

Lesser Festivals and Commemorations

January

- 1 Name of Jesus (Jesus' baptism)
- 2 Johann Konrad Wilhelm Loehe, renewer of the church (1872)
- 15 Martin Luther King Jr., renewer of society, martyr (1968)
- 17 Antony of Egypt, renewer of the church (356)
- 18 Confession of Peter (Mark 8:27-30)
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*
- 19 Henry, Bishop of Uppsala, martyr (1156)
- 21 Agnes, martyr (304)
- 25 Conversion of Paul (Acts 9:1-19)
- 26 Timothy, Titus, and Silas, missionaries
- 27 Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe, witnesses to the faith
- 28 Thomas Aquinas, teacher (1274)

February

- 2 Presentation of our Lord (Luke 2:21-38)
- 3 Ansgar, Bishop of Hamburg, missionary to Denmark and Sweden (865)
- 5 The Martyrs of Japan (1597)
- 14 Cyril, monk (869) and Methodius, bishop (885); missionaries to the Slavs
- 18 Martin Luther, renewer of the church (1546)
- 23 Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, martyr (156)
- 25 Elizabeth Fedde, deaconess (1921)

March

- 1 George Herbert, hymnwriter (1633)
- 2 John Wesley (1791), Charles Wesley (1788); renewers of the church
- 7 Perpetua and Felicity and companions, martyrs at Carthage (202)
- 10 Harriet Tubman (1913); Sojourner Truth (1883); renewers of society
- 12 Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome (604)
- 17 Patrick, missionary to Ireland (461)
- 19 Joseph, guardian of Jesus
- 21 Thomas Cranmer, Bishop of Canterbury, martyr (1556)
- 22 Jonathan Edwards, teacher, missionary to Native Americans (1758)
- 24 Oscar Romero, Bishop of El Salvador, martyr (1980)
- 25 Annunciation of Our Lord (Luke 1:26-38)
- 29 Hans Nielsen Hauge, renewer of the church (1824)
- 31 John Donne, poet (1631)

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- 4 Benedict the African, confessor (1589)
- 6 Albrecht Durer (1528); Matthias Grunewald (1529); Lucas Cranach (1553); artists
- 9 Dietrich Bonhoeffer, theologian (1945)
- 10 Mikkel Agricola, Bishop of Turku (1557)
- 19 Olavus Petri, priest (1552); Laurentius Petri, Bishop of Uppsala (1573); renewers of the church
- 21 Anselm, Bishop of Canterbury (1109)
- 23 Toyohiko Kagawa, renewer of society (1960)
- 25 Mark, Evangelist
- 29 Catherine of Siena, theologian (1380)

May

- 1 Philip and James, apostles
- 2 Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria (373)
- 4 Monica, mother of Augustine (387)
- 8 Julian of Norwich, renewer of the church (1416)
- 9 Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendor, renewer of the church and hymnwriter (1760)
- 14 Matthias, apostle
- 18 Erik, King of Sweden, martyr (1160)
- 21 Helena, mother of Constantine (330)
- 24 Nicolaus Copernicus (1543); Leonard Euler (1783); scientists
- 27 John Calvin, renewer of the church (1564)
- 29 Jifi Tranovsky, hymnwriter (1637)
- 31 Visit of Mary to Elizabeth (Luke 1:39-56)

June

- 1 Justin, martyr at Rome (165)
- 3 The Martyrs of Uganda (1886); John XXIII, Bishop of Rome (1963)
- 5 Boniface, Bishop of Mainz, missionary to Germany, martyr (754)
- 7 Seattle, Chief of the Duwamish Confederacy (1866)
- 9 Columba (597); Aidan (653); Bede (735); renewers of the church
- 11 Barnabas, Apostle
- 14 Basil the Great, Bishop of Caesarea (379); Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa (385)
- 21 Onesimos Nesib, translator, evangelist (1931)
- 24 John the Baptist
- 25 Presentation of the Augsburg Confession (1530); Philipp Melanchthon, renewer of the church (1560)
- 27 Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria (444)
- 28 Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons (202)
- 29 Peter and Paul, Apostles

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July

- 1 Catherine Winkworth (1878); John Mason Neale (1866); hymn translators
- 3 Thomas, Apostle
- 6 Jan Hus, martyr (1415)
- 11 Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino (540)
- 12 Nathan Soderblom, Bishop of Uppsala (1931)
- 17 Bartolome de Las Casas, missionary to the Indies (1566)
- 22 Mary Magdalene, Apostle
- 23 Birgitta of Sweden, renewer of the church (1373)
- 25 James, Apostle
- 28 Johan Sebastian Bach (1750); Heinrich Schutz (1672); George Frederick Handel (1759); musicians
- 29 Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany (John 11:1-44)

August

- 8 Dominic, founder of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans) (1221)
- 10 Lawrence, deacon, martyr (258)
- 11 Clare, Abbess of San Damiano (1253)
- 13 Florence Nightingale (1910); Clara Maass (1901); renewers of society
- 14 Maximilian Kolbe (1941); Kaj Munk (1944); martyrs
- 15 Mary, Mother of Our Lord
- 20 Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux (1153)
- 24 Bartholomew, Apostle
- 28 Augustine, Bishop of Hippo (430); Moses the Black, monk, martyr (400)

September

- 2 Nikolai Frederik Grundvig, bishop, renewer of the church (1872)
- 9 Peter Claver, priest, missionary to Columbia (1654)
- 13 John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople (407)
- 14 Holy Cross Day
- 16 Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, martyr (258)
- 17 Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen (1179)
- 18 Dag Hammarskjold, renewer of society (1961)
- 21 Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
- 29 Michael and all Angels
- 30 Jerome, translator, teacher (420)

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October

- 4 Francis of Assisi, renewer of the church
- 6 William Tyndale, translator, martyr (1582)
- 7 Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, pastor in North America (1787)
- 15 Teresa of Avila, teacher, renewer of the church (1582)
- 17 Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, martyr (115)
- 18 Luke, Evangelist
- 23 James of Jerusalem, martyr (62)
- 26 Philipp Nicolai (1608); Johann Heermann (1647); Paul Gerhardt (1676);
hymnwriters
- 28 Simon and Jude, Apostles
- 31 Reformation Day

November

- 1 All Saints' Day
- 3 Martin de Porres, renewer of society (1639)
- 7 John Christian Frederick Heyer (1873); Bartholomaeus Ziegenbalg (1719); Ludwig
Nommensen (1918); missionaries
- 11 Martin, Bishop of Tours (397)
- 17 Elizabeth of Hungary, renewer of society (1231)
- 23 Clement, Bishop of Rome (100)
- 24 Justus Falckner (1723); Jehu Jones (1852); William Passavant (1894); pastors in
North America
- 25 Isaac Watts, hymnwriter
- 30 Andrew, Apostle

December

- 3 Francis Xavier, missionary to Asia (1552)
- 4 John of Damascus, theologian and hymnwriter (749)
- 6 Nicholas, Bishop of Hyra (342)
- 7 Ambrose, Bishop of Milan (397)
- 13 Lucy, martyr (304)
- 14 John of the Cross, renewer of the church (1591)
- 20 Katharina von Bora Luther, renewer of the church (1552)
- 26 Stephen, Deacon and Martyr
- 27 John, Apostle and Evangelist
- 28 The Holy Innocents, martyrs (Matthew 2:13-18)