

Calendar for the year 2024





January 2024

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

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4 5th Sunday in ordinary time (St. John de Britto)	5 St. Agatha, virgin & martyr	6 Sts. Paul Miki, priest & martyr & companions, martyrs: "Twenty-six martyrs of Japan"	7 (St. Moses)	8 St. Josephine Bakhita, virgin St. Jerome Emiliani, priest	9 (St. Apollonia)	10 St. Scholastica, virgin, OSB
11 6th Sunday in ordinary time Our Lady of Lourdes (St. Benedict of Aniane, abbot, OSB)	12 (St. Damian)	13 (St. Catherine de Ricci)	14 Ash Wednesday Sts. Cyril, monk & Methodius, bishop	15 Thursday after Ash Wednesday (St. Faustinus)	16 Friday after Ash Wednesday (St. Juliana of Cumae, martyr)	17 Seven Founders of the Order of Servites, religious
18 1st Sunday of Lent (St. Simeon, bishop & martyr)	19 (St. Boniface of Lausanne)	20 Dedication of the Principal Church of the Order of Malta, SMOM	21 St. Peter Damian, bishop & doctor	22 The Chair of St. Peter, apostle	23 St. Polycarp, bishop & martyr	24 (St. Sergius)
25 2nd Sunday of Lent (St. Ethelbert of Kent) <i>Priory of Inkamana raised to an abbey in 1982</i>	26 St. Alexander of Alexandria, bishop	27 (St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows & St. Gregory of Narek, abbot & doctor)	28 (St. Hilary, pope)	29	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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3 3rd Sunday of Lent (St. Katherine Drexel)	4 St. Casimir of Poland	5 (St. Kieran, bishop)	6 (St. Colette)	7 Sts. Perpetua & Felicity, martyrs	8 St. John of God, religious	9 St. Frances of Rome, religious
10 4th Sunday of Lent “Laetare” (St. John Ogilvie, martyr)	11 (St. Constantine, martyr)	12 (St. Seraphina) <i>Abbey of St. Ottilien raised to the rank of an Archabbey in 1914</i>	13 (Bi. Agnello of Pisa)	14 (St. Maud)	15 (St. Louise de Marillac) 31 years Blessed Gérard's Malnutrition Clinic	1 (St. Herbert)
17 5th Sunday of Lent St. Patrick, bishop	18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop & doctor	19 St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	20 (St. Ambrosius Sansedoni of Siena, religious)	21 Death of St. Benedict, abbot, OSB RSA: Human Rights Day	22 Blessed Clemens August Count von Galen, SMOM St. Deogratias, bishop	23 St. Turibius de Mogrovejo, bishop
24 Palm Sunday (St. Aldemar)	25 Monday of Holy Week	26 Tuesday of Holy Week (Blessed Didacus Joseph of Cadiz)	27 Wednesday of Holy Week St. John of Egypt, hermit	28 Holy Thursday (St. Venturino of Bergamo)	29 Good Friday (St. Jonas & Barachisius, martyrs)	30 Easter Vigil (St. John Climacus, abbot)
31 Easter Sunday (St. Benjamin, 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 Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard					



