian Associates" according to its Statutes.

► **To Bro. Gérard Le Texier, 22 November 1844:**

God has his thoughts which are not ours; let us do everything that is in our power, and then be at peace.

Birthday anniversary of Brothers Muteesasira Edward and Andabati Justino

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1969, Br. Louis Ledroit (Gonzague-Marie). - 1991, Br. Joseph-Édouard Lacasse (Camille-Marie). -1996, Br. Yves Picard (Yves-Marie). - 2008, Br. François Raguénes (Liguori-François). - 2013, Br. Jean-Louis Laz (Louis- Lucidas)

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19

FRIDAY

Feria

*Second day of the novena*

**Intention:** Our Chaplains and Priests in our Parishes.

► **Rule of Life 209 :**

The Brother Superior General remains informed of the life of the communities, Provinces and Districts by visits and personal contact, as well as through the reports and briefings of the Brothers Assistants and Major Superiors.

► **To a Daughter of Mary, August 1816:**

Open your heart and do not voluntarily surrender to feelings of excessive fear, which would close it and deny it the experience of God that it should have.

Birthday anniversary of Brother Rukundo Aiden

DEPARTED:

*We commemorate the death of Bro. Martin Sima Nkoko who died on this date after a very short illness in 2021 while he was at Morogoro, National Examinations Marking Centre. He was a very hard-working, and convinced Brother and a devoted recruiter. He was a passionate teacher. At the time of death, he had been stationed at Duluti. He is buried in the Brothers Centre cemetery Moshi.*

OTHER DEPARTED BROTHERS

1981, Br. Pierre Le Poder (Lucien-Joseph).- 1988, Br. Claude Mainguy (Paul-Alfred).- 2004, Br. Louis Cherruau (Léandre).

20

SATURDAY

Feria

*Third day of the novena*▶ ***Rule of Life 213 :***

The Brother First Assistant General is the first collaborator of the Brother Superior General. He replaces him in the day-to-day administration when the Superior General is absent or unable to act.

▶ ***To Bro. Arthur Greffier, 3 April 1842:***

Strive, therefore, to be of one heart and one soul, and to be animated by the purest charity.

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

2008, Br. André Launay (Armel-Clair). - 2014, Br. Melaine Poirier (Melaine-Joseph). - 2017, Br. Hermann Deshaies (Hermann-Alphonse).

21

SUNDAY

4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR A

St. Pierre Canisius, Jesuit, D., † 1597.

**1801.- Jean-Marie de la Mennais is ordained sub-deacon in Paris by Mgr de Pressigny.**

**1860.- Father Lagrée, Parish Priest of Ploërmel, administers the sacrament of the sick to our Father Founder.**

*Fourth day of the novena*

**Intention:** The catechists and all those teaching catechism in our schools.

▶ ***Rule of Life 214a :***

In the event of a vacancy in the Generalate, the Brother First Assistant becomes by right Superior General of the Congregation and governs it until the next General Chapter. The new General Government then co-opts a new Assistant and proceeds to elect one of its members as First Assistant.

▶ ***To Bruté de Rémur, 8 November 1835:***

I would rather prefer to suffer a lot than to get involved in a struggle to defend my poor self against unjust accusations.

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

1981, Br. Jean Le Gat (Vincent-Marie). - 1992, Br. Georges Godbout (Fulgence). - 2007, Br. René Le Borgne (Corentin-Jean).

**22****MONDAY**

Feria

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin., Foundress of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, [†1917].

*Fifth day of the novena*

**Intention:** The community of the Novitiate at Dapaong (Togo).

► ***Rule of Life 215:***

The General Council is made up of elected Brother Assistants for a mandate of six years. They must be at least thirty-five years old and have been perpetually professed for five years. They may be re-elected.

► ***To the priests of Saint-Méen, sermon on 'Humility, Love of the Church:***

Be humble; have the simplicity of little children, for it is the little children that our Lord blessed and to whom he has promised his kingdom.

#### DEPARTED BROTHERS

1967, Br. Tharsicius-Yves Merhand and Br. Vincent de Paul Le Capitaine. - 1979, Br. Honorius Brissette (Emmanuel), Assistant Superior General from 1946 to 1958.- 1987, Br. Joseph Bureau (Donatien-Louis). - 1999, Br. Jean-Charles Bertrand (Eugène-Albert). - 2009, Br. Patrice Ayotte (Maudan-Marie). - 2011, Br. Roland Barthe (Yves-Albert).

