



# Calendar for the year 2023





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# January 2023

| Sunday  | Monday   | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday   | Saturday   |
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| <b>1</b><br><b>Mary, Mother of God</b><br>RSA: New Year's Day   | <b>2</b><br>Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, bishops & doctors<br>RSA: Public Holiday | <b>3</b><br>The Most Holy Name of Jesus   | <b>4</b><br>(St. Elizabeth Ann Seton)<br>30 years Blessed Gérard's Relief Fund   | <b>5</b><br>(St. John Neumann, bishop)  | <b>6</b><br>(St. André Bessette)   | <b>7</b><br>St. Raymond of Peñafort, priest      |
| <b>8</b><br><b>Epiphany of the Lord</b><br>(St. Severinus)  | <b>9</b><br><b>Baptism of the Lord</b><br>St. Adrian of Canterbury, abbot                      | <b>10</b><br>Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> week in Ordinary time<br>(St. Gregory of Nyssa, bishop, OSB) | <b>11</b><br>(Blessed William Carter)<br>Anniversary: Vicariate Apostolic of Eshowe elevated to the Diocese of Eshowe, 1951  | <b>12</b><br>(St. Marguerite Bourgeoys)   | <b>13</b><br>St. Hilary, bishop & doctor   | <b>14</b><br>(St. Felix of Nola)                 |
| <b>15</b><br><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in ordinary time</b><br>(Sts. Maurus & Placidus, scholars of St. Benedict, OSB) | <b>16</b><br>(St. Bernard & companions)  | <b>17</b><br>St. Anthony, abbot   | <b>18</b><br>(St. Prisca)  | <b>19</b><br>(St. Canute)   | <b>20</b><br>St. Fabian, pope & martyr;<br>St. Sebastian, martyr;<br>Blessed Cyprian Michael Tansi, priest | <b>21</b><br>St. Agnes, virgin & martyr          |
| <b>22</b><br><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in ordinary time</b><br>St. Vincent of Saragozza, deacon & martyr               | <b>23</b><br>(St. Marianne Cope)   | <b>24</b><br>St. Francis de Sales, bishop & doctor  | <b>25</b><br><b>Conversion of St. Paul, the Apostle</b>  | <b>26</b><br>Sts. Timothy & Titus, bishops<br>(St. Robert, Alberich & Stephen, Cistercian abbots, OSB)<br>27 years Blessed Gérard's Disaster Relief Project | <b>27</b><br>St. Angela Merici, virgin   | <b>28</b><br>St. Thomas Aquinas, priest & doctor |
| <b>29</b><br><b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary time</b><br>(St. Gildas the Wise, abbot)                            | <b>30</b><br>(St. Martina, virgin & martyr)  | <b>31</b><br>St. John Bosco, priest   | <b>Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard</b><br>O Box 440 · Mandeni 4490 · Republic of South Africa<br>Phone +27 82 492 4043 · www.bbg.org.za · bbg@bbg.org.za<br>Lectionary: Sundays: Cycle A, Weekdays: Year I |   |  |  |

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# February 2023

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| <b>5</b><br><b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in<br/> ordinary time</b><br>St. Agatha,<br>virgin & martyr   | <b>6</b><br>Sts. Paul Miki, priest &<br>martyr & companions,<br>martyrs: "Twenty-six<br>martyrs of Japan" | <b>7</b><br>(St. Moses)                                 | <b>8</b><br>St. Josephine Bakhita,<br>virgin · St. Jerome<br>Emiliani,<br>priest   | <b>9</b><br>(St. Apollonia)                      | <b>10</b><br>St. Scholastica,<br>virgin, OSB  | <b>11</b><br>Our Lady of Lourdes ·<br>(St. Benedict<br>of Aniane,<br>abbot, OSB)  |
| <b>12</b><br><b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in<br/> ordinary time</b><br>(St. Damian)  | <b>13</b><br>(St. Catherine de Ricci)   | <b>14</b><br>Sts. Cyril, monk<br>& Methodius,<br>bishop | <b>15</b><br>(St. Faustinus)   | <b>16</b><br>(St. Juliana of<br>Cumae, martyr)   | <b>17</b><br>Seven Founders of the<br>Order of Servites,<br>religious   | <b>18</b><br>(St. Simeon, bishop &<br>martyr)   |
| <b>19</b><br><b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in<br/> ordinary time</b><br>(St. Boniface of<br>Lausanne)   | <b>20</b><br>Dedication of the Principal<br>Church of the Order of<br>Malta, SMOM                         | <b>21</b><br>St. Peter<br>Damian, bishop<br>& doctor    | <b>22</b><br><b>Ash Wednesday</b><br>The Chair of St. Peter,<br>apostle  | <b>23</b><br>St. Polycarp,<br>bishop & martyr    | <b>24</b><br>Friday after Ash<br>Wednesday<br>(St. Sergius)   | <b>25</b><br>Saturday after Ash<br>Wednesday<br>(St. Ethelbert of Kent)<br><br><i>Priory of Inkamana<br/> raised to an abbey in<br/> 1982</i> |
| <b>26</b><br><b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of<br/> Lent</b><br>St. Alexander of<br>Alexandria,<br>bishop  | <b>27</b><br>(St. Gabriel of Our Lady of<br>Sorrows & St. Gregory of<br>Narek, abbot & doctor)            | <b>28</b><br>(St. Hilary,<br>pope)                      | Including the General Roman Calendar, the Proper Calendar of the Order of St. Benedict, the Proper Calendar of the Order of Malta and the Proper Calendar for the Dioceses of South Africa + the African Saints brought to you by the <b>Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard</b> |  |   |   |



