

**THE  
ROMAN-SERAPHIC  
CALENDAR**

**FOR THE LITURGICAL YEAR  
2008-2009**

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***CONTAINING THE VARIATIONS AND ADDITIONS  
TO THE UNIVERSAL CALENDAR  
PROPER TO THE ORDER OF FRIARS MINOR  
FOR THE USE OF MEMBERS OF THE ORDER  
IN GREAT BRITAIN***

**PROVINCIAL CURIA O.F.M.  
WOODFORD GREEN**

**DECLARATION**

This Franciscan Calendar is drawn up in conformity with the Rescript of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments of 16<sup>th</sup> July 2003 (Prot. 1445/02/L) which approved and confirmed the revised calendar for the Order of Friars Minor, and that of 16<sup>th</sup> February 2008 (Prot. 1040/07/L) which approved the addition of further celebrations in order to keep in our memories the outstanding names in our history.

Within this frame-work the O.F.M. Province in Great Britain observes three celebrations of its own: on 22<sup>nd</sup> May the obligatory Memoria of Blessed John Forest; on 12<sup>th</sup> July the obligatory Memoria of Sts John Jones and John Wall (who are among the Forty Martyrs), to which have now been added the four Beatified martyrs Thomas Bullaker, John Woodcock, Henry Heath and Arthur Bell (who are among the Blessed Martyrs of England & Wales), to constitute a day for remembering all the martyrs of the Province; and on 10<sup>th</sup> September an obligatory Memoria of Blessed Agnellus of Pisa, the first Minister Provincial of the English Province.

According to the newly approved calendar, the Commemoration of all Deceased Franciscans may be observed on any suitable day which is free of other celebrations after 2<sup>nd</sup> November. The Compiler has assigned it for the benefit of users of this booklet to the last such day, this year the 23<sup>rd</sup> November, where it is as near as possible to the Feast of All Saints of the Order on 29<sup>th</sup> November (omitted this year as it falls on a Sunday), the anniversary of the Bull *Solet annuere* giving Papal approval to our Rule.

To aid our celebrations, some notes have been inserted in the case of newly added Saints and Blessed whose story will not be found in our Breviary Supplement.

**THE COMPILER**

**DECEMBER 2008**

*No Variations from the Universal Calendar*

**JANUARY 2009**

**3** Saturday **The Most Holy Name of Jesus, Memoria (White)**

MASS proper to this Memoria, Preface of the Nativity or proper  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Memoria

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**7** Wednesday **Feria of Christmastide (White)**  
*or: St Charles of Sezze, Religious, I Order, optional Memoria*

MASS of the FERIA in Epiphanytide or of the Memoria  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the FERIA or Memoria

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**14** Wednesday **Feria (Green)**  
*or: Bl Oderic of Portuanone, Priest I Order, optional Memoria*

MASS of the FERIA or Memoria  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the FERIA or Memoria

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**16** Friday **STS BERARD AND HIS COMPANIONS, Proto-martyrs of the Order, I Order, Feast (Red)**

MASS proper  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feast

**19** Monday **Feria (Green)**  
*or (for the II Order): St Eustachia Calafato, Religious II Order, optional Memoria (White)*

MASS of the FERIA or Memoria  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the FERIA or Memoria

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**30** Friday **St Hyacinth of Mariscotti, Virgin, III Order, Memoria (White)**

MASS of the Memoria  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Memoria

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**FEBRUARY 2009**

**6** Friday **Sts Peter Baptist, Paul Miki and their Companions, Martyrs in Japan, Memoria (Red)**

MASS of the Memoria  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Memoria

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**7** Saturday **St Colette of Corbeia, Virgin II Order, Memoria (White)**

MASS of the Memoria  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Memoria

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**MARCH 2009**

- 2 Monday **Lenten Feria** (*Purple*)  
with the *Lenten Memoria* of **St Agnes of Bohemia, Virgin, II Order**

MASS of the Feria with Memoria according to the rubrics  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria with Memoria

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- 3 Tuesday **Lenten Feria** (*Purple*)  
with optional *Lenten Memoria* of **Bl Liberatus Weiss and Companions, Martyrs of Gondar in Ethiopia, I Order**

MASS of the Feria with optional Memoria according to the rubrics  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria with optional Memoria

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- 5 Thursday **Lenten Feria** (*Purple*)  
with optional *Lenten Memoria* of **St John Joseph of the Cross, Priest, I Order**

