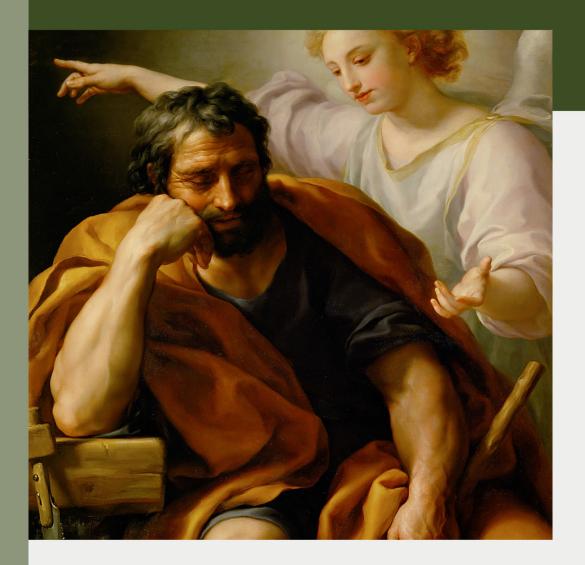


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"I wish that I could have a thousand tongues, to endear every heart to the Precious Blood of Jesus."

2024 CALENDAR



#### The Blood of Christ, Giving You a Fresh Start

- The Precious Blood of Jesus is a symbol of His sacrificial love for humanity.
- St. Gaspar emphasized the importance of recognizing and appreciating the depth of Christ's sacrifice on the cross.
- The month of January marks the beginning of the year, symbolizing new beginnings and redemption. Reflect on the redemptive power of Jesus' Precious Blood and how you are redeemed from sin and granted a fresh start. Let us also focus on prayer and discernment, seeking God's guidance and wisdom for the year ahead.

Anton Raphael Mengs, The Dream of St. Joseph, c. 1774

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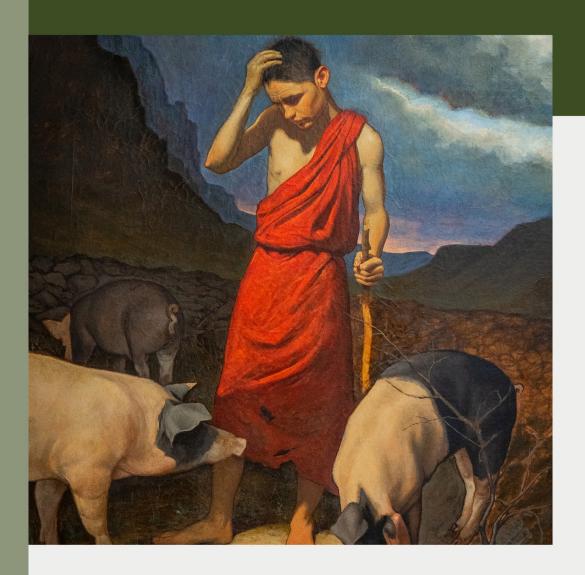
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	1 Solemnity of The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God  New Year's Day	2 Saint Basil the Great and Saint Gregory Nazianzen, bishops and doctors of the Church	3	4 Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, religious (US)	5 Saint John Neumann, bishop (US)	6 BIRTH OF ST. GASPAR
7 The Epiphany of the Lord	8 The Baptism of the Lord	9	10	11	12 Saint Marguerite Bourgeoys, virgin (CA)	13
14 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	16	17 Saint Anthony, abbot	18	19	20
21 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	22	23	24 Saint Francis de Sales, bishop and doctor of the Church	25 The Conversion of Saint Paul, apostle	26 Saint Timothy and Saint Titus, bishops	27 Saint Thomas Aquinas, priest and doctor of the Church
28 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	29	30	31 Saint John Bosco, priest			



### The Blood of Christ, Stream of Mercy

- The Precious Blood is a powerful reminder of God's infinite mercy and forgiveness.
- St. Gaspar encouraged a deep trust in God's mercy and the ability to seek forgiveness through the Precious Blood.
- In February we often celebrate love. Contemplate on the healing and reconciling power of Jesus' Precious Blood, which restores broken relationships and brings peace to the troubled hearts.

