



*Prayers for Marian Feasts
and Marianist Days*

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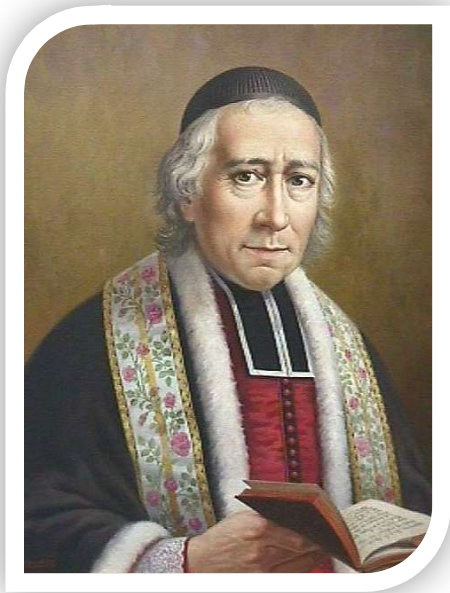
January 10 - Blessed Adèle de Batz de Trenquelléon

Today we remember Blessed Adèle de Batz de Trenquelléon, founder of the Marianist Sisters (Daughters of Mary Immaculate) and collaborator with Blessed William Joseph Chaminade. She was born on June 10, 1789, and died on January 10, 1828. The Marianist Sisters were founded with the intention of serving the poor and supporting the Sodalties of the Immaculate Conception (Marianist Lay Communities) founded by Blessed William Joseph Chaminade and supported by Venerable Marie-Thérèse Charlotte de Lamourous. The sisters are in ministry throughout the world and work very closely with the Marianist Brothers, priests, and the Marianist Family. She was beatified in Agen, France, on June 10, 2018. Let us remember the Marianist sisters and all members of the Marianist Family in our prayers today.

Let us pray:

O God, source of all holiness, we thank you for filling the ear of your servant Adèle with an ardent missionary spirit and a deep love for the Blessed Virgin Mary. We thank you for the enthusiasm with which you spread the Gospel and love for Christ and His Mother, Mary. Lord, help us follow her in being a sign of Your love for all our sisters and brothers. As Mother Adèle gave her life in the service of the poor, may she always be an inspiration for us to work towards peace and justice in our world. May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.

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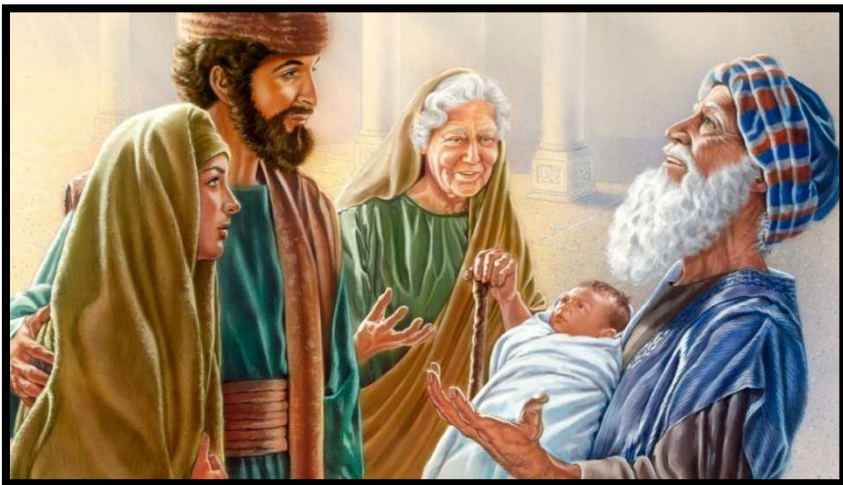
January 22 - Blessed William Joseph Chaminade

Today we remember Blessed William Joseph Chaminade, who founded the Marianist Lay Communities in 1801, the Daughters of Mary Immaculate (Marianist Sisters) in 1816, and the Marianist Brothers and priests (Society of Mary) in 1817. Together, these three branches, along with the Alliance Mariale, make up the Marianist Family. He was born on April 8, 1761, and died on January 22, 1849. Today, members of the Society of Mary are in ministry throughout the world. Fr. Chaminade was beatified by Saint Pope John Paul II on September 3, 2000, in Rome, Italy. As a school community, let us recommit ourselves to living out our Marianist heritage today and throughout the year. Let us pray for each other and all members of the Marianist Family.

