

# FEBRUARY 2024 Catholic Information – KoC Angels Gate #1740

| 1962 Roman Liturgical Calendar |           |   |      |             |                |                               | Current USCCB Calendar   |                            |
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| Date                           | Day       | *** Liturgical Day ***                                    | Rank | Color       | Fast/<br>Abst. | ** Misc. **                   | *** Liturgical Day ***   | Color                      |
| 1                              | Thursday  | St. Ignatius, BpM   | d    | Red         |                |                               | Weekday  | Green                      |
| 2                              | Friday    | PURIFICATION OF THE BVM                                   | d2cl | White       | Ab             | Candlemas Day<br>First Friday | Feast of The Presentation of the Lord  | White                      |
| 3                              | Saturday  | Our Lady's Saturday<br>St. Blaise, BpM                    | sp   | White<br>x  |                | First Saturday                | Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; Saint<br>Ansgar, Bishop                       | Green/Red/<br>White/ White |
| 4                              | Sunday    | Sexagesima Sunday<br>St. Andrew Corsini, BpC              | sd   | Violet      |                |                               | <u>FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</u>   | Green                      |
| 5                              | Monday    | St. Agatha, VM  | d    | Red         |                |                               | Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr - Memorial                                     | Red                        |
| 6                              | Tuesday   | St. Titus, BpC<br>St. Dorothy, VM                         | d    | White       |                |                               | Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs -<br>Memorial                          | Red                        |
| 7                              | Wednesday | St. Romuald, Ab   | d    | White       |                |                               | Weekday  | Green                      |
| 8                              | Thursday  | St. John of Matha, C                                      | d    | White       |                |                               | Weekday [Saint Jerome Emiliani; Saint<br>Josephine Bakhita, Virgin]            | Green/White/<br>White      |
| 9                              | Friday    | St. Cyril of Alexandria, BpCD<br>St. Apollonia, VM        | d    | White       | Ab             |                               | Weekday  | Green                      |
| 10                             | Saturday  | St. Scholastica, V  | d    | White       |                |                               | Memorial Saint Scholastica, Virgin -<br>Memorial                               | Green                      |
| 11                             | Sunday    | Quinquagesima Sunday<br>Apparition of Our Lady of Lourdes | sd   | Violet      |                |                               | <u>SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</u>   | Green                      |
| 12                             | Monday    | The Seven Holy Founders of the<br>Servites, Cc            | d    | White       |                |                               | Weekday  | Green                      |
| 13                             | Tuesday   | Ferial Day<br>[Mass of preceding Sunday]                  |      | Violet<br>x |                |                               | Weekday  | Green                      |
| 14                             | Wednesday | ASH WEDNESDAY<br>St. Valentine, Priest, M                 |      | Violet      | Fast/Ab        |                               | Ash Wednesday  | Violet                     |
| 15                             | Thursday  | Ferial Day<br>Sts. Faustinus & Jovita, Mm                 |      | Violet<br>x | Fast           |                               | Thursday after Ash Wednesday   | Violet                     |
| 16                             | Friday    | Ferial Day<br>[Mass of preceding Sunday]                  |      | Violet      | Fast/Ab        |                               | Friday after Ash Wednesday   | Violet                     |
| 17                             | Saturday  | Ferial Day<br>[Mass of preceding Sunday]                  |      | Violet      | Fast           |                               | Saturday after Ash Wednesday [The Seven<br>Holy Founders of the Servite Order] | Violet                     |
| 18                             | Sunday    | 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent<br>St. Simeon, BpM         | sd   | Violet      |                |                               | <u>FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT</u>  | Violet                     |
| 19                             | Monday    | Ferial Day<br>[Mass of preceding Sunday]                  |      | Violet<br>x | Fast           |                               | Lenten Weekday   | Violet                     |
| 20                             | Tuesday   | Ferial Day<br>[Mass of preceding Sunday]                  |      | Violet      | Fast           |                               | Lenten Weekday   | Violet                     |
