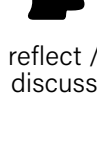


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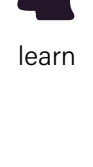
Thanks for joining MCA for this month's journey!

IN THIS MONTH OF MARCH, AS OUR LENTEN JOURNEY CONTINUES, THE MISSIONARY CHILDHOOD ASSOCIATION (MCA) OFFERS A "MOMENT FOR THE MISSIONS" FOR EACH DAY OF THIS MONTH. THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN, TO PRAY, TO ACT, TO REFLECT AND DISCUSS, AND TO STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN THE POPE'S MISSIONS. THESE "MOMENTS" CAN BE PART OF A RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM – IN PERSON OR REMOTE – OR BE THE FOCUS OF FAMILY LIFE ON A PARTICULAR DAY.

These "MCA Moments" are opportunities this month to:



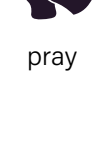
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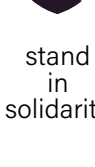
learn



take action



pray



stand in solidarity

MARCH - MON

01

St. David of Wales

Learn about his priestly work in the missions.

Pray for all preparing to be priests in the Pope's missions.



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02

'Read Across America' Day

Read a magazine or book about the missions or missionaries.



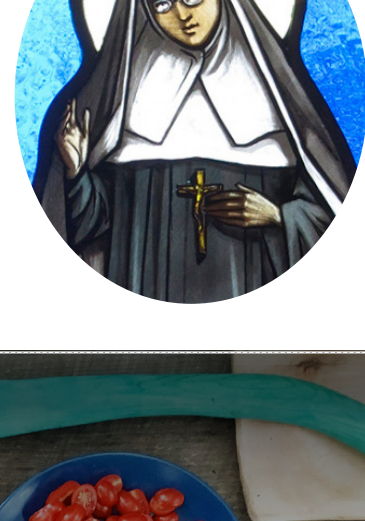
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03

St. Katharine Drexel

Learn about her missionary work and how she helped Native Americans and African Americans.

Pray for all religious Sisters teaching in mission schools.



MARCH - THU

04

Pray a decade of the World Mission Rosary for Africa

The **World Mission Rosary** was envisioned by Venerable Servant of God Archbishop Fulton John Sheen in 1951, then the national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. He made the request on his radio show (*The Catholic Hour*) that his listeners "embrace the world in prayer." To do so he introduced this Rosary, with different colors for each decade representing each of the five continents. Green reminds us of the forests and grasslands of Africa.



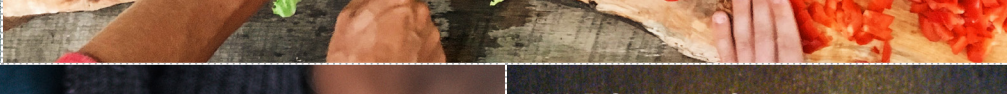
We begin our journey around the world in prayer this month with Africa. As we pray a decade of the Rosary, let us focus our prayers on children and families in need on this continent.

MARCH - FRI

05

Friday during Lent

Make a meatless meal as a family. Pray for children and families who don't have enough to eat here at home and in the Pope's missions.



MARCH - SAT

06

There is so much need for Christians who bear witness to the Gospel with joy in everyday life.... When we do this, our heart fills with joy.

- POPE FRANCIS



How have you reflected joy to others today? How have you experienced joy today?

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Third Sunday of Lent

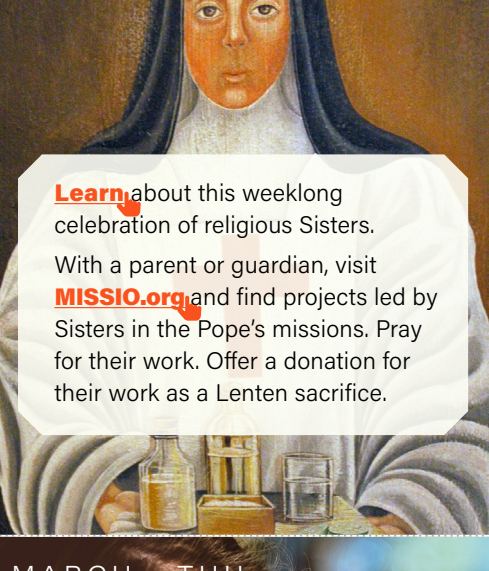


Reflect with your family on the readings from today's Mass. What messages do you hear from God? What do they say about your call to be His missionaries?

MARCH - MON

08

Catholic Sisters Week



Learn about this weeklong celebration of religious Sisters. With a parent or guardian, visit MISSIO.org and find projects led by Sisters in the Pope's missions. Pray for their work. Offer a donation for their work as a Lenten sacrifice.