Let us pray:

Oh, God, You are constantly at work in Your Church, and through individuals and communities. You bestowed Your Spirit on Your servant, Blessed William Joseph Chaminade, so that he might live fully according to the Gospel and, with love, devote himself to Your saving work. You have inspired communities of women and men to follow his example by consecrating themselves to You to serve the Church under Mary's leadership. Today, we pray for the Marianist Family around the world and especially for all of us here at Chaminade-Madonna College Preparatory. Allow us to work together as we form loving and just communities of faith. May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.

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February 2- Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple & Foundation Day for Marianist Lay Communities

When Blessed Chaminade returned to Bordeaux after exile in Spain, he re-established the Marian Sodality, which he hoped would promote the re-Christianization of France. He saw the development of this young lay movement as the prime focus of his mission. On this day, 11 young men publicly consecrated themselves to the Blessed Virgin Mary under the title of the Immaculate Conception, and the Bordeaux Solidarity was born. A few months later, on March 25, 1801, a group of young women would also commit themselves to the mission of Mary, consecration under the direction of Venerable Marie-Thérèse de Lamourous. Within 4 years, over 400 Sodalists had built lay communities and lived the concept of "faith in action." This event marks the foundation of what we now refer to as Marianist Lay Communities, from which the Marianist Sisters were founded in 1816, and the Marianist Brothers and priests were founded in 1817.

Let us pray:

God of light, your Son became just like us and built us into a living, vibrant community. Guide us by the Spirit to welcome Christ into our lives, our families, and our school community. May our lives always witness to our faith in You, and may we dedicate ourselves to Mary's mission in the world. May our lives imitate the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary, sharing and serving each other, especially here at Chaminade-Madonna. May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.

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Jason Jenicke

March 19 - The Feast of St. Joseph, Husband of Mary

Today we celebrate the Feast of Saint Joseph. Joseph was a member of the Holy Family together with Mary and Jesus. Saint Joseph has always been considered a patron of all members of the Marianist Family.

Let us pray:

St. Joseph, it was to you that God entrusted his Son and the Blessed Virgin Mary. Continue to be for us a sign of God's love in the Church and our community at Chaminade-Madonna College Preparatory. By the inspiration of your faith and love, draw our community closer to Mary, our Mother, and to Christ, our Brother. Share with us your love of Mary. Give us the joy of growing in our devotion to Mary and her mission to bring Christ into the world. May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.

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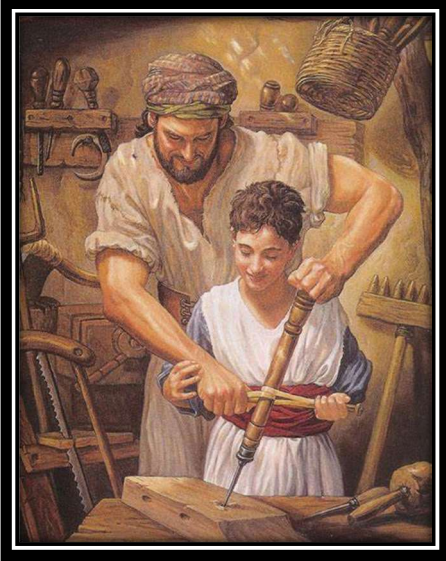
March 25 – The Annunciation – The Patronal Feast of the Marianist Family

Today we celebrate the memorial of the Annunciation of the conception of Jesus Christ to the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Patronal Feast of the Marianist Family. Through a great act of faith, she said YES to the angel Gabriel, becoming the Mother of Jesus, our brother. As we remember Mary's YES, let each of us say YES to what God is asking us to live the Gospel message in all we do in our world, our Church, and our community here at CMCP. Today is also the anniversary of the first nine young women who made their public commitment to the Sodality of Bordeaux under the direction of Marie Therese de Lamourous. Together, all four branches of the Marianist Family are inspired by Mary's Yes to continue to bring Jesus Christ to the world.