| 21                             | Wednesday | Ferial Day  |      | Violet      | Fast/P.<br>Ab. | Ember<br>Wednesday            | Lenten Weekday- Saint Peter Damian,<br>Bishop and Doctor of the Church         | Violet                     |
| 22                             | Thursday  | St. Peter's Chair at Antioch<br>St. Paul, Ap              | dm   | White       | Fast           |                               | The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle -<br>FEAST                                | Violet                     |
| 23                             | Friday    | St. Peter Damian, BpCD                                    | d    | White       | Fast/Ab        | Ember Friday                  | Lenten Weekday - Saint Polycarp, Bishop<br>and Martyr                          | Violet                     |
| 24                             | Saturday  | Ferial Day<br>Vigil of St. Matthias, Ap                   |      | Violet      | Fast/P.<br>Ab. | Ember Saturday                | Lenten Weekday   | Violet                     |
| 25                             | Sunday    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent                            | sd   | Violet      |                |                               | <u>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</u>   | Violet                     |
| 26                             | Monday    | ST. MATTHIAS, Ap<br>[From February 25]                    | d2cl | Red         | Fast           |                               | Lenten Weekday   | Violet                     |
| 27                             | Tuesday   | Ferial Day<br>[Mass of preceding Sunday]                  |      | White<br>x  | Fast           |                               | Lenten Weekday [Saint Gregory of Narek,<br>Abbot and Doctor of the Church]     | Violet                     |
| 28                             | Wednesday | St. Gabriel of Our Lady of<br>Sorrows, C                  | d    | White       | Fast           |                               | Lenten Weekday   | Violet                     |
| 29                             | Thursday  | Ferial Day<br>[Mass of preceding Sunday]                  |      | Violet      | Fast           |                               | Lenten Weekday   | Violet                     |
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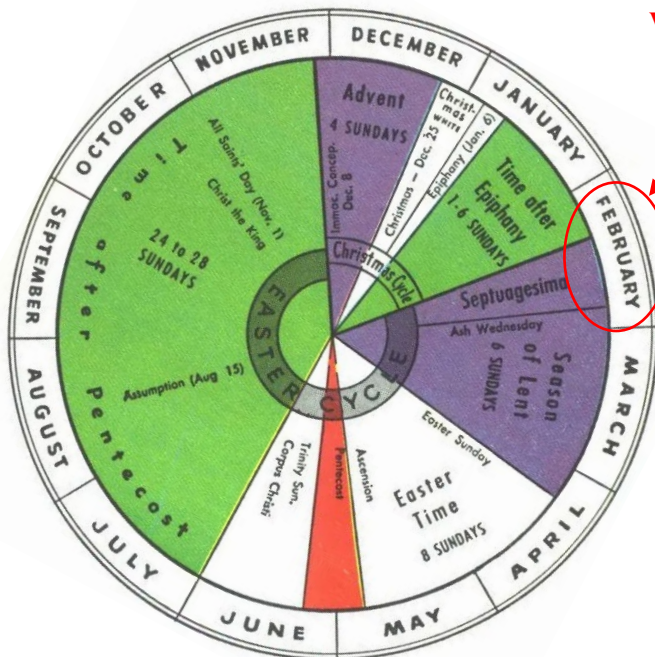
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| MARCH 2024                     |           |  |      |                 |                |                | MARCH 2024   |                |
| 1                              | Friday    | Ferial Day<br>[Mass of preceding Sunday]                           |      | Violet          | Fast/Ab        | First Friday   | Lenten Weekday   | Violet         |
| 2                              | Saturday  | Ferial Day<br>[Mass of preceding Sunday]                           |      | Violet          | Fast           | First Saturday | Lenten Weekday   | Violet         |
| 3                              | Sunday    | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent                                     | sd   | Violet          |                |                | <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b>                            | Violet         |
| 4                              | Monday    | St. Casimir, C<br>St. Lucius I, PM                                 | sd   | White<br>x      | Fast           |                | Lenten Weekday [Saint Casimir]                         | Violet         |
| 5                              | Tuesday   | Ferial Day<br>[Mass of preceding Sunday]                           |      | Violet          | Fast           |                | Lenten Weekday   | Violet         |
| 6                              | Wednesday | Sts. Perpetua & Felicitas, Mm                                      | d    | Red             | Fast           |                | Lenten Weekday   | Violet         |
| 7                              | Thursday  | St. Thomas Aquinas, CD   | d    | White           | Fast           |                | Lenten Weekday [Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs] | Violet         |
| 8                              | Friday    | St. John of God, C   | d    | White           | Fast/Ab        |                | Lenten Weekday [Saint John of God, Religious]          | Violet         |
| 9                              | Saturday  | St. Frances of Rome, W   | d    | White           | Fast           |                | Lenten Weekday [Saint Frances of Rome, Religious]      | Violet         |
| 10                             | Sunday    | 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent [Laetare Sunday] Forty Holy Martyrs | sd   | Violet/<br>Rose |                |                | <b>Fourth SUNDAY OF LENT</b>                           | Violet or Rose |
| 11                             | Monday    | Ferial Day<br>[Mass of preceding Sunday]                           |      | Violet<br>x     | Fast           |                | Lenten Weekday   | Violet         |
| 12                             | Tuesday   | St. Gregory the Great, PCD   | d    | White           | Fast           |                | Lenten Weekday   | Violet         |