MASS of the Feria with optional Memoria according to the rubrics  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria with optional Memoria

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- 18 Wednesday **Lenten Feria** (*Purple*)  
with optional *Lenten Memoria* of **St Salvator of Horta, religious I Order**

MASS of the Feria with optional Memoria according to the rubrics  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria with optional Memoria

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**APRIL 2009**

- 4 Saturday **Lenten Feria** (*Purple*)  
with the optional *Lenten memoria* of **St Benedict the African of Palermo, Religious, I Order**

MASS of the Feria with optional Memoria according to the rubrics  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria with optional Memoria

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- 16 Thursday **Thursday within the Octave of Easter** (*White*)

Today is the eighth centenary of the oral approval of the Rule by Pope Innocent III in 1209. It is a traditional devotional practice of the Order for the Solemnly Professed friars to renew their profession today in community.

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- 21 Tuesday **Feria** (*White*)  
or: **St Conrad of Parzham, I Order, optional Memoria**

MASS proper or of the Memoria, Paschal Preface  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria or the Memoria

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- 23 Thursday **Feria** (*White*)  
or: **Bl. Giles of Assisi, I Order, optional Memoria**

MASS proper or of the Memoria, Paschal Preface  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria or the Memoria

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(*In England*)  
**St George, Martyr, National Patron, Solemnity**

24 Friday **St Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr, I Order,**  
*Memoria (Red)*

MASS of the Memoria  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Memoria

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28 Tuesday **Feria (White)**  
*or (for the III Order): Bl. Luchesius, III Order, optional Memoria (White)*

MASS of the Feria or Memoria  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria or Memoria

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**MAY 2009**

8 Friday **Feria (White)**  
*or: The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mediatrix of All Graces, optional Memoria (White)*

MASS of the Feria or Memoria  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria or Memoria

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9 Saturday **Feria (White)**  
*or (for the II Order): St Catherine of Bologna, Virgin II Order, Memoria (White)*

MASS proper of the day or of the Memoria, Paschal Preface  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria or Memoria

12 Tuesday **St Leopold Mandić of Castronovo, Priest, I Order,**  
*Memoria (White)*

MASS of the Memoria, Paschal Preface  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Memoria

Leopold Mandić was born on 12 May 1866, the twelfth child of his parents, in Castronovo on the southern tip of Dalmatia, and was baptised Adeodatus. From his earliest days he desired to go as a missionary to Eastern Europe, but because of his frailty and ill-health his hope was never fulfilled. He joined the Capuchins, was professed in 1885, and was ordained priest in Venice in 1890. After various assignments he was sent to Padua in 1906 where he remained the rest of his life as confessor and spiritual director for twelve hours a day, except that during World War I he was taken prisoner by the Austrians and spent a year in a camp where he ministered as a priest to his fellow inmates. His life is a contrast between his spiritual strength and his physical weakness: four foot five inches tall, he was born and remained physically weak, his health deteriorating with age. He had a stammer, suffered abdominal pains, and was gradually deformed by chronic arthritis, making his frame stooped, his hands gnarled, and causing much pain. He died in Padua on 30 July 1942. Pope Paul VI beatified him in 1976; Pope John Paul II canonised him on 16<sup>th</sup> October 1983.

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13 Wednesday **Feria (Green)**  
*or: St Peter Regalado, Priest I Order, optional memoria (White)*

MASS of the Feria or Memoria  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria or Memoria

Peter (1390-1456) lived at an eventful time: the settlement of the Great Western Schism, the Hundred Years' War, the loss of Constantinople to the Turks in 1453, and the beginning of the age of printing. He came from a wealthy and pious family in Valladolid, Spain. At the age of thirteen he was allowed to enter the Conventual Franciscans. Shortly after his ordination, he was made Guardian of the Friary in Aguilar. He became part of a group of friars striving for a life of greater poverty and penance. In 1442 he became head of all the Spanish Franciscans in his reform group. He led by example with a special love of the poor and the sick: stories are

told of miracles he worked on their behalf. For most of his life he went hungry, living on bread and water alone. He was canonised in 1746.