Let us pray:

Lord our God, in order to redeem all of us and lead us to yourself, you sent us your beloved Son, who was made flesh and born of the Virgin Mary. Grant that we may be formed by her in the image of Your Son and help us participate in the love of Christ for His Mother. May our love of Mary influence all that we are and do for our sisters and brothers, especially here at Chaminade-Madonna. May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.

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Tiezzo, Festa Paesana Tiezzo,
Friuli-Venezia

May 1-St. Joseph the Worker & National Religious Brothers Day

On May 1, many countries of the world observe International Workers' Day. Pope Pius XII also chose this Labor Day holiday to celebrate the feast of St. Joseph the Worker. We celebrate this feast of St. Joseph the Worker to remember that Joseph was an integral member of the Holy Family. St. Joseph is also considered a patron of the Marianist Family. Today is also known as Religious Brothers Day -a day to give thanks and celebrate the gift of religious brotherhood to the Church and the world. It is also an opportunity to give thanks for the Marianist Brothers in the Marianist Family, not only here at Chaminade-Madonna but around the world.

Let us pray:

St. Joseph, today we remember you as Guardian of Jesus, our Redeemer, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and worker for your most Holy Family. To you, God entrusted his only Son, and Mary placed her trust in you so that Jesus would become a man. Blessed Joseph, we now ask you to guide us in the path of life, always working for the dignity of workers. We also ask you to bless the Marianist brothers who help Jay with the foundations of our Catholic Marianist identity here at Chaminade-Madonna. Inspire and invite young men to consider the consecrated life and vocation of a Brother within the Marianist Family. May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen

(Adapted from Pope Francis' prayer written in 2020)



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May 12 -Mary, Mother of All Graces

Today, we remember Mary as the Mother of All Graces. On this day, Pope Gregory XVI granted the Decree of Praise (1839) to the two religious institutes (the Marianist Sisters and the Marianist Brothers and priests). In 1865, the Decree of Commendation recognized the Society of Mary as an order of Brothers and priests offering their services to the Church. Both these degrees were issued by the Vatican.

Let us pray:

Lord, Our God, in your eternal wisdom and love, you chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the Mother and author of all graces. Grant that she may obtain for us graces in abundance and lead us in mission to the Church and the Marianist Family. Guide us so we grow strong in wisdom and grace. Give us sight to see the talents God has given us, the will to develop them, and the generosity to share our talents with others. We pray for these blessings for ourselves, for all the students at this school, and for all members of the faculty and staff. May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.

(Adapted from Prayers for Marianist Schools and The Marianist Family Prayer Book, 2019)



Figlie di
Maria Immacolata
Marianiste

May 25 - Foundation Day for the Daughters of Mary Immaculate (The Marianist Sisters)

Today, we remember the foundation of the Daughters of Mary Immaculate (The Marianist Sisters). Very early on the morning of May 25, 1816, Adèle and 3 companions traveled to Agen and rented an historical convent called "the Refuge". When she arrived, she was met by two other members of her Sodality. Marie Therese de Lamourous arrived in the afternoon to help initiate this new religious community of women. The foundation of the Sisters was now in place. It was also on this day in 1819 that the Vatican recognized the Society of Mary (Marianists) and the Daughters of Mary Immaculate (Marianist Sisters) as religious institutes, as requested by Blessed William Joseph Chaminade.