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**23****TUESDAY**

Feria

St. John of Kenty, [†1473].

*Sixth day of the novena*

► ***Rule of Life 216:***

The mission of the Brother Assistants General is to give their consent or their necessary opinion on the validity of certain decisions of the Brother Superior General required by law, and to help him in the government and animation of the Institute, by bringing him their fraternal collaboration and the enlightenment of their information and suggestions.

► ***To Bro. Ambroise Le Haiget, 17 June 1842:***

God will bless your surrender and you will later congratulate yourself for having put your trust in the hands of Providence.

#### DEPARTED BROTHERS

1986, Br. François Alonder (Clément-Joseph). - 2011, Br. Richard Ledoux (Yvon-Gabriel).

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**24****WEDNESDAY**

Feria

St. Delphinus, Bishop of Bordeaux, [†403].

In the Breviary: First Vespers of the **Nativity Of Our Lord.**

**1848.- Jean-Marie de la Mennais receives at Ploërmel the first five English postulants sent by the future Cardinal Wiseman.**

*Seventh day of the novena*

► ***Rule of Life 225 :***

The General Conference is the Assembly made up of the General Government and the Major Superiors. It is consultative and its main purpose is to maintain, in a synodal manner, close links between the different parts of the Institute and to strengthen its unity. It meets at least twice between two General Chapters.

► ***Last circular from the Founder to the Brothers, 24 December 1860:***

The Lord is near. I have the sweet confidence that, obedient to the voice of my paternal solicitude, which may be heard for the last time, you will rise and walk with new ardour in the blessed paths of fervour and regularity... Pray and console the Church with the good fragrance of all virtues. Pray and console the Church with the good fragrance of all the virtues. Encourage one another to use the remaining days on earth to sow much, so that you may reap abundantly in heaven.

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Mpirwe Silver*

**DEPARTED:**

*We commemorate the death anniversary of Bro. Eugene Mary (Emile) Paquette. He was one of the four first missionaries who arrived on 4<sup>th</sup> August 1926. In 1927 he was assigned to head St. Henry's High School, as it was called at that time. He was the headmaster at Kitovu all the time up to 1940, except for 1932 when he was headmaster at St. Aloysius College, Namilyango. In 1941 he headed St. Joseph's TTC at Bikira. He was also headmaster of St. Joseph's High School at Marara and finally headmaster at St. Mary's College Kisubi from 1947 until his death on this date in 1950. He was a religious, a developmental and talented school administrator. He is buried in the Kisubi FIC cemetery.*

**OTHER DEPARTED BROTHERS**

1981, Br. Jean-Marie Kernec (Léonor). - 1983, Br. Dionisio Gutiérrez (Ladislao). - 1986, Br. Henri Gautier (Émeric). - 1994, Br. Antoine Corrigan (Michel-Albert)

**25**

**MONDAY**

**NATIVITY OF OUR LORD**

**(CHRISTMAS DAY)**

**1818.- Consecration in the chapel of Our Lady of Refuge, in Saint-Brieuc, of the first three Sisters of Providence: They were ladies: Cartel, Conan and Chaplain.**

*Eighth day of the novena*

► *Rule of Life 226a :*

In the consecrated life, temporal goods are always at the service of the charism and mission. The Institute has the "responsibility to preserve and manage its goods with care, in the light of its mission of evangelization, and with particular concern for those in need".

► *Sermon on Baptism (ST..III, 1005)*

When we received the sacrament of rebirth, God could have said to us, as to his Word, the eternal focus of his pleasure and love: "You are my son; I have begotten you today".

*Birthday anniversary of Brothers Kamanda George W., Maweje Emmanuel, Muhumuza Felix and Nuwagaba Dismas*

DEPARTED BROTHERS

1965, Br. Athanase-Joseph Moffat. - 1987, Br. Jean-Paul Grall (Jean-Michel).  
- 1996, Br. Fernand Gauthier (Germain-Eugène).