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| <b>5</b><br><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b><br>(St. Kieran, bishop)  | <b>6</b><br>(St. Colette)  | <b>7</b><br>Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, martyrs                                  | <b>8</b><br>St. John of God, religious  | <b>9</b><br>St. Frances of Rome, religious     | <b>10</b><br>(St. John Ogilvie, martyr) | <b>11</b><br>(St. Constantine, martyr)               |
| <b>12</b><br><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b><br>(St. Seraphina)<br><i>Abbey of St. Ottilien raised to the rank of an Archabbey in 1914</i>   | <b>13</b><br>(Bl. Agnello of Pisa)   | <b>14</b><br>(St. Maud)  | <b>15</b><br>(St. Louise de Marillac)<br>30 years <b>Blessed Gérard's Malnutrition Clinic</b> | <b>16</b><br>(St. Herbert)                     | <b>17</b><br>St. Patrick, bishop        | <b>18</b><br>St. Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop & doctor |
| <b>19</b><br><b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b><br><b>"Laetare"</b>   | <b>20</b><br><b>St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b><br>(St. Ambrosius Sansedoni of Siena, religious) | <b>21</b><br>Death of St. Benedict, abbot, OSB<br><b>RSA: Human Rights Day</b> | <b>22</b><br><b>Blessed Clemens August Count von Galen, SMOM</b><br>St. Deogratias, bishop    | <b>23</b><br>St. Turibius de Mogrovejo, bishop | <b>24</b><br>(St. Aldemar)              | <b>25</b><br><b>Annunciation of Our Lord</b>         |
| <b>26</b><br><b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent</b><br>(Blessed Didacus Joseph of Cadiz)  | <b>27</b><br>St. John of Egypt, hermit   | <b>28</b><br>(St. Venturino of Bergamo)  | <b>29</b><br>(St. Jonas & Barachisius, martyrs)   | <b>30</b><br>(St. John Climacus, abbot)        | <b>31</b><br>(St. Benjamin, martyr)     |  |

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| <b>2</b><br><b>Palm Sunday</b><br>St. Francis of Paola, hermit   | <b>3</b><br><b>Monday of Holy Week</b><br>(St. Richard of Wyche)  | <b>4</b><br><b>Tuesday of Holy Week</b><br>St. Isidore, bishop & doctor · St. Benedict 'the Black', religious | <b>5</b><br><b>Wednesday of Holy Week</b><br>St. Vincent Ferrer, priest      | <b>6</b><br><b>Holy Thursday</b><br>(St. Celestino I, pope<br>St. Peter of Verona)<br>17th anniversary of Clare Kalkwarf's death  | <b>7</b><br><b>Good Friday</b><br>St. John Baptist de la Salle, priest  | <b>8</b><br><b>Easter Vigil</b><br>(St. Walter of Pontnoise, abbot) |
| <b>9</b><br><b>Easter Sunday</b><br>(St. Mary of Cleophas)   | <b>10</b><br><b>Monday in Easter Octave</b><br>(St. Michael de Sanctis)<br>RSA: Family Day  | <b>11</b><br><b>Tuesday in Easter Octave</b><br>St. Stanislaus, bishop & martyr                               | <b>12</b><br><b>Wednesday in Easter Octave</b><br>St. Zeno of Verona, bishop | <b>13</b><br><b>Thursday in Easter Octave</b><br>St. Martin I, pope & martyr  | <b>14</b><br><b>Friday in Easter Octave</b><br>(St. Maximus, martyr)  | <b>15</b><br><b>Saturday in Easter Octave</b><br>(St. Hunna)        |
| <b>16</b><br><b>2nd Sunday of Easter "Divine Mercy Sunday"</b><br>(St. Bernadette Soubirous, religious)  | <b>17</b><br>(St. Landricus, bishop & abbot)  | <b>18</b><br>(Blessed Marie-Anne Blondin)   | <b>19</b><br>(Leo IX, pope)  | <b>20</b><br>St. Marcellinus, bishop · Sts. Vincent & Dominicus, missionaries ·<br>30 years Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard acknowledged as Relief Organisation of the Order of Malta | <b>21</b><br>St. Anselm, bishop & doctor  | <b>22</b><br>(St. Alexander, martyr)                                |
| <b>23</b><br><b>3rd Sunday of Easter</b><br>St. George, martyr · St. Adalbert, bishop, missionary & martyr, OSB  | <b>24</b><br>St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, priest & martyr  | <b>25</b><br><b>St. Mark, evangelist</b>  | <b>26</b><br>(St. Cletus)  | <b>27</b><br>(St. Zita)<br>RSA: Freedom Day   | <b>28</b><br>St. Peter Chanel, priest & martyr · St. Louis Mary Grignon de Montfort, priest · St. Pius V., pope | <b>29</b><br>St. Catherine of Siena, virgin & doctor                |
| <b>30</b><br><b>4th Sunday of Easter</b><br>Our Lady, Mother of Africa   | Including the General Roman Calendar, the Proper Calendar of the Order of St. Benedict, the Proper Calendar of the Order of Malta and the Proper Calendar for the Dioceses of South Africa + the African Saints brought to you by the Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard |   |  |   |   |   |



