

MERCY Peace & Justice CALENDAR

February 2025

Black History Month (USA)

Jubilee Year 2025 Pilgrims of Hope

1 Feast of St. Brigid of Kildare

We pray for Sister Simona Brambilla, historic first woman prefect for the Dicastery for the Institutes of Consecrated Life.



National Freedom Day (USA)

In 1865, Abraham Lincoln signs Joint Resolution for the 13th Amendment, which would eventually end slavery except as punishment, which was then sent to the states for ratification.



Woolworth's counter sit-in in 1960 in Greensboro, NC to end segregation

We pray for the end of racism.



Birth of Leymah Roberta Gbowee

Liberian peace Activist lead nonviolence action to end Liberia's Civil War

1 - 7 World Interfaith Harmony Week

Theme: Love of God (or Good) and Love of Our Neighbor

We pray for greater interaction among peoples of different faiths



2 Feasts of the Presentation of the Lord and Our Lady of Candelaria (Peru)

We pray for the people of Peru

Candlemas Day

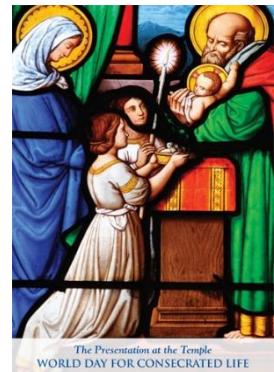
World Wetlands Day (UN)

Foreign Slave Trade outlawed in USA in 1807

Groundhog Day

World Day of Consecrated Life (VA) celebrated on Sunday (celebrated 2/9 USCCB)

We pray for those who live the consecrated life.



3 Feast of St. Blaise Healer of throat ailments

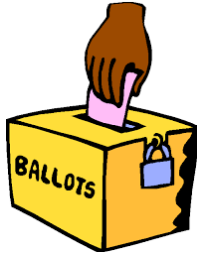
Our Lady of Suyapa (Honduras)

Feast of Venerable Mary Elizabeth Lange, founder of the first African-American religious community, Oblate Sisters of Providence



15th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution ratified,
prohibiting denial of voting rights due to race, color, or
servitude

We pray for the end of U.S. interference in Honduras and
for the Oblate Sisters of Providence



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- 4 We pray for a U.S. federal government that
establishes policies that provide
compassionate, comprehensive laws
regarding immigration and that seek the
common good of all residents



World Cancer Day(WHO)
Theme: Close the Cancer
Inequality of Care Gap



Birth of Rosa Parks (1913)

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- 5 **Feast of St. Agatha, interceder against volcanos
and fires & Feast of St. Felipe De Jesus, Mexican
missionary martyr in Japan.**

We pray for the people of Los Angeles County
and the first responders as they deal with the fires
and recovery.

We pray for Steven Nelson, scheduled for
execution in Texas, for the victim, and for their
families.



**6 Feast of St. Paul Miki and Companions
Japanese Martyrs**

We pray for Demetrius Frazier, scheduled for execution in Alabama, for the victims, and for their families.

**International Day of Zero Tolerance of Female
Genital Mutilation (UN)**

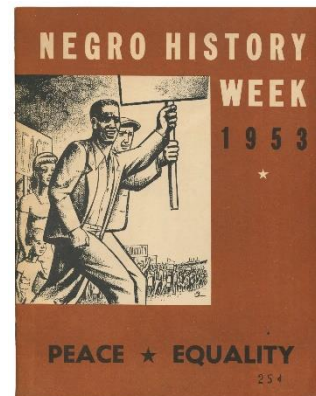
We pray for the more than 52 million girls and women worldwide victims of this abuse



**7 First Negro History Week Observed in 1926
forerunner of Black History Month.**

**1st Friday Prayer and Action Against the Death
Penalty**

We pray in gratitude that Governor Cooper of North Carolina commuted 15 death sentences to life without parole, and that President Biden commuted 37 death sentences.



7 - 14 National Marriage Week (USSCB)

We pray for married couples



8 **Feast of St. Josephine Bakhita (first Sudanese Saint and victim of Human Trafficking)**



International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking (VA)

We pray for the more than 27.6 million Human trafficking victims worldwide and the conversion of their captors.



8-9 We pray for the success of the Jubilee of the Armed Forces, Police, and Security Officials in Rome

9 **Superbowl LIX in Caesars Superdome, New Orleans** We pray for the identification of trafficked persons and the prevention of trafficking operations during the celebration of the Superbowl in related events and places.



World Marriage Day (VA)

We pray for married couples and their families.

10 Feast of St. Scholastica

We pray for the Benedictines and all those who carry on the charism of St. Benedict/St. Scholastica.



11 Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

World Day of the Sick (VA)

We pray that the sick have the care and support they need to endure their suffering.

**Pope Francis Message
International Day of
Women & Girls in Science
(UN)**



12 International Day for the Prevention of Violent Extremism when conducive to Terrorism (UN)

We pray for the end of terrorism

International Day Against the Use of Child Soldiers (UN)

Red Hand Day (UNESCO)



People paint hands red in protest of the 250,000 children in 50 countries who are soldiers

Sr. Dorothy Stang SNDdeN, missionary in Brazil, advocate for the Amazon, martyred in 2005.