Let us pray:

Creator God, You chose Mary to be the Mother of your Son, Jesus. It is through her openness to the Holy Spirit that Mary provides us with a model of mission and service. As we remember the Marianist Sisters today, we ask that you bless them as they continue Mary's mission. Inspired by Mother Adèle and her Spirit of steadfast faith, boundless hope, and willingness to risk, may we join all the branches of the Marianist Family in building a world and a Church that includes all people. Bless our Marianist Sisters across the globe and bless all our students, faculty, and staff here at Chaminade-Madonna. May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.



Jump for Joy
Corby Eisbacher

May 31 - The Visitation

On this day, we remember that Mary, the Mother of Jesus, traveled to visit her cousin Elizabeth, the Mother of John The Baptist. This visit occurred after the Angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she would become the Mother of the Savior. It was during this encounter that Mary praised God by proclaiming her Magnificat. The Magnificat is a prayer that reminds us of our willingness to praise and serve God each day and of God's radical plan to bring peace and justice to all of humankind.

Let us pray:

I acclaim the greatness of the Lord; I delight in God my savior, for God has looked with favor on this humble servant. From now on, all generations will call me blessed. For God, wonderful in power, has done great things for me, and holy is God's name. God's mercy is for those who fear God, from generation to generation. The mighty arm of God has scattered the proud, pulled tyrants from their thrones, and raised the humble. God has filled the hungry with good things and has sent the rich away empty. God has helped his servant Israel and remembers the promise He made to our ancestors, to Abraham, Sarah, and their children forever. And may the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.



Beatification Coin for Blessed Jakob Gapp, S.M.
The Vatican, Rome, Italy

August 13 - Blessed Father Jakob Gapp, S.M.

Today we remember Austrian Marianist Blessed Father Jakob Gapp. Father Gapp was a dedicated Marianist teacher and became noted for his vehement opposition to the Nazi regime. He deemed Nazism as being some warped political tool to create division, which was also incompatible with the faith. He deemed Nazism and Roman Catholicism to be incompatible. His strong adherence to his faith and his outspoken preaching against the Nazi regime prompted his arrest and eventual execution at the Dachau concentration camp. Fr. Gapp was martyred by the Nazis on August 13, 1943, for proclaiming his Catholic faith and for speaking out against the Nazis. St. Pope John Paul II beatified Jakob Gapp in Saint Peter's Square (Rome, Italy) on November 24, 1996.

Let us pray:

Oh God, You gave to Blessed Jakob the grace to fight strenuously for justice, peace, and to assert, even to death, the truth of the faith. Through his intercession and example, help us to remain true to your Son and to the Church by the integrity of our lives. May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.

(Adapted from: Prayers for Marian Feasts and Marianist Days for Marianist Schools)



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Franciscan Sisters, TOR – Lisa Andrews



The Assumption of Mary
Tim Langenderfer

August 15 -The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Today we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Assumption is important to many Christians, especially Catholics and Orthodox, as well as many Lutherans and Anglicans. The feast commemorates the dogma of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary into Heaven. Some Christians see Mary's Assumption into the glory of Heaven as a symbol of the promise Jesus made to all enduring Christians that they, too, will be received into paradise.

Let us pray:

Almighty God, all creation rightly gives You praise, for all life and holiness come from You. You gave the Blessed Virgin Mary the privilege of being the Mother of Jesus and crowned her with the glory of Heaven. In the plan of Your wisdom, she who gave birth to Christ was raised body and soul in glory to be with You, her Son, and the Holy Spirit in Heaven. May we follow her example to be on mission for the Church, our world, and our community here at Chaminade-Madonna. May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary.

(Adapted from: Association of the Miraculous Medal; www.amm.org)



The Queenship of Mary
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August 22 - The Queenship of Mary

Today we celebrate the feast of the Queenship of Mary, Queen of Heaven (Latin: Regina Caelorum). The title is part of the ancient Catholic teaching that Mary, at the end of her earthly life, was bodily and spiritually assumed into Heaven and is there honored as Queen of Heaven. The title "Queen of Heaven" has long been a Catholic tradition, included in prayers and devotional literature and seen in Western art in the subject of the Coronation of the Virgin.