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| <p>Lectionary:<br/>Sundays: Cycle A,<br/>Weekdays: Year I</p>   | <p><b>1</b><br/>St. Joseph the worker · <b>RSA: Workers' Day</b></p>                         | <p><b>2</b><br/>St. Athanasius, bishop &amp; doctor</p>  | <p><b>3</b><br/><b>Sts. Philip &amp; James, apostles</b></p>                                      | <p><b>4</b><br/>(Blessed Martyrs of England and Wales)</p>   | <p><b>5</b><br/>(St. Asaph, bishop)</p>  | <p><b>6</b><br/>(St. Dominic Savio)</p>                  |
| <p><b>7</b><br/><b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b><br/>(St. John of Beverley, bishop)</p>                           | <p><b>8</b><br/>(St. Peter of Tarantaise)</p>  | <p><b>9</b><br/>(St. George Preca)</p>   | <p><b>10</b><br/>St. John of Avila, priest &amp; doctor · (St. Damien de Veuster of Moloka'i)</p> | <p><b>11</b><br/>(Sts. Odo, Majolus, Odilo, Hugo &amp; Petrus the venerable, abbots of Cluny, OSB)</p>   | <p><b>12</b><br/>Sts. Nereus &amp; Achilleus, martyrs;<br/>St. Pancras, martyr</p> | <p><b>13</b><br/>Our Lady of Fatima</p>                  |
| <p><b>14</b><br/><b>6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b><br/><b>St. Matthias, Apostle</b> · <b>RSA: Mothers' Day</b></p> | <p><b>15</b><br/>(St. Dymphna)</p>   | <p><b>16</b><br/>(St. Brendan, abbot)</p>  | <p><b>17</b><br/>(St. Paschal Baylon)</p>   | <p><b>18</b><br/><b>Blessed Gerard Mecatti of Villamagna, religious, SMOM</b><br/>St. John I, pope &amp; martyr</p>  | <p><b>19</b><br/>(St. Celestin, pope &amp; hermit, OSB)</p>                        | <p><b>20</b><br/>St. Bernardine of Siena, priest</p>     |
| <p><b>21</b><br/><b>Ascension of the Lord</b><br/>St. Christopher Magallanes, priest &amp; companions, martyrs</p>      | <p><b>22</b><br/>St. Rita of Cascia, religious</p>   | <p><b>23</b><br/><b>Blessed William Apor, bishop &amp; martyr, SMOM · 29 years Blessed Gérard's AIDS Education Programme</b></p> | <p><b>24</b><br/>The Blessed Virgin Mary, Help for Christians</p>                                 | <p><b>25</b><br/>St. Bede the Venerable priest &amp; doctor<br/>St. Gregory VII, pope<br/>St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi, virgin</p>  | <p><b>26</b><br/>St. Philip Neri, priest</p>                                       | <p><b>27</b><br/>St. Augustine of Canterbury, bishop</p> |
| <p><b>28</b><br/><b>Pentecost Sunday</b><br/>St. Ubaldesca, virgin, SMOM</p>  | <p><b>29</b><br/>Mary, mother of the Church<br/><b>Blessed Joseph Gerard OMI, priest</b></p> | <p><b>30</b><br/>(St. Joan of Arc)</p>   | <p><b>31</b><br/><b>Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b></p>                                 | <p>Including the General Roman Calendar, the <b>Proper Calendar of the Order of St. Benedict</b>, the <b>Proper Calendar of the Order of Malta</b> and the <b>Proper Calendar for the Dioceses of South Africa + the African Saints</b> brought to you by the</p> <p><b>Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard</b></p> <p>P O Box 440 · Mandeni 4490 · Republic of South Africa<br/>Phone +27 82 492 4043 · www.bbg.org.za · bbg@bbg.org.za</p> |  |  |



