

# MERCY Peace & Justice CALENDAR

December 2024

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- 1 **World AIDS Day (UN) Theme: Let Communities Lead World AIDS Day 35: Remember & Commit (USA.gov)**

We pray for all those who have died from AIDS and their loved ones.

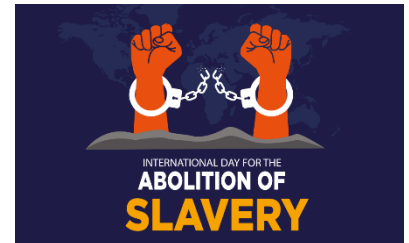


**Rosa Parks Day Rosa does not give up her seat on the bus in 1955**

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- 2 **International Day for the Abolition of Slavery (UN)**

We pray for the 40.3 million + victims of modern-day slavery



**Jean Donovan, Ita Ford MM., Maura Clark MM., Dorothy Kazel OSU martyred in El Salvador in 1980**

We pray for peace in Central America



**E.P.A. created by Congress in 1970**

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3 **Giving Tuesday**

We pray Americans are generous to those in need.

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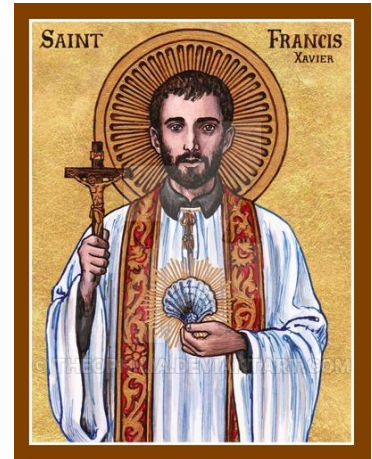
**Feast of St. Francis Xavier**

We pray for the peoples of India and Japan

**International Day of Persons with Disabilities (UN)** *Theme: Amplifying the leadership of persons with disabilities for an inclusive and sustainable future*

We pray that the world would create accommodations so persons with disabilities may reach their full potential for leadership.

We pray for Christopher Leroy Collins, scheduled for execution in Missouri, for the victims of the crimes, and for their families.

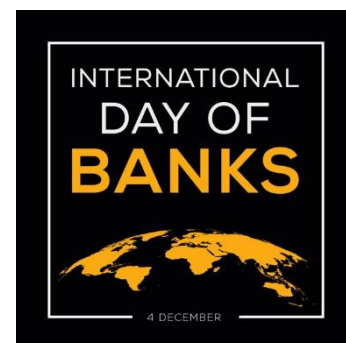


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4 We pray for the repose of the souls of Richard Bernard Moore and Derrick Ryan Dearman, executed in the USA last month.

**International Day of Banks (UN)**

we pray for an increase of micro spending banks.



5 **International Volunteer Day for Economic and Social Development (UN)**

*Theme: Solidarity through Volunteering: Together Act Now*

We pray in gratitude for the 862.4 million volunteers worldwide



**World Soil Day (UN)**

*Theme: Caring for Soils: measure, monitor, manage*

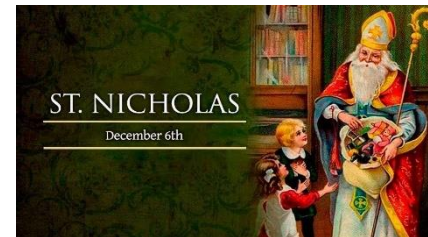
We pray with gratitude for the soil of the Earth



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6 **Feast of St. Nicholas**

We pray that every child has a St. Nicholas in their life



**1st Friday Pray and Act Against the Death Penalty (CMN)**

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7 **Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day (1941)**

We pray for the end of all forms of terrorism.



8 We pray that newly elected officials and government appointees work for the common good and for peace and unity in our nation.

**Bodhi Day**

Buddhists commemorate Buddha's enlightenment.