Let us pray:

Hail, O Queen of Heaven.

Hail, O Lady of Angels

Hail! thou root, hail! thou gate

From whom unto the world a light has arisen:

Rejoice, O glorious Virgin,

Lovely beyond all others,

Farewell, most beautiful maiden,

And pray for us to Christ.

(Ave Regina Caelorum)



Queen of Apostles – St. Mary's Cathedral
Kilkenny, Ireland

September 5 - Queen of Apostles

Today we remember Mary as the Queen of Apostles. On this day in 1818, the first men publicly committed themselves to the service of the Church and Mary's mission by professing vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. These 16 men are the first members of the Society of Mary (Marianist Brothers and priests). Together with the Daughters of Mary Immaculate, these two religious congregations were one Religious Institute.

Let us pray:

Mother of God, Queen of the Apostles, we know that God's commandment of love and our vocation to follow Jesus Christ urge us to cooperate with Mary and the Church in their mission. As you obtained the wisdom and power of the Holy Spirit for the community of the apostles, gathered in the upper room, we are confident that you will intercede for us. May we devote our talents, learning, and material resources to the building up of communities of faith, inspired by our founders, Fr. Chaminade, Mother Adèle, and Marie-Thérèse. May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen



Birth of Mary – Brian Bessant
Art Source: Pinterest

September 8 - The Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Today we celebrate the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nine months after the solemnity of her Immaculate Conception, which we celebrated on December 8. Legend has it that Mary's parents are St. Anne and St. Joachim.

Let us pray:

Mary, you are the new Eve and the Mother of all nations. You gather all the poor of the earth and tenderly console them. You gather all the diverse peoples of our world and invite them to work for justice and reconciliation. We place ourselves in your care today. Renew in us the dedication to live a life of faith modeled on your example and witness your virtues of humility and openness, especially as we live out the Characteristics of Marianist Education. May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen

(Adapted from: Prayers for Marian Feasts and Marianist Days for Marianist Schools)



Mary's Song
Art Source: Pinterest

September 12-Holy Name of Mary

Today we celebrate the Holy Name of Mary. This day is the patronal feast of the Society of Mary (Marianist Brothers and priest). It is in the name of Mary and the person of Mary that all members of the Society of Mary offer their ministry to the mission of Mary to bring all people to her Son, Jesus Christ. It is Mary, this woman of faith, who is the model for all Marianists as members of the Church community.

Let us pray:

Lord, Our God, when your Son was dying on the cross, He gave us as our Mother the one he had chosen to be his own Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary. Grant that we who call upon the holy name of Mary, our Mother, with confidence in her protection, may receive the strength and comfort in all our needs. We especially ask you to protect our school, our family, friends, and the Marianist Family around the world. May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.

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September 14 - Venerable Marie Thérèse Charlotte de Lamourous

Today we remember Venerable Marie-Thérèse-Charlotte de Lamourous, a French laywoman who was a member of the underground Catholic Church during the French Revolution. After the revolution, she founded a house for repentant prostitutes -the "La Maison de La Misericorde" (The House of Mercy). Marie Therese was also a major collaborator with Blessed William Chaminade in finding the women's branch of the Bordeaux Sodality and assisted Blessed Adèle in starting the Marianist Sisters. Today, she is regarded as the Mother of the Lay Branch of the Family of Mary, with Chaminade as the Father of the entire Family of Mary, especially the Society of Mary (Brothers and Priests), and Adèle de Batz de Trenquelléon as the Mother of the Daughters of Marie Immaculate (Sisters). She was born on November 1, 1754, and died on September 14, 1836. On December 12, 1989, the Vatican declared her Venerable.

Let us pray:

God, source of all holiness, we thank you for the gift of Marie Therese. Her love of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Gospel message continues to inspire us today. We ask that, like her, we be of service to all our sisters and brothers now and in the future. We pray for the enthusiasm with which she spread the Gospel and love for Christ and His Mother. May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.