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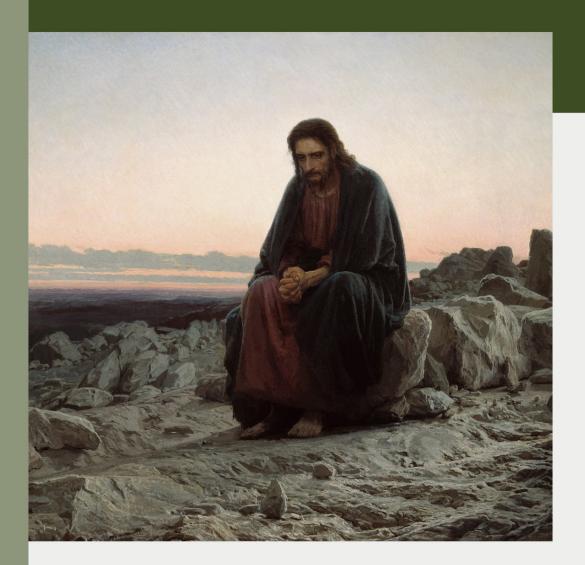
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				1	2 The Presentation of the Lord	3 Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr
4 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time SAINT MARIA DE MATTIAS	5 St. Agatha, virgin and martyr	6 Saint Paul Miki and companions, martyrs	7	8 Saint Josephine Bakhita, virgin	9	10 Saint Scholastica, virgin
11 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	12	13	14 Ash Wednesday St. Valentine's Day	15	16	17
18 1st Sunday of Lent	19 Presidents' Day (US)	20	21	22 The Chair of St. Peter, Apostle	23	24
25 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent	26	27	28	29		



Ivan Kramskoy Christ in the Wilderness, c. 1872

# The Blood of Christ, Hope of the Penitent

- The Precious Blood of Jesus is a profound symbol of renewal. This sacred Blood, shed for humanity's redemption, has the power to transform and renew our lives.
- Just as spring brings renewal to the earth, Lent offers us a spiritual rebirth through the cleansing power of Jesus's Blood. It calls us to repentance, self-denial, and a deeper connection with God.
- During the Lenten season, the Missionaries conduct special missions, retreats, and spiritual programs to help people deepen their faith in preparation for Easter.

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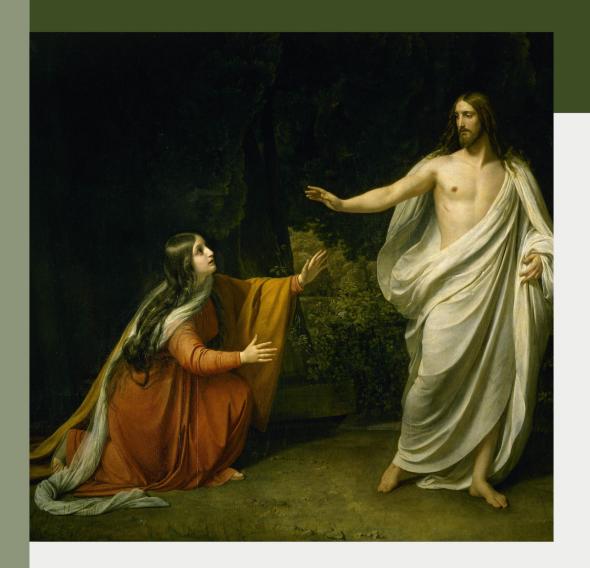
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3 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent	4	5	6	7 Saint Perpetua and Saint Felicity, martyrs	8	9
10 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (Laetare)  Daylight Saving Time Begins	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 5 <sup>th</sup> sunday of Lent Saint Patrick's Day	18	19 Saint Joseph, husband of Mary	20	21	22	23
24 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion	25	26	27	28 Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper	29 Good Friday of the Lord's Passion	30 Holy Saturday
31 Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection	NOTES		1	I		1