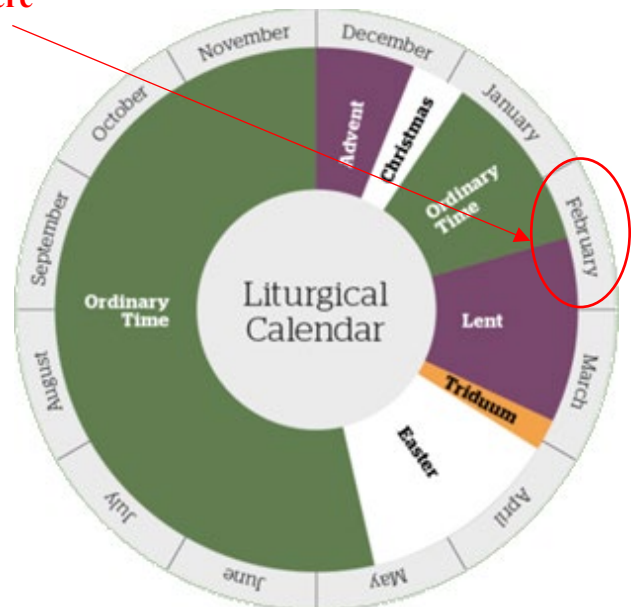
d1cl - double of first class  
d - double feast  
v - vigil

d2cl - double of second class  
sd - semi-double feast  
f - ferial day; no feast appointed

dm - double major feast  
sp - simple feast  
Ab= Abstinence



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## **FEBRUARY 2024 Catholic Information – KoC Angels Gate #1740**

February means we are drawing near to Lent.

The month of February is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Family. Between the events which marked Christmas and the beginning of Christ's public life the Church has seen fit to recall the example of the Holy Family for the emulation of the Christian family.

This year the first half of February falls during the liturgical season known as Tempus per Annum or Ordinary Time (formerly Time After Epiphany), which is represented by the liturgical color **green**. **Green** is a symbol of hope, as it is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection. The liturgical color green is worn during prayer of Offices and Masses of Ordinary Time.

The remaining days of February are the beginning of Lent. The liturgical color changes to **violet** or **purple** — a symbol of penance, mortification and the sorrow of a contrite heart.

Lent starts on the 14<sup>th</sup> and NOW is time to start preparing for a good Lent. Will you do the minimum? Will you consider more? Look into what Catholics did before 1900. For some every day of Lent (except Sunday) fasting and abstinence were celebrated. Penance and other methods of mortification were taken on. The internet is rife with much information. Information on traditional Lenten practices can be found at FishEaters, Taylor Marshall, and many other sites.

### **Feasts for February 2024**

2. *Presentation of the Lord, Feast*
3. *Blaise; Ansgar, Opt. Mem.*
4. *FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Sunday*
5. *Agatha, Memorial*
6. *Paul Miki and Companions, Memorial*
8. *Jerome Emiliani; Josephine Bakhita, Opt. Mem.*
10. *Scholastica, Memorial*
11. *SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, Sunday*
17. *Seven Founders of the Orders of Servites, Opt. Mem.*
18. *FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, Sunday*
21. *Peter Damian, Opt. Mem.*
22. *Chair of St. Peter, Feast*
23. *Polycarp of Smyrna, Opt. Mem.*
25. *SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, Sunday*

### **Some Featured Saints this month are:**

- St. Blaise (February 3),  
St. Agatha (February 5),  
St. Jerome Emiliani and St. Josephine Bakhita (February 8),  
St. Scholastica (February 10),  
Seven Founders of the Orders of Servites (February 17),  
St. Peter Damian (February 21),  
Chair of St. Peter (February 22),  
and St. Polycarp (February 23).