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| <b>4</b><br><b>Trinity Sunday</b><br>(St. Quirinus of<br>Siscia, bishop)   | <b>5</b><br>St. Boniface,<br>bishop & martyr                                       | <b>6</b><br>St. Norbert, bishop   | <b>7</b><br>Wednesday of the<br>9 <sup>th</sup> week in<br>ordinary time<br>(St. Robert, abbot) | <b>8</b><br>Blessed James<br>Berthieu,<br>martyr   | <b>9</b><br>St. Ephrem of Syria, deacon & doctor  | <b>10</b><br>(St. Ithamar)   |
| <b>11</b><br><b>"Corpus Christi"</b><br>St. Barnabas,<br>apostle   | <b>12</b><br>St. Flora of<br>Beaulieu, virgin,<br>SMOM<br>St. Onophrius,<br>hermit | <b>13</b><br><b>St. Anthony of Padua,</b><br><b>priest &amp; doctor,</b><br><b>Patron of Mandeni</b><br><b>Parish</b> | <b>14</b><br>Wednesday of the<br>10 <sup>th</sup> week in<br>ordinary time<br>(St. Valerius)    | <b>15</b><br>(Sts. Vitus &<br>Modestus,<br>martyrs)  | <b>16</b><br><b>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus,</b><br><b>Patronal feast of the Diocese of Eshowe</b><br><b>&amp; the Missionary Benedictines ·</b> (St.<br>Aurelian) · <b>RSA: Youth Day</b> | <b>17</b><br><b>Immaculate Heart</b><br><b>of Mary</b><br>(St. Paschal<br>Baylon)      |
| <b>18</b><br><b>11<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b><br><b>in ordinary time</b><br>(St. Gregory<br>Barbagio, bishop) ·<br><b>RSA: Fathers' Day</b>   | <b>19</b><br>Blessed<br>Gerland,<br>religious,<br>SMOM<br>St. Romuald,<br>abbot    | <b>20</b><br>Tuesday of the 11 <sup>th</sup><br>week in ordinary time<br>(Sts. Alban, Aaron &<br>Julius)              | <b>21</b><br>St. Aloysius<br>Gonzaga, religious   | <b>22</b><br>John Fisher,<br>bishop &<br>martyr<br>Thomas<br>Moore, martyr<br>Sts. Paulinus<br>of Nola, bishop | <b>23</b><br>(St. Joseph Cafasso)   | <b>24</b><br><b>Nativity of St.</b><br><b>John the Baptist,</b><br><b>patron, SMOM</b> |
| <b>25</b><br><b>12<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b><br><b>in ordinary time</b><br>(St. William of<br>Vercelli, abbot)   | <b>26</b><br>(St. Anthelm)   | <b>27</b><br>St. Cyril of Alexandria,<br>bishop & doctor  | <b>28</b><br>St. Irenaeus,<br>bishop & martyr   | <b>29</b><br><b>Sts. Peter &amp;</b><br><b>Paul, apostles</b>  | <b>30</b><br>First Martyrs of the<br>Holy Roman Church  |  |