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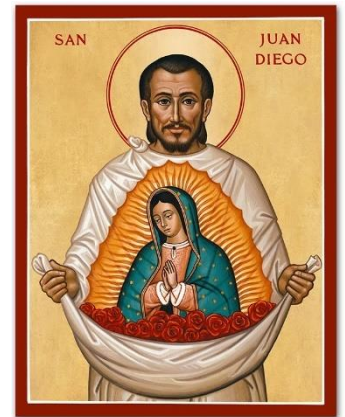
9 **Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

We pray for expectant mothers, especially those for whom this pregnancy is problematic, may they have the support and resources they need.



**Feast of St. Juan Diego (First indigenous Saint of the Americas)**

We pray for expectant mothers, particularly those who find this pregnancy problematic, and for all the Indigenous peoples of the Americas / Turtle Island / Abya Yala.



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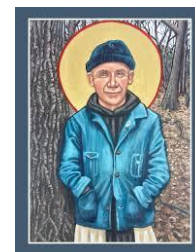
10 **Feast of Our Lady of Loretto**

**Human Rights Day (UN) Theme: Our Rights, Our Future, Right Now**

**The Nobel Peace Prize is presented to Japan's Nihon Hidankyo & the hibakusha (atomic bomb survivors) who warn against nuclear weapons.**

We pray for a nuclear weapon – free world.

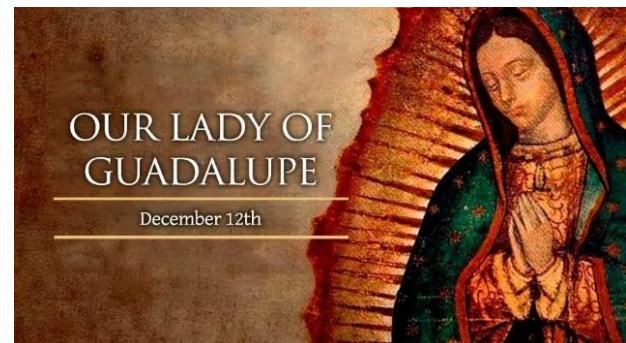
**Thomas Merton died in 1968**



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- 11 **International Day of the Mountains (UN)** *Theme: Mountain solutions for a sustainable future –innovation, adaption and youth*  
We pray with gratitude for the mountains and all of creation.



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- 12 **Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe; Foundation Day of the Sisters of Mercy in 1831**  
We pray with gratitude for Hispanic and Latine people and for their contributions to our world and for those who carry on the charism of Venerable Catherine McAuley.



- International Day of Neutrality (UN)**  
We pray that neutrality is a tool that can help bring about peace in the world.



- Universal Health Coverage Day (UN)**  
*Theme: Health: It's on the House Government*  
We pray that governments ensure that their citizens receive adequate health care.



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**13 Feast of St Lucy**

We pray for those who are blind especially due to malnutrition



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**14 Feast of St. John of the Cross**

**Sandy Hook Elementary School Shooting in 2012**

We pray for victims of gun violence and their loved ones.



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**15 Gaudete Sunday Rejoice!!**

**USA Bill of Rights Day (1791)**

We pray for the safety and wellbeing of government officials, and that they would have the wisdom to preserve the rights of those who live in this nation.



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**16-24 Las Posadas, Simbang Gabi, Misas de Aguinaldo**

Las Posadas symbolize the journey of Mary & Joseph to find lodging. Simbang Gabi is celebrated by Filipino Catholics with nine days of masses. Puerto Ricans celebrate Misas de Aguinaldo with 9 days of masses at dawn. Let us pray for those who are unhoused, for refugees, for immigrants, and for victims of war and natural disasters.





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**16 Boston Tea Party, 1773**

We pray that those protesting acts of injustice practice nonviolence and show respect and care for one another



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**17** We pray O God of Wisdom! guide our elected officials in serving the common good.

**Pope Francis born 1936**

We pray for the wellbeing of Pope Francis.



