

Marian/Marianist Days and Feast Days

November 2019

Date	Feast	Description
1	All Saints Day	<p><i>This feast honors all the saints of the church, known and unknown. The occasion allows us to reflect on the nature of holiness and to celebrate the exemplary faithfulness of holy men and women of every place and time whose lives and deeds continue to inspire us.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>NACMS website</i></p>
		<p>Make us worthy, Lord, to serve our brothers and sisters throughout the world who live and die in poverty or hunger. Give them, through our hands, this day their daily bread, and by our understanding love, give peace and joy.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Prayer Mother Teresa of Calcutta Marianist Family Prayer Book, vol. 2</i></p>
2	All the Faithful Departed	<p><i>Since the early church, Christians have prayed for the dead. By the seventh century, some monastic foundations reserved this day to pray for deceased members and benefactors. While we remember the beloved dead of our families and friends on this day, let us also give thanks for our Marianist forebears, especially the deceased Marianist religious of this past year.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>NACMS website</i></p>
		<p>From the depths I call to you, Lord, hear my cry. Catch the sound of my voice raised up, pleading.</p> <p>If you record our sins, Lord, who could survive? But because you forgive we stand in awe.</p> <p>I trust in God's word. I trust in the Lord. More than sentries for dawn I watch for the Lord.</p> <p>More than sentries for dawn let Israel watch. The Lord will bring mercy and grant full pardon. The Lord will free Israel from all its sins.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Prayer for the Departed (Psalm 130) Marianist Family Prayer Book, vol. 2</i></p>

3	200 Years of Marianist Education (1819-2019)	<p>https://nacms.org/system/files/Letter_from_Brother_Max.pdf https://nacms.org/system/files/151_SM_3Offices-Education_at_200-Sep_2019-ENG.pdf https://nacms.org/system/files/Quotes_about_Marianist_Education.pdf</p> <p style="text-align: right;">NACMS website</p>
		<p>Come, Holy Spirit, Enkindle in us growth as we assist in Marianist education. May we, in the spirit of family, continue our Blessed Founders' mission to form our school community in faith; Assist us in providing a quality integral education to all; Instill in our community a zeal for service for justice and peace; and develop hearts that adapt and change to the signs of the times.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Andrew Kosmowski, S.M. Marianist Family Prayer Book, vol. 2</i></p>
6	Memorial of Blesseds Miguel Léibar Garay, Florencio Arnáiz Cejudo, Joaquín Ochoa Salazar, and Sabrino Ayastuy Errasti	<p><i>Father Miguel Léibar and Brothers Florencio Arnáiz, Sabino Ayastuy and Joaquín Ochoa were members of the Society of Mary in Spain, all dedicated teachers respected by colleagues and students. When the religious persecution broke out at the time of the Civil War in Spain, they hid in the homes of friends. Father Miguel was arrested on July 28, 1936, and shot by the revolutionary militia. Several weeks later, Brothers Florencio, Sabino and Joaquín were shot as well. They were beatified by Pope Benedict XVI in 2007.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">NACMS website</p>
		<p>Lord our God, who granted to the blessed martyrs Joaquín, Sabrino, Florencio, and Miguel The grace of dedicating their lives to education Under the guidance of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of courageously professing their faith. Grant that we, strengthened by their witness, Might give witness to our faith in word and deed. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Marianist Family Prayer Book, vol. 2</i></p>
21	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin	<p><i>Though it cannot be proven historically, Mary's presentation has an important theological purpose. It emphasizes that the holiness conferred on Mary from the beginning of her life on earth continued throughout her early childhood and beyond.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">NACMS website</p>
	<p>Mary, Daughter of God, From all time, you were the beautiful Throught in God's mind. Mary, Immaculate Child of grace, You are God's gift to his Son. Mary, Mother of the Son of God, the Christ, Pray for us.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Mary, Mother of God Michael Nartker, S.M. Marianist Family Prayer Book, vol. 2</i></p>

28	Thanksgiving Day	<p><i>As we give thanks for the many blessings of God in our lives, let us pray for the blessings of the Marianist Family, especially for our newest members and for those discerning a Marianist vocation.</i></p> <p><i>NACMS website</i></p>
		<p>Mary, Daughter of Wisdom, we, your family, desire to be your living presence anew.</p> <p>Form us as your rain quenching parched souls with hope.</p> <p>Form us as your fire illuminating indifferent hearts with faith.</p> <p>Form us as your wind refreshing dusty minds with wisdom.</p> <p>Form us as your soil embracing all with compassion.</p> <p>In all these ways of life, form us so that your seed of justice sown deep within us will flourish bearing abundant fruit of peace and integrity.</p> <p>Joined together with all creation we will once again sing in harmony.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Prayer for Our Harmony Leanne Jablonski, FMI Marianist Family Prayer Book, vol. 2</i></p>

Upcoming dates for next month

December

- 8 Immaculate Conception-Patronal Feast of the Marianist Sisters
- 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe-Patroness of the Americas
- 25 Nativity of Our Lord
- 27 St. John the Beloved-Patron of the Society of Mary