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Lectionary: Sundays: Cycle B, Weekdays: Year II 20 years Blessed Gérard's Hospice HAART Programme ->	1 Monday in Easter Octave St. Nonius Alvarez Pereira, prior, SMOM RSA: Family Day	2 Tuesday in Easter Octave St. Francis of Paola, hermit	3 Wednesday in Easter Octave (St. Richard of Wyche)	4 Thursday in Easter Octave St. Isidore, bishop & doctor St. Benedict 'the Black', religious	5 Friday in Easter Octave St. Vincent Ferrer, priest	6 Saturday in Easter Octave (St. Celestino I, pope St. Peter of Verona) 18th anniversary of Clare Kalkwarf's death
7 2nd Sunday of Easter "Divine Mercy Sunday" St. John Baptist de la Salle, priest	8 Annunciation of Our Lord (St. Walter of Pontnoise, abbot)	9 (St. Mary of Cleophas)	10 (St. Michael de Sanctis)	11 St. Stanislaus, bishop & martyr	12 St. Zeno of Verona, bishop	13 St. Martin I, pope & martyr
14 3rd Sunday of Easter (St. Maximus, martyr)	15 (St. Hunna)	16 (St. Bernadette Soubirous, religious)	17 (St. Landricus, bishop & abbot)	18 (Blessed Marie- Anne Blondin)	19 (Leo IX, pope)	20 St. Marcellinus, bishop Sts. Vincent & Dominic, missionaries 31 years Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard acknowledged as Relief Organisation of the Order of Malta
21 4th Sunday of Easter St. Anselm, bishop & doctor	22 (St. Alexander, martyr)	23 St. George, martyr St. Adalbert, bishop, missionary & martyr, OSB	24 St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, priest & martyr	25 St. Mark, evangelist	26 (St. Cletus)	27 (St. Zita) RSA: Freedom Day
28 5th Sunday of Easter St. Peter Chanel, priest & martyr · St. Louis Mary Grignion de Montfort, priest · St. Pius V., pope	29 St. Catherine of Siena, virgin & doctor	30 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 P O Box 440 · Mandeni 4490 · Republic of South Africa Phone +27 82 492 4043 · www.bbg.org.za · bbg@bbg.org.za			