Alexander Ivanov

Christ's Appearance to Mary Magdalene after the Resurrection,

c. 1835

### The Blood of Christ, Joy of the Resurrection

- St. Gaspar reminded his followers that the Precious Blood of Jesus, shed for our salvation, carries within it the transformative power of the resurrection. Just as Christ conquered death and rose to new life, his blood fills us with a profound and everlasting joy. This joy stems from the assurance that through his sacrifice, we too can experience spiritual renewal and the promise of eternal life.
- During this month let us pray for the grace to embrace joy of the resurrection and allow the Precious Blood of Jesus to inspire hope and transformation in our lives. Remember just as the blood flows, so does our newfound hope, renewal, and the assurance of eternal life.

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	1 Monday in the Octave of Easter  Easter Monday (CA)	2 Tuesday in the Octave of Easter	3 Wednesday in the Octave of Easter	4 Thursday in the Octave of Easter	5 Friday in the Octave of Easter	6 Saturday in the Octave of Easter
7 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)	8 The Annunciation of the Lord	9	10	11 Saint Stanislaus, bishop and martyr	12	13
14 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter	15	16	17 Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, virgin	18	19	20
21 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	22	23	24	25 Saint Mark, evangelist	26	27
28 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	29 Saint Catherine of Siena, virgin and doctor of the Church	30 Saint Marie of the Incarnation, religious				

### The Blood of Christ, Source of Missionary Zeal

- Just as the blood courses through veins, breathing life into every corner of the body, so does the missionary spirit flow from the eternal wellspring of Jesus, carrying the message of salvation to all cultures and corners. The Precious Blood becomes both a compass and a driving force, propelling missionaries to bring the healing power of divine love to humanity.
- The Missionaries of the Precious Blood were founded to be missionaries, spreading the love of Christ wherever they go.
- St. Gaspar instilled a fervent missionary spirit in his followers. He also emphasized the importance of sharing the Good News and spreading devotion to the Precious Blood. May we be worthy Missionaries!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Saint Joseph the Worker	2 Saint Athanasius, bishop and doctor of the Church	3 Saint Philip and Saint James, apostles	4
5 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter	6 Saint François de Montmorency Laval, bishop	7	8	9	10	11
12 Ascension of the Lord  Mother's Day	13 Our Lady of Fatima	14 Saint Matthias, apostle	15	16	17	18
19 Pentecost Sunday	20 The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church Victoria Day (CA)	21	22	23	24 MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS	25
26 The Most Holy Trinity	27Memorial Day (US)	28	29	30	31 The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	



### The Blood of Christ, Eucharistic Drink and Refreshment of Souls

- The Blessed Sacrament contains the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. Devotion to the Holy Eucharist is devotion to the Blood of Christ. On the Solemnity of Corpus Christi we remember Jesus' gift of himself on the cross, the wellspring of the Church's Sacraments. On the cross our Passover was sacrificed.
- St. Gaspar stressed the significance of frequent participation in the Eucharist and receiving the Precious Blood.
- Our world is hurting. We all need healing, yet many of us are separated from the very source of our strength. Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith in the celebration of the Eucharist. This month focus on the Precious Blood's real presence in the Eucharist, nourishing and strengthening you on your spiritual journey.

Jesus, Eternal High Priest, grant us the grace to offer our lives as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to you. Amen. May 2024

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						1 Saint Justin, martyr
2 The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ	3 Saint Charles Lwanga and companions, martyrs	4	5 Saint Boniface, bishop and martyr	6	7 The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	8 The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9 10 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	10	11 Saint Barnabas, apostle	12	13 Saint Anthony of Padua, priest and doctor of the Church	14	15
16 11 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	17	18	19	20	21 Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, religious	22
Father's Day						
23 12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	24 The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist	25	26	27	28 Saint Irenaeus, bishop, martyr and doctor of the Church	29 Saint Peter and Saint Paul, apostles
30 13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	NOTES					