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| <b>2</b><br><b>13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary time</b><br>(St. Oliver Plunkett) · 20 years<br>Blessed Gérard's Care Centre<br>acknowledged as Public Benefit<br>Organisation                | <b>3</b><br><b>St. Thomas,</b><br><b>apostle</b> | <b>4</b><br>St. Elizabeth<br>of Portugal   | <b>5</b><br>St. Anthony M. Zaccaria,<br>priest  | <b>6</b><br>St. Maria<br>Goretti, virgin &<br>martyr | <b>7</b><br>(St. Willibald<br>St. Palladius, bishop)  | <b>8</b><br>Blessed Adrian<br>Fortescue, martyr,<br>SMOM  |
| <b>9</b><br><b>14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary time</b><br>St. Augustine Zhao Rong, priest &<br>companions, martyrs<br>(Mary Queen of Peace)<br>23 years Blessed Gérard's<br>Children's Home | <b>10</b><br>(Bl. Emmanuel<br>Ruiz)              | <b>11</b><br><b>St. Benedict,</b><br><b>abbot, OSB</b>   | <b>12</b><br>Blessed David Gunston,<br>martyr, SMOM · (St.<br>Johannes Gualbert, abbot,<br>OSB) | <b>13</b><br>St. Henry                               | <b>14</b><br><b>St. Toscana,</b><br><b>religious, SMOM</b> · St.<br>Camillus de Lellis,<br>priest | <b>15</b><br>St. Bonaventure,<br>bishop & doctor  |
| <b>16</b><br><b>15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary time</b><br>Our Lady of Mount Carmel   | <b>17</b><br>(Carmelite Nuns<br>of Compiègne)    | <b>18</b><br>(St. Camillus<br>de Lellis)<br><b>RSA: Nelson</b><br><b>Mandela Day</b>   | <b>19</b><br>(Sts. Justa & Rufina,<br>martyrs)  | <b>20</b><br>St. Apollinaris,<br>bishop & martyr     | <b>21</b><br>St. Lawrence of<br>Brindisi, priest &<br>doctor                                      | <b>22</b><br><b>St. Mary Magdalene</b>  |
| <b>23</b><br><b>16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary time</b><br>St. Bridget of Sweden, religious   | <b>24</b><br>St. Sharbel<br>Makhlof, priest      | <b>25</b><br><b>St. James,</b><br><b>apostle</b>   | <b>26</b><br>St. Joachim & Anne,<br>parents of the<br>Blessed Virgin Mary                       | <b>27</b><br>(St. Aurelius,<br>martyr)               | <b>28</b><br><b>St. Victor I</b><br><b>pope &amp; martyr</b>                                      | <b>29</b><br>Sts. Martha, <b>Maria &amp;</b><br><b>Lazarus, friends of</b><br><b>Jesus, OSB</b> |
| <b>30</b><br><b>17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary time</b><br>St. Peter Chrysologus, bishop &<br>doctor<br>St. Justin de Jacobis, bishop   | <b>31</b><br>St. Ignatius<br>of Loyola, priest   | <p>Including the General Roman Calendar, the Proper Calendar of the Order of St. Benedict,<br/> the Proper Calendar of the Order of Malta and the Proper Calendar for the Dioceses of South Africa<br/> + the African Saints brought to you by the</p> <p><b>Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard</b></p> <p>P O Box 440 · Mandeni 4490 · Republic of South Africa<br/> Phone +27 82 492 4043 · www.bbg.org.za · bbg@bbg.org.za</p> |   |  |   |   |



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| <b>6</b><br><b>Transfiguration of the Lord</b>  | <b>7</b><br>Sts. Sixtus II, pope & martyr & companions, martyrs · St. Cajetan, priest | <b>8</b><br>St. Dominic, priest  | <b>9</b><br>St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein), virgin & martyr · <b>RSA:National Women's Day</b> | <b>10</b><br><b>St. Lawrence, deacon &amp; martyr</b>                                      | <b>11</b><br>St. Clare of Assisi, virgin   | <b>12</b><br>Blessed Isidore Bakanja, martyr · St. Jane Frances de Chantal, religious |
| <b>13</b><br><b>19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary time</b><br>St. Pontian, pope & martyr · St. Hippolytus, priest & martyr   | <b>14</b><br>St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest & martyr                               | <b>15</b><br><b>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b><br>(St. Mechthild) | <b>16</b><br>St. Stephan of Hungary  | <b>17</b><br>(St. Hyacinth)  | <b>18</b><br>Blessed Victoria Rasoamanarivo  | <b>19</b><br>St. John Eudes priest, (St. Bernard Toloméi, abbot, OSB)                 |
| <b>20</b><br><b>20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary time</b><br>St. Bernard, abbot & doctor  | <b>21</b><br>St. Pius X, pope   | <b>22</b><br>Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary                            | <b>23</b><br>St. Rose of Lima, virgin  | <b>24</b><br><b>St. Bartholomew, apostle</b>   | <b>25</b><br>St. Louis of France · St. Joseph Calasanz, priest   | <b>26</b><br>(Our Lady of Czestochowa)  |
| <b>27</b><br><b>21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in ordinary time</b><br>St. Monica<br><i>Anniversary: Prefecture Apostolic of Zululand erected in 1921</i>   | <b>28</b><br>St. Augustine, bishop & doctor   | <b>29</b><br>Passion of St. John the Baptist, martyr, patron of the SMOM     | <b>30</b><br>Blessed Alfredo Idefonso Schuster O.S.B, SMOM<br>Blessed Ghebre Michael, priest & martyr          | <b>31</b><br>(St. Aidan of Lindisfarne, bishop)  | Including the General Roman Calendar, the Proper Calendar of the Order of St. Benedict, the Proper Calendar of the Order of Malta and the Proper Calendar for the Dioceses of South Africa + the African Saints brought to you by the <b>Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard</b> |   |