MARCH - TUE

09

Pray a decade of the World Mission Rosary for the Americas



Each decade of the World Mission Rosary is a different color representing each of the five continents. Red calls to mind the fire of faith that brought missionaries to the Americas, including the United States.

We continue our journey around the world in prayer with the Americas. As we pray a decade of the Rosary, let us focus our prayers on children and families in need on this continent.

MARCH - WED

10

"God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking His mercy."

- POPE FRANCIS

Do you ask forgiveness when you have done something wrong – from someone you hurt, and from God? Think about how much God loves you!



MARCH - THU

11



Today, when you eat lunch, say a prayer for children in the Pope's missions who have nothing to eat. With a parent or guardian, visit MISSIO.org and find out who is trying to help them.

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Friday during Lent

Learn more about **Fridays during Lent**. Offer the special prayer found in that resource.

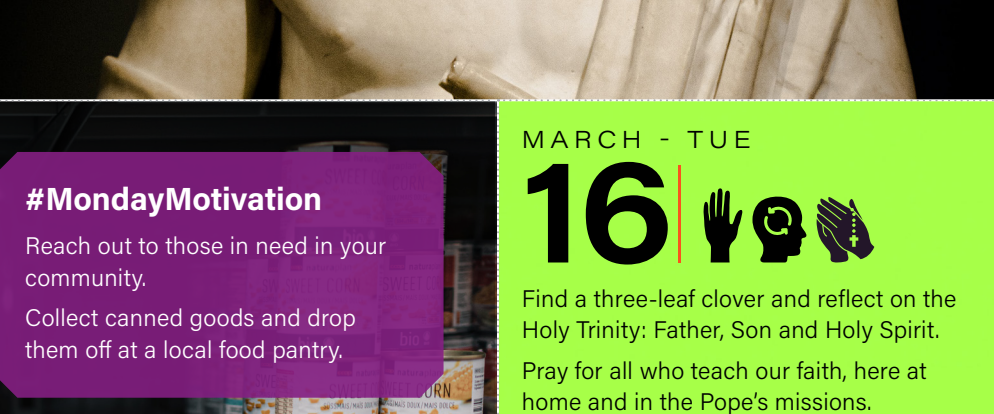


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Read Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan.

How will you "go and do likewise" this coming week?



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Fourth Sunday of Lent

Learn about your family on the readings from today's Mass. What messages do you hear from God? What do they say about your call to be His missionaries?



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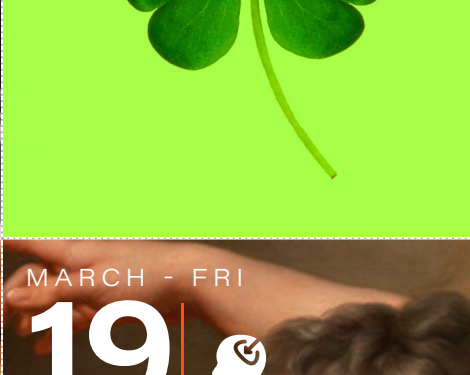
#MondayMotivation

Reach out to those in need in your community. Collect canned goods and drop them off at a local food pantry.

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Find a three-leaf clover and reflect on the Holy Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Pray for all who teach our faith, here at home and in the Pope's missions.



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17

St. Patrick's Day

Learn about the missionary, St. Patrick.

Pray for all missionaries.



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18

Pray a decade of the World Mission Rosary for Europe

Each decade of the World Mission Rosary is a different color representing each of the five continents. White symbolizes Europe, the home of our Holy Father, Pope Francis.



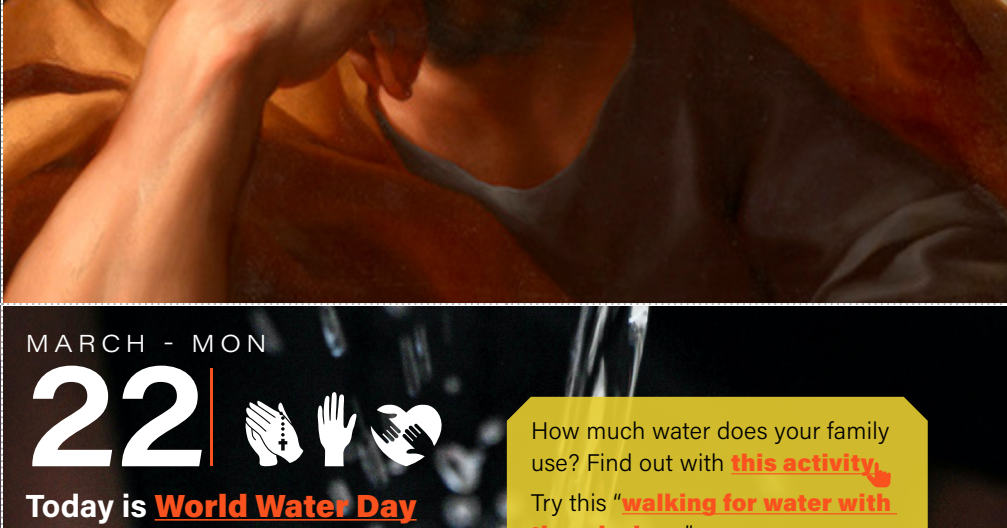
We continue our journey around the world in prayer with Europe. As we pray a decade of the Rosary, let us focus our prayers for children and families on this continent, and for Pope Francis.