### The Blood of Christ, Most Worthy of all Glory and Honor

The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The feast was instituted in 1849 by Pius IX, but the devotion goes back to the early Church. The early Church Fathers taught that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ and through His Blood came forth the wondrous sacrament of the whole Church. (John 19:32-35)

Pius IX had these profound words about this special feast: "The Precious Blood which we worship is the Blood which the Savior shed for us on Calvary and reassumed at His glorious Resurrection; it is the Blood which courses through the veins of His risen, glorified, living body at the right hand of God the Father in heaven; it is the Blood made present on our altars by the words of Consecration; it is the Blood which merited sanctifying grace for us and through it washes and beautifies our soul and inaugurates the beginning of eternal life in it." (Decree "Redempti Sumus")

Let us pray for a thousand tongues to spread the devotion to the Most Precious Blood of Jesus. We are to devote ourselves to prayer and study to come to a deeper understanding of what those two casual words, Precious Blood, really mean.



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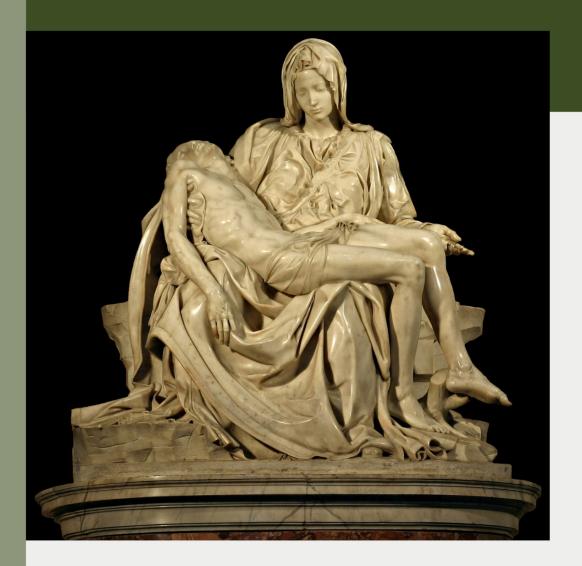
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	1 FEAST OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD  Canada Day	2	3 Saint Thomas, apostle	4 Independence Day	5	6
7 14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	8	9	10	11 Saint Benedict, abbot	12	13
14 15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	15 Saint Bonaventure, bishop and doctor of the Church	16	17	18	19	20
21 16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	22 Saint Mary Magdalene	23	24	25 Saint James, apostle	26 Saint Joachim and Saint Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary	27
28 17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	29 Saint Martha, Saint Mary and Saint Lazarus	30	31 Saint Ignatius of Loyola, priest			
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#### The Blood of Christ, Solace in Sorrow

- "From Mary we learn to trust even when all hope seems gone." (Pope St. John Paul II)
- The Second Vatican Council in its Dogmatic Constitution on the Church wrote, "...She stood in keeping with the divine plan, suffering grievously with her only-begotten Son. There she united herself, with a maternal heart, to His sacrifice, and lovingly consented to the immolation of this Victim which she herself had brought forth" (#58).
- There is sufering everywhere, but God doesn't require us to passively endure the hardships we encounter in our flawed world. Instead, He encourages us to learn from Mary's response. Our Blessed Mother endured profound suffering, yet she didn't remain helpless in her anguish. She purposefully turned to God, deriving strength from her unwavering trust in Him, which made her unconquerable. God wishes the same for us.