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# September 2023

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| <b>3</b><br>22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in ordinary time<br><b>Death of Blessed Gérard (+1120)</b> · St. Gregory the Great, pope & doctor · 27 years <b>Blessed Gérard's Care Centre &amp; Hospice</b>         | <b>4</b><br>(St. Rosalia)                               | <b>5</b><br>(St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta)                    | <b>6</b><br>(St. Faustus)   | <b>7</b><br>(St. Cloud)  | <b>8</b><br><b>Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Philerme, SMOM</b>                 | <b>9</b><br>St. Peter Claver, priest   |
| <b>10</b><br>23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in ordinary time<br>(St. Nicholas of Tolentino)   | <b>11</b><br>(St. Paphnutius)                           | <b>12</b><br>Most Holy Name of Mary                            | <b>13</b><br>St. John Chrysostom, bishop & doctor   | <b>14</b><br><b>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b>   | <b>15</b><br>Our Lady of Sorrows   | <b>16</b><br>St. Cornelius, pope & martyr · St. Cyprian, bishop & martyr   |
| <b>17</b><br>24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary time<br>St. Robert Bellarmine, bishop & doctor<br>(St. Hildegard, virgin & abbess, OSB)   | <b>18</b><br>(St. Joseph of Cupertino)                  | <b>19</b><br>St. Januarius, bishop & martyr                    | <b>20</b><br>St. Andrew Kim Tae-gön, priest & martyr, Sts. Paul Chông Ha-sang & companions, martyrs: "Korean Martyrs" | <b>21</b><br><b>St. Matthew, apostle &amp; evangelist</b>                                  | <b>22</b><br>St. Maurice of Agaune and companions, martyrs   | <b>23</b><br>St. Zechariah & Elizabeth, parents of St. John the Baptist, (SMOM) · St. Pius of Pietrelcina, religious |
| <b>24</b><br>25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary time<br>St. Stephanie, martyr (Our Lady of Ransom)<br><b>RSA: Heritage Day</b>  | <b>25</b><br>(St. Finbar)<br><b>RSA: Public Holiday</b> | <b>26</b><br>St. Paul VI, pope · Sts. Cosmas & Damian, martyrs | <b>27</b><br>St. Vincent de Paul, priest  | <b>28</b><br>St. Wenceslas & companions, martyrs · St. Lawrence Ruiz & companions, martyrs | <b>29</b><br><b>Sts. Michael, Gabriel &amp; Raphael, archangels</b>                                | <b>30</b><br>St. Jerome priest & doctor  |

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# October 2023

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| <b>1</b><br><b>26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary time</b><br>St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus (of Lisieux), virgin & doctor<br>· Our Lady Queen of Nigeria | <b>2</b><br>Holy Guardian Angels   | <b>3</b><br>(St. Gérard of Brogne)   | <b>4</b><br>St. Francis of Assisi, religious  | <b>5</b><br><b>Blessed Peter Pattarini of Imola, prior, SMOM</b><br>(Saint Faustina Kowalska, virgin)   | <b>6</b><br>St. Bruno, abbot   | <b>7</b><br>Our Lady of the Rosary   |
| <b>8</b><br><b>27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary time</b><br><b>St. Hugh, religious, SMOM</b>  | <b>9</b><br>Sts. Denis, bishop & martyr & companions, martyrs<br>· St. John Leonardi, priest | <b>10</b><br><b>St. Daniel Comboni, bishop &amp; founder of the Comboni Missionaries</b> | <b>11</b><br><b>St. John XXIII, pope, SMOM</b>  | <b>12</b><br>(St. Wilfred)  | <b>13</b><br><b>Blessed Gérard, founder of the SMOM, patron of the Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard</b> | <b>14</b><br>St. Callistus I, pope & martyr · 21 years<br><b>Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard acknowledged as Public Benefit Organisation</b> |
| <b>15</b><br><b>28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary time</b><br>St. Teresa of Jesus (of Avila), virgin & doctor  | <b>16</b><br>St. Hedwig, religious<br>· St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin                   | <b>17</b><br>St. Ignatius of Antioch, bishop & martyr                                    | <b>18</b><br><b>St. Luke, evangelist</b>  | <b>19</b><br>Sts. John Brébeuf & Isaac Jogues, priests & martyrs & companions, martyrs “North American Martyrs” · St. Paul of the Cross, priest | <b>20</b><br><b>Blessed Daudi Okelo &amp; Jildro Irwa, martyrs</b>                                   | <b>21</b><br><b>Blessed Charles of Austria, SMOM</b>   |
| <b>22</b><br><b>29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary time</b><br>(St. John Paul II, pope)   | <b>23</b><br>St. John of Capistrano, priest  | <b>24</b><br>St. Anthony Mary Claret, bishop   | <b>25</b><br>(Forty Martyrs of England and Wales)   | <b>26</b><br>(St. Alfred the Great)   | <b>27</b><br>(St. Otteran)   | <b>28</b><br><b>Sts. Simon &amp; Jude, apostles · 31<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the foundation of the Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard</b>   |
| <b>29</b><br><b>30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary time “World Mission Sunday”</b><br>(St. Narcissus of Jerusalem, bishop)                                | <b>30</b><br><b>St. Marcellus of Tangier, martyr</b>   | <b>31</b><br>(St. Quentin, martyr)   | Including the General Roman Calendar, the Proper Calendar of the Order of St. Benedict, the Proper Calendar of the Order of Malta and the Proper Calendar for the Dioceses of South Africa + the African Saints brought to you by the<br><b>Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard</b><br>P O Box 440 · Mandeni 4490 · Republic of South Africa<br>Phone +27 82 492 4043 · <a href="http://www.bbg.org.za">www.bbg.org.za</a> · <a href="mailto:bbg@bbg.org.za">bbg@bbg.org.za</a><br>Lectionary: Sundays: Cycle A, Weekdays: Year I |   |  |  |