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**18** We pray O God of Strength! Be with the refugees, immigrants and migrants waiting for a home and a welcoming community

**International Migrants Day (UN)**

We pray for Joseph Corcoran, scheduled for execution in Indiana, for the victims of the crimes, and for their families.

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- 19 We pray O Flower of Jesse's Root! be with those on death row, especially Kevin Ray Underwood, scheduled for execution in Oklahoma, for the victim of the crime, and for their families.
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- 20 We pray O Key of David! give us the grace to celebrate unity in our diversity and work together to end poverty on this **International Human Solidarity Day (UN)**.
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- 21 We pray O Radiant Dawn! shine your light on those who died on the streets of our world without family or shelter.



**Winter Solstice in northern hemisphere**

**National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day (USA)**

**First Sisters of Mercy minister in USA in 1843**

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- 22 We pray O God of the Earth! give us the will to conserve the Earth's resources.
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23 We pray O Emmanuel! be with us to bring peace to Palestine, Lebanon, Iran, Israel, Myanmar, Ethiopia, Haiti, Yemen, Sudan, Congo, Syria, Somalia, Ukraine, Russia, and all places experiencing armed conflict.



24 Christmas Eve (Misa de Gallo in the Philippines)

Jubilee Year 2025 begins with the opening of the doors of St. Peter's in Vatican City

*Theme: Pilgrims of Hope*

We pray for peace & hope in the Jubilee Year.

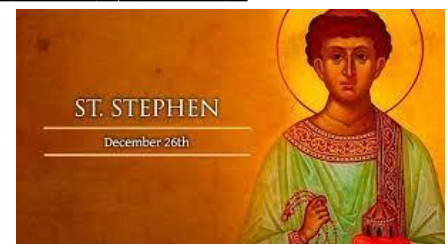


12/25-1/2 Jewish Celebration of Hanukkah

25 **Blessed Christmas!!**  
May the Christ Child Bless us with His Peace!

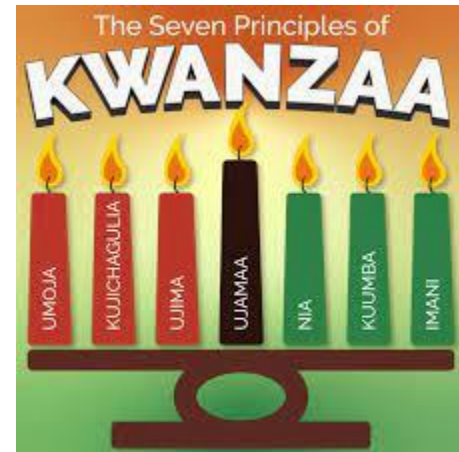


26 **Feast of St. Stephen)**  
We pray for all those who are unjustly imprisoned for their beliefs



12/26 - 1/1 **Kwanza**

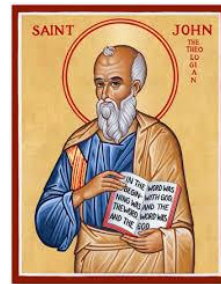
This celebration is seven days of celebrating the seven principles for a strong African-American family: unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity, and faith. We pray for African-American families and for the end of racism.



27 **Feast of St. John Evangelist**

**International Day of Epidemic Preparedness (UN)**

We pray that the countries of the World work together to prevent COVID-like Epidemics in the future.



28 **Feast of the Holy Innocents**

We pray for children trapped in poverty, living in places of conflict-forced to be soldiers and laborers.



**The Endangered Species Act of 1973**

We pray for the protection of the endangered species



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**29 Feast of the Holy Family**  
We Pray for Families

**Servant of God Thea Bowman**  
**FSPA born in 1937**  
We pray for women in  
Leadership roles in Church and



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**30** We pray for those recovering from natural and human-made disasters, especially in the southeastern USA.

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**31 New Year's Eve**  
We pray with gratitude for the blessings of 2024. May we be advocates for peace and justice in Jubilee Year 2025 – a voice for the unheard.