(Adapted from The Marianist Family Prayer Book, 2019)



Beatification Coin for Spanish Marianist Martyrs
The Vatican, Rome, Italy

September 18 - Spanish Martyrs of Ciudad Real

Today, we remember in our prayers three Marianist brothers who were killed in 1936 in Spain for proclaiming their Catholic faith. One of the goals of the Spanish Civil War (1936-1939) was to promote laicism, removing all religious involvement in government and policy making. These included houses of worship and educational institutions. Brothers Carlos Eraña, Jesus Hita, and Fidel Fuidio were teachers who manifested their alliance with Mary and dedication to her mission to bring Jesus to the world through their ministry in education. We seek to imitate their bold and courageous faith in our lives. Brothers Carlos, Jesus, and Fidel are all buried in the Valley of the Fallen and were Beatified in Rome on October 1, 1995, by St. John Paul II.

Let us pray:

Lord, Our God, to Blessed Carlos, Fidel, and Jesus, who were inflamed with love for the Blessed Virgin Mary, you gave the grace to suffer for Christ. Grant that, through their intercession, we may remain firm in our faith. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.

(Adapted from The Marianist Family Prayer Book, 2019)



October 2 - Feast of the Guardian Angels - Foundation Day for the Society of Mary

It was on this day, in 1817, that eleven young men (priests, manual workers, merchants, and a teacher) publicly professed vows as the first members of the Society of Mary (Marianists). Today is the Feast of the Guardian Angels. This act officially established the Society of Mary, which, through prayer and living in community, would be actively involved in the ministry of the Church.

Let us pray:

God of everlasting love,
Your Son gave us his Mother to be our Mother and model for mission in our Church and world. Today, we ask you, God of all Creation, to grow in wisdom and grace to see the talents you have given each of us. May we always develop them and show generosity in sharing them for the betterment of our school community. Instill in us the desire to constantly learn, use our wisdom, and give us the courage to follow you in all we do. We also ask your blessings on all the members of the Society of Mary - all the brothers and priests who have served here at CMCP and all the locations around the world. May God bless them, give them grace, vision, and new vocations. May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.

(Adapted from: The Marianist Family Prayer Book, 2019)



Basílica Del Pilar Zaragoza
Zaragoza, España

October 12 - Nuestra Señora del Pilar (Our Lady of the Pillar)

Today we remember Nuestra Señora del Pilar (Our Lady of the Pillar). In 1797, Blessed William Joseph Chaminade was forced into exile for three years. Leaving his beloved France, Fr. Chaminade chose to go to Saragossa, Spain, joining other French exiles. He lived near the Basilica del Pilar and spent many hours in prayer at a shrine dedicated to Mary, known as Nuestra Señora del Pilar or Our Lady of the Pillar. During his time in Spain, and deeply committed to praying before the shrine, Chaminade was inspired to find the Marianist Family, in particular the Society of Mary. Since 1888, this feast has been celebrated by the entire Marianist Family to commemorate Blessed Chaminade's inspiration.

Let us pray:

Almighty God, you gave the Blessed Virgin Mary, a pillar of strength to all who call upon her aid. Today, we give you praise and thanks for all the blessings granted to Blessed William Joseph Chaminade during his time in Zaragoza. Grant through her intercession that we may be strong in faith, unwavering in hope, and steadfast in love as members of our Chaminade-Madonna Community. May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.