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**16** Saturday **St Margaret of Cortona, Penitent, III Order,**  
*Memoria (White)*

MASS proper, Preface of Easter or of the Memoria  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Memoria

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**18** Monday **St Felix of Cantalice, Religious, I Order, Memoria**  
*(White)*

MASS proper, Preface of Easter or of the Memoria  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Memoria

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**19** Tuesday **Feria (White)**  
*or: St Theophilus of Corte, Priest I Order, optional memoria*  
*(White)*

MASS of the Feria or Memoria  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria or Memoria

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**20** Wednesday **ST BERNARDINE OF SIENA, Priest I Order,**  
*Feast (White)*

MASS proper, *Gloria*  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feast

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**22** Friday **Bl. John Forest, Priest and Martyr I Order, (in Great**  
*Britain) Memoria (Red)*

MASS of the Memoria.  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Memoria.

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**30** Saturday **Feria (Green)**  
*or (for the II Order): Bl. Baptista Varano, Virgin II Order,*  
*optional Memoria (White)*

MASS of the Feria or the Memoria or *ad libitum*  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria or Memoria

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## JUNE 2009

**12** Friday **Feria (Green)**  
*or (for the II Order): Bl. Jolenta, Religious, optional Memoria*  
*(White)*

MASS of the Feria or Memoria or *ad libitum*  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria or Memoria

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**13** Saturday **ST ANTONY OF PADUA, Priest, I Order,**  
**Doctor of the Church, Feast (White)**

MASS proper, *Gloria*, proper Readings, Preface P67 or P68  
No Requiem Masses allowed, except for funeral  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feast

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16 Tuesday **Feria** (*Green*)  
or: **Bl John of Parma, Priest I Order, optional Memoria** (*White*)

MASS of the Feria or Memoria  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria or Memoria

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20 Saturday **Feria** (*Green*)  
or: **Bl. Patrick O’Healy, Bishop of Mayo, Con O’Rourke, Conor O’Devaney, Bishop of Down & Connor, and John Kearney, I Order Martyrs of Ireland, optional Memoria** (*Red*)

MASS of the Feria or Memoria  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the feria or Memoria

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30 Tuesday **Feria** (*Green*)  
or: **Bl. Raymund Lull, Martyr, III Order, optional Memoria** (*Red*)  
or: **Protomartyrs of the See of Rome, optional Memoria** (*Red*)

MASS of the Feria, or one of the Memorias, or *ad libitum*  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria or a Memoria

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**JULY 2009**

8 Wednesday **Feria** (*Green*)  
or: **Sts Gregory Grassi, Bishop, and his Companions, Martyrs in China, I & III Orders, optional Memoria** (*Red*)

MASS of the Feria, Memoria, or *ad libitum*  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria or Memoria

9 Thursday **Sts Nicholas Pick & Companions, Martyrs I Order in Holland, Memoria** (*Red*)

MASS proper.  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Memoria.

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10 Friday **St Veronica Giuliani, Virgin II Order, Memoria** (*White*)

MASS of the Memoria  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Memoria.

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13 Monday **Feria** (*Green*)  
or: **Bl Emmanuel Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs I Order of Damascus in Syria, optional Memoria** (*Red*)

MASS of the Feria or Memoria  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria or Memoria

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14 Tuesday **Feria** (*Green*)  
or: **St Francis Solano, Priest, I Order, optional Memoria**

MASS of the Feria or Memoria or *ad libitum*  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria or Memoria

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15 Wednesday **ST BONAVENTURE, Bishop and Doctor of the Church I Order, Feast** (*White*)

MASS proper, *Gloria*, proper Readings  
No Requiem Masses allowed, except for funerals  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feast

- 18 Saturday **Feria** (*Green*)  
*or: St Simon of Lypnica, Priest I Order, optional Memoria*

MASS of the Feria or Memoria  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria or Memoria

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- 21 Tuesday **St Laurence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church, I Order,** *Memoria (White)*

MASS of the Memoria  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Memoria

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- 24 Friday **Feria** (*Green*)  
*(for the II Order): Bl. Louise of Savoy, Religious, II Order,*  
*optional Memoria (White)*

MASS of the Feria or Memoria  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria or Memoria

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- 27 Monday **Feria** (*Green*)  
*or (for the II Order): Bl. Mary Magdalen Martinengo,*  
**Virgin, II Order,** *optional Memoria (White)*

MASS of the Feria, the Memoria or *ad libitum*  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria or Memoria

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**AUGUST 2009**

- 5 Wednesday **Feria** (*Green*)  
*or: Bl. Frédéric Jansoone, Priest I Order, optional Memoria*  
*(White)*

MASS of the Feria or Memoria  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria or Memoria