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Friday during Lent - St. Joseph

Learn about St. Joseph, husband of Mary.



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Spring begins!

Give thanks to God for the hope of Spring! Here's a **prayer service for Spring**.

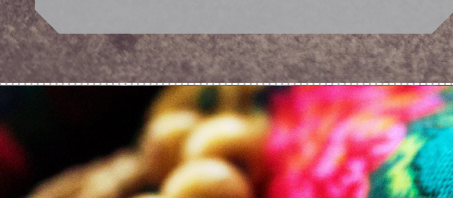


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Fifth Sunday of Lent

Reflect with your family on the readings from today's Mass. What messages do you hear from God? What do they say about your call to be His missionaries?



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22

Today is **World Water Day**

How much water does your family use? Find out with **this activity**. Try this **"walking for water with the missions"** maze. Pray for missionaries who help children and families in the Pope's missions who lack access to clean water. **Support their work.**



MARCH - TUE

23

Pray a decade of the World Mission Rosary for Asia

Each decade of the World Mission Rosary is a different color representing each of the five continents. Yellow symbolizes the morning light which rises in the East.

We continue our journey around the world in prayer with Asia. As we pray a decade of the Rosary, let us focus our prayers for children and families on this continent.



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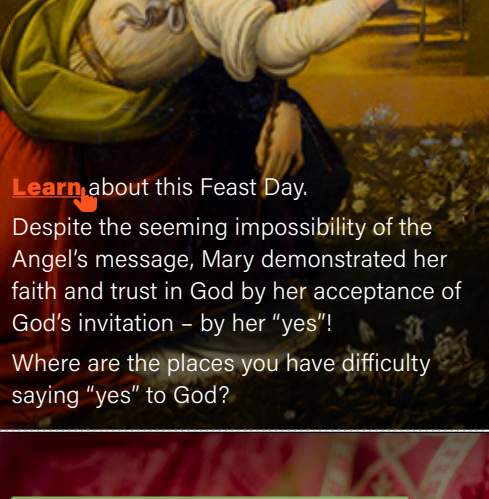


Pray this **Lent Missionary Prayer**.

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Annunciation of the Lord



Learn about this Feast Day. Despite the seeming impossibility of the Angel's message, Mary demonstrated her faith and trust in God by her acceptance of God's invitation – by her "yes"! Where are the places you have difficulty saying "yes" to God?

MARCH - FRI

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Friday during Lent

Learn more about Fridays during Lent. Pray the Stations of the Cross in this resource.



MARCH - SAT

27

Palm Sunday



As we begin Holy Week tomorrow, Palm Sunday, **read Matthew 21:1-11**. Here's a related **crossword puzzle activity**.

MARCH - SUN

28

Palm Sunday



Reflect with your family on the readings from today's Mass, as we begin Holy Week. What messages do you hear from God? What do they say about your call to be His missionaries?

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With your family, **learn about "Hot Cross Buns"** – and with help, maybe make some at the start of this Holy Week.

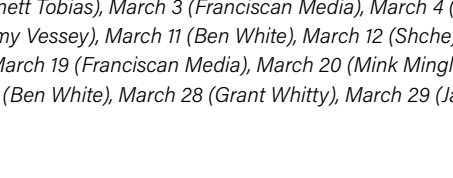
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Pray a decade of the World Mission Rosary for Oceania

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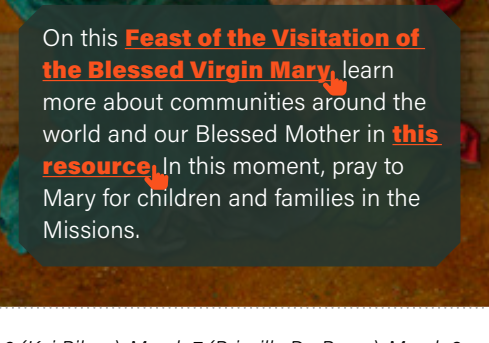
We conclude our journey around the world in prayer with the Islands of the Pacific. As we pray a decade of the Rosary, let us focus our prayers for children and families in need in this part of our world.



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Mission Madonnas



On this **Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, learn more about communities around the world and our Blessed Mother in **this resource** in this moment, pray to Mary for children and families in the Missions.

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