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5 6th Sunday of Easter (St. Asaph, bishop)	6 (St. Dominic Savio)	7 (St. John of Beverley, bishop)	8 (St. Peter of Tarantaise)	9 (St. George Preca)	10 St. John of Avila, priest & doctor · (St. Damien de Veuster of Moloka'i)	11 (Sts. Odo, Majolus, Odilo, Hugo & Petrus the venerable, abbots of Cluny, OSB)
12 Ascension of the Lord Sts. Nereus & Achilleus, martyrs; St. Pancras, martyr RSA: Mothers' Day	13 Our Lady of Fatima	14 St. Matthias, Apostle	15 (St. Dymphna)	16 (St. Brendan, abbot)	17 (St. Paschal Baylon)	18 Blessed Gerard Mecatti of Villamagna, religious, SMOM St. John I, pope & martyr
19 Pentecost Sunday (St. Celestin, pope & hermit, OSB)	20 Mary, mother of the Church St. Bernardine of Siena, priest	21 St. Christopher Magallanes, priest & companions, martyrs	22 St. Rita of Cascia, religious	23 Blessed William Apor, bishop & martyr, SMOM 30 years Blessed Gérard's AIDS Education Programme	24 The Blessed Virgin Mary, Help for Christians	25 St. Bede the Venerable priest & doctor St. Gregory VII, pope St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi, virgin
26 Trinity Sunday St. Philip Neri, priest	27 St. Augustine of Canterbury, bishop	28 St. Ubaldesca, virgin, SMOM	29 Blessed Joseph Gerard OMI, priest	30 (St. Joan of Arc)	31 Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	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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2 “Corpus Christi” Sts. Marcellinus & Peter, martyrs	3 Sts. Charles Lwanga & companions, martyrs	4 Tuesday in the 9 th Week in Ordinary Time (St. Quirinus of Siscia, bishop)	5 St. Boniface, bishop & martyr	6 St. Norbert, bishop	7 The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Patronal feast of the Diocese of Eshowe & the Missionary Benedictines (St. Robert, abbot)	8 Immaculate Heart of Mary Blessed James Berthieu, martyr
9 10th Sunday in ordinary time St. Ephrem of Syria, deacon & doctor	10 (St. Ithamar)	11 St. Barnabas, apostle	12 St. Flora of Beaulieu, virgin, SMOM St. Onophrius, hermit	13 St. Anthony of Padua, priest & doctor, Patron of Mandeni Parish	14 (St. Valerius)	15 (Sts. Vitus & Modestus, martyrs)
16 11th Sunday in ordinary time (St. Aurelian) RSA: Youth Day & Fathers' Day	17 (St. Paschal Baylon) RSA: Public Holiday	18 (St. Gregory Barbaggio, bishop)	19 Blessed Gerland, religious, SMOM St. Romuald, abbot	20 (Sts. Alban, Aaron & Julius)	21 St. Aloysius Gonzaga, religious	22 John Fisher, bishop & martyr Thomas Moore, martyr Sts. Paulinus of Nola, bishop
23 12th Sunday in ordinary time (St. Joseph Cafasso)	24 Nativity of St. John the Baptist, patron, SMOM	25 (St. William of Vercelli, abbot)	26 (St. Anthelm)	27 St. Cyril of Alexandria, bishop & doctor	28 St. Irenaeus, bishop & martyr	29 Sts. Peter & Paul, apostles
30 13th Sunday in ordinary time First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church	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: Sundays: Cycle B, Weekdays: Year II</p>	<p>1 St. Nicasius, martyr, SMOM</p>	<p>2 (St. Oliver Plunkett) 21 years Blessed Gérard's Care Centre acknowledged as Public Benefit Organisation</p>	<p>3 St. Thomas, apostle</p>	<p>4 St. Elizabeth of Portugal</p>	<p>5 St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria, priest</p>	<p>6 St. Maria Goretti, virgin & martyr</p>
<p>7 14th Sunday in ordinary time (St. Willibald St. Palladius, bishop)</p>	<p>8 Blessed Adrian Fortescue, martyr, SMOM</p>	<p>9 St. Augustine Zhao Rong, priest & companions, martyrs (Mary Queen of Peace) 24 years Blessed Gérard's Children's Home</p>	<p>10 (Bl. Emmanuel Ruiz)</p>	<p>11 St. Benedict, abbot, OSB</p>	<p>12 Blessed David Gunston, martyr, SMOM (St. Johannes Gualbert, abbot, OSB)</p>	<p>13 St. Henry</p>
<p>14 15th Sunday in ordinary time St. Toscana, religious, SMOM St. Camillus de Lellis, priest</p>	<p>15 St. Bonaventure, bishop & doctor</p>	<p>16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel</p>	<p>17 (Carmelite Nuns of Compiègne)</p>	<p>18 (St. Camillus de Lellis) RSA: Nelson Mandela Day</p>	<p>19 (Sts. Justa & Rufina, martyrs)</p>	<p>20 St. Apollinaris, bishop & martyr</p>
<p>21 16th Sunday in ordinary time St. Lawrence of Brindisi, priest & doctor</p>	<p>22 St. Mary Magdalene</p>	<p>23 St. Bridget of Sweden, religious</p>	<p>24 St. Sharbel Makhluf, priest</p>	<p>25 St. James, apostle</p>	<p>26 St. Joachim & Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p>	<p>27 (St. Aurelius, martyr)</p>
<p>28 17th Sunday in ordinary time St. Victor I pope & martyr</p>	<p>29 Sts. Martha, Maria & Lazarus, friends of Jesus, OSB</p>	<p>30 St. Peter Chrysologus, bishop & doctor St. Justin de Jacobis, bishop</p>	<p>31 St. Ignatius of Loyola, priest</p>	<p>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 P O Box 440 · Mandeni 4490 · Republic of South Africa Phone +27 82 492 4043 · www.bbg.org.za · bbg@bbg.org.za</p>		



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4 18th Sunday in ordinary time St. John Vianney, priest	5 Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major	6 Transfiguration of the Lord	7 Sts. Sixtus II, pope & martyr & companions, martyrs · St. Cajetan, priest	8 St. Dominic, priest	9 St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein), virgin & martyr · RSA: National Women's Day	10 St. Lawrence, deacon & martyr
11 19th Sunday in ordinary time St. Clare of Assisi, virgin	12 Blessed Isidore Bakanja, martyr St. Jane Frances de Chantal, religious	13 St. Pontian, pope & martyr · St. Hippolytus, priest & martyr	14 St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest & martyr	15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (St. Mechthild)	16 St. Stephan of Hungary	17 (St. Hyacinth)
18 20th Sunday in ordinary time Blessed Victoria Rasoamanarivo	19 St. John Eudes priest, (St. Bernard Toloméi, abbot, OSB)	20 St. Bernard, abbot & doctor	21 St. Pius X, pope	22 Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	23 St. Rose of Lima, virgin	24 St. Bartholomew, apostle
25 21st Sunday in ordinary time St. Louis of Franc St. Joseph Calasanz, priest	26 (Our Lady of Czestochowa)	27 St. Monica <i>Anniversary: Prefecture Apostolic of Zululand erected in 1921</i>	28 St. Augustine, bishop & doctor	29 Passion of St. John the Baptist, martyr, patron of the SMOM	30 Blessed Alfredo Ildefonso Schuster O.S.B, SMOM Blessed Ghebre Michael, priest & martyr	31 (St. Aidan of Lindisfarne, bishop)