Born near Lille (France) in 1838, Frédéric lost his father at the age of ten. He entered a seminary but left in order to support his mother. He worked several years as a travelling salesman before joining the Friars Minor. After his ordination in 1870 he served as a military chaplain and then ministered in the Holy land for five years. He was sent to Canada in 1881 to collect alms for the Holy Land, but returned a year later for a further six years of service. In 1888 he was transferred back to Canada and was instrumental in re-establishing the Province of the Order based in Montreal. A man of deep prayer and great apostolic zeal, he made his headquarters at the shrine of Our Lady near Trois-Rivières which soon became a national shrine and where he was buried on his death in 1916. He was beatified in 1988.

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- 8 Saturday **OUR HOLY FATHER ST DOMINIC, Priest,**  
*Feast (White)*

MASS proper, *Gloria*, proper readings, Preface of a Man Saint  
No Requiem Masses allowed, except for funerals  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feast

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- 11 Tuesday **ST CLARE, Virgin, Foundress II Order,** *Feast (for the II Order Solemnity), (White)*

MASS of the Feast/Solemnity, *Gloria*, (*Credo*), proper Readings,  
proper Preface  
No Requiem Masses allowed, except for funerals  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feast/Solemnity

- 14 Friday **St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest and Martyr, I Order, Memoria (Red)**

MASS proper  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Memoria until None

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- 17 Monday **St Beatrice de Silva, Virgin, Memoria (White)**

MASS of the Memoria  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Memoria

Beatrice was born at Ceuta (Portugal) of noble parents in 1424. She spent some time in the court of Queen Isabella. After persecutions at the hands of jealous rivals she abandoned the court and went to Toledo where she entered a Cistercian monastery and lived there nearly thirty years. In 1484 she felt inspired to found the Poor Clares of the Immaculate Conception, approved by Pope Innocent VIII.

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- 19 Wednesday **Feria (Green)**  
*or: St Louis of Toulouse, Bishop, I Order, Memoria (White)*

MASS of the Feria or Memoria  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria or Memoria

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- 25 Tuesday **St Louis IX, King, III Order, Memoria (White)**

MASS of the Memoria  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Memoria

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- 26 Wednesday **Feria (Green)**  
*or: Bl. Juniper Serra, Priest I Order, optional Memoria (White)*

MASS of the Feria or Memoria  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria or Memoria

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**SEPTEMBER 2009**

- 10 Thursday **Bl. Agnellus of Pisa, Priest I Order, (in Great Britain) Memoria (White)**

MASS of the Memoria.  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Memoria.

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- 11 Friday **Feria (Green)**  
*or: Bl. Bonaventure of Barcelona, Religious I Order, optional memoria (White)*

MASS of the Feria or Memoria  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria or Memoria

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- 17 Thursday **THE STIGMATA OF OUR HOLY FATHER SAINT FRANCIS, Feast (White)**

MASS of the Feast, *Gloria*, proper readings, proper Preface.  
No Requiem Masses allowed, except for funerals.  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feast.

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18 Friday **St Joseph of Cupertino, Priest I Order, Memoria**  
*(White)*

MASS of the Memoria.  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Memoria.

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23 Wednesday **St Pius of Pietrelcina (“Padre Pio”), Priest I Order, Memoria** *(White)*

MASS of the Memoria  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Memoria

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24 Thursday **Feria** *(Green)*  
*or: St Pacifico of San Severino, Priest I Order, memoria* *(White)*

MASS of the Feria or Memoria  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria or Memoria

Pacifico was born into a distinguished family in San Severino in the Marche of Ancona. After joining the Friars Minor he was ordained and taught philosophy for two years, and then began a successful career of preaching. He was an ascetic man, fasting perpetually, eating no more than bread, soup or water. His hairshirt was made of iron. His confreres remembered him especially for his poverty and obedience. At the age of 35, he contracted an illness that left him deaf, blind and crippled. He offered his sufferings for the conversion of sinners, and he cured many of the sick who came to him. He was canonised in 1839.

