



2026

LOVE FOR THE LORD IS ONE WITH LOVE FOR THE POOR (*DILEXI TE*)



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Choosing the poor renews the  
Church and society.  
- *Dilexi te 7*  
Pope Leo XIV

"... Our Congregation endeavours  
to fulfil its contemplative and active  
dimension of its apostolic mission,  
by following the footsteps of  
St. Francis of Assisi."  
- FSJ Constitutions 4.1

# JANUARY 2026

| MON                               | TUE                                     | WED                                    | THU  | FRI                                    | SAT                                  | SUN   |
|-----------------------------------|---|--|--|--|--------------------------------------|---|
|                                   |   |  | 1<br><small>Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</small> | 2                                      | 3                                    | 4   |
| 5                                 | 6<br><small>Baptism of the Lord</small> | 7                                      | 8  | 9                                      | 10                                   | 11  |
| 12                                | 13                                      | 14<br><small>Saint Devasagayam</small> | 15<br><small>Saint Antony, Abbot<br/>Pongal</small>  | 16<br><small>Thiruvalluvar day</small> | 17                                   | 18  |
| 19                                | 20                                      | 21                                     | 22   | 23                                     | 24                                   | 25<br><small>Conversion of Saint Paul</small> |
| 26<br><small>Republic Day</small> | 27                                      | 28                                     | 29   | 30                                     | 31<br><small>Saint Don Bosco</small> |   |

01 New Year Day | 15 Pongal | 16 Thiruvalluvar Day | 26 Republic Day



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Caring for the suffering is touching  
Christ Himself.  
- *Dilexi te* 49  
Pope Leo XIV

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“St. Francis practiced poverty as the  
only means to enhance his love for  
the humanity, following his example  
our practice of poverty should unite  
us in love with God and with our  
neighbours”.

- FSJ Constitutions 21.5

# FEBRUARY 2026

**MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT SUN**

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Presentation of the Lord

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FSJ Founder's Day  
Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

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Transfiguration of the Lord

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Ash Wednesday

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Chair of St. Peter, the Apostle

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11 FSJ Founder's Day | 18 Ash Wednesday | 22 Chair of St. Peter, the Apostle



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Through loving actions, the poor  
 feel Christ's words:  
 "I have loved you".  
 - *Dilexi te 121*  
 Pope Leo XIV

"...the ardent desire to strive towards  
 liberation in solidarity with the  
 downtrodden and the oppressed with  
 special emphasis on women and integral  
 growth of female children".  
 - *FSJ Constitutions 2.1*

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# MARCH 2026

| MON | TUE                                    | WED   | THU  | FRI | SAT                         | SUN   |
|-----|--|---|--|-----|-----------------------------|---|
| 30  | 31<br><small>Mahaveer Jayanthi</small> |   |  |     |                             | 1   |
| 2   | 3                                      | 4   | 5  | 6   | 7                           | 8<br><small>International Women's Day</small> |
| 9   | 10                                     | 11  | 12   | 13  | 14                          | 15  |
| 16  | 17                                     | 18  | 19<br><small>Feast of Saint Joseph<br/>Telugu New Year's Day</small> | 20  | 21<br><small>Ramzan</small> | 22  |
| 23  | 24                                     | 25<br><small>Annunciation of the Lord</small> | 26   | 27  | 28                          | 29<br><small>Palm Sunday</small>              |

08 International Women's Day | 19 Feast of St. Joseph | 21 Ramzan | 31 Mahaveer Jayanthi



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Gifts born of love help others  
and purify the giver  
- *Dilexi te 46*  
Pope Leo XIV

"...Let the sisters encourage each other in God's service through their sharing of mutual love and joy."  
- *FSJ Constitutions 20.2*

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# APRIL 2026

| MON | TUE   | WED | THU                                 | FRI                             | SAT   | SUN                               |
|-----|---|-----|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
|     |   | 1   | 2<br><small>Maundy Thursday</small> | 3<br><small>Good Friday</small> | 4   | 5<br><small>Easter</small>        |
| 6   | 7   | 8   | 9                                   | 10                              | 11  | 12<br><small>Divine Mercy</small> |
| 13  | 14<br><small>Tamil New Year Day<br/>Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's B'day</small> | 15  | 16                                  | 17                              | 18  | 19                                |
| 20  | 21  | 22  | 23                                  | 24                              | 25<br><small>Saint Mark, the Evangelist</small> | 26                                |
| 27  | 28  | 29  | 30                                  |                                 |   |                                   |

03 Good Friday | 05 Easter | 14 Tamil New Year Day / Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's B'day



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Not helping the poor is stealing from them.  
- *Dilexi te 42*  
Pope Leo XIV

"We have renounced everything and have chosen a life of poverty. We fully repudiate power, wealth and honour and cultivate a habit of sharing what we have with the needy."  
- FSJ Constitutions 21.3