#### **Notes:**

*The feast of Our Lady of Lourdes (February 11), is superseded by the Sunday Liturgy.*

*The Memorial of Sts. Cyril and Methodius (February 14) is superseded by Ash Wednesday liturgy.*

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### **The Holy Eucharist, Communion and reverence.**

#### *What is Communion?*

Communion is the partaking of Christ our Lord, truly his flesh and Blood. This comes from the last supper but the concept of his body and blood was first taught in the Bread of Life Discourse is found in John 6. Some key concepts are:

- Christ told them that He is the living bread which came down from heaven (6:35, 6:51).
- Christ told them to eat His flesh and drink His blood: (6:54, 6:55).
- Some of his apostles (it is thought that there were 70 there) were disgruntled at the thought to eat his flesh and drink his blood. This goes against Jewish law (Leviticus 7:25). Genesis 9:4 is Mosaic law not to eat the flesh of a live animal. So there is good reason to be concerned with this message of Christ.
- Christ doubles down and goes from the term “*phago*” (6:53, 6:54) meaning “to eat” to “*trago*” in John 6:56 Meaning “to gnaw -or to chew”. It is clear that Christ is ensuring that they know he is speaking literally and not symbolically.
- Christ let’s many of his apostles walk away because this was “hard to hear” (6:51)

Jesus was teaching all something new, he was preparing Jews (and soon to be Gentiles) for redemption of which Judaism can only look forward to but could not fulfill until “Christ’s” coming.

The Catholic Church’s position is with Christ that this reverence is a sign of communion not in “common bread and drink” but in the Body and Blood of the Lord.

### **The Start of Communion in the Hand:**

There were some Priests experimenting with communion in the hand in pockets around the world causing Rome to look into this matter. On May 29, 1969, the Congregation for Divine Worship released “**Memoriale Domini, the Instruction on the Manner of Administering Holy Communion**” which discussed receiving communion in the hand. The Pope asked questions to the Bishops with the following result:

- 1) Does it seem that the proposal should be accepted by which, besides the traditional mode, the rite of receiving Holy Communion in the hand would be permitted?
  - The Vote was 567 “Yes” and 1253 “No” with 315 reservation and 10 invalid.
- 2) Should experiments with this new rite first take place in small communities, with the assent of the local Ordinary?
  - The Vote was 751 “Yes” and 1215 “No” with 0 reservation and 70 invalid
- 3) Do you think that the faithful, after a well planned catechetical preparation, would accept this new rite willingly?
  - The Vote was 835 “Yes” and 1815 “No” with 0 reservation and 128 invalid

Although the opinion was clearly against communion in the hand, the Pope pushed it off to bishops to decide locally. If 2/3<sup>rd</sup>s of the Country’s bishops would accept communion in the hand, then the Pope would allow such an indulgence.

### **The US Indult:**

In May 1977 the United States since the bishops authorized communion in the hand, and the Holy See confirmed it. It is noted that twice before - in 1970 and 1973 - the American hierarchy failed to approve communion in the hand.

### **The Lecturer’s Opinion.**

Pre-Vatican II baptisms our tongues were exercised, rightfully so, as that is where our Lord will be placed. Our hands are and were never exercised. All priests’ hands are consecrated. They can rightfully touch the eucharist as well as sanctified vessels among other items.

When learning and understanding the deposit of faith and the fullness of our rituals one must conclude that we need to exercise the highest reverence at communion.

Protestants do not have a valid Church, their clergy do not have authority they do not hold Holy Orders. Their “communion” with their congregations and is not what Catholics celebrate.

We do not reject the message of Christ in John 6, we do not walk away as did Protestants and others. That is why I will kneel in front of Christ’s body and blood and only receive on the tongue.