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**OCTOBER 2009**

4 SUNDAY **OUR HOLY FATHER SAINT FRANCIS, Deacon, Founder of the Three Orders, Solemnity** *(White)*

MASS of the Solemnity, *Gloria*, proper readings, optional sequence, *Credo*, proper Preface  
No other Masses allowed, except Requiem Masses for funerals  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Solemnity  
Compline as after Evening Prayer II of Sundays

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10 Saturday **Feria** *(Green)*  
*or: Saint Daniel, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs in Mauritania I Order, optional Memoria* *(Red)*

MASS of the Feria or Memoria  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria or memoria

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19 Monday **St Peter of Alcantara, Priest I Order, Memoria** *(White)*

MASS of the Memoria  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Memoria

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22 Thursday **Feria** *(Green)*  
*or (for the II Order): Bl. Josephine Leroux, Virgin and Martyr, II Order, optional Memoria* *(Red)*

MASS of the Feria or the Memoria or *ad libitum*.  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria or Memoria.

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**23** Friday **St John of Capistrano, Priest, I Order, Memoria**  
*(White)*

MASS proper  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Memoria

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**24** Saturday **Feria (Green)**  
*or: St Antônio de Sant'Anna Galvão, Priest I Order, Memoria*  
*(White)*

MASS of the Feria or Memoria  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria or Memoria

Born in Guaratingueta near São Paulo (Brazil) in 1739, Antônio attended the Jesuit seminary in Belem but later decided to become a friar. He was clothed 1760 and was ordained in 1762. He served as preacher, confessor and porter. He was appointed confessor to the Recollects of St Teresa, a group of nuns. Together with one of the Sisters, he founded a new Congregation of Sisters. The co-foundress suffered a premature death and Fr Antônio found himself responsible alone for the new Congregation. He served as novice master and Guardian for the friars and founded a new Friary in Sorocaba. He spent his last days at a retreat house of the Congregation he had helped to establish where he died in 1822. He was beatified in 1998 and canonised very recently.

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**NOVEMBER 2009**

**13** Friday **St Didacus of Alcalà, Religious, I Order, Memoria**  
*(White)*

MASS of the Memoria  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Memoria

**14** Saturday **Sts Nicholas Tavelić and Companions, Martyrs in Jerusalem, I Order, Memoria (Red)**

MASS of the Memoria  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Memoria

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**17** Tuesday **ST ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY, Religious, III Order, Patroness of the Secular Franciscan Order, Feast**  
*(White)*

MASS of the Feast, *Gloria*, proper readings, Preface of a Holy Woman  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feast

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**18** Wednesday **Feria (Green)**  
*or: Dedication of the Basilicas of the Apostles Peter and Paul, (White)*  
*or (for the II Order): Bl. Salome of Krakow, Virgin, II Order, optional Memoria (White)*

MASS of the Feria, Memoria or *ad libitum*  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria or Memoria

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**19** Thursday **Feria (Green)**  
*or (for the II Order): St Agnes of Assisi, Virgin, II Order, Memoria (White)*

MASS of the Feria or Memoria  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria or Memoria

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- 20 Friday **Feria (Green)**  
or: **Bl. Paschal Fortuño Almela and Companions, Martyrs I Order in Valencia (Spain), Memoria (Red)**

MASS of the Feria or Memoria  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria or Memoria

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- 23 Monday **Commemoration of all Deceased Franciscans and their Benefactors, Memoria**

MASS for the Dead as on 2<sup>nd</sup> November.  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS as on 2<sup>nd</sup> November.

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- 25 Wednesday **Feria (Green)**  
or: **St. Humilis of Bisiniano, Religious I Order, Memoria (White)**

MASS of the Feria or Memoria  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria or Memoria

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- 26 Thursday **St Leonard of Port Maurice, Priest I Order, Memoria (White)**

MASS of the Memoria  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Memoria.

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- 27 Friday **St Francis Antony Fasani, Priest, I Order, Memoria (White)**

MASS of the Feria or Memoria or *ad libitum*  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Feria or Memoria

Francis Antony Fasani was born at Lucera in Apulia in 1681. He joined the Friars Minor Conventual at age 14 and was conspicuous for his sincerity, austerity of life and priestly zeal. He has a great devotion to the Immaculate Mother of God and spent about forty years in preaching the word of God with a rich harvest of souls throughout Apulia. The needy, the orphans, the sick and especially the inmates of prisons were recipients of his ardent charity. He died on 29 November 1742 endowed with extraordinary gifts of grace. He was canonised in 1984.

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- 28 Saturday **St James of the Marches, Priest, I Order, Memoria (White)**

MASS of the Memoria  
LITURGY OF THE HOURS of the Memoria

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**8 November**  
**BLESSED JOHN DUNS SCOTUS, priest**  
**Memoria**

**AT MASS**

***Introductory Rites***

**Jer 3:15**

I will give you shepherds after my own heart, and they shall feed you on knowledge and sound teaching.