## 26 FRIDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY

St. STEPHEN, First Martyr, [†36]

**1860.- Death of Father JEAN-MARIE ROBERT DE LA MENNAIS, Founder and Superior, with Father Gabriel Deshayes, of our Institute and also the founder of the Daughters of Providence of Saint-Brieuc.**

*Last day of the novena*

**Intention:** The beatification of our Father Founder.

► *Rule of Life 226b :*

Good management at all levels requires rigor, method, and transparency. In a world of constant and rapid change, it also requires the courage to discern and make the decisions necessary for creative fidelity to the charism.

► *To Bro. Paulin Thébault, 15 November 1848:*

We should not be distressed by the prospect of death; on the contrary, we should say like the king-prophet: I rejoiced when it was said to me, "We will go to the house of the Lord.

DEPARTED:

*We commemorate the death anniversary of Bro. Martin Manyangwa. A soft-spoken and exemplary young religious and professional teacher who died after a very short illness while at Ibanda community. He had not yet served in many schools, but was an open and determined Brother to serve anywhere. He died on this date in 2015, and is buried in the Kisubi FIC cemetery.*

OTHER DEPARTED BROTHERS

1984, Br. Donald Mestemaker (Donald Joseph). - 1998, Br. Aimé Houle (Didace). - 2001, Br. Pierre Le Foulgoc (Clarence). - 2012, Br. Joseph Moisan (August-Joseph). -

**27 SATURDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY**

St. JOHN, Apostle and Evangelist., St. Leontine, Martyr in Syria.

**Intention:** The community of Meru (Kenya).

In the breviary, the first Vespers for the HOLY FAMILY

► ***Rule of Life 229 :***

The stable patrimony consists of all the immovable and movable property that by means of a specific assignment are destined to guarantee the economic security of the institute. The Brother Superior General assigns such property throughout the whole Institute with the consent of his Council.

► ***To Bruté de Rémur, 2 March 1809 :***

Above all, the holy Gospel of the beloved disciple must be read and reread again with a soul burning with faith and love.

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

1969, Br. Paul Seccareccia (Hélin-Marie). - 1994, Br. Guillaume Barré (Guénolé-Marie). - 2004, Br. Jean Sallaberry (Sixte). - 2019, Br. Acacio Herrero Gutiérrez (José-Ignacio).

**28 SUNDAY FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

**1841.- Death of Father Gabriel Deshayes, in Saint-Laurent-sur-Sèvre. Founder and Superior of our Institute with Father de la Mennais. Founder of the Sisters of Saint-Gildas and the Brothers of St. Francis of Assisi. Superior of the Missionaries of the Holy Spirit and the Daughters of Wisdom. He assembled a group of teaching Brothers, who took the name of the Brothers of Saint Gabriel after his death.**

► ***Rule of Life 230ab :***

At all levels of government, the Brother Superiors are responsible for the administration of the goods of the Institute. According to Canon Law, the Provincial or Visitor, with his Council's consent, has the power to administer the temporal goods, and to perform and authorize all transactions allowed to religious Institutes by ecclesiastical and civil legislation and which are not explicitly reserved to the Superior General.

► ***Thought of Father De la Mennais:***

My venerable and holy friend, we are both nearing the end of our career; soon we will have disappeared from among these children; but from the depths of the grave, we will still be able to guide them. A little later, they will come to join us; let us meet them in heaven!

*Birthday anniversary of Brother Yiga Geoffrey*

## DEPARTED:

*We commemorate the death anniversary of **Bro. Henry Kyewalyanga Kasendwa**. He served in a couple of communities and institutions mainly as Bursar. He is noted for his hard and devoted work briefly at Ibanda S.S., Caltec Academy Makerere and especially, at St. Charles Lwanga Kasasa. He also served at the level of the Province, rendering valuable services as Provincial Treasurer. He was convinced and friendly religious. He died on this date in 2017, and is buried in the Kisubi FIC cemetery.*

## OTHER DEPARTED BROTHERS

1992, Br. Henri Villeneuve (Justinus).- 2003, Br. Benoît Croteau (Ignace-Louis).

## 29 MONDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY

St. Thomas Becket, Bishop of Canterbury, Martyr. [†1170].

