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A CATHOLIC LIFE

A CATHOLIC DAY

Priests, religious, and some lay faithful pray from the Breviary (the Divine Office or the Liturgy of the Hours) during each of the eight liturgical hours of the Catholic day. At the hours of Prime, Sext, and Vespers (6 am. 12 noon, and 6 pm), the Angelus is also prayed.

Here is a typical day of devotions for both Western Rite laypeople and religious:

	6 am	9 am	12 pm	3 pm	6 pm	9 pm	12 am	3 am
Religious	• <u>Trad.</u> : Office of Prime • <u>Mod.</u> : Morning Prayer	Trad.: Office of Terce	• Trad.: Office of Sext • Mod.: Daytime Prayer	<u>Trad.</u> : Office of None	• Trad.: Office of Vespers • Mod.: Evening Prayer	• <u>Trad.</u> : Office of Compline • <u>Mod.</u> : Night Prayer	• Trad.: Office of Matins • Mod.: Office of Readings	Trad.: Office of Lauds
Laity	Angelus Morning offering Prayer to Guardian Angel Three Hail Marys devotion		Angelus		Angelus	Rosary with family or alone Evening Examen Three Hail Marys devotion		

Throughout the day, Catholics can practice the habit of praying very brief prayers called "ejaculations" (or "aspirations"), which serve to bring attention back to God in the midst of trouble, stress, or moments of success and gratitude.

A CATHOLIC WEEK

In broad strokes, a Catholic week looks like this (as with all devotions, personal, familial, parish, and regional devotions will vary):

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Themes	Resurrection The Holy Trinity	The Holy Ghost The Souls in Purgatory	The Holy Angels	 St. Joseph The Most Chaste Heart of St. Joseph 	The Blessed Sacrament Christ's Wounds	 Christ's Passion The Sacred Heart of Jesus 	The Blessed Virgin The Immaculate Heart of Mary
Rosary Mysteries Prayed	Traditional: Joyful (Advent— Epiphany); Sorrowful (Septuages- ima—Lent); Glorious (Easter—Time after Pente- cost) Modern: Glorious	Joyful	Sorrowful	Glorious	Traditional: Joyful Modern: Luminous	Sorrowful	Glorious
Devotions	Sunday obligation to attend Holy Mass Day of rest and feasting		Honor the Holy Face Novena to St. Anthony Novena to St. Martha	Nine First Wednesdays Devotion	Six First Thursdays Devotion Holy Hour of Adoration	Abstinence from meat, or another penance to commemorate Good Friday Nine First Fridays Devotion	Five First Saturdays Devotion

A CATHOLIC YEAR

Each month of the Catholic year includes a specific spiritual focus. The seasons and feasts of the liturgical year bring us into contact with the lives of Christ, Mary, the angels and the saints.

January	The Holy Name and Childhood of Jesus	July	The Most Precious Blood
February	The Holy Family	August	The Immaculate Heart of Mary
March	St. Joseph	September	The Seven Dolours (Sorrows) of Mary
April	The Blessed Sacrament	October	The Holy Rosary (also, the Holy Angels)
May	Mary	November	The Poor Souls in Purgatory

COMMEMORATION

TO BE RECITED BEFORE MASS...

COMMEMORATION OF THE LIVING

	REMEMBER, OH LORD, these Thy servants and handmaids:
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...on whose behalf we offer to Thee this sacrifice of praise for the good of their souls, for their hope of salvation and deliverance from all harm...

COMMEMORATION OF THE DEAD

ALSO REMEMBER, OH LORD, these Thy servants and handmaids:
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...who have gone before us with the sign of faith. Grant them Thy eternal light and peace. Through Christ our Lord.

You can also say this prayer before Mass: "Eternal Father, I unite myself with the intentions and affections of our Lady of Sorrows on Calvary, and I offer Thee the sacrifice which Thy beloved Son Jesus made of Himself on the Cross, and now renews on this holy altar: (1) To adore Thee and give Thee the honor which is due to Thee, confessing Thy supreme dominion over all things, and the absolute dependence of everything upon Thee, Who art our one and last end. (2) To thank Thee for innumerable benefits received. (3) To appease Thy justice, irritated against us by so many sins, and to make satisfaction for them. (4) To implore grace and mercy for myself, for . . . , for Thy Church, for all afflicted and sorrowing, for poor sinners, for all the world, and for the holy souls in purgatory."