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# November 2023

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| <b>5</b><br><b>31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in ordinary time</b><br>31 years <b>Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard</b> acknowledged by the Bishop of Eshowe as Private Association of Christ’s Faithful (FBO)         | <b>6</b><br>All Saints of Africa          | <b>7</b><br>(St. Willibrord, bishop of Utrecht, OSB) | <b>8</b><br>(St. Godfrey, bishop · Blessed John Duns Scotus) | <b>9</b><br><b>Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</b>                       | <b>10</b><br>St. Leo the Great, pope & doctor  | <b>11</b><br>St. Martin of Tours, bishop                                |
| <b>12</b><br><b>32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in ordinary time</b><br>St. Josaphat, bishop & martyr, (St. Theodore of Studion, abbot, OSB)  | <b>13</b><br>(St. Frances Xavier Cabrini) | <b>14</b><br>(St. Nicholas Tavelic & companions)     | <b>15</b><br>St. Albert the Great, bishop & doctor           | <b>16</b><br>St. Margaret of Scotland<br>St. Gertrude, virgin               | <b>17</b><br>St. Elizabeth of Hungary, religious<br>St. Dionysius of Alexandria, bishop  | <b>18</b><br>Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul, apostles |
| <b>19</b><br><b>33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in ordinary time</b><br>“Stewardship Sunday”<br>All Saints of the SMOM (St. Mechthild, virgin, OSB)   | <b>20</b><br>(St. Edmund Rich)            | <b>21</b><br>Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary | <b>22</b><br>St. Cecilia, virgin & martyr                    | <b>23</b><br>Sts. Clement I, pope & martyr · St. Columban, abbot            | <b>24</b><br>St. Andrew Dung-Lac, priest & martyr, & companions, martyrs   | <b>25</b><br>St. Catherine of Alexandria, virgin & martyr               |
| <b>26</b><br><b>Jesus Christ the King</b><br><b>“Bible Sunday”</b><br>(St. Silvester, abbot, OSB)  | <b>27</b><br>(St. James Intercisus)       | <b>28</b><br>(St. Catherine Labouré, virgin)         | <b>29</b><br>(St. Brendan)                                   | <b>30</b><br><b>St. Andrew, apostle</b>                                     | Including the General Roman Calendar, the Proper Calendar of the Order of St. Benedict, the Proper Calendar of the Order of Malta and the Proper Calendar for the Dioceses of South Africa + the African Saints brought to you by the <b>Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard</b> |   |