(Adapted from: Prayers for Marian Feasts and Marianist Days for Marianist Schools)



Beatification Coin for the Marianist Martyrs of Madrid
The Vatican, Rome, Italy

November 6 – Spanish Marianist Martyrs of Madrid

Today we remember four members of the Society of Mary who were martyred for their faith in 1936, during the Spanish Civil War. Brothers Florencio Arániz Cejudo, Joaquín Ochoa Salazar, Sabino Ayastuy Errasti, and Falher Miguel Léiber Garay were declared Blessed on October 28, 2007. Pope Benedict XVI beatified these Marianists at the Vatican in Rome, Italy, and they are part of a group of 498 Spanish martyrs who were killed during the religious persecution. This marked the largest number to be beatified simultaneously in the history of the Church. From early on, these four Marianists felt the call of Jesus to follow Him in the Society of Mary and as dedicated teachers. And they responded with generosity.

Let us pray:

Lord, our God, who granted to the blessed martyrs Florencio, Joaquin, Sabino, and Miguel the grace of dedicating their lives to education under the guidance of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of courageously professing their faith. Grant that we, strengthened by their witness, might give witness to our faith in word and deed. May their lives of service to the Marianist Family inspire us as we continue our studies at CMCP. We ask these prayers through the intercession of all our Marianist Saints and Martyrs. May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary.

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November 21 – Presentation of Mary in the Temple

Today we remember the Presentation of Mary in the Temple. The feast is associated with an event when the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Joachim and Anne, who had been childless, received a message from God that they would have a child. In thanksgiving for the gift of their daughter, they dedicate her to God. When she was three years old, her parents brought her to the Temple in Jerusalem for her consecration to God. Tradition held that she was to remain there to be educated in preparation for her role as Mother of God.

Let us pray:

Creator God, the Blessed Virgin Mary was dedicated to You by her parents. As we remember her spending her days praying, worshipping You, and studying scripture, may she be a model for us as we pray, worship You, and study. As God had great plans for Mary, we believe You also have great plans for each of us. Help us to realize that You have blessed us with many gifts and talents, and may we use them to help build a more just world. Bless our teachers, the staff, administration, and all our fellow students at CMCP. May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.



Virgin Mary Immaculate Conception
Magdalena Walulik

December 8 – Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Today is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the patronal feast of the Daughters of Mary Immaculate, the Marianist Sisters. We also remember that it was on this day in 1800 that the first men approached Blessed Chaminade to form the first Marianist Sodality. It would not be until February 1801 that the Sodality would become formalized.

Let us pray:

Creator God, in your gracious providence, you always care for us. The Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary is a witness to your plan of salvation. Let the fullness of your grace, which enfolded Mary, kindle in our hearts the light of hope to all with whom we come into contact. Let our lives be lives of praise and service. Let us be leaders of positive change for our Church, the world, and our school community. May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.

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Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
Guadalupe Basílica, México City, México

December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe to be the Patroness of the Americas

Today we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. In 1531, Mary appeared to St. Juan Diego near Mexico City. Mary's appearance was that of a mestiza, a combination of Aztec and Spanish peoples. While the image has significant meaning for the Aztec people of Mexico, it is also intended for all people. As St. Juan Diego communicated to the bishop the message Mary told him, the Blessed Virgin imprinted her image on his tilma, a cactus-fiber mantle. This image is full of symbols meant to teach the Aztec people and the European colonists that Mary was close to the local population. Her image is groundbreaking in its symbolism and spoke directly to Mexico's original culture while teaching multiple Christian truths to all indigenous peoples. Her image, dressed in symbols, represented all the cultural aspects of the indigenous people who had been oppressed since the time of the Spanish conquistadors. In 1999, Pope John Paul II declared Our Lady of Guadalupe the Patroness of the Americas.

Let us pray:

God of power and mercy, you blessed the Americas with the presence of the Virgin Mary. May her prayers help all women and men accept each other as sisters and brothers. Blessed Mary, through your justice present in our hearts and in our service to others, may we see your actions of a woman in mission; may we see you as a model to work for a peaceful and just world. Today, we are very mindful of all indigenous people in the Americas and ask forgiveness for any injustices we have caused. May all of us here at Chaminade-Madonna continue to work toward living our radical hospitality, which is a model for the world. May the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit be glorified in all places through the Immaculate Virgin Mary. Amen.

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