***Opening Prayer***

Lord God, source of all wisdom,  
in Blessed John Duns Scotus, priest and champion of the Immaculate Virgin,  
you have given us a master of life and thought.  
Grant that enlightened by his example and nourished by his doctrine,  
we may remain faithful followers of Christ,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
for ever and ever.

***Prayer Over the Gifts***

All-powerful God,  
look upon the gifts we bring on this feast in honour of Blessed John Duns Scotus.  
May we who celebrate the mystery of the death of the Lord  
imitate the love we celebrate.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

***Communion Rite***

**Ps 33:9**

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord;  
blessed is he who hopes in God.

***Prayer After Communion***

All-powerful God,  
May we who are strengthened by the power of this sacrament  
learn from the example of Blessed John Duns Scotus  
to seek you above all things  
and to live in this world as your new creation.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**READINGS AT MASS**

*The readings of the day from the Lectionary or else the following:*

**First Reading**

**2 Tim 1:13-14, 2:1-3**

*“Guard this precious thing with the help of the Holy Spirit”*  
Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me ...

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Ps 33 (34):2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11

**R/. (v.2)** I will bless the Lord at all times.  
**or (v.9)** Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**Acclamation of the Gospel**

**cf. Mt 11:25**

Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Blessed are you, Father,  
Lord of heaven and earth,  
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom  
to mere children.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel Reading**

**Mt 5:13-16**

*“You are the light of the world”*  
Jesus said to his disciples: “You are the salt the earth ...”

OFFICE OF READINGS

**Second Reading**

*From the "Ordinatio" of Blessed John Duns Scotus*

(Lib. III d.28, q.un.n.2-3; *Opera Omnia*, ed. Vivès, XV 378b-379b)

***The essence and undivided nature of charity***

Charity has been defined as the habit by which God becomes the object of our love. However, God could become the object of a kind of private love, such as that of a lover intolerant of any other lovers besides himself (as for example in the case of a jealous man in love with a woman). But a habit of this kind would be both inordinate and imperfect.

It would be inordinate because God, the good of all, does not want to be the private good of any one person, nor does right reason allow one person to appropriate to himself this common good. It follows that a love that tends to regard this common good exclusively as its own property, neither to be loved nor possessed by any other, is an inordinate love.

It would also be imperfect because a person who loves perfectly want his beloved to be loved. Therefore God, in infusing the habit of charity by which the soul tends towards Him in an orderly and perfect way, gives a habit by which He is loved as the common good to be co-loved by others as well. And this habit which is of God, leads an individual to want God to be held dear and to be loved also by others.

Therefore, just as this habit leads a person to love God in Himself in an orderly and perfect way, so also it leads him to want God to be loved not only by the person himself but also by anyone else whose friendship is pleasing to Him.

It is clear from this how the habit of charity must be single and undivided, because it does not concern itself in the first instance with a plurality of objects, but with God alone as the primary object and as the first good. Secondly it then wants God to be loved and to be possessed in love by everyone else to the utmost of his power, because it is in this that a perfect and orderly love of God consists. And in willing this, I love both myself and my neighbour in charity,

willing, that is, for both of us the desire and the possession of God in Himself through love.

Hence it is evident that it is by one and the same act that I want God and that I want you to want God. And in this my love is a love of charity, because out of this love I desire a good for you which is due to you in justice.

For this reason, my neighbour is not to be regarded as a second object of charity but rather as an object that is entirely incidental, because he is someone who is capable of co-loving the Beloved with me in a perfect and orderly way; and I love him precisely so that he can become a co-lover. In this I love him as it were incidentally, not for himself, but because of the object which I want to be co-loved by him. And in wanting that object to be co-loved by him, I implicitly want what is good for him because it is due to him in justice.

RESPONSORY

**1Jn 4:10-11,16**

- R/.** God loved us first and sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away. \* Since God loved us so much, we too should love one another.
- V/.** We ourselves have known and put our faith in God's love towards ourselves.

MORNING PRAYER

**Canticle of Zechariah**

O Lord, true God, you are blessed for ever;  
from you, and in you, and through you, all things are in being.

EVENING PRAYER

**Canticle of Mary**

We praise you, holy Father, for you are infinitely good  
and radiate a share in your goodness upon every creature.