# MAY 2026

MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT SUN

|  |           |                     |  |           |  |  |   |
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|  |           |                     |  |           | <b>1</b><br>Feast of Saint Joseph, the Worker<br>May Day | <b>2</b>   | <b>3</b><br>Saints Phillip and James Apostles |
| <b>4</b>                               | <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b>            | <b>7</b>                               | <b>8</b>  | <b>9</b>   | <b>10</b>  |   |
| <b>11</b>                              | <b>12</b> | <b>13</b>           | <b>14</b><br>The Ascension of the Lord | <b>15</b> | <b>16</b>  | <b>17</b>  |   |
| <b>18</b>                              | <b>19</b> | <b>20</b>           | <b>21</b>                              | <b>22</b> | <b>23</b>  | <b>24</b><br>Pentecost Sunday  |   |
| <b>25</b><br>Mary Mother of the Church | <b>26</b> | <b>27</b><br>Bakrid | <b>28</b>                              | <b>29</b> | <b>30</b>  | <b>31</b><br>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary<br>Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity |   |

01 Feast of Saint Joseph, the Worker | 27 Bakrid



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Seeing the poor's suffering challenges us to live simply.  
*- Dilexi te 101*  
 Pope Leo XIV

"The essence of community life consists in being united in Spirit and not just in sharing food, clothing and shelter, the sisters live in sincere love united as one family".  
*- FSJ Constitutions 25.1*

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# JUNE 2026

| MON  | TUE | WED  | THU                                 | FRI   | SAT  | SUN |
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| 1  | 2   | 3  | 4<br><small>Corpus Christi</small>  | 5   | 6  | 7   |
| 8  | 9   | 10   | 11<br><small>Saint Barnabas</small> | 12<br><small>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</small> | 13<br><small>Saint Antony of Padua</small> | 14  |
| 15   | 16  | 17   | 18                                  | 19  | 20   | 21  |
| 22   | 23  | 24<br><small>The Nativity of Saint, John the Baptist</small> | 25                                  | 26<br><small>Muharram</small>                       | 27   | 28  |
| 29<br><small>Saints Peter and Paul</small> | 30  |  |                                     |   |  |     |

4 Corpus Christi | 26 Muharram



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Loving God  
means loving  
the poor—it's how  
we meet Him.  
- *Dilexi te* 5  
Pope Leo XIV

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"As God respects and loves each one of us  
accepts us as we are with our weaknesses  
and shortcomings, the sisters shall also  
respect, love and accept one another  
unconditionally".

- FSJ Constitutions 26.1

# JULY 2026

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Our Lady of Mount Carmel

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Saint Mary Magdalene

Saint James

Saints Joachim & Anne,  
Parents of BVM

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St. Ignatius of Loyola

31 Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola



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The Church builds bridges where  
the world builds walls.  
- *Dilexi te 75*  
Pope Leo XIV



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"God's universal love is bestowed on  
everybody unconditionally, So too the  
sisters shall share their love towards  
one another without discrimination".  
- FSJ Constitutions 29.1

# AUGUST 2026

| MON  | TUE  | WED  | THU       | FRI       | SAT  | SUN       |
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| <b>31</b>                                  |  |  |           |           | <b>1</b>   | <b>2</b>  |
| <b>3</b>                                   | <b>4</b><br><small>Feast of<br/>Saint John Maria Vianney</small> | <b>5</b>                                   | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b>   | <b>9</b>  |
| <b>10</b><br><small>Saint Lawrence</small> | <b>11</b><br><small>Feast of<br/>Saint Clare</small>             | <b>12</b>                                  | <b>13</b> | <b>14</b> | <b>15</b><br><small>Assumption of the BVM<br/>Independence Day</small> | <b>16</b> |
| <b>17</b>                                  | <b>18</b>  | <b>19</b>                                  | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b> | <b>22</b><br><small>Queenship of the BVM</small>                       | <b>23</b> |
| <b>24</b>                                  | <b>25</b>  | <b>26</b><br><small>Milad -un-Nabi</small> | <b>27</b> | <b>28</b> | <b>29</b><br><small>The Passion of Saint John, the Baptist</small>     | <b>30</b> |

15 Independence day | 26 Milad -un-Nabi



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Holiness is shown through  
concrete love in every act  
- *Dilexi te 54*  
Pope Leo XIV

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“Trusting in the divine providence and with the spirit of Joy of St. Francis, the poor little man, whose spirit we imbibe, our sisters carry out their apostolic activities. Thus we witness to Christ in the world”.