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| Lectionary: Sundays: Cycle B, Weekdays: Year II  |  |  |   |  |   |   |
| <b>3</b><br><b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</b><br>St. Francis Xavier, priest   | <b>4</b><br>St. John Damascene priest & doctor   | <b>5</b><br>(St. Sabas, abbot, OSB)  | <b>6</b><br>St. Nicholas of Bari bishop of Myra   | <b>7</b><br>St. Ambrose, bishop & doctor               | <b>8</b><br><b>Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> | <b>9</b><br>St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin, hermit                 |
| <b>10</b><br><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b><br>St. Melchisedech, pope · (Our Lady of Loreto)   | <b>11</b><br>St. Damasus I, pope<br><i>Inkamana Abbey: Anniversary of the dedication of the church · Anniversary: Prefecture Apostolic of Zululand elevated to Vicariate Apostolic of Eshowe in 1923</i>   | <b>12</b><br>Our Lady of Guadalupe   | <b>13</b><br>St. Lucy, virgin & martyr · (St. Odilia, virgin, OSB, patron of the Missionary Benedictines) | <b>14</b><br>St. John of the Cross, religious & doctor | <b>15</b><br>(St. Valerian)   | <b>16</b><br>(St. Adelaide)<br><b>RSA: Day of Reconciliation</b>  |
| <b>17</b><br><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent</b><br>"Gaudete Sunday"<br>(St. Olympias)  | <b>18</b><br>(St. Rufus)<br>31 years <b>Blessed Gérard's Poor Sick Fund</b>  | <b>19</b><br>(St. Anastasius I, pope)  | <b>20</b><br>Blessed Scubillon, religious   | <b>21</b><br>St. Peter Canisius, priest & doctor       | <b>22</b><br>(St. Flavian)  | <b>23</b><br>St. John of Kanty, priest                            |
| <b>24</b><br><b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent</b><br>Vigil of Christmas<br><b>"Christmas Eve"</b>  | <b>25</b><br><b>The Birth of the Lord "Christmas"</b>  | <b>26</b><br><b>St. Stephen, first martyr</b><br><b>RSA: Day of Goodwill</b> | <b>27</b><br><b>St. John, apostle &amp; evangelist</b>  | <b>28</b><br><b>Holy Innocents, martyrs</b>            | <b>29</b><br>St. Thomas Becket, bishop & martyr                     | <b>30</b><br><b>6<sup>th</sup> day in the octave of Christmas</b> |
| <b>31</b><br><b>Holy Family</b><br>St. Sylvester I, pope   | Including the General Roman Calendar, the <b>Proper Calendar of the Order of St. Benedict</b> , the <b>Proper Calendar of the Order of Malta</b> and the <b>Proper Calendar for the Dioceses of South Africa + the African Saints</b> brought to you by the <b>Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard</b> |  |   |  |   |   |



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- the **Relief Organisation** of the Order of Malta in South Africa,
- a (South African) **Public Benefit Organisation** (PBO 18/11/13/2769) operated not for profit (NPO).
- a **group of idealists**, resolved to live our faith according to our motto "tuitio fidei et obsequium pauperum", which means "Protection of faith and service to the poor".
- an **instrument of the Church** to serve the Lord in the poor and to bring God's love to the needy through our service.



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We render a **health care service** to poor and needy persons, including the care for people living with HIV/AIDS at the hotspot of the AIDS pandemic in the world, the North Coast of Zululand in South Africa.

#### Our AIDS treatment (HAART) Programme comprises

##### Voluntary Counselling and HIV-Testing (VCT)

We offer free and confidential HIV Tests to the general public.



##### Antiretroviral Treatment

We provide free **Highly Active Anti-Retroviral Treatment (HAART)** as comprehensive medical care including regular medical examinations, blood monitoring, ongoing prevention or treatment of opportunistic infections, medical and psychosocial counselling and dispensing of the drugs.



##### Adherence Monitoring

Our Therapeutic Counsellors make home visits to our patients on ARV-treatment to ensure that they adhere to the treatment and so to prevent treatment failure. This enables us to discover adverse drug reactions early and to prevent problems.



#### Hospice & Palliative Care



We provide **residential Palliative Care** for terminally ill patients in our **Inpatient Unit**.

We can admit up to 40 patients, which makes us the largest inpatient hospice in South Africa.

We send out mobile home-nursing teams, which supplement and support the family's home based care through hands-on-training and additional aids in the home situation of the respective patient. This includes the assessment of patients at home and proper medical **home care**.



#### Relief & Social Care

##### Relief Fund

We provide poverty relief by helping people in our local community in genuine cases of immediate need.



##### Poor Sick Fund

We provide poverty relief by helping sick people from our local community, if they cannot afford urgently needed medical treatment.

#### Child Care

##### Pre-Primary School & Crèche

We provide "edu-care" and an early childhood development service for underprivileged pre-school children.



##### Children's Home

We look after, counsel and give a home to sick and healthy "Orphans and Vulnerable Children" (OVCs).



##### Malnutrition Clinic

We provide a health care service to poor and needy persons by running a clinic, where we examine, treat and feed malnourished infants and teach their parent/carer in proper baby care and nutrition.



##### Bursary Fund



We provide poverty relief by giving bursaries to poor pupils and students of our local community.



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It is with sincere gratitude  
that we send you

our special calendar for 2023.

The past year 2022 was still dominated by the Covid-19  
pandemic. This is purposely mirrored by the choice of most  
pictures for this calendar. Many needy sick people and their  
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looked after them by distributing thousands of food parcels.

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