

Peace and Justice Calendar
November 2026

National Diabetes Awareness Month: Is a time when communities across the country seek to bring attention to diabetes. Let us support and pray for all those we know who suffer from diabetes.

National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month: A report estimates that 7.4 million Americans age 65 and older are living with clinical **Alzheimer's** dementia in **2026**. Let us pray for those afflicted and do what we can to support them with our love and kindness.

Lung Cancer Awareness Month: Lung cancer happens when harmful cells in your lungs grow unchecked. This can damage your lungs and spread to other parts of your body. May we cherish the gift of breathing and pray for those who struggle and can't breathe very well due to having lung cancer.

National Family Caregivers Month: Let us give thanks for family members who daily sacrifice and are the main caregivers of their loved ones.

Native American Heritage Month: May we not forget and celebrate the gifts, talents and rituals of our Native American brothers and sisters who have been wrongly treated in the past and still in the present.

1 Today, Sunday is the Solemnity of All Saints. Let us give thanks for all the well-known and not so well known Saints who inspire us to live saintly lives for the sake of the Gospel.

2 Today is the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed known as All Souls Day. May we fondly remember all our loved ones, as well as our Sisters and Associates who have gone home to God, especially those since our Assembly this past summer. May they intercede for us, we pray.

3 Today is the Feastday of St. Martin de Porres. He was a Peruvian lay brother of the Dominican Order, beatified in 1837 and canonized in 1962 by Pope John XXIII. He is the patron saint of Black people, mixed-race people, barbers, innkeepers, public health workers, and all those seeking racial harmony. May we continue seeking racial harmony wherever and with whom we interact.

4 Today is the Feastday of St. Charles Borromeo (1538–1584). He was an influential Italian cardinal and the Archbishop of Milan who led major Counter-Reformation efforts, helped complete the Council of Trent, and dedicated his life and fortune to the poor. Let us continue to reach out to those less fortunate and share from our abundance!

5 Today and throughout this month of November, let us pray for our Sisters in the St. Joseph Province who are preparing for their Provincial Chapter: November 24-29. We pray that the God of Providence continues to be their guide and fills them with hope and creativity as they journey forward.

6 Today is the UN's International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict. May our efforts encourage our government to support the work of the UN to bring about peace and justice around the world.

7 May the **Serenity Prayer** by Reinhold Niebuhr (1892-1971) guide us today: "God, give us grace to accept with serenity the things that cannot be changed, courage to change the things which should be changed, and the wisdom to distinguish one from the other. Living one day at a time, enjoying one moment at a time, accepting hardship as a pathway to peace, taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it, trusting that You will make all things right, if I surrender to Your will, so that I may be reasonably happy in this life, and supremely happy with You forever in the next. Amen"

8 Today is the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time. As daylight continues to lessen, may our hearts overflow with God's light and love as we greet one another on this Sabbath Day.

9 Today until the 15th is the UN's International Week of Science and Peace. Today is also the Feastday of the Dedication of the Latin Basilica. Let us celebrate the Latin Basilica, which is the official church of the Bishop of Rome – Pope Leo XIV, and also celebrate the work of the UN in promoting peace through the gift of science.

10 Today is the Feastday of Leo the Great. He was a Pope, Peacemaker, and Doctor of the Church who led the Catholic Church from September 29, 440, until his death on November 10, 461. He is famous for meeting Attila the Hun to save Rome and for defining Jesus Christ's dual human and divine natures. Today is also the UN's World Science DAY for Peace and Development. May all the efforts of our church and science leaders contribute to the day when peace reigns around the entire world.

11 Today is Veterans Day/Armistice Day. It is an international holiday observed on November 11 to mark the end of the fighting in World War I. It commemorates the agreement signed between the Allied nations and Germany in France, taking effect at 11:00 AM on November 11, 1918—the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. Today is also the Feastday of St. Martin of Tours. He was the third bishop of Tours and is the patron saint of many communities and organizations across Europe. What a fitting day to celebrate this Saint along with all Veterans around the world. May St. Martin intercede for all who work for lasting peace.

12 Today is the Feastday of St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr. He is the Patron Saint of Ukraine, and is invoked for the reunification of Eastern and Western Christians. He was canonized by Pope Pius IX on June 29, 1867. Let us pray for all our Ukrainian brothers and sisters as well as for John Rubio who is scheduled for execution in TX today. We pray for him, his victims and their families.