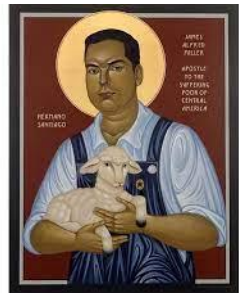


Magha Puja, Buddhist Festival of All Saints

We pray for tolerance among peoples of different religions.

13 Brother James Miller FSC martyred in Guatemala in 1982

We pray for the people in Central America/ Abya Yala, especially in Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua



14 Feasts of Sts. Cyril & Methodius

we pray for the safety of Slavic people along the Russian Border

Valentine's Day

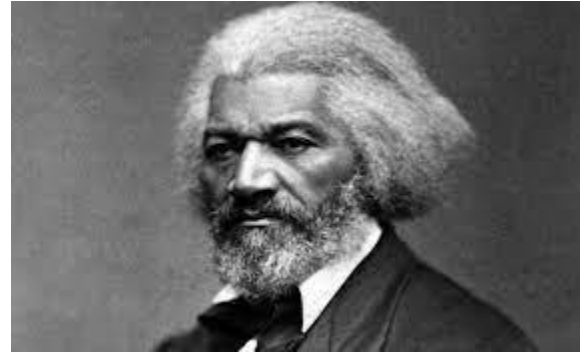
Stoneman Douglas High School Shootings in Parkland FA (2018)



We pray for the end of violence against women and shootings in schools.

Fredrick Douglas Civil Rights leader born in 1817

League of Women Voters began in 1920



15 Susan B. Anthony born in 1820

We pray for the safety and wellbeing of those running for political offices and for an informed voting public.



We pray “that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ in the priesthood and religious life” –Pope Francis’s monthly intention

16-18 We pray for the success of the Jubilee of Artists in Rome.

16 We pray for the repose of the souls of Ray Kevin Underwood and Joseph Corcoran, executed in December in Oklahoma and Indiana respectively.

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17 Presidents' Day (observed)

We pray for the wellbeing of Presidents Trump, Biden, Obama, Bush, and Clinton and in gratitude for the life and service of President Jimmy Carter.

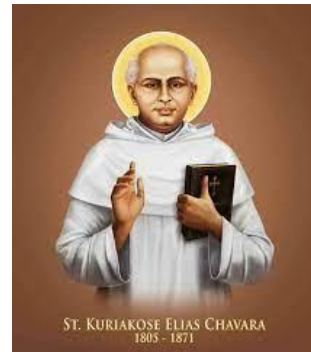


Global World Tourism Day (UN)

We pray for the safety and wellbeing of travelers

18 Feast of St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara, CMI (1st Saint of India)

We pray for the Catholics of India.

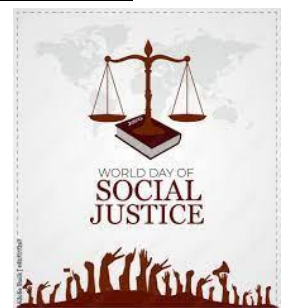


19 We pray in gratitude for the release of 11 Yemeni prisoners from Guantanamo Bay prison after 20 years without charges or justice, and we pray for the 15 who are still prisoners, 6 never charged.



20 World Day of Social Justice (UN)

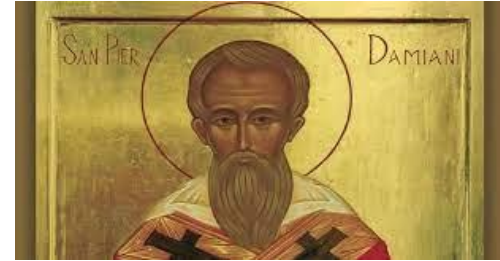
We pray for an increase in awareness of issues of justice by governments and an increase in effort to resolve issues of injustice in their countries and the world



21-23 We Pray for the success of the Jubilee Deacons in Rome

21 Feast of St. Peter Damien

We pray with gratitude for the release from prison in after a year Nicaraguan Bishops Alvarez and Mora and 17 other Catholic Clergy



We pray for the end of Catholic persecutions

We pray for peace in Israel, Palestine, Sudan, South Sudan, Iran, Iraq, Yemen.



22 Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter

Execution of Sophie and Hans School Martyrs of the White Rose Nonviolent resistance to the Nazis in 1943

We pray for all those unjustly imprisoned especially in Russia, Israel, and Nicaragua.



23 W.E.B. Dubois educator, civil rights activist born in 1869 We pray for the end of racism

Anniversary of the racially motivated killing of Ahmaud Arbery in Brunswick GA in 2020



We pray for the end of racism.

- 24 Russia invades Ukraine in 2022**
We pray for peace for the people of
Ukraine and the people of Russia



- 25 Herman Revels became first Black Senator in 1870.**
We pray for a Congress that seeks the common good



- 26 People Power Day (1986
nonviolent change of a violent
government in the Philippines)**
We pray for the people of the
Philippines



**Anniversary of the killing of unarmed
teenager Trayvon Martin in Sanford Florida in
2012**

We pray for the end of violence in our
communities



- 27 We pray for refugees, immigrants and
migrants, especially those on the USA
southern border and Gaza**



28 **Ramadan begins**
We pray for the end of Islamophobia.



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