Michelangelo, Pieta, c. 1498-1500

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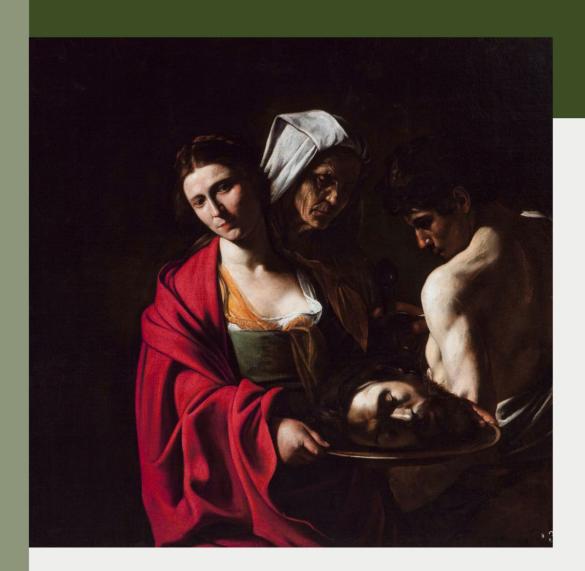
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				1 Saint Alphonsus Liguori, bishop and doctor of the Church	2	3
4 18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	5	6 The Transfiguration of the Lord	7	8 Saint Dominic, priest	9	10 Saint Lawrence, deacon and martyr
11 19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	12	13	14 Saint Maximilian Kolbe, priest and martyr	15 FOUNDATION DAY (C.PP.S)  The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	16	17
18 20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	19	20 Saint Bernard, abbot and doctor of the Church	21 Saint Pius X, pope	22 The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	23	24 Saint Bartholomew, apostle
25 21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	26	27 Saint Monica	28 Saint Augustine, bishop and doctor of the Church	29 The Passion of Saint John the Baptist, martyr	30	31



Caravaggio
Salome with the head of St. John the Baptist, c.1607

### The Blood of Christ, Courage of Martyrs

- Martyrdom has always been with the Church, and it always will be. This month is dedicated to martyrs. In the face of violence, war, totalitarianism, and persecution, it might seem like faith is defeated by evil. However, the testimony of martyrs, illuminated by the Blood of Christ, reveals a deeper truth.
- Tertullian's words, "Our numbers increase every time we are cut down by you: the blood of martyrs is the seed of [new] Christians" (Apol. 50, 13; CCC, PL 1,603), highlight a force unknown to the world: the power of Christ's love which has been poured into our hearts. Even in apparent defeat, love remains victorious. This truth resonates in the 21st century, where Christians, like Jesus, face persecution due to their unwavering faith and commitment to the marginalized. The inspiring legacy of martyrs reminds us of the strength found in heroic fidelity, offering a beacon of hope in challenging times.

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1 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	2 Labour Day	3 Saint Gregory the Great, pope and doctor of the Church	4	5	6	7
8 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation ~	9 Saint Peter Claver, priest	10	11	12	13 Saint John Chrysostom, bishop and doctor of the Church	14 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
15 24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Our Lady of Sorrows	16 Saint Cornelius, pope, and Saint Cyprian, bishop, martyrs	17	18	19	20 Saint Andrew Kim Taegŏn, priest, Saint Paul Chŏng Hasang and companions, martyrs	21 Saint Matthew, apostle and evangelist
22 25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	23 Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, priest	24	25	26 Saint John de Brébeuf, Saint Isaac Jogues, priests, and companions, martyrs	27 Saint Vincent de Paul, priest	28
29 26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	30 Saint Jerome, priest and doctor of the Church					

#### The Blood of Christ, Inspiring C.PP.S. Mission Projects

fter nearly 50 years of commitment and service to CPPS Mission Projects in Tanzania, marked by the motto "Help People Help Themselves," and witnessing the infrastructural improvements made in Tanzania, one might assume that our commitment has run its course, and it's time to let Tanzanians stand on their own feet. However, drawing from the on-the-ground experience of Precious Blood Missionaries, the insights of their collaborators, and official government statistics related to water supply, sanitation, education, and social welfare, particularly in providing food to economically disadvantaged families, it becomes evident that Tanzanians has a lot of ground to cover to achieve self-sufficiency and self-reliance.

Tanzania has indeed made progress in access to water supply, sanitation, and hygiene services, but there is still much work to be done to bridge the existing disparities and meet the targets outlined in the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals. Currently,

only 61% of households in Tanzania have access to basic water supply, 32% have access to basic sanitation, and 48% have access to basic hygiene, as defined by the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.