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1 22nd Sunday in ordinary time (St. Giles, abbot) 30 years Blessed Gérard's Early Childhood Development Centre	2 (St. William of Roskilde)	3 Death of Blessed Gérard (+1120) · St. Gregory the Great, pope & doctor 28 years Blessed Gérard's Care Centre & Hospice	4 (St. Rosalia)	5 (St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta)	6 (St. Faustus)	7 (St. Cloud)
8 23rd Sunday in ordinary time Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Philerme, SMOM	9 St. Peter Claver, priest	10 (St. Nicholas of Tolentino)	11 (St. Paphnutius)	12 Most Holy Name of Mary	13 St. John Chrysostom, bishop & doctor	14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross
15 24th Sunday in ordinary time Our Lady of Sorrows	16 St. Cornelius, pope & martyr St. Cyprian, bishop & martyr	17 St. Robert Bellarmine, bishop & doctor (St. Hildegard, virgin & abbess, OSB)	18 (St. Joseph of Cupertino)	19 St. Januarius, bishop & martyr	20 St. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, priest & martyr, Sts. Paul Chŏng Ha- sang & companions, martyrs: "Korean Martyrs"	21 St. Matthew, apostle & evangelist
22 25th Sunday in ordinary time St. Maurice of Agaune and companions, martyrs	23 St. Zechariah & Elizabeth, parents of St. John the Baptist, (SMOM) St. Pius of Pietrelcina, religious	24 St. Stephanie, martyr (Our Lady of Ransom) RSA: Heritage Day	25 (St. Finbar)	26 St. Paul VI, pope Sts. Cosmas & Damian, martyrs	27 St. Vincent de Paul, priest	28 St. Wenceslas & companions, martyrs, St. Lawrence Ruiz & companions, martyrs
29 26th Sunday in ordinary time Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, archangels	30 St. Jerome priest & doctor	Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard P O Box 440 · Mandeni 4490 · Republic of South Africa Phone +27 82 492 4043 · www.bbg.org.za · bbg@bbg.org.za Lectionary: Sundays: Cycle B, Weekdays: Year II				

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	6 27th Sunday in ordinary time St. Bruno, abbot	7 Our Lady of the Rosary	8 St. Hugh, religious, SMOM	9 Sts. Denis, bishop & martyr & companions, martyrs St. John Leonardi, priest	10 St. Daniel Comboni, bishop & founder of the Comboni Missionaries	11 St. John XXIII, pope, SMOM
	12 (St. Wilfred)	13 28th Sunday in ordinary time Blessed Gérard, founder of the SMOM, patron of the Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard	14 St. Callistus I, pope & martyr 22 years Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard acknowledged as Public Benefit Organisation	15 St. Teresa of Jesus (of Avila), virgin & doctor	16 St. Hedwig, religious · St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin	17 St. Ignatius of Antioch, bishop & martyr
	18 St. Luke, evangelist	19 Sts. John Brébeuf & Isaac Jogues, priests & martyrs & companions, martyrs “North American Martyrs” St. Paul of the Cross, priest	20 29th Sunday in ordinary time Blessed Daudi Okelo & Jildro Irwa, martyrs	21 Blessed Charles of Austria, SMOM	22 (St. John Paul II, pope)	23 St. John of Capistrano, priest
	24 St. Anthony Mary Claret, bishop	25 (Forty Martyrs of England and Wales)	26 (St. Alfred the Great)	27 30th Sunday in ordinary time “World Mission Sunday” (St. Otteran)	28 Sts. Simon & Jude, apostles 32nd anniversary of the foundation of the Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard	29 (St. Narcissus of Jerusalem, bishop)
	30 St. Marcellus of Tangier, martyr	31 (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 Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard			