13 Today is World Kindness Day. Today is also the Feastday of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin. She is the first U.S. citizen to be canonized; known as a tireless missionary and the patron saint of immigrants. May she intercede for us as we spread kindness through our efforts in supporting our refugee families.

14 Today may this quote by Adrienne Maree Brown inspire us to listen and learn from one another about the heart aches of life: "When we are engaged in acts of love, we humans are at our best and most resilient...the love of community which makes us work tirelessly with broken hearts."

15 Today is the 33rd. Sunday in Ordinary Time and celebrated as **America Recycles Day**, which promotes recycling awareness and programs across the United States. Let us do all we can to recycle for the sake of the planet's future.

16 Today is the UN's International Day for Tolerance. May we grow in patience as we listen and learn from those we don't know or understand before we jump into being judgmental of them.

17 Today is the UN's International Students' Day. Today is also the Feastday of St. Elizabeth of Hungary. She is remembered for giving up her wealth to feed the hungry, build hospitals, and care for the sick, all before her death at the young age of 24. She is celebrated as the patron saint of hospitals, nurses, bakers, charities, and widows. Let us give thanks for those young people in their 20's who reach out to address the needs of others.

18 Rainer Maria Rilke once said: “Be patient toward all that is unsolved in your heart and try to love the questions themselves.” May his words help us as we continue to listen to the inspirations of our Provident God that come to us through our encounters with others.

19 Today on this date in 1863 Abraham Lincoln gave his Gettysburg Address and in 1969 the Apollo 12 landed on the moon. May we cherish and support the goals of freedom and space endeavors.

20 Today is known as “Transgender Day of Remembrance.” We honor the memory of transgender people whose lives were lost to acts of anti-transgender violence and transphobia. Let us pray for the safety and well-being of all our transgender brothers and sisters.

21 Today is the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is known in the East as **The Entry of the Most Holy Theotokos into the Temple**, a liturgical feast celebrated by the Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, and some Anglo-Catholic Churches. May Mary intercede for us now and at the hour of our death.

22 Today is the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. May this solemn feast bring us closer to the Universal Christ through all our interactions with others today and every day.

23 Today is the Feastday of Saints Clement I (92-102 AD), Columban (540-615), and Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro (1891-1927). They are three notable Catholic figures recognized for their leadership, missionary work, and martyrdom under harsh political and religious persecutions of their time. May they intercede for all those who are facing hardships in promoting peace and justice today!

24 Today is the Feastday of Saints Andrew Dũng-Lac and Companions, Martyrs. They are a group of 117 Catholic martyrs executed in Vietnam between the 17th and 19th centuries. They were canonized by Pope John Paul II on June 19, 1988. Today is also the beginning of the Provincial Chapter for our Sisters in the St. Joseph Province. They will be meeting every day until the 29th. Let us pray for our Sisters in Korea and may the Saints from Vietnam whom we honor today, intercede for them throughout their Provincial Chapter.

25 Let us use the words in Matthew 20: 29-31 to articulate our faith in Providence because there is no word in the entire Christian Testament for the word “Providence.” “...you can buy two sparrows...As for you, every hair of your head has been counted. So do not be afraid: you are worth much more than many sparrows.” Let us give thanks for God’s Providential care for all of us!

26 Today is Thanksgiving Day! It is modeled on a 1621 harvest meal shared by the Pilgrims of Plymouth and the Wampanoag people in Massachusetts. Proclaimed as an annual national event by President Abraham Lincoln in 1863, and later set as a federal holiday by Congress and President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1941. Let us give thanks for all of creation, for all the blessings we have and will receive. May our celebration of thanks include our gratitude for our Native Brothers and Sisters.

27 May this quote by Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. inspire us today and every day. “Justice at its best is love correcting everything that stands against love.”

28 Today we celebrate the “International Aura Awareness Day” which promotes education and reflection on the subtle luminous energy fields or auras believed to surround all living things. May we be aware of the “subtle” movement of our Provident God in all we are and do today.

29 Today is the First Sunday in Advent and the final day of the Provincial Chapter of the St. Joseph Province for our Korean Sisters. Let us give thanks for this holy season of Advent as we grow closer to our loving God and may Providence bless all our Sisters in Korea as they celebrate the closing of their Provincial Chapter.

30 Today is the Feastday of St. Andrew, Apostle and brother of St. Peter. He preached the Gospel in Greece, Asia Minor (Turkey), and around the Black Sea. He was martyred by crucifixion in Patras, Greece. May we unite ourselves with this holy saint as we live out our call to witness to the Gospel of Christ Jesus.