The Missionaries of the Precious Blood express their deep gratitude to God, benefactors, and all those with goodwill for their long-standing commitment to assisting people through C.PP.S. Mission Projects. The help provided has been immense and invaluable in sustaining services for the betterment of the suffering population. May the Good Lord continue to inspire and send instruments of His love and concern.

Water. Providing clean and safe water remains a core aspect of our mission. After recognizing the desperate need of water in many areas of Tanzania, especially in the central zone, the founders and collaborators of C.PP.S. Mission Projects initiated and sponsored wells operated by windmills. Presently, pumps powered by solar or electricity are preferred, but the need for water remains constant. Despite challenges like the high maintenance costs of aging machinery, delayed payments for government-requested work, and competition from companies compromising on quality, our dedicated team, gained trust, and opportunities motivate us to continue ensuring access to clean and pure water. We have drilled 10 wells and mainted 20 more so far this year.

With these 30 wells, we have saved people from numerous health issues, including waterborne diseases such as cholera, dysentery, and typhoid. These prevented illnesses would have otherwise taken a heavy toll on the affected communities, causing widespread suffering, stunting the growth of children, and leading to preventable deaths. Additionally, the burden of fetching water from distant sources often would have fallen on women and girls, who spend hours every day undertaking this arduous task. This not only deprives them of education and economic opportunities but also exposes them to safety risks.

Food programs and social services. Our commitment to provinding clean and safe drinking water goes hand-in-hand with the provision of food, clothing, and other essential items to economically disadvantaged populations. For many years, C.PP.S. Mission Projects received yellow corn and clothing, including sportswear, from Canada. However, due to increased port charges in Tanzania, importing these goods became costly. As a result, funds are now used to purchase food locally in Tanzania. When visiting the assisted families, we witness their hope and gratitude for your wholehearted support of C.PP.S. Mission Projects.

Thanks to our well-drilling and food provision services, two educational institutions were established: St. Gaspar Pre & Primary School and John Merlini Secondary School. Their beginnings were challenging, but they have since flourished. Our schools stand out for several reasons: a) through your support, we sponsor economically disadvantaged students, helping them realize their dreams; b) our primary focus is on service rather than economic profit, evident in the affordable quarterly school fees; c) we provide a holistic education, meaning we strive to engage the physical, spiritual, mental and emotional aspects of our children and providing them with means for exploring the individual qualities, aspirations and innate ways of expressing their God given gifts.

While much more could be said, this month we will limit our expression of gratitude and appeal for collaboration to these few words, hoping they convey the immense joy, peace, and love experienced through your support and our intermediary role. To learn more about C.PP.S. Mission Projects visit: www.cppsmsissionprojects.ngo

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		1 Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, virgin and doctor of the Church	2 The Holy Guardian Angels	3	4 Saint Francis of Assisi, religious	5
6 27 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	7 Our Lady of the Rosary	8	9	10	11	12
13 28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	14 Thanksgiving Day (CA)	15 Saint Teresa of Jesus, virgin and doctor of the Church	16 Saint Marguerite d'Youville, religious	17 Saint Ignatius of Antioch, bishop and martyr	18 Saint Luke, evangelist	19 Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues,Priests, and Companions, Martyrs (US)
20 29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	21 feast day of our beloved founder, st. gaspar del bufalo	22	23	24	25	26
27 30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	28 Saint Simon and Saint Jude, apostles	29	30	31		
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Fresco in the Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli e dei Martiri, Rome

## The Blood of Christ, Calling us to Holiness

- "Sometimes people think that sanctity is a privilege reserved for a chosen few," said Pope Benedict XVI. "But in reality every Christian is called to be a saint, as is every human being!" God has chosen us in Christ "before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him" (Ephes 1:3-4).
- This month St. Gaspar calls us to pray and help each other to become saints. He wants us to fix our eyes toward our beloved homeland, heaven, the only place of perennial peace and consolation.
- Let us also pray for the souls in purgatory and seek their release through the merits of the Precious Blood. May the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