- FSJ Constitutions 33.1

# SEPTEMBER 2026

| MON   | TUE  | WED   | THU  | FRI                                  | SAT  | SUN |
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|   | 1  | 2   | 3  | 4<br><small>Krishna Jayanthi</small> | 5<br><small>St. Theresa of Kolkata</small> | 6   |
| 7   | 8<br><small>The Nativity of the BVM</small>                                  | 9   | 10   | 11                                   | 12   | 13  |
| 14<br><small>Exaltation of the Holy Cross<br/>Vinayagar Chaturthi</small> | 15<br><small>Feast of<br/>Our Lady of Sorrows</small>                        | 16  | 17<br><small>Stigmata of<br/>St. Francis of Assisi</small> | 18                                   | 19   | 20  |
| 21<br><small>Saint Mathew the Apostle<br/>&amp; Evangelist</small>        | 22   | 23<br><small>Feast of<br/>Saint Pio</small> | 24   | 25                                   | 26   | 27  |
| 28  | 29<br><small>Saint Michael, Gabriel and<br/>Raphael Archangels Feast</small> | 30  |  |                                      |  |     |

4 Krishna Jayanthi | 14 Vinayagar Chaturthi



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Without meeting Christ in the poor,  
we cannot worship Him.  
- *Dilexi te 41*  
Pope Leo XIV

"The quality of society and civilization is  
measured by the respect shown to the  
weakest of its members. Bearing in mind their  
moral, social and occupational background we  
show solidarity with the downtrodden and the  
oppressed and work for their liberation."

- FSJ Constitutions 38.1

# OCTOBER 2026

| MON                       | TUE                       | WED                            | THU                                    | FRI  | SAT       | SUN  |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|-----------|--|
|                           |                           |                                | <b>1</b><br>St. Theresa of Child Jesus | <b>2</b><br>Guardian Angels<br>Gandhi Jayanthi | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b><br>Feast of St. Francis of Assisi |
| <b>5</b>                  | <b>6</b>                  | <b>7</b><br>Our Lady of Rosary | <b>8</b>                               | <b>9</b>                                       | <b>10</b> | <b>11</b>                                  |
| <b>12</b>                 | <b>13</b>                 | <b>14</b>                      | <b>15</b><br>Saint Theresa of Avila    | <b>16</b>                                      | <b>17</b> | <b>18</b><br>Feast of Saint Luke           |
| <b>19</b><br>Ayutha Pooja | <b>20</b><br>Vijayadasami | <b>21</b>                      | <b>22</b><br>St. John Paul II          | <b>23</b>                                      | <b>24</b> | <b>25</b>                                  |
| <b>26</b>                 | <b>27</b>                 | <b>28</b>                      | <b>29</b>                              | <b>30</b>                                      | <b>31</b> |  |

02 Gandhi Jayanthi | 04 Feast of St. Francis of Assisi | 19 Ayutha Pooja | 20 Vijayadasami



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Christian love unites enemies  
and breaks every barrier.  
- *Dilexi te 120*  
Pope Leo XIV

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"We create a sense of equality and  
fraternity among the working women,  
we inculcate in them self-confidence,  
so that they help to create a new  
society of women with self-reliance."

- FSJ Constitutions 39.2

# NOVEMBER 2026

| MON                       | TUE       | WED       | THU       | FRI       | SAT   | SUN  |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|--|
| <b>30</b><br>Saint Andrew |           |           |           |           |   | <b>1</b><br>All Saints Day                             |
| <b>2</b><br>All Souls Day | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b>  | <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b><br>Deepavali                                  |
| <b>9</b>                  | <b>10</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>13</b> | <b>14</b>   | <b>15</b>  |
| <b>16</b>                 | <b>17</b> | <b>18</b> | <b>19</b> | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b><br>Presentation of the<br>Blessed Mary Virgin | <b>22</b><br>Feast of Christ the King<br>Saint Cecilia |
| <b>23</b>                 | <b>24</b> | <b>25</b> | <b>26</b> | <b>27</b> | <b>28</b>   | <b>29</b>  |

01 All Saints Day | 02 All Souls Day | 08 Deepavali



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God rewards those who love and  
serve the poor.  
- *Dilexi te 45*  
Pope Leo XIV

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"God in his goodness calls all believers  
in the Church to the perfection of love  
through different states of life in order to  
help each one grow in holiness and  
establish the kingdom of God."

- FSJ Constitutions 42.1

# DECEMBER 2026

| MON  | TUE | WED | THU   | FRI  | SAT | SUN  |
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|  | 1   | 2   | 3<br><small>Feast of<br/>Saint Francis Xavier</small> | 4  | 5   | 6  |
| 7<br><small>Immaculate Conception of the BVM</small> | 8   | 9   | 10  | 11   | 12  | 13   |
| 14   | 15  | 16  | 17  | 18   | 19  | 20   |
| 21   | 22  | 23  | 24  | 25<br><small>The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas,<br/>FSJ Founder's Birthday Bishop Allen</small> | 26  | 27<br><small>The Holy Family of<br/>Jesus Mary Joseph<br/>John, The Apostle &amp; Evangelist</small> |
| 28<br><small>The Holy Innocents</small>              | 29  | 30  | 31  |  |     |  |

03 Feast of St. Francis Xavier | 08 The Immaculate Conception of the BVM | 25 Christmas



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