

Marian/Marianist Days and Feast Days

August 2019

Date	Feast	Description
1	St. Alphonsus Liguori	<p><i>St. Alphonsus (1696-1787), founder of the Redemptorists, was a bishop, spiritual writer and theologian, and is the patron of confessors and moral theologians. He was a great influence on Mariology during the Age of Enlightenment. His Mariology was pastoral in nature, contrasting with the cold rationalism of the enlightenment. Near the end of his life, he suffered much physical pain and betrayal.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">NACMS</p>
		<p style="text-align: center;">"The seed, having fallen into a heart that is pure and well-prepared, will yield a hundredfold."</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Blessed Adèle de Batz de Trenquelléon (Letter #33, Feb. 9, 1806)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Marianist Family Prayer Book</p>
4	St. John Vianney	<p><i>Universally known as the Curé of Ars, this simple parish priest heard confessions 12 to 16 hours a day and was renowned as a confessor. Between 1830 and 1845 visitors and pilgrims numbered in the hundreds every day. Marianist history indicates that St. John Vianney had a special regard for the Society of Mary.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">NACMS</p>
		<p>Saint John Vianney, God's grace saw you through all the trying moments of your life. Inspired by the example of our Lord Jesus Christ, you sacrificed your entire life in order to serve him fully. Your complete trust and surrender to His will allowed you to enter priesthood in spite of the many trials you had to endure. Obtain for me the same complete trust in the will of God, that will allow me to see hardships and trials as sacrifices I need to joyfully accept in His name. Let my anxieties and uncertainties be replaced by great faith in our Heavenly Father who is the source of all that is good.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">From a Novena to St. John Vianney</p>
13	Blessed Jakob Gapp	<p><i>Born in 1897, Jakob Gapp professed first vows in the Society of Mary in 1921. Faithful to the teachings of the Church, he proclaimed the incompatibility of the principles of National Socialism with Christianity, and beginning in 1938 was persecuted. He was arrested in 1942 and brought to Berlin. During the interrogation, he remained unshaken in his defense of the Church and the faith. He was beheaded on Aug. 13, 1943. His remains were never released for burial because the Nazis feared that he might be honored as a martyr. He was beatified by Pope John Paul II on Nov. 24, 1996.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">NACMS</p>
		<p>O God, You gave to Blessed Jakob the grace to fight strenuously for justice and to assert, even to death, the truth of the faith. Through his intercession and example, help us also to remain true to your Son and to the Church by the integrity of our life. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Marianist Family Prayer Book</p>
15	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	<p><i>This solemnity recognizes Mary's passage into heaven, united body and soul. The tradition of Mary's assumption dates back to at least the fifth century, but the doctrine was only dogmatically and infallibly defined in 1950 by Pope Pius XII. It is generally a holy day of obligation in the United States.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">NACMS</p>

22	Queenship of Mary	<p><i>In 1954 Pope Pius XII instituted this memorial “so that all may clearly recognize and more zealously venerate the kind and maternal rule of the Mother of God.” It is celebrated on the octave of the Assumption.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>NACMS</i></p>
		<p style="text-align: right;">Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Turn then, most gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy toward us, and after this exile show to us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">O clement, O love, O Sweet Virgin Mary.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Marianist Family Prayer Book</i></p>

Upcoming dates for next month

September

5	Mary, Queen of Apostles
8	Nativity of Mary
12	Most Holy Name of Mary
14	Vénérable Marie Thérèse de Lamourous
18	Blesseds Carlos Eraña, Fidel Fuidio, and Jesús Hiya