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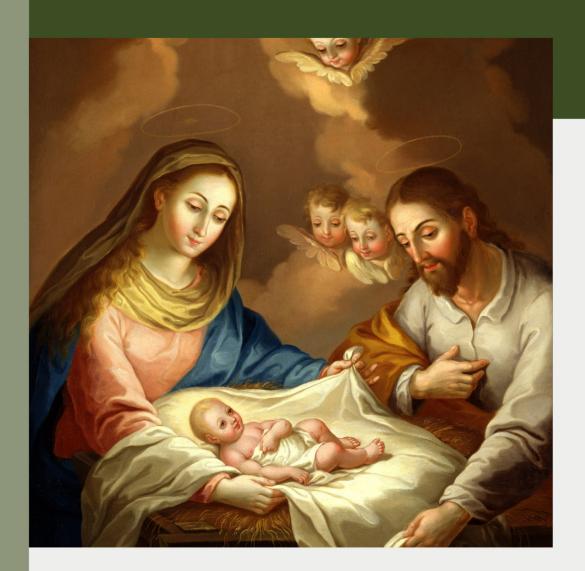
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4 Saint Charles Borromeo, bishop	5	6	7	8	9 The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome
11 Saint Martin of Tours, bishop  Remembrance Day	12 Saint Josaphat, bishop and martyr	13 Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin (US)	14	15	16
18	19	20	21 The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	22 Saint Cecilia, virgin and martyr	23
25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving Day (US)	29	30 Saint Andrew, apostle
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José Campeche Nativity of Jesus, c.1799

#### The Blood of Christ, Incarnate Word of God

- The Nativity of Christ represents God's willingness to be vulnerable, to experience human life, and to empathize with human condition.
- The nativity and the Blood of Christ are intricately connected. The vulnerability displayed in Jesus' birth foreshadows the ultimate sacrifice he would make for humanity. The manger in Bethlehem, where Jesus was laid, becomes a poignant symbol of his approachability and the accessibility of his precious gift of salvation.
- His birth is the beginning of a life that would be marked by compassion, teaching, healing, and, ultimately, the sacrifice that grants believers forgiveness and eternal life. Child Jesus grant that we may hasten to you in the poor, the suffering, and the persecuted. Amen.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent	2	3 ST. FRANCIS XAVIER (OUR PATRON)	4	5	6	7 Saint Ambrose, bishop and doctor of the Church
8 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	9 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10	11	12 Our Lady of Guadalupe	13 Saint Lucy, virgin and martyr	14 Saint John of the Cross, priest and doctor of the Church
15 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent (Gaudate)	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent	23	24	25 The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)	26 Saint Stephen, first martyr	27 Saint John, apostle and evangelist	28 The Holy Innocents, martyrs
29 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	30	31				



The Unio Sanguis Christi seeks to promote a prayerful and active apostolate among the faithful in the spirituality of the Most Precious Blood.



The USC (Unio Sanguis Christi) was founded in Rome, near the Basilica of San Nicola in Carcere, by Canon Francesco Albertini, who named it the Pious Association in honor of the Most Precious Blood. Initially established to promote religious culture, sacramental life, and acts of mercy among lay faithful, the association was elevated to the rank of Archconfraternity by Pope Pius VII. In a short time, it also expanded to include religious and priests. St. Gaspar del Bufalo, who considered it a valuable instrument for the renewal of Christian life, became its greatest promoter. When he founded the Congregation of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood in 1815, he spiritually linked it to the Archconfraternity. In 1851, Pope Pius IX established the Pious Union of the Most Precious Blood and placed it under the direct authority of the General Moderator of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood. In 1951, Pope Pius XII reaffirmed its organization and approved its new statutes, which were updated after the Second Vatican Council. On May 24, 1988, the Pontifical Council for the Laity recognized the Union of the Precious Blood as an international association of pontifical right.