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3 31st Sunday in ordinary time St. Martin de Porres, religious	4 St. Charles Borromeo, bishop	5 32 years Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard acknowledged by the Bishop of Eshowe as Private Association of Christ's Faithful (FBO)	6 All Saints of Africa	7 (St. Willibrord, bishop of Utrecht, OSB)	8 (St. Godfrey, bishop · Blessed John Duns Scotus)	9 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
10 32nd Sunday in ordinary time St. Leo the Great, pope & doctor	11 St. Martin of Tours, bishop	12 St. Josaphat, bishop & martyr, (St. Theodore of Studion, abbot, OSB)	13 (St. Frances Xavier Cabrini)	14 (St. Nicholas Tavelic & companions)	15 St. Albert the Great, bishop & doctor	16 St. Margaret of Scotland St. Gertrude, virgin
17 33rd Sunday in ordinary time "Stewardship Sunday" St. Elizabeth of Hungary, religious St. Dionysius of Alexandria, bishop	18 Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter & Paul, apostles	19 All Saints of the SMOM (St. Mechthild, virgin, OSB)	20 (St. Edmund Rich)	21 Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	22 St. Cecilia, virgin & martyr	23 Sts. Clement I, pope & martyr St. Columban, abbot
24 Jesus Christ the King "Bible Sunday" St. Andrew Dung-Lac, priest & martyr, & companions, martyrs	25 St. Catherine of Alexandria, virgin & martyr	26 (St. Silvester, abbot, OSB)	27 (St. James Intercisus)	28 (St. Catherine Labouré, virgin)	29 (St. Brendan)	30 St. Andrew, apostle

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December 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 1st Sunday of Advent Blessed Clémentine Anuarite Nengapeta, virgin & martyr	2 Blessed Virgin Mary, cause of our joy, SMOM	3 St. Francis Xavier, priest	4 St. John Damascene priest & doctor	5 (St. Sabas, abbot, OSB)	6 St. Nicholas of Bari bishop of Myra	7 St. Ambrose, bishop & doctor
8 2nd Sunday of Advent	9 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatatzin, hermit	10 St. Melchiades, pope & martyr (Our Lady of Loreto)	11 St. Damasus I, pope <i>Inkamana Abbey: Anniversary of the dedication of the church Prefecture Apostolic of Zululand elevated to Vicariate Apostolic of Eshowe in 1923</i>	12 Our Lady of Guadalupe	13 St. Lucy, virgin & martyr (St. Odilia, virgin, OSB, patron of the Missionary Benedictines)	14 St. John of the Cross, religious & doctor
15 3rd Sunday of Advent "Gaudete Sunday" (St. Valerian)	16 (St. Adelaide) RSA: Day of Reconciliation	17 Advent weekday 17 December (St. Olympias)	18 Advent weekday 18 December (St. Rufus) 32 years Blessed Gérard's Poor Sick Fund	19 Advent weekday 19 December (St. Anastasius I, pope)	20 Blessed Scubilion, religious	21 St. Peter Canisius, priest & doctor
22 4th Sunday of Advent (St. Flavian)	23 St. John of Kanty, priest	24 Vigil of Christmas "Christmas Eve"	25 The Birth of the Lord "Christmas"	26 St. Stephen, first martyr RSA: Day of Goodwill	27 St. John, apostle & evangelist	28 Holy Innocents, martyrs
29 Holy Family St. Thomas Becket, bishop & martyr	30 6 th day in the octave of Christmas	31 St. Sylvester I, 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 Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard · P O Box 440 · Mandeni 4490 · Republic of South Africa · Phone +27 82 492 4043 www.bbg.org.za · bbg@bbg.org.za			

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- 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.



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



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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.



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