In the breviary, Week I

► *Rule of Life* 231 :

Brother Treasurers and others who, in various capacities, are assigned to the administration of temporal goods consider themselves stewards of ecclesiastical property; they observe the norms and prescriptions of the Church and civil authorities, and the statutes of the Institute. They act as agents under the authority of their Major Superior, assisted by his Council.

► *To Bro. Ambroise Le Haiget, 4 December 1845:*

In all events, however unfortunate they may be, never be troubled; let us do our best, and then dwell in peace in the hands of God.

## DEPARTED BROTHERS

1963, Br. Salvius-Louis Lédan. - 1983, Br. Marcel Perrais (Herblain). - 1986, Br. Jean Tillon (Léon-Louis). - 2016, Br. Gilbert Ollivier, (Pierre-André) Assistant Superior General from 1970 to 1982.

## 30 TUESDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF NATIVITY

► *Rule of Life* 233 :

The financial status of the Institute influences fraternal life in community and its ability to fulfil its mission in the Church. Those assigned to oversee it act as diligent stewards, keeping in mind the community and apostolic implications of their administrative duties.

► *To students, sermon for the Christmas party:*

The thoughts of man are not the thoughts of God, and the more Jesus Christ humbles himself, the more he reveals that he is the Saviour we should expect.

## DEPARTED:

*We commemorate the death of **Bro. Lionel Legendre (Victoric)**. He arrived in 1938 and remained until 1945. He served as teacher at St. Mary's College for all those*



years. He returned to Canada and took on a number of responsibilities, including the service at the level of the entire Institute, as Assistant Superior General from 1958 to 1964. He is remembered for the time he taught at St. Mary's that on one of the occasions when he accompanied the students to the lake, he strolled a little further than he usually did and tumbled on a beautiful corner of the lake side, that was without delay requested from the Bishop for the future development and use of the Brothers. This corner that was later named Nabinoonya. He died on this date in 1971 at St. Romuald – Canada, and is buried there.

OTHER DEPARTED BROTHERS : 1966, Br. Alphonse Trébaul (Damien-René). - 1971, 1986, F. Paul Lavanant (Martial). - 1994, Br. Jean-Louis Stéphan (Savinien). - 2002, Br. Nicolás Mediavilla. - 2014, Br. Étienne Georgelin (Laurent-Yves). - 2018, Br. José-Luis López López (Benito). –

## 31 WEDNESDAY IN THE OCTAVE OF NATIVITY

St. Sylvester 1<sup>st</sup>, Pope, [†335].

In the Breviary: First Vespers For The Solemnity of **Mary Mother of God Day of thanksgiving and for atonement for the good received and for offences we committed during the year.** *Singing together the Miserere and the Te Deum*

### ► *Rule of Life 234a :*

Brothers to whom are given administrative responsibilities fulfil their duties with the accuracy and transparency required in all financial operations. They see to it that accounts are well kept, and they regularly audit the various funds.

### ► *To the priests of Saint-Méen, closing of a retreat*

Let us be careful not be satisfied with just empty words of gratitude to God. Having been fulfilled with his blessings, we must be determined to serve him with greater fidelity and zeal.

*Birthday anniversary of Brothers Musau Muaka Paul, and Sikubwabo Photogene.*

### DEPARTED:

*We commemorate the death anniversary of Bro. Simon Bitanako (Raphael Mary). A religious who combined a variety of gifts: language teacher, artist and musician. He taught in a couple of schools beginning with St. Mary's Secondary School Nsumba in Mwanza in 1958 where he started his apostolate after formation. He however, served longest at St. Henry's College Kitovu (1967 – 1988) followed by Uganda Martyrs High School Rubaga (1989 – 1997). In retirement he continued to render valuable service at the Postulate Kisubi, practically up to his death. He was a humble, principled, devoted and friendly Brother. He died on this date in 2011, and is buried in the Kisubi FIC cemetery.*

OTHER DEPARTED BROTHERS: 1989, Br. Albert Nouvel (Constantin). - 1998, Br. Raymond Maillard (Théodore-Joseph). –2004, Br. Jean-Baptiste Huet (August-Roger). -

2008, Br. Henri Goupil (Hermias). -2015, Br. Santiago Alejandro Arberas Martinez de la Fuente (José-Antonio).

**LAUS DEO SEMPER**

**(GOD BE PRAISED FOR EVER)**