The USC, a spiritual family that has grown around the charism of St. Gaspar del Bufalo and inspired by the Spirituality of the Precious Blood, aims to spread the spirituality of the Blood of Christ, following the rule of life summarized in the Gospel words: "No one has greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13). To respond to this ideal of holiness, members, admitted into the Union after a suitable period of formation, dedicate themselves to the listening of the Word of God. They cultivate their baptismal grace through frequent participation in the sacraments of the Eucharist and Reconciliation and by joining in the public worship of the Church through the celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours, which extends praise, thanksgiving, and remembrance of the mysteries of salvation at various times of the day. They collaborate in building up the Church and work for its unity and the spread of God's kingdom in the world. USC members also commit themselves, according to their abilities, to the realization of a social order of justice and peace among peoples and individually or in groups, support every initiative of the Church or civil society in favour of human life and dignity.

The USC, which includes individual faithful (laypersons, religious, priests) or associates (religious congregations, associations, confraternities), is organized at the international, regional, and local levels. The central director of the Union is the General Moderator of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood, who, along with the Council, is responsible for animating the association, promoting the spirituality of the blood of Christ, and facilitating the exchange of experiences among the various regional units. At the regional and local levels, the activities of the Union are coordinated by regional and local Directors. The USC is present in five countries in Europe, North America, and South America.

Those enrolled in the Union become part of the religious family founded by St. Gaspar del Bufalo on August 15, 1815. Any properly disposed Catholic may be incorporated into the Union upon completion of the period of formation. If you want to be part of the USC please contact Fr. Gerardo V. Laguartilla, C.PP.S. at uscatlanticprovince@gmail.com

Dear friend,

Since 1815, the Missionaries of the Precious Blood have been bringing hope and concrete assistance to numerous individuals around the world. Our mission is clear: we aim to nurture faith, kindle hope, and instigate positive transformations in missions and parishes through the Spirituality of the Precious Blood of Jesus.

By proudly displaying this calendar in your home or workplace, you are joining forces with our supporters and becoming a part of the vast community of Catholics supporting the invaluable work of of our missionaries. These calendars, aside from being a source of inspiration, fulfill a vital purpose: every single penny earned directly aids impoverished communities in Africa, especially Tanzania. With the generous support of individuals like you, we provide essential resources like water, education, medicine and food to over 3 million people every year across Tanzania. We have been doing this since 1976. Thank you for your support!

We also encourage you to remember the Congregation in your will. Through a testamentary bequest, it is indeed possible to do good for many people in need of food, medicine, and education. Allocating even a small portion of one's assets can be a great help to them.

Remember, making a will is an act of infinite responsibility and foresight. Remembering the the Missionaries of the Precious Blood, Atlantic Province or C.PP.S. Mission Projects on this occasion turns it into an eternal act of love for the many children, men, and women we assist through our missions. It is a gesture that will allow you to be close to them forever. Please do not hesitate to contact us at 416-656-3054 to discuss further this important matter.

As you enjoy this calendar, I encourage you to open your heart wider and delve deeper into the mission of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood, Atlantic Province. Take a moment to explore our work further by visiting our website at www.preciousbloodatlantic.org or cppsmissionprojects.ngo

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts and may God bless you!



Fr. Jerome A. Hologa

#### **CALENDAR KEY**

Colors of the Liturgical Year are displayed as follows:

- 1. Advent & Lent = Violet
- 2. Easter & Christmas Seasons, Solemnities, Feasts and Memorials = ● White and Gold (The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary)
- 3. Ordinary Time = Green
- 4. Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Pentecost, Exaltation of the Cross and Feasts of the Apostles, Evangelists and Martyrs = Red (Saint Andrew, apostle)
- 5. Obligatory Memorials are in regular font, red or black: Saint Lucy, virgin and martyr
- 7. Special commemorations for the Precious Blood Family are in dark red, uppercase and bold OUR LADY OF SORROWS
- 8. Provincial and Federal holidays appear in italic: *Mother's Day*

#### **CIRCLES—LECTIONARY FOR MASS**

Sunday Cycle Year C from December 3, 2023 to November 24, 2024 Weekday Cycle II from January 9 to February 13, 2024 May 20 to November 30, 2024 YEAR B from December 1, 2024 to November 23, 2025 Weekday Cycle I CALENDAR

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