PRAYER INTENTIONS

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NOVENAS

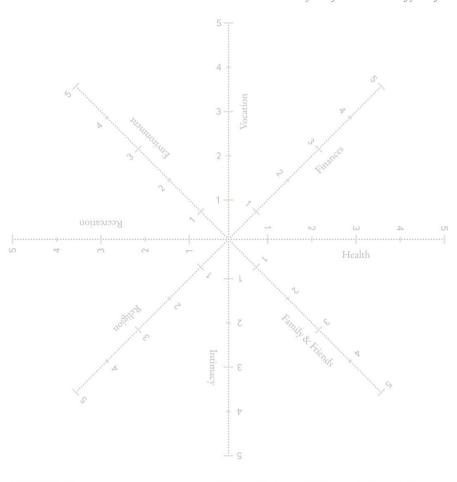
Start Date	Novena Title	Feast/Event	Feast Date	Opening Words
SEASONAL	NOVENAS			
December 20 (O.F.) / December 29 (E.F.)	Novena to the Holy Family	Feast of the Holy Family	December 30 (O.F.) / January 8 (E.F.)	"Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, bless us and grant us"
December 23	Novena to the Holy Name	Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus	January 2	"O Merciful Jesus, Who didst in Thy early infancy"
January 12	Novena to St. Agnes	Feast of St. Agnes	January 21	"O singular example of virtue, glorious Saint Agnes"
January 23	Novena to St. Brigid	Feast of St. Brigid	February 1	"O Glorious St. Brigid, Patroness of Ireland"
January 24	Novena to Our Lady of Good Success	Candlemas / Feast of the Purification	February 2	"Hail Mary Most Holy, Beloved Daughter of God the Father"
January 25	Novena to St. Blaise	Feast of St. Blaise	February 3	"Almighty and eternal God! With lively faith
January 27	Novena to St. Agatha	Feast of St. Agatha	February 5	"O glorious St Agatha, who remained faithful"
February 1	Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes	Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes	February 11	"Be blessed, O most pure Virgin"
February 5	Novena to St. Valentine	St. Valentine's Day	February 15	"O glorious advocate and protector, Saint Valentine"
February 25	Novena to St. Thomas Aquinas	Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas	March 7	"He who loves father or mother more than me"
March 4–12	Novena of Grace (in honor of St. Francis Xavier)	Anniversary of canonization of St. Francis Xavier and St. Ignatius of Loyola	March 12	"O Jesus, answer our petitions as we kneel before Thee"
March 8	Novena to St. Patrick	Feast of St. Patrick	March 17	"Blessed saint Patrick, glorious Apostle of Ireland"
March 10	Novena to St. Joseph	Feast of St. Joseph	March 19	"O glorious descendant of the kings of Judah"
March 12	Novena to St. Benedict	Feast of St. Benedict	March 21	"O glorious St. Benedict, sublime model"
March 15	Novena to St. Gabriel the Archangel	Feast of St. Gabriel the Archangel	March 24	"O blessed Archangel Gabriel, we beseech thee"
SPECIAL NO	OVENAS			
Anytime	Novena to the Holy Face		-	"O Lord Jesus Christ, in presenting ourselves"
Once an hour for nine hours on one single day	Novena to the Infant of Prague			"O Jesus, who has said ask and you shall receive"
Anytime	Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help	-		"O Mother of Perpetual Succour, behold me
Anytime	Unfailing Novena to St. Joseph	-	-	"O St. Joseph, whose protection is so great
Anytime	Novena to St. Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)	-	-	"Dear God, Thou hast generously blessed Thy servant"
During times of sickness	Novena to St. Roch			"O blessed Saint Roch, patron of the sick"
Anytime	Novena for the Holy Souls in			"Jesus, my Saviour I have so often deserved

ANNUAL GOALS

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SEASONAL JOURNAL

GOAL REVIEW	Evaluate your progress on seasonal goals and explain setbacks as	nd success.
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	☐ Do Prayer Examin	ation
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	☐ Create new Goal	Plans
	☐ Update Annual Go	oals



BLESSINGS	Reflect on blessings and Goa-given challenges of this season.
SINS & SHORTCOMINGS Des	cribe major patterns of sin and shortcomings this past season.

WEEKLY RULE OF LIFE

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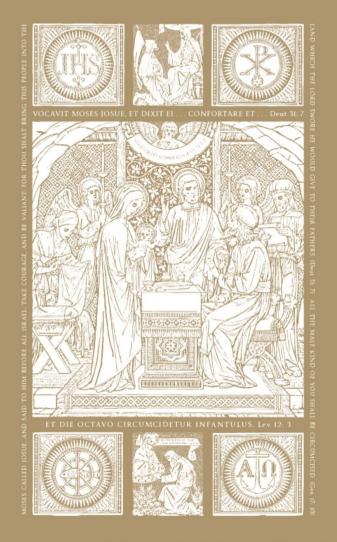
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JANUARY 2023

MONTH OF THE HOLY NAME



The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus, celebrated on January 2nd or 3rd. January ends Christmas and brings in Ordinary Time on the new calendar.

