

Marian/Marianist Days and Feast Days

March 2020

Date	Feast	Description
19	Feast of St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	<p>This feast dates to the end of the tenth century. In 1870, Pope Pius IX declared St. Joseph the patron of the universal church. In the Society of Mary, the Eucharist is offered for the superior general. A special remembrance of the deceased superiors general is observed during the week that follows.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">NACMS</p>
24	Anniversary of the Death of Oscar Romero	<p>This Archbishop of San Salvador is renowned as the outstanding embodiment of the prophetic church, a voice for the voiceless. No one could foresee that he would be denounced by his fellow bishops, earn the hatred of the rich and powerful of El Salvador, and generate such enmity that he would be targeted for assassination—the first bishop slain at the altar since Thomas Becket in the twelfth century. He was killed on March 24, 1980, and was immediately acclaimed by the people of El Salvador and by the poor throughout Latin America, as a true martyr and saint.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">NACMS</p>
25	Feast of the Annunciation	<p>The feast of the Annunciation is one of the most important in the church calendar. It celebrates the incarnation of Jesus made flesh in the womb of Mary, his mother. In the universal church, this feast celebrates the beginning of redemption. It also honors Mary as the 'new Eve,' the obedient and faithful woman who generously agrees to be the Mother of God. Mary cooperates freely in the plan of salvation. In the Society of Mary the Eucharist on this day is offered for our fellow brothers and all those closely associated with the Society. A special remembrance of the deceased members is made at a Eucharist during the week that follows.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">NACMS</p>
	<p>"Rejoice, o highly favored one! The Lord is with you!" Could this be it? Is the Great Time, the Year of Favor come? Hurrah! But . . . hold on. Who . . . me? Oh . . . my God! "Do not be afraid."</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Robert Bouffier, SM available on NACMS website</i></p>

Upcoming dates for next month

- 8 Birthday of Blessed William Joseph Chaminade
- 12 Easter
- 15 Blessed Damien of Molokai
- 28 St. Louis Mary de Montfort