MONTHLY PLANNING

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MONTHLY REVIEW

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Feast Day Devotions							
Prayer Plan							
Virtue Tracker							
Goal Plan							
MONTHLY REFLECTION	Describe major eve	nts, th	nemes, a	ectivitie	es of th	e past m	onth
BLESSINGS	Reflect on blessings a	and G	od-give	n chall	enges (of this m	onth
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- 1² Octave day
- FA Fasting (with suggested times)
- CA Complete
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- FA Fasting or FE feasting
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- Rogation days
- FirstWednesdays
- First Thursdays
- First Fridays
- First Saturdays
- Rosary Tracker

1ST CL./SOLEMN. | JANUARY 1

MARY MOTHER OF GOD/OCTAVE DAY OF CHRISTMAS

Three feasts converge on this day: Mary Mother of God (N.O.), the Octave Day of Christmas, and the Circumcision.

- ✓ Attend Mace
- ✓ Share New Years' resolutions as a family
- ✓ Cook a meal of suckling pig or black-eyed peas, collards, corn bread, and ham
- √ Read from The Liturgical Year
- ✓ Gain a plenary indulgence by reciting or singing the hymn Veni Creator Spiritus[®]

2ND CLASS | IANUARY 2

HOLY NAME OF JESUS

Devotion to the Holy Name is deeply rooted in the sacred scriptures, especially in the Acts of the Apostles.

- ✓ Attend E.F. Mass
- ✓ Gather around the creche and recite the Litany of the Holy Name of Jesus
- Explain to children why we bow when the Holy Name is spoken and why we say acts of reparation when it is taken in vain
- ✓ Read St. Bernard of Clairvaux's "The Holy Name of Jesus"
- ✓ Pray the Novena to the Holy Name

IANUARY 5

TWELFTH NIGHT (EPIPHANY EVE)

The Eve of the Feast of the Epiphany is the twelfth day of Christmas, and tonight is known as "Twelfth Night".

- Attend E.F. Mass and the blessing of water, salt, chalk, and incense
- Bring the three Magi to the creche and adorn the child Jesus with a crown, ermine, and gold or purple cloth
- ✓ Drink "Lamb's Wool" after a candlelit meal with incense
- ✓ Cook and eat "Three Kings Cake" and celebrate Three Kings Cake festivities

1ST CL./SOL. | JANUARY 6/8

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Epiphany celebrates the adoration of the Magi, the baptism of Christ, and the first miracle at the wedding feast of Cana.

- √ Attend Mass
- ✓ Give a gift to commemorate the Magi (Epiphany is known as "Little Christmas")
- ✓ Bless house and write chalk inscription above the door: 20 + C + M + B + (year), (or ask a priest)
- Read from The Liturgical Year
- ✓ Pray the Novena to the Magi

EPIPHANY - SHROVE TUESDAY

CARNIVAL

A joyous time dedicated to dancing, celebrating, and games—especially in Latin and European countries.

- Host frequent parties and gatherings with friends and families
- Organize a parish group to learn one folk dance per week from your ethnic traditions and host weekly parties in the parish hall to share what you learn!
- ✓ Learn a new folk song or hymn weekly
- Set aside nightly time for playing games and learning new ones with loved ones

DEVOTION IDEAS

- √ Pray a Daily Rosary
- ✓ Pray the Little Office or Divine Office
- √ Fast on Wednesdays and Fridays
- ✓ Pray novenas leading up to feast days
- √ First Friday or First Saturday devotions
- √ Adoration and/or daily Mass
- ✓ Attend the T.L.M. four Sundays in a row
- ✓ Consecration to Jesus, Mary, or Joseph
- √ Go to frequent confession (~monthly)
- √ Increase tithing or almsgiving
- ✓ Other forms of penance or mortification

JANUARY FEASTS AND DEVOTIONS

2ND CL./FEAST | JAN. 8/DEC. 30

THE HOLY FAMILY

Today is the feast day of the Holy Family, and every family, since the Holy Family is the model of all Christian families.

- ✓ Attend F.F. Mass
- ✓ Consecrate your family to the Holy Family
- ✓ Renew marriage vows and bless children
- Spend time reflecting on how you can be a more holy member of your family
- Read St. Bernard of Clairvaux's The Feast of the Holy Family
- ✓ Pray the Novena to the Holy Family

2ND CL./SOL. | JANUARY 13/9

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

The Baptism of Christ is the feast day commemorating the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River by John the Baptist.

- ✓ Attend E.F. Mass
- Renew baptismal vows for children: 1)
 light baptismal candles, 2) pray baptismal
 prayer, 3) repeat baptismal vows as
 family, 4) sing a Christmas song
- ✓ Serve punch and Initial Cookies and/or Christ's Diapers Cookies
- ✓ Read St. Ephrem's Hymn Concerning Our Lord and St. John

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